

# Twenty-SIXth Sunday of Ordinary Time



## Liturgy Schedule

### Monday, October 6, Weekday

*Gal 1:6-12/Lk 10:25-37*

7:30 AM Communion Service

### Tuesday, October 7, Our Lady of the Rosary

*Gal 1:13-24/Lk10:38-42*

7:30 AM Elon Goodman, Anniversary

### Wednesday, October 8, Weekday

*Gal 2:1-2, 6-14/Lk 11:1-4*

9:30 AM Theresia Davis, Anniversary

7:00 PM Devotions to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

### Thursday, October 9, Weekday

*Gal 3:1-5/Lk 11:5-13*

7:30 AM William Fedewa, Anniversary

### Friday, October 10, Weekday

*Gal 3:7-14/Lk 11:15-26*

7:30 AM Joe & Almira Hengesbach

### Saturday, October 11, Weekday

*Gal 3:22-29/Lk 11:27-28*

4:30 PM Bruce A. Cook, Louis Gross, & John Quinn

### October 12, Twenty-eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

*Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10*

7:30 AM Vera Hartwig; Perry Lawless, Month Mind

9:30 AM Bill Peake, Jack Beard, & Joseph L. Hengesbach

11:30 AM For the People

### ALTAR APPOINTMENTS – October 11 & 12, 2008

#### LECTORS

4:30 PM Connie Vallier

9:30 AM Ann Marie Pung

7:30 AM Gary Brown

11:30 AM Kim Schrauben

#### Altar Servers

4:30 PM Jessika Grapentien, Caitlin Rommel,  
Kendall Schrauben, Tangelia Willemin

7:30 AM Brittni Wilcox and Bailey Schneider

9:30 AM Elizabeth Beachnau, Ethan Hoppes,  
Kiah Schneider, Taran Arwood

11:30 AM Joseph Pung, Lily Pung, Paul Pung, Sydney Bartlett

#### GREETERS

4:30 PM Freda Bauer, JoAnn Pline, Jim Wlodarczak

7:30 AM Bill and Judy Clark

9:30 AM Kevin Goodwin, Jack Schrauben, Brenda Smith

11:30 AM Donna Schrauben, Kurt Thelen, Don Boos

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### God's Vineyard

Isaiah 5:1-7

*"The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel."*

We hate to hear that we have failed. But it is better to face failure than to ignore it. If we have sinned, it is better to confess to God than to pretend that we are righteous.

Isaiah's parable of the vineyard is a story of failure. It is hard to hear. He tells of a friend who planted a vineyard, tended the ground, cleared the stones, and built a watchtower for its protection. The friend did all the things you should do if you want a successful crop. But the vineyard did not cooperate. The vineyard produced wild grapes, not good ones.

So Isaiah's friend tore up the vines, broke down the protective wall and reduced the field to grazing. The vine grower who loved the field so much gave up on it.

Isaiah tells this sad story about ancient Israel. God had nourished the chosen people like a vine grower, but they did not produce the desired fruit. They rebelled against the God who loved them. The vineyard of God was trampled by enemies who took over the land.

Our sins cause pain to ourselves as well as to others. When we fail, God can use our misfortune to turn our hearts back to the divine command.

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### Sunday Offering Report

#### July 1, 2008 through September 28 2008

Weekly Parish Ministry Needs	\$17,980.00
Our Gifts for September 28	14,928.39*
Our Gifts – Fiscal Year to Date	215,158.27
Parish Needs – Fiscal Year to Date	233,740.00
Over/(Under) – Fiscal Year to Date	(18,581.73)
*Includes Children/Youth envelopes totaling	22.10

### Church Cleaning for September – District 9.

### Protect Human Life by Opposing Proposal 2

Standing up for pro-life as faithful citizens is an obligation for Catholics in our community. The Church's teaching on this subject is especially critical this year, as voters will be asked if the state should enshrine in its constitution the destruction of human embryos for research. There is nothing pro-life about embryonic stem cell research, since a living human embryo is always destroyed in order to harvest its stem cells. Pope John Paul II wrote in the encyclical "The Gospel of Life" and the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that human life must be defended from conception. This includes the human embryo. Rather than preserving life, Proposal 2 would remove any regulations that would protect the human embryo. To learn more about Proposal 2 and to volunteer your efforts toward its defeat, please visit [www.micause.com](http://www.micause.com). **2 Goes 2 Far: Vote NO on Proposal 2!**

Widows, widowers and anyone who has suffered a loss – We will meet at the Wagon Wheel on October 7, at 11:30 AM for lunch. Questions? Call 647-7793.

October 5, 2008

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH...

- SUN** Coffee/Donuts after 9:30 & 11:30 Masses  
St. Patrick Athletic Association Meeting, 9:00 AM  
RCIA, 9:30 AM  
Knights of Columbus Bingo, 2:00 PM  
Protecting God's Children 2:00 PM  
Jr. High Youth Ministry, 4:00 PM  
High School Youth Ministry, 6:30 PM
- MON** Eucharistic Adoration, Noon to 5:00 PM  
Faith Formation Classes, 6:30 to 8:00 PM  
Knights of Columbus Meeting, 8:00 PM
- TUES** Pro-Life Rosary following Mass in the Chapel  
Gathering if Widows, Widowers and other  
Suffering a loss, 11:30 AM  
School Commission Meeting, 6:30 PM  
Baptism Prep Class, 7:00 PM
- WED** Eucharistic Adoration, Noon to 7:00 PM  
Confirmation Parent/Candidate Meeting, 7:00 PM  
Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM
- THUR** **Parish Offices Closed – Diocesan Workshop**  
Gift Catechists Meeting, 6:30 PM  
Healing Ministry Prayer Group, 7:00 PM, Chapel
- SAT** Reconciliation, 3:00 PM
- SUN** Fall Festival

Attention Youth – Due to the Fall Festival next Sunday, October 12, there will be no youth gatherings.

### Cathedral Square Open House

All people of the Diocese are invited to join Bishop Walter Hurley for an open house at Cathedral Square on Sunday, October 5, from 2:00 to 5:00 PM. Enjoy refreshments and take a self-guided tour of the new facility. Cathedral Square is located at 360 Division Avenue, S. Grand Rapids.

Attention all physicians, nurses, health professions students, hospital and nursing home administrators and trustees, health care personnel, and all caregivers

On Sunday, October 12, Bishop Walter A. Hurley will celebrate the Mass of Christ the Healer at the 10:00 AM Televised Mass that airs from The Cathedral of Saint Andrew. All are welcome to attend.

### Shamrock Sport Raffle Winners for August

Dave & Mary Kramer                      Jeff Scheurer  
Sandra Cook                                  Nick Bengel

The St. Patrick Athletic Association would like to thank everyone that purchased a Sport Raffle Ticket this year. Your contribution helps us to continue providing our young athletes with wonderful experiences. Thanks again!

Congratulations to Lauren Christine and Raina Susan Spitzley, twin daughters of Ben and Britta Spitzley, baptized last weekend by Fr. Denis Spitzley.

### Thank you...

...to the family of Reynold Martin for designating St. Patrick's Boiler Fund as a memorial at the time of Reynold's death. Thank you, also, to those making contributions to the fund in Reynold's name.

### Coat Drive

The Portland Community Fund will be having their annual coat drive through Wednesday, October 15. Adult and children's clean useable coats will be collected along with hats, mitten, gloves, boots and outerwear. A donation box is located in the back vestibule of the church.

On Saturday, October 18, from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM, coats will be available to anyone needing one at St. Andrew Lutheran Church located at 8867 Kent Street, Portland.

### Holiday Giving Program

Applications for the Portland Community Holiday Giving Program will be available on Wednesday, October 1, and must be returned by Thursday, November 20. Applications are available at the parish office or Portland City Hall. A Christmas dinner will be provided to families in need and gifts will be provided to family members 18 and under. Any family in the Portland school district that may need assistance or anyone that knows of someone who could use extra assistance should fill out an application.

### Knights of Columbus Annual Rummage Sale

Wednesday, October 13, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Thursday, October 16, 8:00 AM to Noon. Donated items are needed and may be brought to the K of C Hall, 690 Maynard Road, Portland on Tuesday, October 14, from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM. For pick-up of donated items call Dennis Beard at 647-4715.

The Westphalia St. Joseph Society is hosting a Fall Dance on October 5, from 7:30 to 11:00 PM at St. Mary's Hall in Westphalia. Music is provided by the Mello-Tones. Admission is \$5,00 per person. Everyone is welcome.

### Vatican Directive on Using the Name of God

The U.S. bishops' Committee on Divine Worship recently announced a new directive from the Vatican regarding the use of the name of God in the sacred liturgy. Specifically, the word "Yahweh" may no longer be "used or pronounced" in songs and prayers during liturgical celebrations. The decision was based on long-standing Jewish and Christian traditions of not pronouncing the divine name wherever it occurs in the biblical text. You may notice some small changes to a few songs that are sung during Mass from what is printed in your missals.

Unfortunately, at the time the directive was announced, the 2009 editions of these books had already been printed and, in many cases, shipped. The 2010 editions will include revised versions of the songs with updated texts. If you would like more information, please visit:

<http://web.ocp.org/pdf/Bishop-Serratelli-directive2008.pdf>

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## Upcoming Retreats

### **“Jesus, Ever Ancient, Ever New”**

The Ladies of our parish are invited to make their annual retreat at St. Francis Retreat Center in Dewitt on the weekend of October 24 – 26, 2008. By looking at Jesus who belongs to all humanity, we may see Him more clearly, love him more dearly and live our faith more deeply. His life and mission is as much for us today as it was for his contemporaries. So come be with Him on this retreat. Retreatants may register by calling the Retreat Center toll free at 866-669-8321. You may also register by visiting the website [www.stfrancis.ws](http://www.stfrancis.ws). Suggested donation for the weekend is \$130.00.

### **A Pre-Cana Retreat Opportunity for Engaged Couples**

Vocaris of Grand Rapids specializes in faith-filled, fun and personable retreats twice each year. Join us as we discuss ways to include Christ in your marriage right from the start. Prayer, communication, conflict-resolution, and fertility awareness are just a few of the topics covered in an open and honest environment. The date is Saturday, October 18, for an all-day retreat at St. Jude's Brophy Center. Please visit [www.vocaris.org](http://www.vocaris.org) to register. Cost is \$99 per couple and can be submitted online.