

First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2005

St. Christopher
Catholic Church,
Marysville



The Way the Church is by Fr. Art Baranowski

We have had one week with the new arrangement of the chairs and the new placement of the altar.

The set up of the church has been basically the same since the church was built in 1986. That is 20 years! The difficulty is that the building has no real center for placement of the altar. And, the building has many walls and angles.

Parishioners bring up two main points. Both of these points are about the altar. Which ever of these two points is your point will determine the set up of the church you like.

Those liking the new arrangement of the church. You can see the altar from anywhere in the church, including the cry room. The center aisle leads up to the altar. People are less of a distraction from the action of the Mass because, many more of the people are facing forward toward the altar and the people see less of each other. Many of us were raised in churches where people faced forward like we now do and this arrangement seems more focused on God.

Those liking the church arrangement over the last 20 years. You see the altar with people around it. The focus is clearly not only the altar but the focus is people around the altar. The four banks of chairs had a similar number of people in each bank so that there was an equal (almost equal) number of people on each of the 3 sides of the altar.



This Sunday's Gospel Mark 13, 33-37

The word "Advent" means coming. Christ is coming in glory at the end of life and at the end of the world. But, one cannot recognize Christ's coming at the end if one does not recognize Christ's coming today. **Watch!**

1. What takes your time and attention these days? How could you be more watchful for the Christ and the ways he comes into you life?
2. How does our culture dull your sense of God and his ways?
3. For what future event are you especially preparing for?

Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

2 Peter 3:8-14

Mark 1:1-8

NEW PARISHIONER MEETING

**Thursday, December 1
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Social Hall**

****Look the parish over and see
about joining.****



Bagel Sale
*After all Masses
December 3 & 4*

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

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WEEKLY CALENDAR**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

Tuesday, November 29, 2005

7-8:00 p.m. Adoration

Wednesday, November 30, 2005

4:00 –5:15 p.m. 1st-6th Grades

7:00 -8:30 p.m. 6th, 7th, 8th Grades

Thursday, December 1, 2005

6:00 p.m. Pastoral Musicians

7:00 p.m. New Parishioner Mtg. /
 Social Hall

Saturday, December 3, 2005

(Bagel Sale After Mass)

10:00 a.m. 1st Reconciliation

1:00 p.m. 1st Reconciliation

4:00 p.m. Confession

Sunday, December 4, 2005

(Bagel 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 -12 p.m. RCIA /Quest Rm.

10:45 a.m. 1st –8th Grade

1-5:00 p.m. D.R. Team Formation
 Retreat

5:00 p.m. Altar Servers

6:30 p.m. Quest Leaders

7:00 p.m. Quest

St. Christopher Church

Gratefully acknowledges a donation for our sister parish, St. Thomas, in the Dominican Republic in loving memory of her mother **Antoinette Detroyer** by Jean O'Connor.

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

gratefully acknowledges gifts in loving memory of
Beatrice Cowger

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God gathering his people around his table is more easily seen in this arrangement.

And you? Where do you stand? Let's experience our church another week and keep talking.

ADVENT

Four weeks before Christmas.

The days are the darkest and shortest of the entire year. Yet, there is a hope and joy in this time. Believing people are waiting for the Light to fill this darkness and that light is Christ-- God's very Son made our flesh and blood. He will come in his glory in the end of life and we wait for Him. Waiting with great expectation, really waiting, makes Advent. Keep some quiet and emptiness in your life so Christ can come and fill you. Give away a few things—like noise and busyness and possessions—to create a little room in yourself.

Welcome New Parishioners

Joshua ("Josh") Grzech was baptized and made the other sacraments here at St. Christopher's. He was an altar server here during some of his high school years. Josh now has a son Joseph Allen who will be baptized soon. May this dad and this son find a deep and lasting place in the church that God continues to form.



Monica Brichetto-Grzech and son Tristan Charles live in Port Huron. Monica has a long faith history with St. Joseph's and Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission. She comes from a devout Catholic family and wants her son to be part of the church. His connection to the Catholic Church will be her connection. The Lord certainly is drawing Monica closer to his church. May she always be attentive to his movements in her life and in her son's life.

**Weekend Liturgy
December 3 & 4, 2005**

Day/Time	Saturday, 5:00 pm.	Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Sunday, 9:30 a.m.	Sunday, 11:30 a.m.
Mass Intention	Beatrice & Walter Adamski By Betty & Frank Zukowski	Beatrice Cowger By the K of C Auxiliary Marysville	Parishioners of St. Christopher	Jack Murray (30 days) By Mal & Rae Ann Smith & Family
Celebrant	Fr. Baranowski	Fr. Baranowski	Fr. Baranowski	Fr. Britz
Lector	Amy Kingma Richard Schmitt	Bob Sheehy Charlie Andrews	Don Jewell Christine Sass	Stephanie Makowski Deem Boldyreff
Eucharistic Minister	Jack Quinlan Mariol Schmitt Richard Clark Vince Pecoraro Judy Pecoraro	Dave Banyas Linda Tokarski Charlotte Carufel Gay Venia Gayle O'Donnell	Liz Bachler Laurie Bachler Bernadine Newby Julie Jowett-Lee Jerry Huber Mary Jo Jewell Tosia Tucker	Skip Randall Gabrielle Randall Tracy Daud Joanne Wesch Kathy Robison Julia Szczygiel Loel Azarcon
Cantor	As Assigned	As Assigned	As Assigned	As Assigned
Altar Servers	Ryan Watson Emmanuel Canto	Bobby Orchard Kelly Maertens	Michael Schultz Alex Newby	Dylan Jones
Hospitality Ministers	Craig, Sue, Adrianna & Alexandra LaDuke Jim & Carol Suyak	Gary, Cami, Shane, Megan Armstrong Cameron Roehl	Webb Coates Bonnie Wylin	Sam, Karen, Nick Militello Mike & Bryan Hill

Readings Of The Week

Sunday, November 27
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7
 Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
 1 Cor 1:3-9
 Mk 13:33-37

Monday, November 28
 Is 2:1-5
 Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday, November 29
 Is 11:1-10
 Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, November 30
ANDREW, APOSTLE
 Rom 10:9-18
 Mt 4:18-22

Thursday, December 1
 Is 26:1-6
 Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 2
 Is 29:17-24
 Mt 9:27-31

Saturday, December 3
Francis Xavier, priest
 Is 30:19-21, 23-26
 Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Weekday Mass Intentions
November 28, 2005 – December 2, 2005**

Monday, 9:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.	Rose Mastej , By Her Family
Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.	Carrie Bahr , By Mr. & Mrs. George Davis
Thursday, 9:00 a.m.	Emma Rhadigan , By Mr. & Mrs. George Stoutenburg
Friday, 9:00 a.m.	Wilma Earl , By Darlene Peyerck and Sons

Jesus, Vision of Hope

A Concert by
The Choirs of St. Joseph
3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 11, 2005
 St. Joseph Church
 7th Street at Chestnut
 Port Huron, MI

Proceeds to benefit St. Vincent de Paul

Attention Ladies

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!

Financial Stewardship At St. Christopher's

November 19 & 20.....\$8,797.49
 Youth.....5.00
 Children's.....1.59
 All Saints.....809.00
 Campaign Human Dev....774.00

Stewardship Thought...

We are the servants of God, each with his or her own task. We will be judged good stewards if, at His coming, He finds us ready and conscientiously pursuing the tasks to which we have been called.

Quest

Just a reminder to Quest members. We will be shopping for two needy families on December 4th during Quest. Please bring \$5.

Widowed Friends Dinner

It's not too early to think of joining *Widowed Friends* for a holiday Mass and dinner from 2:30 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, December 11, at St. Columban Parish in Birmingham. Songs by the Great Lakes Sweet Adeline Chorus will add to the fellowship. Seating is limited, you must reserve by December 6. The cost is \$15 and must be paid in advance. Call Gerry at 586-795-0477 or Bess at 586-739-4453 for details.



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