

St. Christopher

Catholic Church

November 20, 2005
1000 Michigan, Marysville
364-4100



In the End, What Matters?

by Fr. Art Baranowski

You have to live for today! But, you can get trapped in all the concerns and stresses of today unless you stay conscious that life will end soon. What is worth my best effort in the time I have left to live? After I die, is there anything that will last from my life? Will I just be a memory in a few people's minds?

Facing death and facing up to the end of the world is not gloomy. Being aware of death is facing reality. The American culture does not talk much about dying, preferring to live the illusion that life goes on forever.

You will notice that all the readings of the last three Sundays speak of the end of the world and of dying. The gospels speak of having one's lamp lit and having enough oil to keep the light going so that, when the bridegroom comes, we will be ready. The other gospels also talk of being ready for the master's return at the end of life and using the master's talents entrusted to each of us.

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Welcome New Parishioners



Timothy ("Tim") and Meggan (Charney) Coates bought a home in Marysville. They and their two boys Gavin 2 and Conner 4 months are part and parcel of St. Christopher's Parish. Tim was raised in our parish and Meggan in the area. The Tim Coates family should be here for a long time. What the parish becomes depends upon Tim and Meggan and other young couples like them. We have to find new ways to bring life to this parish and young people will have to make the investment of time and energy to develop the parish as a community of faith. Tim and Meggan give me hope for the future of the church.

Henry and Marcella Pilat are seniors with a place in St. Clair and up North, and they travel a good bit. After all, there is a freedom in retirement. But, Marcella and Henry are devout Catholic people and they find a church for the Eucharist wherever their travels take them. And, when they are in town and at St. Chris, they will make our Mass better by their devotion to Christ and to his church. I am glad the Pilat's joined our parish because the neighboring parish had a poor sound system.

This Sunday's Gospel

Matthew 25, 31-46

Christ is the King of the universe and of all people. His kingdom is building day by day and will be completed on Judgment Day. If you are baptized, Christ is your King and you are working to build his kingdom or you do not yet accept your own baptism.

1. As you hear this gospel of judgment, what strikes you or what gets your attention?
2. In what practical way, can you contribute to the kingdom Christ is building right now?
3. Christ does not simply take care of the less fortunate. Christ identifies himself with the weak and the disabled. How could Christ's attitude toward the weak grow in you?

Next Week's Readings

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:33-37

Thanksgiving Mass **Wednesday, November 23**

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.**

WEEKLY CALENDAR**Sunday, November 20, 2005***(Pie Sale After All Masses)*

9:30 a.m. Breaking Open the Word
*For those adults and teens inquiring about
 the Catholic Church.*

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

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

10:30 – 1p.m. RCIA /Quest Rm.

10:45 a.m. 1st – 8th Grade

6:30 p.m. Quest Leaders

7:00 p.m. Quest

Tuesday, November 22, 2005

6:00 p.m. Pastoral Musicians

Wednesday, November 23, 2005

NO Rel. Ed. 1st-6th Grades

No Rel. Ed.. 6th, 7th, 8th Grades

7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Vigil Mass

Thursday, November 24, 2005*Happy Thanksgiving!*

No 9:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, November 25, 2005

Office Closed

Saturday, November 26, 2005

4:00 p.m. Confession

Sunday, November 27, 2005

9:30 a.m. Breaking Open the Word
*For those adults and teens inquiring about
 the Catholic Church.*

NO Baby/Toddler Sitting
 Ages 10 months – 3 yrs.

NO Children's Church
 Ages 3 yrs – Kindergarten

10:30 -12 p.m. RCIA /Quest Rm.

NO Rel. Ed. 1st – 8th Grade

NO Quest Leaders

NO Quest

**BAPTIZED IN
CHRIST**

November 13, 2005



Conner Mitchell Coates, child of
 Timothy and Meggan (Charney)
 Coates

Nash Lee Murray, child of
 Brian and Tammy (Covert) Murray

BURIED IN CHRIST

The members of St. Christopher's extend their prayers and sincere sympathy to the family of Beatrice Cowger.

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Breaking free of one's self-centered world and taking care of the poor because the poor belong to God gets one ready for judgment day at the end of life.

Focusing on one's own personal death is terribly important as a regular practice and not just in this season. Being aware of the end of life keeps a person from the illusion of owning things or of owning people or of owning one's own life. We really do not own anything. For a while, God entrusts life and people and possessions and talents to each of us. But, all really belongs to God. Each of us is a caretaker or a steward.

Being responsible to God changes the whole approach to life. In the end, only God's value system counts—not what I or anyone else thinks. The stress and the constant busyness of people today would yield to a more reflective life if we often thought about death and God's judgment. Time and energy would go to being a child of God because being God's child goes beyond this life. There would be no problem in getting people to love the Church which is Christ's own body. If death and judgment was more real to us everyday, the small communities in our parish would have a lot more people joining. Life would be different—much richer and more trusting—if we stay at death's door.

Every day, think about the end of life. The daily awareness of death is a classroom and God can teach us in that classroom.

**Remember to Keep in
Your Prayers**

Ralph & Nancy Ceglarek, Kathy Letzgs, Dorothy Smarch, Simone Stern, Barbara Rumley, Sally Eagen, Jason Finn, Dorothy Horn, Maria Miller, Bill Soboleski, Elizabeth Wessel, Bernice Melczarczyk, Theresa Prince, Rosie Dazer, Maureen Pochodylo, Greg Riley, Lori Charette, Helen Ferris, Mia Nowak, Albert Kubek, Kathy & Karen Carty, Kyle Clayton, Patrick McCarthy, Bernard Shafran, Loreen Metheny, Helen Senik, James Newson, Florence Ferris, Al Kustowski, Marlene Konik, Mary Blessinger, Dominic, Gino & Jordan Pecoraro, Russel Rumsey, Beatrice Cowger, Doris Godi, Barbara Stockwell, Harvey Brodeur, Mary Hodges, Patricia Pavlov-Leins, Jean Brockdorff, Kyle Stivers, Kim Stephenson, Jean Greenhoe and those who care for them.

Attention Ladies

The Rosary Altar Society meetings have been changed to the last Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 29 at 7:00 p.m. We will begin each meeting with time spent in quiet devotion before The Blessed Sacrament. Following this, we will adjourn to the Social Hall to begin assembling Rosaries to be taken to the Dominican Republic. All ladies of the parish are invited to join us in this most worthwhile project.

The Christmas Buffet is scheduled for Tuesday, December 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. The cost is \$6 per person. A fabulous meal is promised with great entertainment. Reservations are required, so please sign the sheet posted in the Social Hall. All ladies of the parish are invited. We're hoping for a great turnout!

St. Christopher Church**"Memorial Fund"**

gratefully acknowledges gifts
 in loving memory of

Jack Murray

**Weekend Liturgy
November 26 & 27, 2005**

Day/Time	Saturday, 5:00 pm.	Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Sunday, 9:30 a.m.	Sunday, 11:30 a.m.
Mass Intention	Bill Akerly By His Wife and Family Elizabeth Owens By Her Family	Maria Abaya By Fely & Ron Nurenberg Special Intentions for Pauline	Parishioners of St. Christopher	Lillian Zacharias By Debbie Grabowski
Celebrant	Fr. Baranowski	Fr. Baranowski	Fr. Baranowski	Fr. Britz
Lector	Mike Finch Allison Warsinske	Nancy Trudell Ron Horbes	Karen Fraschetti Martin Fraschetti	Jon Bilina Jenine Ulrich
Eucharistic Minister	Marilynn Pavlov John VanTiem Elizabeth Moore Mike King Richard Clark	Jane Banyas Barbara Stocker Rollin Stocker Sue Bewersdorff Linda Tokarski	Terrie Formaz Beth Graham Cheryl Borowski Kimberly Erb Bernadine Newby Flo Herlihy Donna Orr	Pauline Smarch Eugene Mozal Deanne Quain Cheryl Azarcon Skip Randall Gabrielle Randall
Cantor	As Assigned	As Assigned	As Assigned	As Assigned
Altar Servers	Sean VanTiem Adam Cieslinski	Joel Orchard Cara Maertens	Lindsey Fandrick Jenna Furchak	Kyle Hercliff David Drouillard
Hospitality Ministers	Jerry & Lorraine Frendt Mike Kapus	Greg & Penny White Ben DePetris Mike O'Brien	Richard, Karen, Chelsey, Caitlynn, Justin Bonney	Arthur, Laura, Arthur, Bruce Bianchi

Readings Of The Week

**Sunday, November 20
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
THE KING**

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17
Ps 23:1-3, 5-6
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28
Mt 25:31-46

**Monday, November 21
The Presentation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20
(Ps) Dn 3:52-56
Lk 21:1-4

**Tuesday, November 22
Cecilia, virgin, martyr**

Dn 2:31-45
(Ps) Dn 3:57-61
Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday, November 23

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28
(Ps) Dn 3:62-67

Lk 21:12-19

Thursday, November 24

**Andrew Dung-Lac, priest,
martyr, and his companions,
martyrs**

Dn 6:12-18
(Ps) Dn 3:68-74
Lk 21:20-28

Friday, November 25

Dn 7:2-14
(Ps) Dn 3:75-81
Lk 21:29-33

Saturday, November 26

Dn 7:15-27
(Ps) Dn 3:82-87
Lk 21:34-36

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

November 12 & 13.....\$9,551.00
Children's.....2.09
All Saints.....799.00

Stewardship Thought...

When the Son of Man comes in glory, may we be among those who have fed the hungry, welcomed the stranger, and clothed the naked. For Jesus tells us clearly that it is those who have demonstrated good stewardship by sharing their gifts with the less fortunate who will receive God's blessing and inherit the kingdom.

**Weekday Mass Intentions
November 21, 2005 – November 25, 2005**

Monday, 9:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.	Richard Hobson, By His Family
Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Vigil Mass No 9:00 a.m. Mass	Antoinette Detroyer, By Mrs. Dorothy D'Hondt
Thursday, 9:00 a.m.	No Mass
Friday, 9:00 a.m.	No Mass



Anointing Of The Sick

Fr. Art and Fr. Britz 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.

Mark Your Calendars!

**Catholic Singles New Year's Eve
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