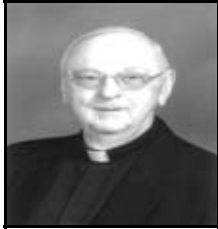


St. Christopher Catholic Church

October 22, 2006

1000 Michigan, Marysville
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Gerald Francis Britz **May 23, 1923-----October 18, 2006** by Fr. Art Baranowski

We had different names for this man: Fr. Britz, Gerald, Gerry, Uncle Gerald, Uncle Gerry. When he left you a message on a telephone answering machine, he usually said "This is Britz". For most of us at St. Chris, this man was the one and only Fr. Britz.

In these last 12 years, what did God do for us through Fr. Britz? The prayer for All Saints Day speaks of our calling, the calling of each baptized person, to be "the living gospel for all to hear". Gospel means good news. Each of us is God's Good News to the rest of the Church and to the world. Perhaps, my speaking about how Fr. Britz was a living gospel would help us to believe our own calling from God.

The most impressive way (to me) that Fr. Britz was God's Good News was that he could give love but also receive love. Being able to receive love from others sometimes is harder than giving love, especially for men. When he spoke of Georgia, the niece he was like a father to, you could tell his heart was involved. He let siblings and nephews and nieces into his life. He enjoyed their company and countless meals. He spoke of them with great personal engagement.

The hard guy exterior was mostly an exterior. There was a very caring man there and he found room for many people. Gerry was not sentimental and would not cry easily—the tough guy exterior took care that did not happen. But, he was personally and emotionally tied to people he loved in his family and beyond his family, too.

The other good news God gave us through Britz was that God uses us the way we are but makes us better than we are. Gerry was real about people—about their motives and about their pretenses, especially if people were the decision makers and arrogant. He was raised in tough times right in the middle of a family of eight, the first boy. Yet, if you were hurting in any way, Gerry would go out to you. He always had a heart for the poor or the suffering.

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This Sunday's Gospel

Mark 10, 35-45

James and John are caught on the glory part of following Jesus. Christ speaks clearly to them and to us that his glory comes from drinking of his cup and being baptized with his baptism. That cup and that baptism is the perfect union Christ has with his Father, a union of absolute obedience. That obedience will lead to much suffering and a brutal death. Only through that obedience will come glory.

1. We all have a tendency to look for the easy way. Talk about a time when you took the harder way or took a hard stand because it was the right thing to do.
2. What might God be asking of you right now in your life that you would rather not have to do? What or who will help you follow through?
3. When has God brought you to life through suffering or loss?

Next Sunday's Readings

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Hebrews 5:1-6

Mark 10:46-52



Lector Meeting

Today

Sunday, October 22

1:30-3:30 p.m.

WEEKLY CALENDAR



Sunday, October 22, 2006

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 Grades
10:45 a.m. RCIA
1:30 –3:30 p.m. Lector Mtg.
3:30—6:30 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner
6:30 p.m. Quest Leaders
7:00 p.m. Quest H.S. Youth Group

Monday, October 23, 2006

7:00 p.m. Evening of Pentecost

Wednesday, October 25, 2006

4:00-5:15 p.m. 1st-6th Grades
7:00-8:30 p.m. 7th & 8th Grades
7:00 p.m. CRHP Women's Team

Thursday, October 26, 2006

6:00 p.m. Pastoral Musicians
7:00 p.m. CRHP Men's Team

Saturday, October 28, 2006

4:00 p.m. Reconciliation

Sunday, October 29, 2006

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 Grades
10:45 a.m. RCIA
12:30 p.m. Dominican Republic
Information Mtg./ Rm. 1
1:30-3:30 p.m. Eucharistic Ministers
Mtg.
6:30 p.m. Quest Leaders
7:00 p.m. Quest H.S. Youth Group

Do you want to represent St. Christopher's Parish to the parishioners of our sister parish in the Dominican Republic? We are going March 8-15, 2007.

Information Meeting

Sunday, October 29
12:30 P.M.
Room 1

*Our team includes:
adults, teens at least 16 yrs. old,
one medical person and
2 Spanish interpreters .*

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God used Fr. Britz's personality to help bring down the arrogant and to comfort and care for broken people.

The Best News from God is that God always is making the Church better. And, God continually is forming each of us, if we let God mold us.

Look at Fr. Britz! He had a lot of ego and a great need to control things. He tried very hard to make life fit his terms. But, gradually his ego was replaced by a love and a trust in God. God broke through his defenses bit by bit and, most importantly, Gerry allowed God to break through. The directed retreats at Loyola House in Guelph, Ontario were important and so were some of the losses in his life—the deaths of siblings and parents, and being in charge of a parish. Retirement helped, too, because he had time to connect to the most important people he loved and no parish to manage and control.

I have known Gerry Britz for 40 years and known him closely since 1970. His best years were these last 10 years when he was most open to what God was doing in his life and in the Church. Fr. Britz was most available to God in this last time of his life. St. Christopher's Parish Community had him for the best years. Make sure you take time to notice how God gave us his Good News through this holy priest who served the Church here.

How is God forming us as a Church through Fr. Britz? What gifts did God give to us and to you through Gerald Francis Britz? How is God working in and through you to be the living gospel?

Remember to Keep in Your Prayers

Rita Mozal, Mary Winkel, Jean Brockdorff, Jerry Hurley, Debbie Robb, Marian Dunn, Mary Toth, Amy Lynn Hess, 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, Barbara Stockwell, Harvey Brodeur, Mary Hodges, Kyle Stivers and those who care for them.

Spaghetti Dinner Today!

**October 22 3:30– 6:30 p.m.
St. Christopher Social Hall**

*Adults-\$6.00
Children (5-10)\$3.00
4 & under Free*

*All proceeds go to our sister parish in
the Dominican Republic*

Eucharistic Minister Meeting

*Sunday, October 29
1:30-3:30 p.m.*

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Doris Johnsick Godi

**Weekend Liturgy
October 28 & 29, 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	Parishioners of St. Christopher	Walt & Barbara Perz by their daughters Alan Conley by his family	Dennis Krueger (8 yrs) by his family	Grace & Roman Dropeski by Ron & Pauline Smarch
	Fr. Baranowski	Fr. Baranowski	Fr. Baranowski	Fr. Baranowski
Lector	Joe Ellery Traci Rumsey	Joe Pavlov Nancy Trudell	Martin Frascchetti Karen Frascchetti	Don Jewell Rachel Sass
Eucharistic Minister	Donna Landschoot Jack Quinlan Vince Pecoraro Judy Pecoraro Mike King	Roman Lautner Myrt Lautner Elizabeth Moore Barb Stocker Rollin Stocker	Julie Lee Julia Szczygiel Kathy DeVigili Dieter DeVigili Beth Graham Richard Clark Mary Bixler	Lisa Jones Kathleen Moore Gary McCallumore Joanne Wesch Cheryl Azarcon Terri Landschoot Pauline Smarch
Cantor	Greg Kobe	Connie Kettlewell	Kathy Roehl	Mark Privette
Altar Servers	Ryan Watson Joe Rogers	Joel Orchard	Michael Schultz Stephanie Erb	Kyle Hercliff
Hospitality Ministers	Jerry & Lorraine Frendt Mike Kapus Steven Ginther	Kraig, Nancy, Kraig & Nate Hohf	Charlie Peyerk Don & Julie Wilson Mindy Lepine	Sam, Karen & Nick Militello Kim, Ryan & Allison Champion
Coffee & Donuts	Steve & Jenny Ginther	Dan & Rita Jaworski	Al & Margaret Langolf	Patrick & Carol Hudson

**Weekday Mass Intentions
October 23, 2006 – October 27, 2006**

Monday, 9:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.	Margaret Eagen, by the Howards & Taylors
Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.	Bernard Shafran, by Maureen Tavarozzi
Thursday, 9:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Christopher
Friday, 9:00 a.m.	Mr. & Mrs. William Taylor, by Tom O'Brien Family

Financial Stewardship At St. Christopher's

Oct. 14 & 15.....\$8,832.92
 Children.....2.29
 Prop. Of Faith.....1525.00

Stewardship Thought...

All discipleship involves mission. The bishop's pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us, "Every member of the Church is called to evangelize, and the practice of authentic Christian stewardship inevitably leads to evangelization."

World Mission Sunday

Today, World Mission Sunday, with Catholic of the world, we are called to offer our prayers and our generous financial support, through the Propagation of the Faith, to continue the mission of the Lord- to help the poor and suffering experience the healing love and peace of Jesus.

- \$25 helps support a catechist for a month
- \$75 provides for the work of Sisters
- \$100 is a month's help for a mission parish
- As always, your prayers are your most treasured gift to the Missions.

**Readings for the Week
of October 22, 2006**

Sunday, Oct. 22

Is 53:10-11
 Heb 4:14-16
 Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

Monday, Oct. 23

Eph 2:1-10
 Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday, Oct. 24

Eph 2:12-22
 Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday, Oct. 25

Eph 3:2-12
 Lk 12:39-48

Thursday, Oct. 26

Eph 3:14-21
 Lk 12:49-53

Friday, Oct. 27

Eph 4:1-6
 Lk 12:54-59

Saturday, Oct. 28

Eph 2:19-22
 Lk 6:12-16

Next Sunday, Oct. 29

Jer 31:7-9
 Heb 5:1-6
 Mk 10:46-52

Widowed Friends Dinner

Widowed Friends of the Archdiocese of Detroit invites widowed of all ages to attend a family style dinner on Friday, November 10, at the American Polish Cultural Center, located on the northwest corner of 15 Mile (Maple) and Dequindre, in Troy. Enter through the Dequindre side door. Social time begins at 5 p.m., with dinner at 6 p.m. The cost is \$13 (cash), payable at the door, and includes tax and gratuity. RSVP by November 8 to Pat at 586-416-2542, Bonnie at 586-786-6374, or Sue at 248-547-1782.

A Day of Reflection and Inspiration will be held at St. Columban on Saturday, November 11, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost of \$14 includes box lunch and beverages. Register before November 7 by calling JoAnn at 248-478-1084 or Mary at 586-781-9490.



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