

# *All Saints / St. Joseph Catholic Churches*

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 13, 2009



*All Saints Catholic Church*  
500 Iroquois, Fremont, MI 49412



*St. Joseph Catholic Church*  
965 Newell St., White Cloud, MI 49349

**PASTOR: Rev. Peter M. Chukwu**

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday:** 4:00 p.m. – All Saints  
**Saturday:** 6:00 p.m. – St. Joseph  
**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. – All Saints  
**Sunday:** 11:00 a.m. – St. Joseph

**Tuesday:** 8:30 a.m. – All Saints  
**Wednesday:** 6:00 p.m. – St. Joseph  
**Thursday:** 8:30 a.m. – St. Joseph  
**Friday:** 8:30 a.m. – All Saints

**Reconciliation: All Saints:** Saturday 10-11 a.m.  
**St. Joseph:** Wednesday 5:15 – 5:45 p.m.

**Pastoral Emergency After hours:** 924-0160

**Baptisms:** By appointment

**Marriages:** Please call Fr. Peter for an appointment at 924-7705. Minimum six-month preparation is required. In addition to meeting with the pastor, you will be asked to attend diocesan programs.

## **PARISH OFFICE**

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

**ALL SAINTS MASS SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY** September 12, 2009  
4:00 p.m. + Patricia Panyard by Jackie Greer  
**SUNDAY** September 13  
9:00 a.m. Parish Family  
**TUESDAY** September 15  
8:30 a.m. + Hazel Johnson by Tom & Joan Moore  
**FRIDAY** September 18  
8:30 a.m. + Earl Whitman by Virginia Whitman  
**SATURDAY** September 19  
4:00 p.m. Parish Family  
**SUNDAY** September 20  
9:00 a.m. + Christine Czyzewicz

**THIS WEEK AT ALL SAINTS**

**Sunday** September 13  
RCIA following Mass  
**Monday** September 14  
**Tuesday** September 15  
**Wednesday** September 16  
5:00-7:00 pm – Gleaner's Food Distribution  
**Thursday** September 17  
9:30 am - Ladies' Breakfast @ Moon Dance  
7:00 pm – Leadership Meeting  
**Friday** September 18  
**Saturday** September 19  
**Sunday** September 20 – Catechetical Sunday  
RCIA following Mass

**ST. JOSEPH MASS SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY** September 12, 2009  
6:00 p.m. + Maxine Goddard  
by the Nursing Home Visitation Team  
**SUNDAY** September 13  
11:00 a.m. Parish Family  
**WEDNESDAY** September 16  
6:00 p.m. + Audrey LeMire  
**THURSDAY** September 17  
8:30 a.m. + Rev. Edward Langan  
**SATURDAY** September 19  
6:00 p.m. Parish Family  
**SUNDAY** September 20  
11:00 a.m. + Joann & Alex Sullivan

**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH**

**Sunday** September 13  
**Monday** September 14  
**Tuesday** September 15  
**Wednesday** September 16  
6:45 pm – Leadership Meeting  
**Thursday** September 17  
5:00-7:00 pm – Harvest Supper  
**Friday** September 18  
1:00-3:00 pm – Food Pantry open  
**Saturday** September 19  
Rosary Leader:  
**Sunday** September 20 – Catechetical Sunday  
K of C Major Degree  
Rosary Leader:

**Prayer Chalice for Vocations: September 6 – September 19:**  
Jackie & Norm Ochs

**ALL SAINTS PARISH INCOME & EXPENSES**

September 6, 2009 collection..... \$3,846.50  
Debt Reduction..... \$ 106.00  
**July 2009 Expenses Income**  
Expenses..... \$19,870  
*Loan Principal Paid* \$ 1,926 Total  
Capital Expenditures \$ 1,613  
Total Expense..... \$23,409 Income: \$25,178  
**July 1, 2009 – June 2010: Year to Date**  
Expenses..... \$19,870  
*Loan Principal paid...* 1,926 Total  
Capital Expenditures 1,613  
Total Expenses..... \$23,409 Income: \$25,178  
**Total Bldg Fund owed 08/07/09 .....\$465,767**

Loan Interest Savings to Date: \$102,839  
Questions, please contact Jim Merkel or Arvie Shinavier

**ST. JOSEPH PARISH INCOME & EXPENSES**

September 6, 2009 collection..... \$1,399.77  
Cemetery Fund..... \$ 290.00  
  
Year to Date Income..... \$15,666  
Year to Date Expense..... \$15,339  
Total Accounts Payable 09/13/09.....\$ 1,544

2009/10 CSA Pledges: \$8,498

Questions, please contact a Finance Council  
Member: Ron Carrozza, Shawn Smith,  
Gary Wendlowsky or Mary Rettig.

**Bulletin Deadline:** 12:00 Noon on Monday

**Calendar Deadline:** 20<sup>th</sup> day of the current month

**Email:** [allsaintsfremont2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:allsaintsfremont2@sbcglobal.net)

**All Saints Prayer Blanket Ministry:** Please call Sandy Merkel at 924-5782  
or Pat Rosenberg at 924-4909.

**PRAYER LINE REQUESTS:**

Please call Karen Cross at 924-3008

**HOSPITAL COMMUNION:**

If you or someone you know is going in the hospital at Gerber's or is a patient at Gerber's and would like to receive Communion, please contact the parish office 924-7705, Anna Skoczylas 924-5002 (All Saints) or Midge Carrozza 924-4038 (St. Joseph's). Communion is brought daily to the sick.

**St. Joseph Church:** If you, or someone you know, are homebound and would like to receive Communion on First Friday of the month, please contact Midge Carrozza at 924-4038.

**PRAYER LINE REQUESTS:**

**St. Joseph:** Please call Vi Van Dyk at 689-1466

## **Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 13, 2009**

Isaiah would suffer and call upon the Lord for help. Jesus speaks of his own suffering and death and of the demands of discipleship. What use is faith, to confess that Jesus is the Christ without works of love?

### *Thank You So Very Much!*

*I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone for your generosity in donating some money to enable me go home to Nigeria to visit with my mother who is critically ill. As I announced in all the Masses last weekend, I will leave for Africa Wednesday, September 16, and return Thursday, October 15. Both Father Ed Boucher and Father Ayub Nasar have kindly accepted to celebrate weekend Masses in both of our parishes throughout my one-month stay in Nigeria. They will also celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation every Saturday by 3:00 PM at All Saints and on request after Saturday/Sunday Masses at Saint Joseph. Finally, Father Boucher will be available to celebrate funeral Masses, if necessary.*

*I will send emails from time to time to the Parish Office to acquaint you with my mother's progress or otherwise. If I am unable to communicate frequently, kindly bear with me for we do not have internet connectivity in my village. I have to go to the city to be able to send an email.*

*I will miss all of you so very much in the next few weeks. I will keep you all in my prayers. I know you will keep praying for my mother and for my safe return by mid-October. Thanks once again for your generosity and may God bless and keep you.*

**Father Peter M. Chukwu, Pastor**

## **ALL SAINTS NEWS AND EVENTS**

**Wanted – “Inquirers”** If you are interested in learning about the Catholic Church, **All Saints RCIA classes will begin on Sunday, September 13**, following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please call Helen Weisneck (924-4709) to sign up or for additional information.

**Religious Education Families**, put September 30 on your calendar in bold print! We kick off our 2009-2010 year with a spaghetti dinner at 6:00 p.m., then listen to Fr. Peter's words of wisdom and fill out registration papers. Need more information? Contact Jill Mead at 924-7571 or [allsaints\\_re@yahoo.com](mailto:allsaints_re@yahoo.com).

**Building and Grounds** needs **Your** help. Due to the present economic times and the decrease of our weekly collections, we were forced to lay off our part-time janitor/maintenance person. Consequently, a great deal of cleaning and maintenance projects are not being done. Please call Tom Bieberle (652-1596) and volunteer two hours of your time a week so we can keep our church and grounds in good condition.

**The Food Distribution** is coming again on Wednesday, September 16. What a way to hear Jesus' call to feed the hungry and help out for 2 short hours. Why not get together with your friends and sponsor a Food Truck – only \$125. Our last truck fed 87 families. Sign up sheets are available in the lobby or see Jim Merkel (924-5782).

**Congratulations** to Mike Lynch who became a First Degree Knight on August 25<sup>th</sup>.

## **ST. JOSEPH NEWS AND EVENTS**

**Do you make jewelry?** Could you buy a new toy? Do you cut and deliver firewood? These are all ideas for our auction. Any questions, please call Mary Bleiler at 689-6086.

**Congratulations** and best wishes to Bob and Ruth DeGreen on their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this weekend!

**Please remember in your prayers** Mathew Borkowski and Mariel Sullivan from our parish who passed away recently. May they rest in the peace of Christ. To their family and friends we offer our sympathy and prayers.

### **If you are:**

- \* Interested in learning about or would like to review Catholicism
- \* Seeking Baptism
- \* Baptized in another faith and are interested in Catholicism
- \* Catholic but have not received your First Communion or been Confirmed...

please **register for the RCIA sessions on Sunday, Sept. 20**, at the parish hall. For more information, call Tom Eggleston at 924-5362; Gary Wendlowsky at 689-0752; Ralph Loritz at 689-1536; Mary Kay Yonker at 689-5213, or Elaine Engel at 689-3104.

**Food Pantry Update:** We have had so many needy families the last three weeks that our shelves have been depleted. I want to thank the Independent Bank for their food drive for us and for all of you that have been leaving bags of food at the back of the church. The need seems to be growing more and more each day as the number of new families come in to the pantry. Again, keep us in mind as you shop for bargains. God Bless.

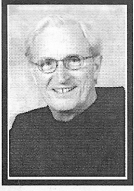


**The Harvest Supper food donation board** is posted in the entryway of the church. Please take a minute to check the items that are needed and what you might be able to donate. **The Harvest Supper is September 17**, serving from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Adults are \$7.00, 6-12 years of age is \$4.00 and under 5 years old are free.



**The Catholic Book Club**, is reading in September "When God Says No: The Mystery of Suffering and the Dynamics of Prayer."

This book is written by Father Daniel Lanahan, the priest who will be doing our Mission in October. Discussion of the book will be October 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the hall.



**St. Joseph Parish Mission starts on Monday, October 12, and continues through October 14, 2009.** It will be held at 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's, White Cloud. Fr. Daniel Lanahan OFM will be conducting the mission entitled "Living our faith with Joy". Fr. Lanahan of the Ministry of the Word will conduct a three-night mission and will also

preside at 9:00 a.m. daily Mass on Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday morning at St. Joseph's. Fr. Lanahan is the author of the book, "When God Says No." He also co-authored "Open your Heart to Peace" which is available in DVD. Refreshments will be served in the parish hall after each evening mission. Parishioners from area churches are welcome to attend!

**Now that some of us have met our adopted seminarian, Mitchell Gleason**, we can really put a face on the importance of praying for vocations, as well as our priests and seminarians. Mitchell has 5 years yet to go and really appreciates the prayerful support of St. Joseph and All Saints parishioners. Please consider taking the chalice for two weeks and pray for Mitchell and for all young people who have heard God's call in their lives...and for those who may be hearing but have not yet responded. Praying for vocations is simple, painless, and anyone can do it...especially the Knights of Columbus who are celebrating the Year of the Priest. Just see Ferol Borkowski after Mass or call her at 689-6451 to get on the schedule. Thank you.

## **COMMUNITY & DIOCESE EVENTS**

**Indoor Rummage Sale:** St. Michael Church in Brunswick (corner of M-120 & Brunswick Rd.) will be having an indoor rummage sale on **Thursday, September 17**, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on **Friday, September 18**, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Swiss Steak Dinner:** Christ the King Church, 9596 N. Reed Rd, Howard City (between Hwy 131 & Northland Dr.) invites everyone to attend their Annual Swiss Steak Dinner on Sunday, **September 13**. This delicious meal, complete with music, will begin after the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

**St. Isidore Church in Grand Rapids** is having its 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Fun Festival on **Sunday, September 20**, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Children's games, bingo and more. A baked chicken dinner will be served with Kapusta, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans and homemade desserts (\$8.00 adults). There will be hot dogs available for children (\$1.00).

**Marriage Encounter: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me."** (Gospel) Marriage involves many little self-denials. Hear more about the choices to love that keep marriage strong. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is **October 23-25** in the West Michigan area. Reserve your spot now. For more information, contact Bob & JeanAnn McCann, 616-847-0582.

**Is your marriage tearing you apart?** If your marriage has become troubled or stressed, unloving or uncaring, if you are thinking about separation or divorce, but want to try to save your marriage - there is help available! A Retrouvaille weekend is being held **Sept. 25-27** at Maranatha Conference Center, Muskegon, MI. which includes 6 additional four-hour Saturday presentations immediately following. For more information, please call the Retrouvaille community at 616-752-7004 or [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org). An informational DVD available to check out at the diocesan office or at your parish office.

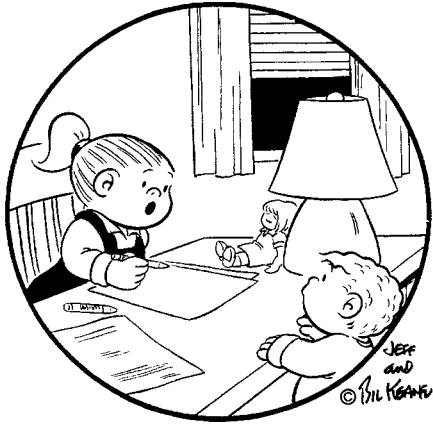
**Please continue to save:** Bill's Shop N Save receipts, Ed's Thrift-T receipts, School Spirit UPC's from Aunt Millie's bread wrappers, Spartan UPC codes, Campbell Soup UPC codes and Boxtops for Education. Deposit them in the Campbell Soup containers at each church. Proceeds to Catholic School Education, Religious Education, and Knights of Columbus Auxiliary. Thank you.

**"A History of the Catholic Church" will be presented by Deacon Greg Anderson at St. James Catholic Church**, located at 5149 Dowling St., Montague. This program will be held **Thursday, September 17, at 6:30 p.m.** in the parish hall. Items covered in the discussion include: the hierarchy of the Church and their specific roles; the difference between nuns and sisters, and monks, friars and brothers, as well as duties lay persons may perform. Call Shirley Shafer at 750-2315 with questions or to R.S.V.P.

**Alpha Family Center of Newaygo** is seeking Christian women to be trained as mentors to young women and families in our local communities. The commitment is a short four hour shift once a week, Monday through Friday. The rewards are out of this world! Please call the Alpha Family Center (231-652-1548) and speak with Jill Nelson or Linda Headley if you are available to help families in need. You can learn more about Alpha Family Center at [www.NewaygoAlpha.com](http://www.NewaygoAlpha.com).

**TEC Retreat (for adults 18 and older):** Could you use a retreat from the stresses of daily life in order to refocus yourself on Christ? Do you need to jump-start your faith? Are you looking for a way to deepen your faith while celebrating the joys of the Christian life? If yes, then TEC may be the right retreat experience for you. The next retreat will take place **October 16-18, 2009 at St. Mary's Church in Big Rapids.** If you are interested in attending, or have any questions, visit [www.nextgenerationtec.com](http://www.nextgenerationtec.com) or contact Jane White at [janew@nextgenerationtec.com](mailto:janew@nextgenerationtec.com) or (616) 340-3725.

## THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"You have to keep going to school until they run out of things to teach you."

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