

# St. Christopher

## Catholic Church

October 1, 2006  
1000 Michigan, Marysville  
364-4100



### **The Faith—Do you have it?**

by Fr. Art Baranowski

Most Americans believe in God. But, most Americans don't believe in the church.

In fact, many Catholic people don't really believe in the church. Here are some of the indicators of lack of belief in the church.

Coming to Mass sometime. Taking the summer off.

Putting my own personal needs ahead of the church's needs.

Picking and choosing what suits me from what the church believes.

Not loving or praying for the church and her leaders.

Believing in God is easy when that God is my own personal and private god. I can create my own god in my own mind and that god will never challenge me to grow beyond myself. When I worship my personal private god, I worship myself. No wonder that kind of religion suits me so well.

The fact is that one cannot really know and love God without knowing and loving the church. The Scriptures speak over and over again about God's love for the church—that Christ loves the church and gave up his life for her.

Believing in God does mean believing in the church. Loving the church is much harder than loving the god I create for myself. Letting the church have authority over my life and my decisions may seem like a burden to many. Much easier to come to Mass when I feel like it or when I need it. Much easier to put my own needs first and to do what fits my comfort.

But, faith has never been the easy way. Faith in God and faith in the church have to go together or else there is no faith.



### ***This Sunday's Gospel***

Mark 9: 39-43, 45, 47-48

The Spirit of God is not confined or limited to authority, institutions, or customs. God normally calls ministers in the church through the structures of the community but God calls in other ways, as well. Learn how to look for and recognize how God's Spirit is working everywhere, beyond what you may expect.

1. When has God taught you something through an unlikely person?
2. What actions or example of yours could lead others toward God when you are at Mass? At home? At work?
3. As you get to know yourself, what habits or limited ways of seeing could block your noticing God's actions in others around you?

### **Next Sunday's Readings**

*Genesis 2:18-24*

*Hebrews 2:9-11*

*Mark 10:2-16*

# WEEKLY CALENDAR



## Sunday, October 1, 2006

*Religious Education Begins  
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

## Monday, October 2, 2006

- 7:00 p.m. Women's CRHP –  
Evening of Discipleship

## Wednesday, October 4, 2006

*Religious Education Begins*

- 4:00-5:15 p.m. 1st-6th Grades  
7:00-8:30 p.m. 7th & 8th Grades

## Thursday, October 5, 2006

- 6:00 p.m. Pastoral Musicians

## Saturday, October 7, 2006

- 4:00 p.m. Reconciliation

## Sunday, October 8, 2006

- 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. Youth Ministers/ Rm. 8  
10:45 a.m. Rel. Ed. 1st-8th Grades  
10:45 a.m. RCIA  
1:30 p.m. 1st Communion/  
Reconciliation Parent Mtg.  
6:30 p.m. Quest Leaders  
7:00 p.m. Quest High School  
Youth Group



### 1st Communion/ Reconciliation Parents Meeting.

Sunday, Oct. 8 ~ 1:30 p.m.

or

Tuesday, Oct. 10 ~ 7:00 p.m.

This meeting is for Parents who are attending Mass every Sunday, and have children in the 2nd Grade, and would like them to prepare for 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion.

**–You must attend one of these meetings.**

*Babysitting will be provided.*

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward.

Mark 9:41

### Rosary Altar Society

The Rosary Altar Society will meet this **Tuesday, October 3 at 7:00 p.m.** in the **Social Hall**. We will have a representative from the Marysville Police Department to speak to us about safety. **All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.** Please join us.

### **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.

### **Remember to Keep in Your Prayers**

Jean Brockdorff, Jerry Hurley, Debbie Robb, Marian Dunn, Mary Toth, Amy Lynn Hess, Jerry Hurley, Arthur Rogulski, Raymond Hulbert, Lorraine Rubbel, Kathleen Neumann, Bob Danhausen, 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, Kyle Stivers and those who care for them.

### Blue Water Pax Christi Meeting

- Sunday, Oct. 8, 7:00 p.m.
- St. Joseph School 1st Floor Meeting Room

Be a part of prayer, study, and action for justice and peace. Together we learn the way of peacemaking, instead of war-fighting.

Come follow Jesus, "Love one another as I have loved you." --With unconditional nonviolent love and mercy.

For more information call:

Mike McCarthy 982-2870



### **R.C.I.A. October 1 at 10:45 a.m. Quest Room**

*You are invited to explore the Catholic Church with other interested adults. There is no obligation to join, only to search with other adults. If you have any questions, please call Fr. Art or Theresa 364-4100.*

**Weekend Liturgy  
October 7 & 8, 2006**

Day/Time	Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Sunday, 9:30 a.m.	Sunday, 11:30 a.m.
<b>Mass Intention</b>	<b>Bernard Shafran</b> by Maureen Tavarozzi	<b>Mary Warren</b> by James Warren & family	<b>Parishioners of St. Christopher</b>	<b>Gordon Smith</b> (13 yrs) by his wife
<b>Celebrant</b>	<b>Fr. Baranowski</b>	<b>Fr. Baranowski</b>	<b>Fr. Baranowski</b>	<b>Fr. Britz</b>
<b>Lector</b>	Joe Pavlov Bob Sheehy	Nancy Trudell Ron Horbes	Joe Tranchida Debbie Forster	Jenine Ulrich Charlie Andrews
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Marilynn Pavlov John VanTiem Dorothy Burgess Chrisann Krohn Donna Landschoot	Fely Nurenberg Ron Nurenberg Donna Orr Elizabeth Moore Sue Bewersdorff	Esther Pelliccia Barb Stocker Rollin Stocker Mary Bixler Cheryl Borowski Mary Jo Jewell Bernie Newby	Deanne Quain Eugene Mozal Terri Landschoot Gabrielle Randall Skip Randall Kimberly Erb Gary McCallumore
<b>Cantor</b>	Kris Folske	Cheryl O'Neill	Charlotte Donahue	Joe Roehl
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Sean VanTiem Adam Cieslinski	Joel Orchard	Jenna Furchak Alex Newby	Emmanuel Canto
<b>Hospitality Ministers</b>	Paul Urben Paul Levandowski Ken & Angie Shoff	David, Jane & Luke Dusellier Mark Fraley	Richard, Karen, Chelsey, Caitlynn, Justin Bonney	Arthur, Laura, Arthur, Bruce Bianchi
<b>Coffee &amp; Donuts</b>	Sharon Fairbank	Dale & Connie Conger	Rich & Sue Clark	Madonna Champagne

**Weekday Mass Intentions  
October 2, 2006 – October 6, 2006**

<b>Monday, 9:00 a.m.</b>	No Mass
<b>Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Shirley Jane Simms</b> , by William Simms
<b>Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Parishioners of St. Christopher</b>
<b>Thursday, 9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Jack Murray</b> , by his family
<b>Friday, 9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Margaret Eagen</b> , by Brian & Judy Lents

**Readings for the Week  
of October 1, 2006**

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

**Monday, Oct. 2**  
Jb 1:6-22  
Mt 18:1-5, 10

**Tuesday, Oct. 3**  
Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23  
Lk 9:51-56

**Wednesday, Oct. 4**  
Jb 9:1-12, 14-16  
Lk 9:57-62

**Thursday, Oct. 5**  
Jb 19:21-27  
Lk 10:1-12

**Friday, Oct. 6**  
Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5  
Lk 10:13-16

**Saturday, Oct. 7**  
Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17  
Lk 10:17-24

**Next Sunday, Oct. 8**  
Gn 2:18-24  
Heb 2:9-11  
Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

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

September 23 & 24.....\$7,960.00  
Children..... 1.53

**Stewardship Thought...**

St. James warns in today's second reading that those who hoard their wealth and live only for themselves will be condemned. But in the Gospel, Jesus assures us that all who give of themselves for His sake will be rewarded.

**Re-Marriage Preparation**

*Can II is a re-marriage preparation weekend designed for couples entering into a second marriage. The discussion times are for individual couples. There are no group discussions.*

- The next date for this weekend is **October 21-22**.
- The cost of **\$225 includes rooms, meals, and all materials.**
- For information, telephone the Family Life Office at **313-237-5892**.

**St. John River  
District Hospital**

*4100 River Rd., East China*

- **Free Prostate Screening**  
Thurs., Oct. 5, 5-8 p.m.  
*Screening includes digital exam & PSA blood testing. Exams provided by Charles Nowak, DO.  
Call 1-888-440-7325 to register.*
- **Free Flu Shot** - For city of St. Clair & East China Twp. Senior Citizens aged 55 and older.  
Fri. Oct. 6, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Meeting Rooms 1 & 2
- **Free Breast Exams & Low-Cost Mammograms**  
Sat. Oct. 7, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.  
To Register:  
Low-Cost Mammograms: 329-5390  
Breast Exams Only: 329-5325

