

All Saints / St. Joseph Catholic Churches

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 20, 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 19, 2009
4:00 p.m. Parish Family
SUNDAY September 20
9:00 a.m. + Christine Czyzewicz

SATURDAY September 26
4:00 p.m. + Earl Hanson
SUNDAY September 27
9:00 a.m. Parish Family

THIS WEEK AT ALL SAINTS

Sunday September 20 – Catechetical Sunday
RCIA following Mass
Monday September 21
Tuesday September 22
Wednesday September 23
Thursday September 24
9:30 am - Ladies' Breakfast @ Moon Dance
Friday September 25
Saturday September 26
Sunday September 27
RCIA following Mass

ST. JOSEPH MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY September 19, 2009
6:00 p.m. Parish Family
SUNDAY September 20
11:00 a.m. + Joann & Alex Sullivan

SATURDAY September 26
6:00 p.m. + Jack & Grace Dominiak by Mary Ann
SUNDAY September 27
11:00 a.m. Parish Family

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH

Sunday September 20 – Catechetical Sunday
Monday September 21
Tuesday September 22
Wednesday September 23
Thursday September 24
Friday September 25
1:00-3:00 pm – Food Pantry open
Saturday September 26
Rosary Leader: Midge Carrozza
Sunday September 27 – Catechetical Sunday
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Rosary Leader: Helen Hartley

Prayer Chalice for Vocations: September 20 – October 3:
Lori & Chris Richmond family

ALL SAINTS PARISH INCOME & EXPENSES

September 13, 2009 collection..... \$3,646.50

Aug 2009	Expenses	Income
Expenses.....	\$18,460	
<i>Loan Principal Paid</i> \$	4,659	
Capital Expenditures \$	2,026	Total
Total Expense.....	\$25,145	Income: \$50,186
July 1, 2009 – June 2010: Year to Date		
Expenses.....	\$38,435	
<i>Loan Principal paid...</i>	6,585	
Capital Expenditures	3,639	Total
Total Expenses.....	\$48,659	Income: \$74,588
Total Bldg Fund owed 09/13/09\$458,108		

Loan Interest Savings to Date: \$103,243
Questions, please contact Jim Merkel or Arvie Shinavier

ST. JOSEPH PARISH INCOME & EXPENSES

September 13, 2009 collection.....	\$1,721.60
Capital Fund.....	\$ 20.00
Year to Date Income.....	\$17,465
Year to Date Expense.....	\$16,620
Total Accounts Payable 09/14/09.....	\$ 144

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: 20th day of the current month

Email: 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

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Jesus speaks of his own rejection, torture, and shameful death. True discipleship, he says, is concerned not with status but with service to the poor, with justice and peace.

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 (a few of) Jill's words of wisdom and fill out registration papers. Need more information? Contact Jill Mead at 924-7571 or 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.

Christians throughout the Grand Rapids area are invited to take part in the national 40 Days For Life effort from September 23 through November 1. You can do this by praying and fasting at home for these 40 days. However, please consider volunteering to pray outside of the 320 E. Fulton abortion facility during the 40 days, and spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort. To get more information, or to volunteer to help, please contact: 40daysforlife.com/grandrapids or Tom Eggleston at 9245362 or Ralph Fix at 924-6162.

Worried about debt? Wondering how to pay your bills? Well, there are 13 parishioners here at All Saints who did something about our debt here at church—they worked four charity Texas Hold 'Em's at Bob-Hi Lanes in Muskegon and All Saints deposited a total of \$7,420 to help with our current money shortage. When you see these volunteer workers, tell them

"thank you": Tom Bieberle, Cathy & Ralph Fix, Jerry Klomp, Renee Krapp, Sandy Luchies, Jim Mason, Joan & Tom Moore, Patti & Phil Oosterhouse, Karen Prickett, and Gordon Ringquist. An important fact to think about is that all this money was earned in a period of 6 weeks in 2009 and with no contributions from parishioners. So here's a challenge to the rest of our parishioners: there are still four months left in 2009--see if you can match or exceed the profit from this fundraiser.

Food Resource Bank 10th Anniversary Harvest Celebration!
Sunday, October 4 at 3:00 p.m.

Fremont First Reformed Church
348 E. Main Street with refreshments and fellowship following. All Saints is one of 12 churches in our Fremont area involved with FRB. Our connection is through Catholic Relief Services. Please let us have a "Catholic" representation at this Ecumenical Community event. Any questions, contact Helen Weisneck, All Saints FRB representative. Come and give thanks for the blessings we have and learn how Foods Resource Bank is making a difference in peoples' lives around the world by helping them become self-sufficient in their food supply. All are welcome!



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.

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...

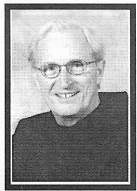
please **register for the RCIA sessions this Sunday, Sept. 20**, at the parish hall. For more information, call Tom Eggleston at 924-5362; Gary Wendlowsky at 689-0752; Ralph Loritz at 689-1536; Mary Kay Yonker at 689-5213, or Elaine Engel at 689-3104.



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 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the hall.

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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 Church, 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. All are welcome!

COMMUNITY & DIOCESE EVENTS

St. Isidore Church in Grand Rapids is having its 15th 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.

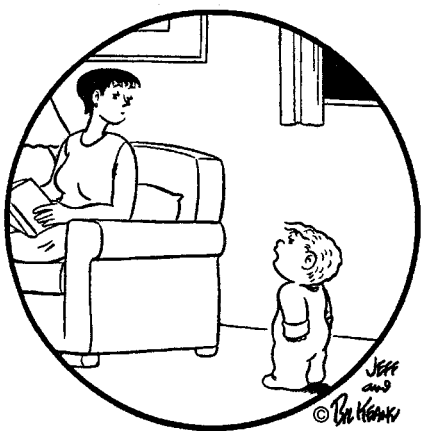
Is your marriage tearing you apart? If your marriage has become troubled or stressed, unloving or uncaring, if you are thinking about separation or divorce, but want to try to save your marriage - there is help available! A Retrouvaille weekend is being held **Sept. 25-27** at Maranatha Conference Center, 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. 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.

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.

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 or contact Jane White at janew@nextgenerationtec.com or (616) 340-3725.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Mommy, your goodnight hug wore off. Could I have another one?"

from *The Joyful Noiseletter*
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