

St. Christopher

Catholic Church

September 24, 2006
1000 Michigan, Marysville
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MORE IS NOT BETTER

by Fr. Art Baranowski

Jesus always broke patterns of thinking. He wasn't trying to upset people but Jesus was from God and God's ways are different. In fact, Jesus did not act the way even religious people thought God should act.

The fact is that succeeding with God and succeeding in the world are two different things. You cannot have your heart set on succeeding in the world and have your heart set on God. You have to choose.

In the gospels, the disciples often don't understand Jesus and what Jesus says. The disciples are torn between two worlds and they try to make Jesus fit into this world's standards.

We are Jesus' disciples today and we try to make Jesus fit into the world, too. We "tame" Jesus or we sanitize Jesus so he no longer shocks or challenges us. We try to make Jesus respectable. Sometimes, you hear people say that they have always gone to church and kept the rules yet sickness and trouble come their way.

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Welcome New Parishioners



Kevin and Jackie Hepinstall and children Cody (8) and Peyton (5) come to our parish from the Saginaw area. The Hepinstalls were active in their former parish. They bring a real everyday faith and a love for the church. They want to make the church better and they care about the faith of the church. I am sure God has a purpose in Kevin and Jackie moving here and part of his plan is that Christ could renew his parish with them and with others like them. How good to have the Hepinstalls at St. Chris.

Shelby Quinlan was baptized and made the sacraments in St. Christopher's Parish. Her grandparents lived here since the 50's and were buried here. Her mom and dad are long standing parishioners, too. But, now Shelby is registering as a parishioner on her own, as an adult. As Shelby has pursued a career in education, she has kept faith in God central in her life and she has kept connected to the Eucharist. Her maturing faith is a real gift to St. Chris Parish. Young people like Shelby give hope to the church. Thank God for her.

This Sunday's Gospel

Mark 9, 30-37

In Mark's gospel, the disciples often fail to understand Jesus and they don't ask Jesus for understanding because they are stuck in a worldly way of thinking. So, Jesus takes the disciples aside away from the crowd to teach them. Jesus tells his followers 3 things: 1. He will be killed and rise. 2. Accepting Jesus is in fact accepting the Father who sent Jesus. 3. The disciples are sent into the world. Identifying with the poor and vulnerable is to be like Christ.

1. In your own life, describe a truly great person you have known.
2. Think of an experience of being powerless or defenseless in your own life. What, if anything, did the experience teach you?
3. What do you still need to learn about being a disciple?

Next Sunday's Readings

Numbers 11:25-29

James 5:1-6

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

**WEEKLY
CALENDAR**



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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Monday, September 25, 2006

7:00 p.m. Coffee/Donuts meeting

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

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

Wednesday, September 27, 2006

7:00 p.m. Religious Ed. Parent Mtg.

Thursday, September 28, 2006

6:00 p.m. Pastoral Musicians

7:00 p.m. Religious Ed. Parent Mtg.

Friday, September 29, 2006

7:00 p.m. Pastoral Facilitators
Retreat

Saturday, September 30, 2006

4:00 p.m. Reconciliation
Pastoral Facilitators Retreat until
7:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 1, 2006

Coffee & Donuts Begins

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

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

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

10:45 a.m. RCIA

6:30 p.m. Quest Leaders

7:00 p.m. Quest High School
Youth Group

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It is as though following Christ will mean good fortune in this world.

When you listen to TV evangelists, sometimes the message is that material success will come from following the Bible—like the Bible is a plan to get ahead. What a distortion of the gospel!

Let's face the fact that Jesus is a fool according to the standards of the world. Jesus is a failure. The reason for following Christ is not success according to the world's standards.

Christ offers us a life that you cannot see except by faith. His life is full and exciting and worth risking everything else for. To the worldly, Christ's world seems like we are pretending. True followers of Christ seem naïve. They are told to "get into the real world".

But, Christ's world is seen only by faith and Christ's world is the real world.. To people of faith, the things that keep worldly people going—more material things, promotions in school and work, being beautiful, an easy life—the illusion. Spend only some time and energy on those things. Don't set your heart there.

One does have to choose to which world one will give their heart.

Remember to Keep in Your Prayers

Marian Dunn, Mary Toth, Amy Lynn Hess, Jerry Hurley, Arthur Rogulski, Raymond Hulbert, Lorraine Rubbel, Kathleen Neumann, Bob Danhousen, Donald Burgett, Sr., David Renshaw, Michael Healey, Mae Ward, Jose Ramirez, Jeremy Grzech, Kevin Shaw, Gayle Smith, 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.

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

**BAPTIZED INTO
CHRIST & HIS
CHURCH**



September 17, 2006

Brooklyn Therese Frikken,
child of Timothy and Rachael
(Bledsoe) Frikken



**Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament**
Come To The Quiet

Tuesday, September 26
7:00-8:00 p.m.

R.C.I.A.
Sessions begin
October 1
at 10:45 a.m.
Quest Room

**Weekend Liturgy
September 30 & October 1, 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	Peter Dazer by Mr. & Mrs. Martin Cremins	Parishioners of St. Christopher	Margaret Eagen by the Howards & the Taylors	Cass Smarch (41 yrs) by his family
Celebrant	Fr. Baranowski	Fr. Baranowski	Fr. Baranowski	Fr. Britz
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**Readings for the Week of
September 24, 2006**

Sunday, Sept. 24
Wis 2:12, 17-20
Jas 3:16-4:3
Mk 9:30-37

Monday, Sept. 25
Prv 3:27-34
Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday, Sept. 26
Prv 21:1-6, 10-13
Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday, Sept. 27
Prv 30:5-9
Lk 9:1-6

Thursday, Sept. 28
Eccl 1:2-11
Lk 9:7-9

Friday, Sept. 29
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a
Jn 1:47-51

Saturday, Sept. 30
Eccl 11:9-12:8
Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday, Oct. 1
Nm 11:25-29
Jas 5:1-6
Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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The Feast of St. Vincent de Paul is September 27th.

**Weekday Mass Intentions
September 25, 2006 – September 29, 2006**

Monday, 9:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Christopher
Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.	Jack Murray, by his family
Thursday, 9:00 a.m.	Virginia LePine, by Joseph & Marilyn Pavlov
Friday, 9:00 a.m.	William Henry Simms, by William Simms

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

September 16 & 17.....\$8,042.29
Children..... .48

Stewardship Thought...

Today's second reading warns that a heart consumed with avarice and envy leads to jealousy, strife, conflicts and disputes. A giving heart, in contrast, can sing instead with the Psalmist, "Freely will I offer you sacrifice; I will praise your name, O Lord, for its goodness."

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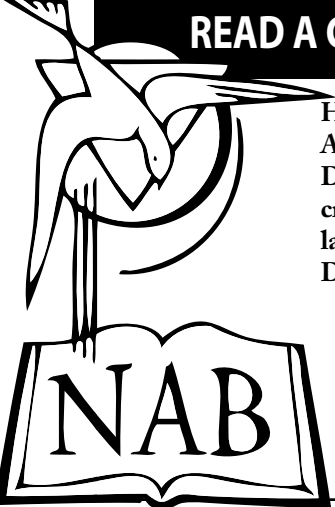
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