

St. Christopher Catholic Church

September 17, 2006
1000 Michigan, Marysville
364-4100



The "Must" Of The Cross by Fr. Art Baranowski

Jesus says in the Gospel of this Sunday that "he **must** suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised." Why **must** he suffer and be killed?

Why couldn't God's Son have become human and lived a nice comfortable life and died a peaceful death as an old man? After all, dying naked and mocked on a cross with criminals is not very dignified and befitting to God! There must have been a better way to do this salvation.

The way Christ died had to happen this way because of the way God is and because of the way we are. God is love. God's nature is to pour himself out, to give himself. There is no other way for God to be except love. It's not that God loves a lot but that God is love itself.

We are mixed. Every human being has a deep down desire to love: both to receive love and to give love. But, in all of us, there also is this very deep instinct for self-preservation and putting self first.

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--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**

Parents and Guardians

There will be a meeting for those of you who have children registered in Religious Ed for the 2006-2007 school year. The meeting will be:

Wednesday, Sept. 27th at 7:00 p.m.

or

Thursday, Sept. 28th at 7:00 p.m.

- You need to attend only one of these meetings.
- Babysitting will be provided.

Classes begin
Sunday, Oct. 1
Wednesday, October 4



This Sunday's Gospel Mark 8: 27-35

One cannot escape either a suffering messiah or the cross for oneself in following him. Peter doesn't like to hear this. Neither do we.

Christ is the Greek word for Messiah.

In Mark, especially, the cross is the place where Jesus finally is recognized and then, by a Gentile, the Roman soldier who says "Truly, this was the Son of God." All the miracles and all the adulation of the big crowds are not the time when Christ is recognized. They are looking for a superstar. What we expect blinds us to what really is.

Strange, how God's son becomes known in Mark's Gospel only when he is dying on the cross and helpless. Do we find him the same way in our lives?

- If you were to save the world from its sins by sending your son, what kind of son would you send? Why?
- What is the purpose of Jesus' suffering? What is the purpose of your suffering?

Next Sunday's Readings

*Wisdom 2:12, 17-20
James 3:16-4:3
Mark 9:30-37*

WEEKLY CALENDAR



Sunday, September 17, 2006

Catechetical Sunday

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

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

10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Catechist
Breakfast & Retreat

6:00 p.m. Evening of Discipleship –
Men's CRHP

Wednesday, September 20, 2006

6:30 p.m. RCIA Team

Thursday, September 21, 2006

2:00 p.m. St. Christopher Seniors/
Social Hall

6:00 p.m. Pastoral Musicians

Saturday, September 23, 2006

CRHP Women's Retreat

4:00 p.m. Reconciliation

Sunday, September 24, 2006

CRHP Women's Retreat

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

*Please pick up your children from the outside
Quest door.*

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

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Cantors Needed

Cantors lead us in the sung prayer after the first Scripture reading. The parish needs cantors of all ages. If you can sing, then use the gift God gave you for God's church. Here is all you need:

- * Be a registered parishioner.
- * Be willing to join the other music ministers each week to grow in the faith of the church
- * Be open to improve.

Call the parish office or Melissa Duso. 364-4100, extension 205.

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Both these desires—love and self protection—are deeply human. Because these two desires are within all of us human beings, the most telling demonstration of love for us is actually laying down one's life for another.

When a person actually goes beyond the instinct of self-preservation and dies for another, we have the most perfect kind of love. There is nothing in it for the giver, not even gratitude or admiration.

For God to be God (love) and to become human and to love us as a human, Christ had to die for us. Christ on the cross is the ultimate expression of who God is. God is for us. For this great love, there has to be a response and that response is God the Father raising Jesus. The resurrection also is the great expression of love. God just had to respond with life.

Being a disciple is to get caught up in this love on the cross and in the resurrection. That love begins to transform us the more we look at the cross and meditate on Christ on the cross. And, the love response of God in raising up Christ is shared with us and begins to raise us up.

Taking up the cross means that the love of Christ becomes more powerful in me than my own instinct to protect myself and to hold onto life at all costs. His kingdom starts to become more important than my kingdom.

None of us are very good at taking up the cross, especially the crosses we do not choose. One step at a time. But, there has to be a beginning step.

Remember to Keep in Your Prayers

Mary Toth, Amy Lynn Hess, Jerry Hurley, Arthur Rogulski, Raymond Hulbert, Ralph White, 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, 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.

St. Christopher Seniors Thursday, September 21st

2 PM Social ~ Games and Cards -
bring a wrapped prize for the games.
4:30 PM Potluck - *bring a dish to pass.*

Bring yourself, a friend, and your good cheer for an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

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Saturday, September 23, 2006
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



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**Weekend Liturgy
September 23 & 24, 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	Dolores Sulkowski (3 yrs) by her family	Helen Malinowski by her family	Don & Beth Graham 30th Wedding Anniversary	Parishioners of St. Christopher
Celebrant	Fr. Baranowski	Fr. Baranowski	Fr. Baranowski	Fr. Britz
Lector	Traci Rumsey Mike Rumley	Jill Kammer Bob Sheehy	Martin Frascetti Karen Frascetti	Jon Bilina Rachel Sass
Eucharistic Minister	John VanTiem Mike King Marilynn Pavlov Dorothy Burgess Jack Quinlan	Julie Lee Donna Orr Gay Venia Elizabeth Moore Sue Bewersdorff	Esther Pelliccia Julia Szczygiel Liz Bachler Mary Jo Jewell Kathy DeVigili Dieter DeVigili Beth Graham	Loel Azarcon Eugene Mozal Gabrielle Randall Skip Randall Tracy Daud Kathleen Moore Joanne Wesch
Cantor	As Assigned	As Assigned	As Assigned	As Assigned
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**Weekday Mass Intentions
September 18, 2006 – September 22, 2006**

Monday, 9:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Christopher
Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.	Bernard Shafran , by Jean Brockdorff
Thursday, 9:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Christopher
Friday, 9:00 a.m.	Margaret Tomalo , by Ken & Angie Shoff

**A Weekend Retreat for
Widowed, Divorced,
and Separated**

This Healing Weekend is designed to help let go of the grief and create a more peace-filled 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 October 20-22, 2006. For details and to register please call Kathy 586-770-9440, Mike 586-264-9790, or Laura 586-247-5032. Call soon as weekends tend to fill up fast.

For Widowed Men & Women

Widowed Friends, a peer support group in the Archdiocese of Detroit, invites widowed men and women to come to the Thomas Edison Inn in Port Huron on Sunday, October 8th for brunch. Enjoy good food and conversations with new friends in a safe setting. Meet in the lobby at 1 p.m. Afterward, stroll along the St. Clair River, go shopping or gaming nearby. Cost for brunch is \$17 + tax and tip. Must RSVP by Oct. 5th to Ginnie at 586-752-7826.

**Readings for the Week of
September 17, 2006**

Sunday, Sept. 17

Is 50:5-9a
Jas 2:14-18
Mk 8:27-35

Monday, Sept. 18

1 Cor 11:17-26, 33
Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday, Sept. 19

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a
Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday, Sept. 20

1 Cor 12:31-13:13
Lk 7:31-35

Thursday, Sept. 21

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13
Mt 9:9-13

Friday, Sept. 22

1 Cor 15:12-20
Lk 8:1-3

Saturday, Sept. 23

1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49
Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday, Sept. 24

Wis 2:12, 17-20
Jas 3:16-4:3
Mk 9:30-37

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

September 9 & 10.....\$11,792.16
Children.....3.51

Stewardship Thought...

In the second reading today, St. James has harsh words for those who do not put their faith into action. May we be such good stewards of God's gifts to us that we can never be accused of having “faith that does nothing in practice.”

St. Vincent de Paul

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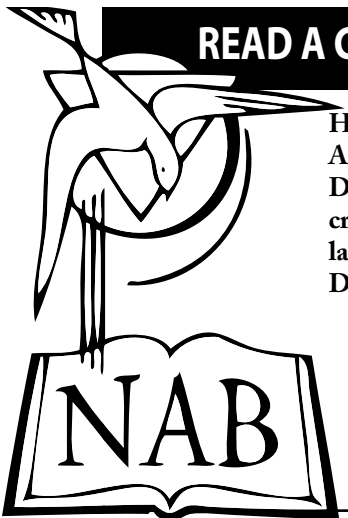
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