

St. Christopher

Catholic Church

November 19, 2006
1000 Michigan, Marysville
364-4100



Knowing Where You Come From

Fr. Art Baranowski

When I visited by brother and his wife in Florida last February, I met their friends—Marty and Harriet. They are from New York City and are Jewish. But, Marty and Harriet are ethnic Jews; they are not religious Jews. They know that they are Jewish but they do not know much about their own religious tradition. Their parents were Jewish and so are Marty and Harriet but Marty and Harriet do not know what being Jewish means.

I believe most Catholics are like Marty and Harriet. Most of us do not know what being Catholic really means. Our parents happened to belong to the Catholic Church and, because of our parents or spouse; we belong to their church. For most young people, the different Christian Churches are equally good and not too different from each other. Many Catholics approach church as an individual choice based on personal likes or dislikes rather than what the Lord intends.

As a pastor, I am saddened because the majority of our parishioners do not realize their own Catholic faith tradition. And, they do not seem to care to learn.

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Welcome New Parishioners



Jim and Tina (Pond) Dunn and children Austin 8, Andrea 6, Averie 4, and Alivia 2 live in Kimball. They have been part of St. Joe's Parish and St. Stephen's Parish and are a welcome addition to St. Christopher's. Tina grew up and received the sacraments of initiation at St. Chris. Jim grew up in Port Huron and became a Catholic as an adult. This young couple has an openness to God and to the Church. That openness makes all the difference for them and for us. Tina and Jim would make a positive faith difference for any parish community and we are fortunate in having them with us.

Thanksgiving Mass

Wednesday, November 22

7:00 p.m.

Homily about giving thanks

By Parishioners:

A Child

A Young Adult

A Couple

A Senior

Cider & Donuts Afterward

***Bring a nonperishable food item for the hungry.**

This Sunday's Gospel

Mark 13, 24-32

Doesn't it seem that evil wins out over good? Jesus is executed by the religious leaders and dies a criminal. The church, that Mark's gospel originally was written for, was experiencing great persecution by the Roman authorities—just for following Christ and trying to stay true to him. But, this world is not the last word and there is a new world coming and God will call together his elect (his chosen ones).

1. In tough times, what keeps you going?
2. How can you stay more aware and more faithful to the work God has given you?
3. What matters most to God in your life? What secondary concerns are taking too much of your focus? What would help you keep first things first?

Next Sunday's Readings

Daniel 7: 13-14

Revelations 1: 5-8

John 18:33b-37

WEEKLY CALENDAR



Sunday, November 19, 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
6:00 p.m. Youth Ministers
7:00-8:30 p.m. Dinner for Parents of
High School Students/Social Hall

Monday, November 20, 2006

7:00 p.m. Men's CRHP

Wednesday, November 22, 2006

No Rel. Ed. Grades 1st-6th
No Rel. Ed. Grades 7th & 8th
6:30 p.m. CRHP Women's Team
7:00 p.m. Mass

Thursday, November 23, 2006

*Happy Thanksgiving
Office Closed*

Friday, November 24, 2006

Office Closed

Saturday, November 25, 2006

4:00 p.m. Reconciliation

Sunday, November 26, 2006

No Baby/Toddler Sitting
10 months –3 yrs.
No Children's Church
3 yrs. –Kindergarten
No Rel. Ed. 1st-8th Grades
10:45 a.m. RCIA
No Youth Ministers
No Quest

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Last Sunday, there was a 3-hour workshop for all ages on the Church and the only parishioners attending were 1st Communion families, people in the RCIA, and a handful of others.

The Catholic community goes back 20 centuries, all the way to the Apostles. All the other Christian churches are branches off the original Catholic trunk. The other churches took a valuable part of the Catholic Church with them but they also left much behind. Our Church has a wisdom and a world-view that can shape a person today and enrich a person today. But, we are like Marty and Harriet not knowing their Jewish heritage. Most of us do not know our Catholic heritage, either. Sad!

Young People and the Church

As you read these words: Theresa Doyle, 4 adult youth ministers, and I will be attending a study weekend on Catholic youth retreats in the Grand Rapids area. I regret being away for the weekend masses, especially with Fr. Britz gone. But, these weekend retreats can be a way for young people at St. Christopher's Parish to experience being Catholic and what being Catholic means. The six of us from the parish need to study various retreat formats and then put on a retreat for our kids here. The Youth Ministers giving up their Friday, Saturday, and Sunday for this time in Grand Rapids are: Beth Hill, David and Kari Stevens, and Denny Socha. Please, pray for us.

Most Sunday evenings, the high school youth of our parish meet. There are wonderful faith-filled kids and they often inspire the adults working with them. There are eight adult Youth Ministers for those Sunday nights. They spend much time in planning and give up each Sunday evening because they care about the faith of our young people. Our Sunday night Youth Ministers are: Lisa and Dan Curley, Debbie Forster, Mark Krall, Lori Malinowski, Rich St. Coeur, Maggie St. John, and Jack Quinlan. Please pray for them, too. And, let them know that you pray for them because prayer helps people persevere and stay with the task of guiding young people.

Advent Wreath Sale

After All Masses Dec. 2 & 3



- *Advent Candle Wreaths with greens*
- *Advent Candle Wreaths without greens*
- *Replacement Candles*

All proceeds will go to our sister parish in the Dominican Republic.

Anointing of the Sick

Fr. Art will be anointing those who are ill and were not able to come to the Anointing Mass at Church. If you need this service and have not been contacted, please call the parish office at 364-4100.

**The parish office will be closed
Thursday, Nov. 23 and
Friday, Nov. 24.**

Remember to Keep in Your Prayers

Linda Hall, Sharon Lycett, Maxine Smith, Bill Robinson, J.B. Robinson, Jimmy Hale, Connie Green, Ron Graham, Jim Youngblood, Lisa Edgar, Rita Mozal, Mary Winkel, Jean Brockdorff, Jerry Hurley, Debbie Robb, Marian Dunn, Mary Toth, Amy Lynn Hess, Arthur Rogulski, Raymond Hulbert, Lorraine Rubbel, 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, 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.

**Weekend Liturgy
November 25 & 26, 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	Bill Akerly by his wife & family Betty Owens (8 yrs.) by Pat Owens	Dorotheo & Maria Abaya and Ivan & Lois Nurenberg by Ron & Fely Nurenberg	Leonard Ruhl by Shirley Kincaid	Doris Godi by Lou & Mary Schmorrow Tony Guizar by Ron Smarch
	Fr. Baranowski	Fr. Baranowski	Fr. Baranowski	Fr. Baranowski
Lector	Mike Rumley Traci Rumsey	Ron Horbes Rose Chrcek	Jon Bilina Chris Sass	Jenine Ulrich Charlie Andrews
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Coffee & Donuts	Bruce & Mary Simmons	Tammy Rutherford	Jim & Debra Johnson	Michelle Bailey

**Weekday Mass Intentions
November 20, 2006 – November 24, 2006**

Monday, 9:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.	Bea Cowger (1 year) , by Ken & Angela Shoff
Wednesday, Thanksgiving Vigil 9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Bernard Shafran , by Norma Eagen
Thursday, 9:00 a.m.	No Mass
Friday, 9:00 a.m.	No Mass

Financial Stewardship At St. Christopher's

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Help Needed

If you are interested in helping at the Soup Kitchen (Port Huron) one day a week, call Sharon at 364-6763.

Stewardship Thought...

The readings today speak of the end of the world and the coming of the kingdom. The bishop's pastoral on stewardship says clearly that "that 'life to come' is in continuity with this present life through the human goods, the worthy human purposes, which people foster now." May our good stewardship help us to be numbered among the chosen on the last day!

**Readings for the Week
of November 19, 2006**

Sunday, Nov. 19

Dn 12:1-3
Heb 10:1-14, 18
Mk 13:24-32

Monday, Nov. 20

Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5
Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday, Nov. 21

Rv 3:1-6, 14-22
Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday, Nov. 22

Rv 4:1-11
Lk 19:11-28

Thursday, Nov. 23

Rv 5:1-10
Lk 19:41-44

Friday, Nov. 24

Rv 10:8-11
Lk 19:45-48

Saturday, Nov. 25

Rv 11:4-12
Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday, Nov. 26

Dn 7:13-14
Rv 1:4-8
Jn 18:33b-37

**Thanksgiving Vigil Mass
Wednesday, Nov. 22**

Time	7:00 p.m.
Lector	Joe Tranchida Allison Warsinske
Eucharistic Minister	Cheryl Borowski Bernie Newby Donna Orr Skip Randall Gabrielle Randall Poppy Goddard Rollin Stocker Barb Stocker
Cantor	Cheryl O'Neill
Altar Servers	Alex Newby Stephanie Erb

Mass with Healing Prayer

St. Catherine Parish

Fr. John Esper

Tuesday, Nov. 28

6:30 p.m. Praise & Worship

7:00 p.m. Mass

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