

St. Christopher Catholic Church

August 27, 2006
1000 Michigan, Marysville
364-4100



Where have they all gone?

by Fr. Art Baranowski

Jesus has many people arguing with him. There are a lot of people not buying him or his teaching. Usually the opponents of Jesus are the Jewish leaders or strangers. But, today's gospel (John 6:60-69) is a shock because the people rejecting Jesus are many of his own disciples.

Many people are attracted to Jesus as wonderful and caring or as a great teacher who accepted everyone. And, don't we all try to make Jesus somebody we identify with?

But, Jesus tells us who he is and he is not somebody we make up. Jesus says quite bluntly that he is the ONE, the Only One, able to give real and eternal life. Jesus is God. "I am the living bread come down from heaven. If anyone eats this bread, he will live forever."

In this gospel, many followers walk away from the company of Jesus. Just walk away!

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INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?



**SESSIONS ARE BEGINNING
Sunday, Sept. 10
10:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

FOR:

--anyone with no church or faith

--someone raised in a non-Catholic Church but looking for something more...

--a person baptized a Catholic but not raised well in the Church

**For information call
Fr. Art or Theresa Doyle
364-4100**

New Parishioner Meeting

**Wednesday, September 13
7:00-8:00 p.m.
Social Hall**

Look the parish over and see about joining.

This Sunday's Gospel

John 6, 60-69

To believe in Jesus truly—and not just say the words—is more than a person can do on their own. The Father must give the person the power to believe. But, there is a moment of decision when one accepts Jesus as the only One able to bring true life and eternal life. In this gospel, some make the decision for faith and some walk away.

1. When did faith become your own and not simply your parents' or grandparents' faith?
2. In your own life, what are some of the ways you walk toward Jesus and some of the ways you keep your distance?
3. What is it about Jesus himself that, if you really listened to him, you might find difficult to accept?

Next Sunday's Readings

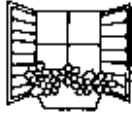
*Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8
James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27
Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23*



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday, August 29
7:00-8:00 p.m.

WEEKLY CALENDAR



Sunday, August 27, 2006

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

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

Monday, August 28, 2006

7:00 p.m. CRHP Team/ Quest Rm.

Tuesday, August 29, 2006

7:00– 8:00 p.m. Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, August 30, 2006

6:30 p.m. All Catechist Mtg.

6:30 p.m. RCIA Team

Thursday, August 31, 2006

No Pastoral Musicians

Saturday, September 2, 2006

Labor Day Weekend

4:00 p.m. Reconciliation

Sunday, September 3, 2006

No Baby/Toddler Sitting
10 months –3 yrs.

No Children's Church
3 yrs. –Kindergarten

Remember to Keep in Your Prayers

Jerry Hurley, Arthur Rogulski, Raymond Hulbert, Ralph White, Patti Lorf, Lorraine Rubbel, Kathleen Neumann, Bob Danhausen, Donald Burgett, Sr., David Renshaw, Michael Healey, Mae Ward, Jose Ramirez, Jeremy Grzech, Kevin Shaw, Gayle Smith, Virginia Tracey, Connie Green, Corey Aspey, Leo & Betty Visga, Ralph & Nancy Ceglarek, Dorothy Smarch, Barbara Rumley, Dorothy Horn, Maria Miller, Bill Soboleski, Elizabeth Wessel, Maureen Pochodylo, Greg Riley, Lori Charette, Helen Ferris, Albert Kubek, Kathy & Karen Carty, Kyle Clayton, Patrick McCarthy, Loreen Metheny, Helen Senik, Florence Ferris, Marlene Konik, Mary Blessinger, Dominic, Gino & Jordan Pecoraro, Russel Rumsey, Doris Godi, Barbara Stockwell, Harvey Brodeur, Mary Hodges, Jean Brockdorff, Kyle Stivers and those who care for them.

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Many today are walking away. Half of Catholics or those calling themselves Catholic no longer connect to Christ in the way Christ gave us—the Eucharist. They come on their own terms or do not come to the Eucharist at all.

But, there are many other ways to walk away. Sometimes, we do not physically walk away but our minds and hearts are away. There are just too many things we must do—too many responsibilities and jobs—for us to stay focused on THE ONE and only source of life—Christ.

Christ no longer continues as the only source for life but he becomes someone in the mind—a shadowy figure, distant. We no longer hunger for the Eucharist.

How will you strengthen your personal bond with a living Christ wishing to give you his own life right now? How will you stay in his presence and not walk away?

BURIED IN CHRIST

The members of St. Christopher's extend their prayers and sympathy to the families of Rose Casale, Robert Kelly, and Bernard Shafran.



St. Christopher Church
"Memorial Fund"
gratefully acknowledges gifts
in loving memory of
Bernard Shafran

Welcome New Parishioners



Pete and Judy Garijo are a delightful (almost retired) couple from Smith's Creek. They are parents of four and grandparents of nine. Pete is from Pampalona, Spain and Judy from Branson, Michigan and they have been married for 42 years. They raised their family in St. Mary's Parish in Port Huron. They will be present to our parish community and will find a home here and the chance to grow closer to God and to the church.



John and Maria Magdalena Angles Levandowski are both old and new in St. Christopher's. John was raised here and received his First Communion and Confirmation in our parish. Maria is from Mexico and comes also from a devout Catholic family. They have two children: John Jacob (7 years old) and Gloria Nicole (3 years old). Different states, countries of origin, nationality, and language—but they find a home together in the Catholic Church and in our parish. May God draw them closer to himself and to his church.

**Weekend Liturgy
September 2 & 3, 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	Eugene & Bernice Melczarczyk 61st Wedding Anniversary	Parishioners of St. Christopher	Parishioners of St Christopher	John Dzurnak by his family
Celebrant	Fr. Britz	Fr. Baranowski	Fr. Baranowski	Fr. Baranowski
Lector	Andrew Cieslinski Richard Schmitt	Jill Kammer Joe Pavlov	Jon Bilina Rose Chrccek	Deem Boldyreff Jenine Ulrich
Eucharistic Minister	Jerry Ayotte Jack Quinlan Mike King Mariol Schmitt John VanTiem	Fely Nurenberg Ron Nurenberg Linda Tokarski Sue Bewersdorff Marilynn Pavlov	Esther Pelliccia Bernie Newby Russ Hill Mary Bixler Cheryl Borowski Jerry Huber 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	Sean VanTiem Amanda Fairbank	Cara Maertens	Alex Newby Lauren Curley	Kyle Hercliff
Hospitality Ministers	Paul Urben Jason Finn Ken & Angie Shoff	Gary, Cami, Shane, Megan Armstrong Cameron Roehl	Keith, Paula, Angela, Laura, Bret Bluhm Lavonne Cloutier	Rick Goodmen Steven Makowski Steven & Robin Stiver Donna Holzberger

**Weekday Mass Intentions
August 28, 2006 – September 1, 2006**

Monday, 9:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.	Erlina Pagot, by Catherine Mascarini & family
Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.	Margaret Tomalo, by Mary Tomalo
Thursday, 9:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Christopher
Friday, 9:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Christopher

Bethany

Bethany is a Catholic peer-to-peer ministry providing spiritual, social, and educational support to divorced and separated Christians. To find one of the many activities sponsored by one of the active six area chapters, call 248-988-0454 or visit the Bethany website at:

www.bethanyofsoutheasternmichigan.org.

If you'll be away from home some weekend, and need to find the location and Mass schedule of the nearest Catholic church, log onto www.Masstimes.org.

**Holy Cross Parish
Marine City**

Will be hosting:
**Protecting God's Children
Workshop**

It will be held in the cafeteria, behind the church

**September 12, 2006
5:30-9:00 p.m.**

Call Sue Clark at 354-4100 by September 5th to register.

**Readings for the Week of
August 27, 2006**

Sunday, Aug. 27

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b
Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32
Jn 6:60-69

Monday, Aug. 28

2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12
Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday, Aug. 29

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17
Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday, Aug. 30

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18
Mt 23:27-32

Thursday, Aug. 31

1 Cor 1:1-9
Mt 24:42-51

Friday, Sept. 1

1 Cor 1:17-25
Mt 25:1-13

Saturday, Sept. 2

1 Cor 1:26-31
Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday, Sept. 3

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8
Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

August 19 & 20.....\$8,571.75
Children.....2.00
Missionary Coop Plan
Jamaica (Total)..... \$11,071.65

Stewardship Thought...

In today's first reading, Joshua challenges the people to decide whom they will serve. Recalling God's faithfulness to them and to their ancestors, the people declare. "We also will serve the Lord, for He is our God." May we, too, be mindful of God's gifts to us and renew our commitment to serve Him with grateful hearts.



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