

St. Christopher Catholic Church

February 5, 2006

1000 Michigan, Marysville
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YOUR OWN CONFIRMATION

by Fr. Art Baranowski

When you ask most Catholics what their Confirmation means, most speak of Confirmation as a past event. "I was confirmed in 8th grade or 5th grade at such and such a parish—a long time ago." "I got confirmed." "It's done."

But, what does Confirmation mean in my life today? What difference is there in me right now because I am confirmed?

The Church believes that its sacraments are actions of Christ. In each sacrament, Christ is present (through the church) here and now and doing something in a person.

What is Christ doing here and now for each of us in the Sacrament of Confirmation? Basically, Jesus Christ gives us two ongoing relationships or connections that only we can weaken or break altogether. Christ gives us a total bond with God and a full initiation into the Church.

If I do not involve God in my everyday life and pray each day, then for me God is far away. My

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Sealed With The Gift Of The Holy Spirit

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This Sunday's Gospel

Mark 1, 29-39

Is there a new world possible because of Jesus? Do his miracles signal that new world? Jesus knows that his main work is to announce that new kingdom that is already breaking forth.

1. How would a person like yourself find hope when things don't get better and won't get better?
2. Preaching is more important to Jesus than cures. How would you put Christ's basic preaching into a few words?
3. In your own life, how does Christ give you hope—at least sometime?

Next Week's Readings

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46
1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1
Mark 1:40-45

Baptism Preparation Class

Wednesday, February 8
7:00 p.m. Quest Rm.

Baptism

Sunday, February 12
1:00 p.m.

WEEKLY CALENDAR



Sunday, February 5, 2006

9:30—11:00 a.m. DR Mtg. /Quest Rm.

9:30 a.m. Breaking Open the Word
*For those adults and teens inquiring about
the Catholic Church.*

9:30 a.m. Baby/Toddler Sitting
Ages 10 months –3 yrs.

9:30 a.m. Children's Church
Ages 3 yrs– Kindergarten

10:30 –12 p.m. RCIA /Quest Rm.

10:45 a.m. 1st-8th Grade

11:30 a.m. Mass Confirmation

No. Quest Leaders

No Quest

Monday, February 6, 2006

7:00 p.m. Parent/ Child

1st Communion Mtg./ Rm. 1

7:00 p.m. Administration Mtg./

Wednesday, February 8, 2006

4:00-5:15 p.m. 1st-6th Grades

7:00-8:30 p.m. 7th, 8th Grades

7:00 p.m. Baptism Class/ Quest Rm.

Thursday, February 9, 2006

6:00 p.m. Pastoral Musicians

Saturday, February 11, 2006

(Can Collection for D.R. After Mass)

7:00 a.m. Rainbow Conference

4:00 p.m. Confession

Sunday, February 12, 2006

(Can Collection for D.R. After Each Mass)

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10:45 a.m. 1st-8th Grade

1:00 p.m. Baptism

1:30 p.m. Parent/ Child

1st Communion Mtg./ Rm. 1

5:30 p.m. Confirmation In Home
Evaluation Mtg./ Rm. 1

6:00 p.m. Teens Return from
Rainbow Conference

6:00 p.m. Dinner for Parents /
9th Grade Confirmation

6:30 p.m. Follow up meeting for
Parents/ 9th Grade Confirmation

6:30 p.m. Quest Leaders

7:00 p.m. Quest

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Confirmation does not mean much. I am not nourishing this bond God has with me.

If the Church is a “they” and not a “we”, then there is little love for the Church. If the Mass is routine or superficial or a matter of “getting it in”, I do not see myself as responsible for the holiness of the Church. My Confirmation as a Catholic does not mean much because my bond with the church is weak.

Confirmation is a two way street. In Confirmation, Christ gives me an intense bond with God and an intense bond with the Church. But the connection with God and with the church depends on me, too.

Confirmation is very much in the present. Christ is doing something in me right now. But, I have to do something right now, too.

Welcome New Parishioners

Geraldine Bowman has been part of St Christopher's Parish for much of her adult life. In the last few years, she has been part of a parish in Sarnia since her late husband was Canadian. Mrs. Bowman is home now and welcome she is.

Mary Hipple lives in Port Huron and has a strong connection to St. Christopher's Parish because her high school grandson Justin is very much part of our parish. Mary is in the RCIA and is preparing to become a Catholic at Easter. Please pray for Mary as she prepares for baptism, Eucharist, and confirmation. And, pray for the faith of our parish so that new people can experience the devotion of our parishioners at Mass.

Remember to Keep in Your Prayers

Marilyn Springer, Gayle Smith, Helen Robinson, Joyce Farrell, Virginia Tracey, Connie Green, Corey Aspey, Irene Brow, Patrick Owens, Leo & Betty Visga, Ralph & Nancy Ceglarek, Dorothy Smarch, Simone Stern, Barbara Rumley, Dorothy Horn, Maria Miller, Bill Soboleski, Elizabeth Wessel, Theresa Prince, Rosie Dazer, Maureen Pochodylo, Greg Riley, Lori Charette, Helen Ferris, Albert Kubek, Kathy & Karen Carty, Kyle Clayton, Patrick McCarthy, Bernard Shafran, Loreen Metheny, Helen Senik, James Newson, Florence Ferris, Al Kustowski, Marlene Konik, Mary Blessinger, Dominic, Gino & Jordan Pecoraro, Russel Rumsey, Doris Godi, Barbara Stockwell, Harvey Brodeur, Mary Hodges, Patricia Pavlov-Leins, Jean Brockdorff, Kyle Stivers, and those who care for them.

Mass With Healing Prayer Thursday, Feb. 23, 2006

St. Lawrence Church
44633 Utica Rd.
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*Praise & Worship: 6:30 p.m.
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Parent / Child 1st Communion Mtg.

Monday, Feb. 6 7:00 p.m.

Or

Sunday, Feb. 12 1:30 p.m.

*You need to attend only one of these
meetings*

**Weekend Liturgy
February 11 & 12, 2006**

Day/Time	Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Sunday, 9:30 a.m.	Sunday, 11:30 a.m.
Mass Intention	Maxine White by Katie Kimet Colin Cooper by Max & Maureen Pichodylo	Virginia Krueger by her family	Joan Kosmowski by Ted	Parishioners of St. Christopher
Celebrant	Fr. Baranowski	Fr. Baranowski	Fr. Baranowski	Fr. Britz
Lector	Traci Rumsey Bob Sheehy	Nancy Trudell Ron Horbes	Don Jewell Christine Sass	Jenine Ulrich Bill Bier
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**Readings for the Week
Of February 5, 2006**

Sunday, February 5

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7
1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23
Mk 1:29-39

Monday, February 6

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13
Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday, February 7

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30
Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday, February 8

1 Kgs 10:1-10
Mk 7:14-23

Thursday, February 9

1 Kgs 11:4-13
Mk 7:24-30

Friday, February 10

1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19
Mk 7:31-37

Saturday, February 11

1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34
Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday, February 12

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46
1 Cor 10:31-11:1
Mk 1:40-45

Please return Hymnals to the Church. Thank you.

A Weekend for Widowed, Divorced and Separated

A "Beginning Experience" Weekend is designed to help let go of the grief and create a more peaceful future. The Retreat is facilitated by those who have "been there" and is endorsed by the Archdiocese of Detroit. Please join us for this Life Changing weekend on February 10-12, 2006. For details and to register please call: Mike (586) 264-9790 or Laura (586) 247-5032

Please drop off or mail your stewardship pledge card to the parish office. Thank you!

**Weekday Mass Intentions
February 6, 2006 – February 10, 2006**

Monday, 9:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.	Virginia Krueger , by Shirley Cunningham
Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.	Maxine White (30 days), by Ray White
Thursday, 9:00 a.m.	Bea Cowger , by Kevin
Friday, 9:00 a.m.	William Simms , by William Simms

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January 28 & 29.....\$8,914.25
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Stewardship Thought...

Like Paul in the second reading, the good steward can say, "I do all that I do for the sake of the Gospel in the hope of sharing in its blessings."

Marriage Preparation Weekend

The Covenant Love Marriage Preparation Weekend sponsored by the Archdiocesan Office for Family Life offers engaged couples an overnight-weekend experience as a special preparation for their life-long marriage in Christ. The next weekend will be held February 18- 19. To obtain a brochure, call Janet Gruley at 734-414-1104 or e-mail: gruley.aod.org.



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