

LITURGY SCHEDULE
September 26 – October 4, 2009

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

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

Monday, September 28th
St. Wenceslaus, St. Lawrence Ruiz and his companions
7 pm Holy Hour at Ss C&M

Tuesday, September 29th
St. Michael, St. Gabriel and St. Raphael
Choir Practice Praise Team 7 pm

Wednesday, September 30th *St. Jerome*
Choir Practice:
Little Lambs 5:45 - 6:15 pm Young Shepherds 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Thursday, October 1st *St. Therese of the Child Jesus*

Friday, October 2nd *The Guardian Angels*
9 am - Chaplet of Divine Mercy (sung)
9:30 am Mass †First Friday Memorial Intentions
Choir Practice Joyful Noise 7 pm

Saturday, October 3rd
3:30 pm Confession
4 pm Mass - For the Youth of our Parish req. by the Koval Family

Sunday, October 4th
The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 am Mass †Frank Tichvon req. by Peggy Anderson

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 Stufflebeam, 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 Hughs, 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 Meeuwssen, 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.

Ss. Cyril & Methodius/St. Therese Youth Group kickoff is this Sunday (9/27) at 6 pm for the 5th - 8th graders and 7 pm for grades 9-12 here at Ss C&M. See the fliers in the narthex for more information. Please join us for Fun, Food, Games and Prizes with Fr. Christian!

From the Pastor

Dear Friends,

Well, Fall has finally arrived. After this mild summer that we have had, hopefully the winter will be equally mild (that's how it works, right?). Soon the leaves will be falling, and after that other stuff will be falling, of which we will not speak. May we all keep in mind our neighbors who are elderly or disabled, and make whatever effort we can to help them in terms of leaf removal and (later on) shoveling. One does not need to be a member of our family or a member of our faith or even a pleasant person for us to help them. Our membership in the body of Christ exhorts us to show compassion to all, especially to those most in need, whoever they may be.

The next book in our Bible list is that of the prophet **Micah**. Unlike many of the folks that we have been hearing from, who had been citizens of Jerusalem or other ancient cities, Micah is a small-town prophet. He looked at the great cities of Jerusalem and Samaria, and saw them as sources of evil and corruption. In a very similar way, many of us would look to, let's say, Hollywood, or Las Vegas, or Washington, and say the very same thing. Of course, in saying such things we are not saying that there is no good at all in these places, but that the corruption and wrongdoing in such cities are very concentrated and far reaching in their effects. And so it is the cities of Samaria and Jerusalem that God is aiming his prophecy against.

Once again, we see the coming wrath against these places as a result of their lack of justice. Micah states, "Woe to those who plan iniquity, and work out evil on their couches; In the morning light they accomplish it when it lies in their power. They covet fields, and seize them; houses, and they take them; They cheat an owner of his house, a man of his inheritance." (Mic 2:1-2)

Furthermore, we see that the corruption is from the top down. It is the leaders of Israel who are the worst culprits in the eyes of God. Micah tells us, "Hear, you leaders of Jacob, rulers of the house of Israel! Is it not your duty to know what is right, you who hate what is good, and love evil?" (Mic 3: 1) One would expect that those who are in charge of the law would likewise be followers of the law – but this is often not the case. With the leaders of religion, sadly, the same is often true. All of this leads to the fact that we cannot fully entrust ourselves to people, who are so often weak and prone to fall. Whether it is a priest or a politician, we should not view them as a savior figure. If we place all of our trust in a person, when they fail us (and they almost always will) we will be crushed. We should pray for all of our leaders that they be strengthened in their duties and that they resist the temptation to do wrong. At the same time, we should not be surprised when they do fail – they are not divine!

The book of Micah also contains some beautiful passages of prophecy pertaining to the coming of Christ, that we are used to hearing at advent time. For instance, you may recall, "But you, Bethlehem-Ephrathah, too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel; whose origin is from of old, from ancient times." (Mic 5:1) This is also the book which includes the famous phrase, "they shall beat their swords into plowshares..." (Mic 4:3)

I hope you enjoy the week!

In Christ,
Fr. Christian



Please pray for our loved ones in active duty:
SSGT John Honeysett (4th tour in Iraq Afghanistan) son of Phil & Darlene - **Brandon Field** son of Marie Graham - and **Aaron Mlynarchek**.

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.

The **CROP WALK** is scheduled for **October 4th**. 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 5th** at 5 pm. Coffee & cookies will be served following Mass.

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

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
	<u>Pledged/Paid</u>	<u>26,565</u>
	Balance	\$ 2,480

Family Perspective - Jesus teaches "whoever gives a cup of water will be rewarded." Giving a glass of water to a child in the middle of the night, or Kool Aid to sweaty five-year olds can become sacred actions.



The word Rosary means "Crown of Roses", and so the rosary is the rose of all devotions to Mary. The rosary is a simple prayer, where we walk beside Mary and share with her the vision of her son's life. Each series of five mysteries takes you through a time in the life of Jesus: The Glorious Mysteries contemplate the Resurrection through the crowning of Mary Queen of heaven. Come and pray the rosary Sunday morning before Mass throughout the month of October. We will begin about 8:55, so come, pray, and see what the rosary is all about.

It's not too late to join the Inquiry process for RCIA. Inquiry starts today at noon, here at the Church. So far we have 5 interested in joining our family. If you can't come today you can still come next Sunday at noon, or the following. If you have any questions please call Gus Scott at 792-9363; Jeff Ulin at 792-0791; or Barb Townsend at 672-9698.



Ss. Cyril and Methodius will host the "**Blessing of Animals**" on Saturday, October 3rd at 11 a.m. Fr. Christian will bestow a special blessing upon all the animals at this annual event in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. All pets must be on a leash, harnessed or caged.

Attention parishioners - The music ministry would like to invite all of you to suggest your favorite childhood Religious Christmas Carol to be sung during pre-mass on Christmas Eve. Think back now! What song gave you a warm Christmas feeling upon hearing it? There will be a sheet in the narthex for you to write down your suggestion for the Christmas Eve Service. If we can find it, we will sing it!! This should be a most enjoyable time for all who make their childhood selections known. Thanks you in advance for your help. *The Music Ministry*

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT
September 19/20, 2009

78 Adult Envelopes	\$3,210.00
1 Direct Tithing Transfer	50.00
3 Pew Envelopes	42.00
7 Children's Envelopes	8.00
Loose checks/money	428.00
Total Collection	\$3,738.00

Needed Weekly	\$ 3,850.00
Budget Year-to-Date	46,200.00
Collection Year-to-Date	47,864.84
Ahead	\$ 1,664.84

BUILDING FUND

2 Building Fund Envelopes	\$61.00
Building Fund Savings	\$103,793.91

Thank you to those who contributed to our Building Fund during the month of August. We added \$768 to our savings account from money collected in memorials and through our Building Fund Envelopes.

CHURCH MINISTRIES

October 3/4, 2009

USHERS

Saturday: Sam Martus and Steven Crawford
Sunday: Dorothy & Greg Flaska, Scott Havens and Phil Honeysett

LECTORS

Saturday: Jamie Chlebana and Jessica Crawford
Sunday: Theresa Paiz and Kelly Smart

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday: Colleen Crawford, Rich Paiz and Jerri Jansma
Sunday: Robin Dinkel, Marie Graham, David Heflin, Kelly Smart, Joyce & David Irvine and Theresa Paiz

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday: Caleb Scheidel, Hailey & Anna Luyk
Sunday: Nathan & Alyssa Graham and Lizzie Cutlip

MUSIC

Joyful Noise

SACRISTAN

Theresa Paiz

COFFEE HOUR

The Langlois Family

COUNTING

Team 2

On Voting... "In a democratic society citizens choose whom they vest with authority for the common good. A choice for one person over another for public office can significantly affect many lives, especially the lives of the most vulnerable persons in society, such as children in the womb and those who are terminally ill. Therefore, Catholic citizens have a serious moral obligation to exercise their right to vote, whether on the national, state or local level" (Bishops of Kansas, "Moral Principles for Catholic Voters," August 15, 2006).

Right to Life Corner