

# Twenty-eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time



## Liturgy Schedule

### Monday, October 13, Weekday

*Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1/Lk 11:29-32*

7:30 AM Communion Service

### Tuesday, October 14, Weekday

*Gal 5:1-6/Lk 11:37-41*

7:30 AM Jack Stegenga, Anniversary

### Wednesday, October 15, St. Teresa of Jesus

*Gal 5:18-25/Lk 11:42-46*

9:30 AM Anthony J. Fox

7:00 PM Devotions to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

### Thursday, October 16, Weekday

*Eph 1:3-10/Lk 11:45-54*

7:30 AM Rose Thelen

### Friday, October 17, St. Ignatius of Antioch

*Eph 1:11-14/Lk 12:1-7*

7:30 AM Leonard Fox, Anniversary

### Saturday, October 18, St. Luke

*2 Tm 4:10-17/Lk 10:1-9*

4:30 PM Rosie & Earl Kransz

Richard Gross and Richard McCrumb

### October 19, Twenty-ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time

*Is 45: 1, 4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21*

7:30 AM For the People

9:30 AM Vera Hartwig; Florelle Manning;

Marie DeBaldo, Month Mind

11:30 AM Paul H. Hengesbach; Perry & Kate Lawless

### ALTAR APPOINTMENTS – October 18 & 19, 2008

#### LECTORS

4:30 PM Lorie Schrauben

9:30 AM Devann Hattis

7:30 AM Douglas Snitgen

11:30 AM Randy Pung

#### Altar Servers

4:30 PM Eli Hoppes, Shannon & Casey Wilcox, Tori Beard

7:30 AM Jill Spitzley and Dawn Price

9:30 AM Amber, Amy & Holly Wieber, Danny Beachnau

11:30 AM Daniel Bosworth, Savannah Hodge

Colin Gensterblum, Mari Behovitz

#### GREETERS

4:30 PM Mike & Sue Fox, Arlis Quinn

7:30 AM Pat Baker and Marlene McAllister

9:30 AM Mary Beckhold, Judy Braley, Steve Hengesbach

11:30 AM Lee & Emery Haik, Andrea Pung

### The Banquet of Life

Isaiah 25:6-10

*"The Lord God will swallow up death forever."*

Death creeps into our lives almost secretly. We lose members of our families and close friends. We buckle up in the car as an unreflective admission that each trip poses mortal danger. We age and we experience the gradual loss of our abilities.

For those who believe in Christ, death is but a passageway to eternity. The funeral rites of the church help us to realize our belief even as we mourn our loss.

Isaiah offers images of God's providence that fit the hope of Christians. He imagines a new Jerusalem, settled on God's holy mountain. In his vision, God provides a rich banquet—not just minimal food for the hungry, not just basic sustenance, but a rich banquet in which God's people taste delight.

Isaiah imagines death as a veil that covers everyone, a web woven over all the nations. But in this vision, that veil is fragile, subject to destruction by God's deliberate might.

For Christians, the contrast between death and life in Christ is the contrast between hunger and banquet. Whenever the sadness of death threatens to overtake the people we love or our very lives, our belief in Christ brings all the comfort of rich food and drink.

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### Sunday Offering Report

#### July 1, 2008 through October 5, 2008

Weekly Parish Ministry Needs	\$17,980.00
Our Gifts for October 5	22,856.52
Our Gifts – Fiscal Year to Date	238,014.79
Parish Needs – Fiscal Year to Date	251,720.00
Over/(Under) – Fiscal Year to Date	(13,705.21)
*Includes Children/Youth envelopes totaling	23.52

### Protect Human Life in Michigan

Embryo destructive research is morally unacceptable and violates the Church's teaching to protect human life from conception until natural death. Proposal 2 seeks to allow for unregulated human embryo destruction in Michigan, while doing nothing to advance ethical and proven adult stem cell research, which is supported by the Church. Not one treatment or cure for any disease has been discovered by destroying human embryos, while over 70 medical conditions are being treated, even cured with adult stem cell research, which does not involve human embryos. The Catholic Church in our state is unequivocally opposed to this extreme ballot proposal. Visit [www.micause.com](http://www.micause.com) to learn more about Proposal and how you can help work towards its defeat.

**2 Goes 2 Far: Vote NO on Proposal 2!**

**Church Cleaning for September – District 9.**

## Sponsor of the Week

October 12, 2008

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH...

**SUN** Fall Festival  
**MON** Eucharistic Adoration, Noon to 5:00 PM  
Faith Formation Classes, 6:30 to 8:00 PM  
Liturgy & Worship Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM  
**TUES** Pro-Life Rosary following Mass in the Chapel  
Prayer Shawl Ministry, 1:00 PM, 720 Cross Street,  
Questions? Call 647-7793  
Finance Commission Meeting, 7:00 PM  
**WED** Eucharistic Adoration, Noon to 7:00 PM  
K of C Rummage Sale, K of C Hall, 8AM to 5PM  
SPS PTO Meeting, 6:00 PM  
Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM  
**THUR** K of C Rummage Sale, K of C Hall, 8 AM to Noon  
**FRI** Third Friday Communion Calls  
**SAT** Men's Group, 6:00 AM  
Reconciliation, 3:00 PM  
**SUN** RCIA. 9:30 AM  
GIFT, 1:00 to 3:30 PM

### ATTENTION JR. HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL

There will be NO EVENING youth group meetings on Sunday, Oct. 19th. Youth group meetings that day will take place during the GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) program. GIFT is offered only once on Sunday from 1:00 to 3:30. Back by popular demand, TOM FARRAH will be giving a presentation to the youth and he would like to eat lunch with you there at 1:00pm. There will be no fee for ANYONE coming to GIFT this year, except for \$4 for the meal. So bring your friends and family and enjoy!

The fall issue of The Shamrock newsletter was mailed on October 1. If you did not receive your copy, if you know of friends or family who did not receive theirs, or, if you are receiving duplicate issues for the same person, please call Jan at the Parish Office (647-6505) and let her know.

Also, please remember to contact the Parish Office when you move. We're constantly working on the address lists that we have on file, and need your help to make sure they are accurate.

Please come and join us for the 2008 Fall Festival, being held this weekend, Sunday, October 12, in the school. Buffet Style dinner includes roast beef, ham, chicken, mashed potatoes, dressing, salad bar, homemade breads and desserts.....and much more! Dinner will be served from 11:00 until 3:00, and take out meals will be available in the Parish Hall. Raffle tickets can be turned in at the Raffle Booth in the lobby outside the school office on Sunday from 10 until 3. The raffle will be held in the Parish Hall at 4:00 p.m. The Arts and Crafts Show will run from 10 until 4 in the first floor halls and classrooms as well as the gym. Kidfest activities will take place in the second floor hallways from 11-3. See you there!

### Knights of Columbus Annual Rummage Sale

Wednesday, October 15, 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

### SCRIP/GIFT CARD ALERT

Thank you for another excellent week in the Scrip/Gift Card department. As we continue on with planning it becomes obvious that this could be one of the easiest and most effective fundraisers that could ever be put together. It only involves buying what we would buy anyway for the same price we'd pay and getting a rebate. Can you imagine how much that rebate would be if everyone just bought their gas cards from the Scrip program? Just their gas cards!

The October promotion will be the first one of the school year. Fr. Larry says to make it accessible and easy. So everyone who buys even one Gift Card will be entered into a drawing that will take place at the end of the month.

We can order Marathon gas cards in \$25.00, \$100.00 or \$250.00 denominations. We can also order Little Caesar pizza cards in \$20.00 denominations and their cards rebate back 9%.

As always, orders placed by 4:00 pm on Monday allow delivery on Thursday of the same week. Send any suggestions or questions to Mary Willemin at 517 647-2462 or [ladybug48875@yahoo.com](mailto:ladybug48875@yahoo.com).

Visit [www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com) to see the over 600 merchant partners available.

### 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.

### Holiday Giving Program

Applications for the Portland Community Holiday Giving Program are available at the parish office or at Portland City Hall. They must be returned by Thursday, November 20. 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.

Senior Citizen Euchre Party—Wednesday, October 22—1:00 PM  
at the K of C Hall. Bring a friend!

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### Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday

United with the Catholics of the world at the Table of the Lord, we are to "rejoice and be glad that the Lord has saved us." As the prophet Isaiah says in today's first reading. And We recommit ourselves to our vocation, through Baptism, to be missionaries.

Our prayers and Eucharistic celebration next Sunday are directed in a special way toward the countless people throughout the Missions who are waiting for the proclamation of the Gospel, those who are thirsting for hope and love. Our offerings, through the Society of the Propagation of the Faith, will support more than 1,150 local churches throughout Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands and remote regions of Latin America.

Please use the envelope in your pack for your donations

## 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.

### Attention - Singles (mid-30s to mid-50s)

Are you interested in making new Catholic friends? Revitalizing your inner-self? Renewing your relationship with God? Finding peace and meaning for your life? If so, you may want to consider attending a REFLECT encounter weekend at the St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt, Michigan. REFLECT is for and about single adults (mid-30's to mid-50's, but it's also open to adults in their mid-20's to 55 who may be divorced or widowed). It's a great way to get to know and share with other single adults in a caring, Christ-centered environment.

The next REFLECT weekend is October 31-Nov. 2, 2008. The cost is \$130.00, which covers lodging, meals, and retreat materials for the weekend. Step outside of your comfort zone and into a wonderful opportunity for personal growth. For more details, visit [www.reflectsingles.com](http://www.reflectsingles.com) or call Libby (989)450-0993 or Pat (616)458-1236. To register for the retreat, contact the St. Francis Retreat Center toll free: (866)669-8321 OR sign up online at: [www.stfrancis.ws](http://www.stfrancis.ws)

### REFRESH Retreat

Are you interested in making new Catholic friends? Revitalizing your inner-self? Renewing your relationship with God? Are you 21 to 35 years of age and single? If so you may want to consider attending a REFRESH Weekend encounter.

The next weekend will be held in Howell, November 7 - 9, 2008. For more information feel free to contact Michelle @ (810) 923-9904 or Shawn @ (989)245-7051 or email at [refreshlansing@gmail.com](mailto:refreshlansing@gmail.com).

### Who are the Capuchins?

The Capuchin Franciscan Friars will be holding a weekend in Detroit for men (ages 17-49) who are interested in learning about religious life and seeing how Capuchins live as Franciscans in our work and in the Church today.

The weekend is October 24 - 26. If you would like to attend, have questions or want to recommend someone for the weekend, call 773-475-6206 or 920-915-4400 or email the Vocations Office at [vocation@capuchinfranciscans.org](mailto:vocation@capuchinfranciscans.org). Check out the Capuchin website at [www.capuchinfranciscans.org](http://www.capuchinfranciscans.org).

To the St. Patrick Family:

Food for the Poor wishes to thank you for the welcome you extended to Father White on his recent visit to your parish.

On behalf of our less fortunate brothers and sisters of Latin America and the Caribbean, we thank you for having shared in their lives. They, and you, are blessed by your generosity.

In Christ,  
The Food for the Poor Family

Dear Reverend King,

On behalf of our youth, I gratefully express our appreciation for the \$410 gift to Holy Cross Children's Services from St. Patrick Parish. Each year, we witness more children and families in need. Your continued support and encouragement of our work is important to the youth families we serve.

In our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary we celebrate our history of service to children and look forward to new challenges of the future. Again, thank you for your concern of our youth.

Gratefully,  
Brother Francis Boylan, csc  
President, Holy Cross Children Services

*Holy Cross Children's Services, formerly Boysville, is a charity supported by the Knights of Columbus. They were the recipient of our September Third Sunday Charity Collection.*

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### **Notes from Neighboring Parishes**

- The annual Fall Rummage Sale will be held on October 16, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM at St. Michael Church Basement in Grand Ledge.
- St. John the Baptist Church in Hubbardston is sponsoring a fundraiser on Saturday, October 18, featuring the Hubbardston Irish Dancers and Irish Band, Rare Combination. Doors open at 6:00 PM. Advance tickets available at Celtic Path (989) 981-6066.
- Ss. Peter & Paul Parish, Ionia, invites you to its Harvest Dinner and Raffle on Sunday, October 26, in Apostles Hall. Roast Beef and Ham dinner from noon to 3:00 PM. The dinner is \$8.00 for adults, \$5 for children 12 thru 5 and free for children 4 and under. Raffle drawing for 11 cash prizes with a top prize of \$1,500 begins at 3:00 PM. For raffle tickets or more info., please call 616-527-3610.
- St. Michael Parish, Grand Ledge, is seeking a part-time Coordinator of Youth Ministry. Candidate must be a faith-filled, practicing Catholic who possesses the gifts of collaboration, creativity, and has a heart for teens. For a copy of the job description and qualifications, please see our website at [www.stmichaelgl.org](http://www.stmichaelgl.org) Please submit cover letter and resume to: Youth Ministry Search Committee, St. Michael Parish, 345 Edwards Street, Grand Ledge, MI 48837 or e-mail [merryoswill@stmichaelgl.org](mailto:merryoswill@stmichaelgl.org) no later than October 20, 2008.

### **It's Time for "G.I.F.T."**

-The theme for our first **"Growing in Faith Together"** event for this year will be **"Sharing Our Gifts with Hospitality"**

-It will be this **Sunday, October 19 from 1:00 to 3:30 pm. in the Parish Hall.**

-No fee to participate in the event, cost of the meal is paid at the door.

-Registration forms for "G.I.F.T." are at the church entrances.

-Registration forms may be dropped off at the Parish Office, in the collection basket at Mass, or sent in the mail.

-For more information or to sign up by phone, call Linda Ferrara at 647-6505 ext. 419

### **Attention Snowbirds**

Please call the parish office and let us know when you will be leaving for your winter homes and when you anticipate returning to Portland. We can save the parish some money by terminating the delivery of your offering envelopes while you are away. With our budget crunch, every dollar saved is appreciated.

**The flowers decorating our sanctuary area this weekend were donated by Bud and Eleanor Peake in memory of their son, Bill.**