

St. Christopher

Catholic Church

February 26, 2006

1000 Michigan, Marysville
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CHANGE YOUR MIND

by Fr. Art Baranowski

Changing your way of thinking!
Wow! How do you change your way of thinking?

Most people are stuck in their ways. We are stuck and we don't even know we are stuck.

So each year, the Church has a 40-day season called Lent to help us get unstuck. The purpose of Lent is to get all of us to change our way of thinking. Since Lent (and Good Friday and Easter) is the oldest season the Church has, this challenge to change our minds keeps repeating each year. In fact, the word "repent" is a Greek word meaning to change one's way of thinking and seeing.

How does a person change their way of thinking?

First of all, we don't change our way of thinking. God changes us, if we let God. We often don't even know what needs changing in us. Our limited way of seeing things and our own hang-ups and compulsions will get in the way of the real change God wants. Besides, trying to change ourselves puts us at the center again.

Lent is not so much about us as Lent is about God reaching out to us.

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Welcome New Parishioners

Ron and Michelle Matthys both were raised in Assumption Grotto Parish on the east side of Detroit. They raised their own children in New Baltimore and now have moved out to our area. They bring the faith they themselves were raised with and that they gave to their own children—the faith carried by faithful Catholic people from the time of the Apostles. Somehow, we have to bring that faith to become real here at St. Christopher's. And, Ron and Michelle will help.

Lectors Retreat
Today
1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH is a retreat for men given by men. **CHRP** is scheduled for March 25 and 26 at St. Christopher's Parish. In this two-day experience, Christ truly renews his parish right here. The retreat is open to all men of the parish (after high school), including non-Catholics married to Catholics. Call the office for info. In September, St. Chris will have a women's **CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH** weekend.

Hospitality Ministers Retreat
Sunday, March 5
1:30-3:30 p.m.



THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

Mark 2, 18-22

Jesus is so absolutely new and Jesus brings a whole new world into existence. In Christ, God himself is right here, as close as a husband is to his wife. What joy!

1. When was the first time you realized that Christ loves you?
2. When you focus on the Church as the bride of Christ, how does your attitude toward the Church begin to change?
3. What old patterns of thinking have to go for Christ to have power in your life?

Next Sunday's Readings

Genesis 9:8-15
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:12-15

NEW PARISHIONER MEETING

Tuesday, February 28
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Social Hall

****Look the parish over and see about joining.****

WEEKLY CALENDAR



Sunday, February 26, 2006

9:30 a.m. Mass Bless/Send DR Team

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

10:45 a.m. Venture

1:30 - 4:30 p.m. Lector Retreat

6:30 p.m. Quest Leaders

7:00 p.m. Quest

Tuesday, February 28, 2006

7:00 p.m. New Parishioner Mtg.

7:00 p.m. Adoration

of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, March 1, 2006

Ash Wednesday

8:00 a.m. Mass

12:15 p.m. Prayer Service with Ashes

4:15 p.m. Prayer Service with Ashes

7:00 p.m. Mass

4:00 & 7:00 p.m. Religious Ed.

Go to 7:00 p.m. Mass

Thursday, March 2, 2006

Dominican Republic Team Departs

6:00 p.m. Pastoral Musicians

Saturday, March 4, 2006

4:00 p.m. Confession

Sunday, March 5, 2006

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Retreat

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7:00 p.m. Quest

Attention Ladies!

The Rosary Altar Society's next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. No meeting is scheduled for February. Members are encouraged to attend Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on February 28 at 7:00 p.m.

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Repenting means letting God have dominion over us. Lent means submitting to God. Lent means allowing God to come first.

In Lent, there are 3 traditional practices: prayer, giving to the poor, and fasting. These three practices don't really change us deeply or permanently but they open us to God. Once we truly open to God, we begin to see differently—our minds begin to change.

Prayer is paying attention to God. In prayer, we become less self-centered and listen to someone else, namely God. To anyone truly desiring to know God's ways, God will show himself in prayer.

Giving to the poor also takes a person beyond self. When we care for the poor, the focus is off us, at least for a while. In noticing and caring for the poor, we realize that each of us is poor—no matter how much one owns or how much education one has. The poor teach us that we are poor. Once we realize that we are poor, God then can change our way of thinking.

Fasting can be to go without some food for a time. But, fasting also can mean to cut back on TV or the Internet. Fasting can mean to cut out some of the constant activity and noise of our lives. God has a difficult time getting a person to change their way of thinking if that person is on overload, always busy or overly stimulated by noise and media. Fasting means to be empty so God can fill us. Then, God can change our minds.

Lent is a season of grace only if we let God begin to change us. What will you do this Lent to allow God to change you way of thinking?

Remember to Keep in Your Prayers

Jeremy Grzech, Kevin Shaw, Robert Finn, 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, 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.

Kentucky Mission Trip

Attention: High School Students
Please call the Parish Office at 364-4100 ext. 204 if you are interested in participating in the Mission Trip to Kentucky on April 16th - 22nd.

The Marysville K of C Council #9526 is now accepting scholarship applications from high school seniors. This year two scholarships will be awarded, one male and one female. Applications can be found at the Marysville High School Counseling Office or can be downloaded at www.marysvillekofc.org and returned to the "College Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 342, Marysville, MI 48040." Application deadline is April 14, 2006.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesday, February 28
7:00-8:00 p.m.

**Weekend Liturgy
March 4 & 5, 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	Veronica Quinlan by Joseph & Marilyn Pavlov Alexander Kustowski (30 Days) by Neil & Jackie Hamann & Family	Florence Prentice by Darlene Peyerk & Sons	Parishioners of St. Christopher	Richard Hobson (2 yrs.) by his family
Celebrant	Fr. Baranowski	Fr. Baranowski	Fr. Britz	Fr. Baranowski
Lector	Traci Rumsey Joe Pavlov	Jill Kammer Deem Boldyreff	Jon Bilina Rachel Sass	Stephanie Makowski Bill Bier
Eucharistic Minister	John VanTiem Donna Landschoot Marilynn Pavlov Chrisann Krohn Gayle O'Donnell	Julie Lee Donna Orr Gay Venia Jane Banyas Sue Bewersdorff	Kathy Moore Julia Szczygiel Cheryl Borowski Mary Jo Jewell Kathy DeVigili Dieter DeVigili Beth Graham	Deanne Quain Eugene Mozal Russell Hill Liz Bachler Laurie Bachler Kimberly Erb Joanne Wesch
Cantor	Greg Kobe	Kathy Roehl	Cheryl O'Neill	Mark Privette
Altar Servers	Joe Rogers Adam Cieslinski	Kelly Maertens Cara Maertens	Chalene Holmes Stephanie Erb	Matt Miller Grant Rumley
Hospitality Ministers	Craig, Sue, Adrianna & Alexandra LaDuke	Greg & Penny White Ben DePetris Mike O'Brien	Chris, Tori, Nick, Nate, Kim Deland	Rick Goodmen Steven Makowski Steven & Robin Stiver Donna Holzberger

**Readings for the Week
Of February 26, 2006**

Sunday, February 26

Hos 2:16b, 17b, 21-22
2 Cor 3:1b-6
Mk 2:18-22

Monday, February 27

1 Pt 1:3-9
Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday, February 28

1 Pt 1:10-16
Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday, March 1

Jl 2:12-18
2 Cor 5:20-6:2
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, March 2

Dt 30:15-20
Lk 9:22-25

Friday, March 3

Is 58:1-9a
Mt 9:14-15

Saturday, March 4

Is 58:9b-14
Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday, March 5

Gn 9:8-15
1 Pt 3:18-22
Mk 1:12-15

**Weekday Mass Intentions
February 27, 2006 – March 3, 2006**

Monday, 9:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.	Bea Cowger , by The Boyer Club
Ash Wednesday 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.	Mary Warren , by Diane Sharrow & Richard Clarizio
Thursday, 9:00 a.m.	John & Julia Nowicki , by Theodore & Nancy Nowicki
Friday, 9:00 a.m.	Dorothy Frendt , by Mr. & Mrs. Ted Wessel, Jr.

Open House

St. Mary's Catholic School in St. Clair, is holding their annual Open House during the parish Fish Fry on Friday, March 3, 2006 from 5:00– 6:30 p.m. Come, meet the teachers, learn about the educational opportunities that are available at this dynamic, small Catholic school.

**Financial Stewardship At
St. Christopher's**

February 18 & 19.....\$9,630.32
Children.....37

Stewardship Thought...

St. Paul tells the Corinthians that they are living letters, "known and read by all." What does the letter of my life reveal to those who read it? Can they tell by the way I live that I belong to Christ and that all I am and have is His?



Just For Dads

Parenting Seminar in the importance of dads in the lives of their children featuring James Windell.

March 6, 7:00 p.m.

St. Mary-Port Huron

Call 982-7906, ext. 2 to reserve your seat. All are welcome. No charge.



	Ash Wednesday March 1 8:00 a.m. Mass	Ash Wednesday March 1 7:00 p.m. Mass
Lector	Deem Boldyreff Nancy Trudell	Joe Tranchida Allison Warsinske
Eucharistic Minister	Vince Pecoraro Judy Pecoraro Esther Pelliccia Charlotte Carufel Gerry Huber	Julia Szczygiel Donna Orr Mary Jo Jewell Liz Bachler Laurie Bachler Julie Jowett Lee Beth Graham
Altar Server	Ryan Watson Lauren Curley	Jenna Furchak Sean VanTiem
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