



Fifth Sunday of Lent

St. Christopher Catholic Church

1000 Michigan Ave., Marysville

364-4100

April 2, 2006

Do You Believe this?

by Fr. Art Baranowski

Jesus does something no other person can do. Jesus raises a man called Lazarus from the dead. This man is really dead—4 entire days in the tomb.

Jesus makes this fantastic claim for himself that he himself is the resurrection and the life. The only way to life is to connect to Jesus. Then, Jesus looks Martha (the dead man's sister) and each of us in the face and asks, "Do you believe this?"

Believing means putting one's hope in someone. Believing means staking one's life on something or someone. So, do you really believe that Jesus Christ is Life?

Well, we do believe but we also do not believe. Look at where you find security in your life. Where do you put your trust—really!

If connecting to Christ is the only way to live now and after death later, how can you connect to Christ? All you have to do is to pay attention and to accept what Christ already is doing in you.

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Welcome New Parishioners



Jennifer Way and Ron O'Connor are preparing for the sacrament of marriage and will live in our parish afterwards. Because marriage is a gift to the whole church and not just for the couple, we will experience the presence of Christ among us through this new couple for many years. St. Christopher's Parish is blessed to have Ron and Jenny part of the parish.

THE 3 HOLIEST DAYS OF THE YEAR

Please make time for these days!

HOLY THURSDAY

April 13, 2006 7:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY

April 14, 2006 1:00 p.m.

April 14, 2006 7:00 p.m.

EASTER VIGIL

April 15, 2006 8:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY

April 16, 2006

8:00, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.



This Sunday's Gospel

John 11, 1-45

In John's Gospel, all the physical miracles are signs of something more. Lazarus is raised from the dead but he comes out with the burial cloths because he will die again. When Jesus rises from the dead, he leaves the burial clothes behind because his life is forever. The raising of Lazarus from the tomb is the sign of eternal life that only union with Christ can give.

1. When did someone's death personally affect you the first time? How?
2. Describe area of your life that have come back to life after being dead.
3. Christ promises life beyond our graves if we truly believe in him. How could his promise affect the way you live right now?

Next Week's Readings

Mark 11: 1-10 or John 12: 12-16

Isaiah 50: 4-7

Philippians 2: 6-11

Mark 14:1-16-5:47

Eucharistic Minister Retreat

Today

1:30-4:30 p.m.

WEEKLY CALENDAR



Sunday, April 2, 2006

Pictorial Directory Sign up after each Mass
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
1:30- 4:30 p.m. Eucharistic Ministers
Retreat
6:30 p.m. Quest Leaders
7:00 p.m. Quest

Tuesday, April 4, 2006

6:00 p.m. Pastoral Musicians
7:00 p.m. Baptism Preparation/
Quest Rm.
7:00 p.m. Rosary Altar Society Mtg./
Social Hall
7:00 p.m. Senior Breakfast Mtg./
Rm. 1

Wednesday, April 5, 2006

1:00 p.m. Homebound Ministers
4:00-5:15 p.m. 1st-6th Grades
7:00 CRHP Evening of Discipleship/
Quest Rm.
7:00-8:30 p.m. 7th & 8th Grades

Thursday, April 6, 2006

7:00 p.m. Communal Penance Service

Saturday, April 8, 2006

9 a.m. - 12 p.m. 1st Communion
Retreat
3:00 p.m. RCIA Reconciliation
4:00 p.m. Sacrament of
Reconciliation
6:00 p.m. Confirmation Mtg.
Parents/Kids 8th Grade

Sunday, April 9, 2006

Palm Sunday
9:30 a.m. Baby/Toddler Sitting
Ages 10 months –3 yrs.
9:30 a.m. Children's Church
Ages 3 yrs– Kindergarten
10:45 a.m. 1st-8th Grade
11:30 a.m. Breaking Open the Word
For those adults and teens inquiring about the Catholic Church.
12:45 –4:30 p.m. RCIA Retreat
6:30 p.m. Quest Leaders
7:00 p.m. Quest

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In the sacraments, especially in the Mass each week, Christ communicates directly to his church and forms his church by sharing his body and blood. Preparing for Mass before coming, being attentive to the word of Christ at Mass, offering one's life from the last week, and receiving the very life of Christ—are all necessary for each of us to receive Life.

Being aware and accepting what Christ is offering means making time for personal prayer every day. If I do not have time for prayer, then I do not really believe that Christ is the only source for life.

"I am the resurrection and the life. Do you believe this?" In that question, Christ is asking for the chance to become your source for life. Give him the chance.



Senior Breakfast

There will be a meeting for all parents of High School juniors

on April 4th at 7:00 p.m. in Room #1 for those who would like to help with the Senior Breakfast.

Wanted:

Volunteer Eucharistic Ministers to bring Communion to patients at Mercy Hospital. 1-2 hours per visit. Opportunity to serve as often as once a week or once a month. If you are interested, please call Spiritual Care—Sr. Kathy or Mary Fedders at: 985-1547.

Remember to Keep in Your Prayers

Donald Burgett, Sr., Viola Nowak, David Renshaw, Michael Healey, Mae Ward, Roy Cencich, Jose Ramirez, Jeremy Grzech, Kevin Shaw, Robert Finn, Marilyn Springer, Gayle Smith, Helen Robinson, Joyce Farrell, Virginia Tracey, Connie Green, Corey Aspey, Patrick Owens, Leo & Betty Visga, Ralph & Nancy Ceglarek, Dorothy Smarch, Simone Stern, Barbara Rumley, Dorothy Horn, Maria Miller, Bill Soboleski, Elizabeth Wessel, Theresa Prince, 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.



Communal Penance Service

St. Christopher, Marysville
Thursday, April 6 7:00 PM

St. Mary, Port Huron
Wednesday, April 5 7:00 PM
Saturday, April 8 3:00 PM

St. Mary St. Clair
Saturday, April 8 12 PM

St. Christopher Church
"Memorial Fund"
gratefully acknowledges gifts
in loving memory of
Gertrude Miller
&
Beatrice Cowger

**Weekend Liturgy
April 8 & 9, 2006
Passion/Palm Sunday**

Day/Time	Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Sunday, 9:30 a.m.	Sunday, 11:30 a.m.
Mass Intention	Andrew Pochodylo by Max & Maureen Pochodylo Maxine White by her husband Ray White	Mary Warren by James Warren & family Daniel Robinson (4 yrs.) by his wife & family	Parishioners of St. Christopher	Jean Greenhoe by Ron & Pauline Smarch Audrey Marriott (3 yrs.) by her family
Celebrant	Fr. Britz	Fr. Baranowski	Fr. Baranowski	Fr. Baranowski
Lector	Traci Rumsey Bob Sheehy Joe Ellery Mike Rumley	Richard Schmitt Rose Chreck Nancy Trudell Charlie Andrews	Allison Warsinske Deem Boldyreff Chris Sass Rachel Sass	Jon Bilina Jenine Ulrich Jon Bilina Bill Bier
Eucharistic Minister	Jerry Ayotte Jack Quinlan Mike King Marilynn Pavlov John VanTiem	Fely Nurenberg Ron Nurenberg Linda Tokarski Sue Bewersdorff Mariol Schmitt	Esther Pelliccia Bernie Newby Russ Hill Mary Bixler Cheryl Borowski Richard Clark Flo Herlihy	Skip Randall Gabrielle Randall Kimberly Erb Monica Myers Chrisann Krohn Eugene Mozal Deanne Quain
Cantor	As Assigned	As Assigned	As Assigned	As Assigned
Altar Servers	Grant Rumley Spencer Rumley	Bobby Orchard Joel Orchard	Stephanie Erb Alex Newby	Dylan Jones Kyle Hercliff
Hospitality Ministers	Paul Urben Jason Finn Ken & Angie Shoff	David, Jane & Luke Dusellier Mark Fraley	Greg, Sandy, Megan, Matthew Schuster Bonnie Wylin	Sam, Karen, Nick Militello Kim, Ryan, & Allison Champion

**Readings for the Week
Of April 2, 2006**

Sunday, April 2
(Cycle A):
Ez 37:12-14
Rom 8:8-11
Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
Monday, April 3
Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62
Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday, April 4
Nm 21:4-9
Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday, April 5
Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95
Jn 8:31-42
Thursday, April 6
Gn 17:3-9
Jn 8:51-59
Friday, April 7
Jer 20:10-13
Jn 10:31-42
Saturday, April 8
Ez 37:21-28
Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday, April 9
Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16
Is 50:4-7
Phil 2:6-11
Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

Financial Stewardship At St. Christopher's

March 26 & 27.....\$9,715.85
Children.....1.90
Catholic Relief Services
(Total).....1917.00

Stewardship Thought...

When Jesus heard about the illness of His friend, Lazarus, He responded, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Every aspect of our lives-our sufferings as well as our gifts-can, if surrendered to Christ, lead to blessing for ourselves and others.

**Weekday Mass Intentions
April 3, 2006 – April 7, 2006**

Monday, 9:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.	Emma Buch, Arbric & Irene Wylin
Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.	Jack Murray, by his family
Thursday, 9:00 a.m.	Dorothy Frendt, by Jean & Tom Devereaux
Friday, 9:00 a.m.	Joan Gary, by Carol Hodges



The Number of Parishioners who have returned their stewardship financial commitment card.

2006 = 291
2005 = 263

Holy Week Meditation Concert

A program of music for Holy Week will be presented on Palm-Passion Sunday, April 9, at 2 p.m. at St. Joseph Church. The St. Joseph Chorale and Celebration Singers will share music inspired by the events of Christ's passion and death. The program will last about an hour; there is no admission charge. We invite you to come and meditate with us on the heart of our salvation history.



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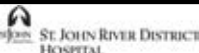
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