

**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

September 19 - 27, 2009

Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> *St. Januarius*  
**3:30 pm Confession**  
**4 pm Mass** †Rosemarie Wright req. by Elaine Misak

Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>  
**The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**9:30 am Mass** †Kathy Mosklick req. by Vernice Pacic

Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup> *St. Matthew*  
**No Holy Hour**

Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 Choir Practice Praise Team 7 pm

Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> *St. Pio of Pietrelcina*  
 Choir Practice:  
 Little Lambs 5:45 - 6:15 pm Young Shepherds 6:30 - 7:30 pm


Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>  
 9 am - Chaplet of Divine Mercy (sung)  
**9:30 am Mass** - For the People of our Parish  
 Choir Practice Joyful Noise 7 pm

Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> *St. Cosmas and St. Damian*  
**3:30 pm Confession**  
**4 pm Mass** †Frances Misak req. by Elaine Misak, Janette & Tim Olexa

Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>  
**The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**9:30 am Mass** †Jane Misak req. by Jim & Marty Adams

**Remember in your prayers the ill, injured and recovering:**

Bud & Odelia Cook, Larry Pennypacker, Nancy Page, Robert Ek, Laurie Weick-Wood, Elda O'Brien, Marie Kurdelski, Ann Schumaker, Richard & Loretta Ausberger, Frances Mlynarchek, Theresa Rook, Maxine Boeve, Audrey Johnson, Daniel Tjoelker, Brian Ockerman, Ryan Tjoelker, Jean Stuffbeam, Verla Quackenboss, Chris Richardson, Margie Krump, Kay Jansheski, Judy Grasmeyer, Samara Kuhtic, April Meade, Edith Shaw, Ron Derhammer, Darcy Rook, Jan Shoemaker, Beverly Markel, Peter Thetard, Ted Kneibel, Donna Panyrek, Catherine DiBiagio, Donna Pastoor, Brian Fitz, Wilma DeRidder, Sandy Holbrook, Kathy Adams, Marcella Doran, Deborah Roe, Manisha, Mimi, Troy Hughes, VanSpronsen family, Sheryl Cook, Denise Hemmert, Don Berry, Marie Dale, Jack FitzPatrick, Becky McAdam, Gene Flint, Sharon Savage, Ken Carlisle, Tracy Ritchie, Morgan Boyle, Dennette Meeuwsen, Edward Vaughan, Erwin Doublestein, Barb Rook, Jim Schumaker, Lennon Smith, Bob Coppens, Roscoe Dodds, Tim Lamphere, Russ Seger, Jerry Johnson, John Huizenga, Harold Campbell, Bill Bourdo, Terry Barton Jr., Jackie Markowski, Catherine Klok, Betty Beahan, Donna Judkins, Richard Thetard, & Ruth Kelley. Please call Evelyn Kneibel at 792-0886 if you wish to call in a prayer request or join our prayer chain.

 Mark your calendar! Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11 a.m. we will honor St. Francis of Assisi by hosting a “**Blessing of Animals**” here at SS. Cyril and Methodius. You must have your pet/s on a leash, in a cage or haltered. More information will follow.

**From the Pastor**

Dear Friends,

We are now getting into the last of the books of the Old Testament. We've been going at it for over a year now and still haven't arrived at Jesus Christ yet – just a few more weeks will bring us there! The minor prophets that we are dealing with now are all fairly short works. For instance, our next book, **Obadiah**, fits all on a page or two of the average Bible. It is only one chapter long and relates many of the same things that we have seen in other prophetic works: a warning of punishment for wrong doing, followed by a lifting up of his holy people. The people being threatened this time are the people of Edom, who rejoiced over the downfall of Jerusalem. Obadiah lets them know that their fate will be the same, and that the holy city of Jerusalem would be restored.

Following the book of Obadiah, we come to one of my very favorites, **Jonah**. Jonah of course, most people know of as the guy who was swallowed by a whale. Many of us probably did a crayon drawing of the scene in Sunday school at some point. Of course, the story of Jonah is not about a guy getting eaten by a fish. A lot of people get hung up on that fact, and if they come to the conclusion that this simply did not happen, then their entire faith in the Scriptures and even God collapses like a house of cards. Why people should be so fixated on that part of the story is beyond me. In fact, the entire book of Jonah is a sort of hyperbole used to point out the generous and merciful nature of God, which is so far beyond our own ideas on the subject.

Indeed, Jonah is very much a representative of the “human” way of thinking of things and of dealing with things. In the first two verses of the story, God asks Jonah to go to the people of Nineveh as a prophet. In the third verse of the book, we see Jonah, turning tail and running away. This is what leads Jonah to his famous run in with the fish. The would-be prophet is setting sail in a ship to get as far away from Nineveh as possible, when God sends a storm to rock the boat he was traveling in. The other occupants of the boat come to the conclusion that it is because of Jonah, who is running away from God's command, that the bad weather is threatening them. So, by Jonah's order, they throw him overboard. He is then swallowed by a fish. After saying a long prayer in which he casts his troubles on God, Jonah is spit out on the shore, and returns to the path God had originally set for him.

He arrives at the pagan city of Nineveh, the capital of one of Israel's greatest and most feared enemies, and begins to warn the people of God's displeasure with them, and of the coming wrath. If you thought the episode of living in the belly of the fish for three days was impossible – what happens next is even more impossible. The King of Nineveh, and all of its people, repent. Keep in mind, this was a pagan city, and therefore did not worship the God of Israel. That it would repent would have seemed somewhat crazy to the Israelites, which is exactly the point.

The point of the story is two-fold. Firstly, God's ways and ideas are not the ways and ideas of mankind. We have all kinds of crazy ideas on how the world should be run and on how people should act, but God has another plan – which is why we should listen to him. Secondly, this book points out the concern that God has for the people of the non-Israelite nations. Though Israel was the chosen race, God holds in his heart as well all the people of the earth. God states to Jonah, who is bewailing the death of his favorite gourd plant, “You are concerned over the plant which cost you no labor and which you did not raise; it came up in one night

and in one night it perished. And should I not be concerned over Nineveh, the great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons, who cannot distinguish their right hand from their left, not to mention the many cattle?” (Jon 4: 10-11) Thus, God is moving us closer in our understanding of the New Covenant of Jesus Christ (hundreds of years before he was born), in which salvation is made available not just to the people of Israel but to all peoples who would accept it.

In Christ,  
Fr. Christian



**Please pray for our loved ones in active duty:**

**SSGT John Honeysett** (4<sup>th</sup> tour in Iraq Afghanistan) son of Phil & Darlene - **Brandon Field** son of Marie Graham - and **Aaron Mlynarchek**.

**St. Therese** Parish in Wayland will host a **Blood Drive** on Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2-7 pm

The **CROP WALK** is scheduled for **October 4<sup>th</sup>**. There are 3 ways you can participate: 1. Walk 2. Sponsor someone who is walking or 3. Donate at the CROP WALK table in the narthex. See Dave Heflin for additional information.

**Anointing of the Sick Mass** will be held at St. Therese on Monday, **October 5<sup>th</sup>** at 5 pm. Coffee & cookies will be served following Mass.

**Flu shots** will be offered here on Tuesday, **October 20<sup>th</sup>** from 3-7 pm.

A report of sexual misconduct may be initiated at the Diocese of Kalamazoo Sexual Misconduct Question and Reporting Line 877-802-0115. All calls will be returned, usually within one hour.

**KDSA 2009 - We Are Many Parts, We Are All One Body**

We are getting a little closer to our goal, thank you to all who have helped us get this far. If you have not yet pledged, we hope to hear from you soon.

Target	\$29,045
Pledged/Paid	26,365
Balance	\$ 2,680

**Family Perspective** - While it is true parents raise children, it is also true children raise parents. Children help us discover our ability to be tender, compassionate, understanding, forgiving, loving and much more. This is one of the perks of parenting; we discover ourselves.

**Protecting God's Children – VIRTUS Training Sessions for Adults**

Sept. 28 <sup>th</sup>	6 pm	St. Mary's Visitation (New Salem)
Oct. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Noon	St. Rose of Lima School (Hastings)
Oct. 15 <sup>th</sup>	6 pm	St. Margaret Parish (Otsego)

Check [www.dioceseofkalamazoo.org](http://www.dioceseofkalamazoo.org) for more class dates.

Our Labor Day bake sale made \$391. Thanks again to all our bakers & buyers for your support. God bless,  
*The Altar Society*

**St. Stanislaus Fall Harvest Festival** is Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 1861 136<sup>th</sup> St., Dorr. Dinner will be served from 11 am – 3 pm. Cost: Adults \$9, Children 6-12 \$4, and children under 5 are free. Menu: Roast Beef, Turkey & Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables and more. There will also be Bingo, Basket Raffles, a Christmas booth, Country Handcrafts and Children's Games. Please join us for good company, great food and fun festivities!

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

September 12/13, 2009

84 Adult Envelopes	\$2,885.00
4 Direct Tithing Transfer	975.00
6 Pew Envelopes	145.00
12 Children's Envelopes	11.40
Loose checks/money	574.42
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$4,590.82</b>

Needed Weekly	\$ 3,850.00
Budget Year-to-Date	42,350.00
Collection Year-to-Date	44,126.84
Ahead	\$ 1,776.84

**BUILDING FUND**

Building Fund Savings \$103,025.91

**CHURCH MINISTRIES**

September 26/27, 2009

**USHERS**

*Saturday:* Dick Misak and Mike Nardin  
*Sunday:* Jeff McAlary, Warren Wheeler, Linda & Jerry Schwartz

**LECTORS**

*Saturday:* Gus Scott and Theresa Paiz  
*Sunday:* Helen Gardner and Vince Nowaczyk

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION**

*Saturday:* Theresa & Rich Paiz and Gus Scott  
*Sunday:* Betty Barton, Helen Gardner, Lisa & Dave Heflin, Vince Nowaczyk, Stacie Willshire and Patti Powers

**ALTAR SERVERS**

*Saturday:* Ali Martus, Hailey & Anna Luyk  
*Sunday:* Joey Wheeler, Ian & Cameron Stein

**MUSIC**

Young Shepherds and Little Lambs

**SACRISTAN**

Gus Scott

**COFFEE HOUR**

The Langlois Family

**COUNTING**

Team 2

**Pope Benedict XVI on Life** – “We are well aware that all too often...life is exalted as long as it is pleasurable, but there is a tendency to no longer respect it as soon as it is sick or handicapped. Based on deep love for every person it is possible instead to put into practice effective forms of service to life: to newborn life and to life marked by marginalization or suffering, especially in its terminal phase. The Virgin Mary received with perfect love the Word of life, Jesus Christ, who came into the world so that human beings might ‘have life...abundantly’ (Jn 10: 10). Let us entrust to her expectant mothers, families, health-care workers and volunteers who are committed in so many ways to the service of life. Let us pray in particular for people in the most difficult situations.” (Angelus, February 5, 2006)

*Right to Life Corner*