



**Sat., Apr. 19, 4pm,**

Richard Gibbs by St. Jerome Bingo

**Sun., Apr. 20, 8:30am** Youth Mass

Youth of the Parish

**Sun., Apr. 20, 10:00am, 5th Sunday of Easter**

Margaret Gaskell by the Warren Family

**Mon., Apr. 21, No Mass, St. Anselm**

**Tues., Apr. 22, 6:30pm,**

Edith Quada by Joan Bauman

**Wed., Apr. 23, 8am, Sts. George and Adalbert**

Virginia Gibbs by David Gibbs, Husband & Family

**Thur., Apr. 24, 8am, St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen**

Women of the Parish by the Women's League

**Fri., Apr. 25 8am. St. Mark**

Fred Adams by Jim and Helen Owens

**Sat., Apr. 26, 4pm,**

Richard Galbreath by the Galbreath Family

**Sun., Apr. 27, 10:00am, 6th Sunday of Easter**

Francis Smith by Jackie Swat

### **TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — To meet their growing needs, the community chooses seven reputable men to serve the new Greek believers (Acts 6:1-7).

**Psalms** — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

**Second Reading** — We, like living stones, let ourselves be built into a spiritual house (1 Peter 2:4-9).

**Gospel** — "Show us the Father," Philip asks Jesus. To which Jesus replies: "Whoever sees me, sees the Father" (John 14:1-12).

St. Vincent de Paul is available to help those in need. Requests are confidential. All calls are referred to 2-11 with the exception of food requests. Call the St. Vincent de Paul help line at 969-5858. For furnishings or household items, please call St. Joseph SVDP @962-2267 or St. Philip @ 969-5606.

**Right to Life-** On the recent 40th anniversary of Martin Luther King's assassination, his niece, Alveda King, who has had multiple abortions, said: "There are people dying in this country, every day. They are unborn children. The fight against abortion is a new frontier in the civil rights movement."



### **Registration**

**We welcome new parishioners.  
Please contact the office in person.**

### **Bulletin—**

**Deadline Please, Monday, 10:00 am  
Call the office, 968-2218 or gigi4740@aol.com**

### **Our Prayer Request List**

Al Adams, Charles Anderson, Tom Ashley, Benjamin B., Mary Jo Bracy, Jill Bradford, Evelyn Burken, Jane Charmeda, Ruth Creager, Jerry Deren, Irene Dimaria, Louise Dwyer, Christine Fischer, Mary Gibbs, Doris Glomstad, Dorothy Gordier, Michael Guerra, Kelly Hackett, Larry Hammelman, Jack Heffelfinger, Betty Johnson, Brody Johnson, Nickie Johnson, Adriana Jones, Mary Jo Keagle, Scott Keagle, Eileen Kelly, Pat Kirkpatrick, Helen Kowalczyk, Lucy Kunzman, Carson Leonard, Mary Maddix, Betty Mals, Chester Mals, Becky McDonald, Kenneth McDonald, Bill McElwee, Leona Miller, Gary Moore, Vonda Morley, Joyce Nickett, Barbara Patterer, Andy Peck, Merle Pierce Donald Pullin, Joan Rammel, Joe & Eva Schieffer, Fred Smith Josie Smith, Michael Smith, Dawn Snyder, Susan Stamm, Nicholas Weems, Emily Wollworth, Mary and Mel Wood, and Santo Zanetti

*Dear Lord, I thank You for this day. I thank You for my being able to see and to hear.*

*Please keep me safe from all danger and harm. Help me to start this day with a new attitude and plenty of gratitude.*

*Let me not whine and whimper over things I have no control over. And give the best response when I'm pushed beyond my limits.*

*I know that when I can't pray, You listen to my heart. Lord and my God, hear me. Amen.*

### **REMEMBER OUR MILITARY PEOPLE**

**M/SSgt Denise James, Maj. Gloria Stone, USAF  
TSgt Chris LaJoie, Spec. Jeff Breen, SSgt Shannon LaJoie, Corporal Curtis Wolf, Jason Seidel, Anthony Flannigan, and Army Staff Sergeant E6, Kelly Illif.**



Loving God, you watch over each and every one of your children. Hear our prayer for our military. Be their constant companion. Protect them no matter where they go, and bring them safely and quickly home to those who love them. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Book Club**

We are beginning a St. Jerome Book Club which will meet monthly and read all types of books. Membership is for men and women of all ages. If attendance would be difficult for you, feel free to participate from home. If you are interested in this activity or would like more information, please come into the "Cry Room" after Mass on Saturday, April 26th or Sunday, April 27th.

**Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.**



Your Offering to St. Jerome  
April 12th and April 13th, 2008

Weekly Budget:	\$ 3,520.00
Collection:	\$ 3,308.50
Loose Money	\$ 86.00
2 Children	\$ 2.00
Total Collection:	\$ 3,396.50
Envelopes Used	107
Under	\$ 123.50

### KDSA CORNER

#### KDSA PROVIDES FOR THE NEEDS OF OUR DIOCESAN, NATIONAL, AND GLOBAL MINISTRIES & SERVICE PROGRAMS

All we have comes from God. A life of stewardship calls us to use these gifts as Christ would. Through KDSA, we will support and sustain the future of our Church here and worldwide.

#### HOW CAN YOU PARTICIPATE IN KDSA?

A gift to KDSA—no matter how great or small—can go a long way. And you may be able to give more than you think you can! By pledging a gift over time, those who contribute to KDSA are able to consider giving in greater measure, according to how they are blessed. For example, did you know that a gift of \$500 pledged to KDSA over a ten-month period is only \$1.60 per day? Here is what other gift levels translates to on a daily basis:

**\$1,000.00 = \$3.20/day**  
**\$ 700.00 = \$2/35day**  
**\$ 250.00 = \$0.80/day**

We all need to prayerfully consider what our sacrificial gift will be to this campaign. Please consider a gift of 1% of your family income. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Through prayer and thanksgiving please reflect on all of us coming together at the Table of the Lord, and let our stewardship pour forth to do God's work.

Phyllis DeKeyser, the organist that used to work at St. Jerome a few years back, passed away. She left Battle Creek and moved in with her daughter. If anyone would want to send a card, the address is: c/o Mary Kay Garland, 359 Robert Ct. Canton, MI 48188. We offer our sympathy to her family and friends, of which she had many in the area.

**Is there a 2008 Jeep Patriot in your future?** There could be if you get your raffle ticket soon. St. Philip Parish is raffling this car off on May 24<sup>th</sup>. The Jeep is parked on the corner of Van Buren and Capital so come take a closer look. Only 500 tickets are available and the tickets are just \$50 each. Great odds! You may purchase tickets by calling Jerry Geesin @ 968-4464. Proceeds will help to fund some much needed repairs in our beautiful church.

### Our Sponsor of the Week

This week we highlight **Battle Creek Tile & Mosaic Co., Inc.** We thank Frankie and Johnny for their continued support of our parish. Thanks to them and others who advertise in our bulletin, our bulletin is mostly printed free of charge.

269-962-8779

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The origins of the custom of burning a lamp before the tabernacle are in Jewish worship, where a lamp called *ner tamid* or "eternal flame" burns before the ark in every synagogue. The ark contains the sacred scrolls of the Torah. The flame represents the menorah in the Temple, and therefore is never extinguished. In fact, the word "tabernacle" itself is derived from Hebrew, as *taber* is the Hebrew word for "tent," and hearkens back to the forty years of wandering in the desert. The pilgrim people were sustained in hope by an awareness that God was not only in the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night, but had quite literally "pitched his tent with them" in the shelter for the Ark of the Covenant. Some artisans have used this theme of "ark" or "tent" to design a tabernacle for the Blessed Sacrament.

In Christian practice, Anglicans and Catholics use a sanctuary lamp to point toward the presence of the reserved sacrament, and Lutherans use it as a sign of God's presence in the house of worship, but not necessarily as a clue that the Eucharist is reserved. Why, even in an age of electric light, is the sanctuary lamp an oil light or candle? Perhaps not only to point to Christ, the light of the world, but also to point to sacrifice. For the light to exist, there must be sacrifice. The oil or wax is transformed into light, just as those who pray here, or who will receive viaticum from here, are called to transformation in Christ.

The pastor began his sermon with this story: "I was on a plane last week, flying from Chicago to California, when we ran into some very severe turbulence.

As it got worse, the passengers became more and more alarmed, and finally even the flight attendants began to look concerned.

Finally, one of them noticed that I had 'Rev.' in front of my name on the passenger list, came over to me, and said, 'Sir, this is really frightening. Do you suppose you could, I don't know, do something religious?'"  
 "So I took up a collection."

### Calendar of Events

Sat. & Sun., April 19th & 20th, KDSA Kick-off  
 Wed., April 23rd, Rosary, 6:00 pm

Dear Parishioners of St. Jerome

1) Please remember that our neighbor parish, St. Ann in Augusta, has a good presentation about "Mary, the Saints & Eternal Life" by Lisa Irwin, on April 28, 2008 for Adult Faith Formation Opportunities; I encourage you to attend this event. So far I know it will be presented with no cost. It is 3 hours long. Whew! I know you don't like to drive home late and sit long to listen. However, it is good. Remember, if you want to gain something, you have to sacrifice yourself something, such as pouring out your sweat, time, and money. Her numbers are 269.349.8714 x228. Let me know. I will call Fr. Christopher Derda for reservations for me to attend too. It is a good way for us to learn more about BVM before we enter the month of our Mother in May.

2) This week, April 19-20, I think, either you have received a special copy of our Diocesan Newsletter by mail or you have picked it up at St. Jerome church. Reading through this special issue, you and I know that our Mother Church is calling us for help and support. Of course, we respond to this calling and we know that whenever we generously give away something, we often sacrifice ourselves with this. However, with strong faith, God never forgets to reward us through the good actions we have done. God remembers our charities. Jesus' words from the bible tells us this: "Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because he is a disciple – amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward." (Mt.10: 42) For that, I encourage you to support KDSA. We pray for the "Stewardship" and we know that we are storing our heavenly treasure with "our stewardship in action". I believe that "The more we give, the more we receive" because we trust in God's providence. That is why we pray the "Our Father" that Jesus taught us.

This year's target for St. Jerome's is \$36,861.00. Please consider how much you can give per month for ten months so we can reach our target and move on with other activities. I would like to conclude our KDSA campaign by the end of April. Thank you for your cooperation and your generosity. Working together with the other parishes in the diocese, we can offer Catholic Services in needs abundantly. May all of us be as generous as possible.

In Jesus Christ's love,

Fr. John Tran

### Development Director for Catholic Schools Position (CSGK)

CGK is seeking resumes for the position of Development Director. This position is responsible for the development activities of CSGK by overseeing a program which includes special events, fundraising, donor relations and alumni relations. The candidate will possess a belief in the mission of Catholic education and be fully committed to its success in Kalamazoo. The candidate will have a strong desire for securing major gifts, as well as have the ability to increase funds on an annual basis. Please submit resume to Karen Weishaar, CSGK 1000 W. Kilgore Rd., Kalamazoo MI.

### CARD PARTY



The St. Philip CCW is sponsoring their annual card party on Tuesday, April 22nd. This year's theme is "Meet You in Key West at Sloppy Joe's". The card party will be held in the St. Philip Cafeteria from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. and a yummy dinner will be served. Tickets are \$6.00 each or 4 for \$20 and may be purchased at the door. All women and men are invited to join us for an evening of fun! If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Geesin @968-4057 or Vicki Kosmerick @ 963-5328. Hope to see

### News from BCACS



*Tiger Paws to the St. Philip High School Students!* Our students sponsored a Penny Drive and raised \$698.44 for the In the Spirit of Community Campaign. Thank you for your leadership and generosity!!! Your gift will be matched through the \$500,000 challenge match too!! *Thanks to all who have generously pledged their support...In the Spirit of Community*

Mark your calendars! The **Annual Big Red Open** is Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at Riverside Country Club. *Join us for a four person scramble--shotgun start at 12:30pm--cost is \$125 per person--door prizes--dinner and fun!* Call Mary Rabbitt at 963.4503 for information or to sign up!

**LIMITED TIME ONLY** – K-Drive Greenhouse Gift Certificates for Hanging Baskets (\$17) and Flower Flats (\$14) are available at the SCRIP Office. Huge tuition savings are available by purchasing through SCRIP. Call Joy Finnilla at 963-3034 to order your K-Drive Greenhouse Certificates today!

### Got your nametag on?

Class reunions, conventions, committee meetings, parties.... What do they have in common? Nametags. Those simple sticky pieces of paper that automatically identify us to others. A small token that says here I am, I belong, as long as we are willing to wear those fragile symbols.

As Christians we have nametags too. Jesus tells us that our work is our "identifier". When we do the work that Jesus would do, we are marked immediately as His children by anyone who meet us. We become living examples of our Father in heaven's love for the world. This week, as you step out of your door each morning ask yourself... Do I have my nametag on?

### St. Jerome Parish Council Minutes

**Religious Ed:** Janet Brennan has resigned her position as CCD teacher following more than 40 years with the program. She and Carrie Jewett have been working to develop special music for the youth Mass.

**Finance:** A status report as of the end of the third quarter of our fiscal year finds things are ok for now but increased giving may be a need as rising costs of such things as utilities.

**KDSA:** We are nearing the close of the 2007 campaign. From our target of \$35,307, only \$26,834 has been pledged. Kick-off for the 2008 campaign will begin Apr. 26& 27.

**St.V.D.P.:** No requests for assistance during March. Looking for a Treasurer and they welcome anyone to become a member of the group.

**Stewardship:** The group will be meeting soon to plan for a special event in May, exact time and details to be determined, but will be a part of the Masses one weekend.

**Men's Club:** Pancake Breakfast on the 20th. **The rib diners will return on June 22nd**, menu to be the same as in the past, including both ribs and chicken breasts. The price remains the same at \$20. They plan to paint the outside of the entry, hang new letters identifying St. Jerome Church and put up the new stations as weather permits.

**Bingo:** Much of the equipment has been sold to the Air Force Sergeant's Association.

**Youth Group:** The young people turned out and worked hard on the Easter Egg Hunt which was a success.

**Parish Nurse:** Another blood pressure day has been set. Thanks to Karen Bemus for the great job on the bulletin boards. Requests were made for a continuation of the bulletin articles on health, possibly on a monthly basis.

**Admin Views:** Fr. John offered thanks to all who took part in the Lenten and Easter observances. Fr. asked for input about whether to hire a new maintenance man or contract the work and use volunteer help for things needing attention. The steeple will be replaced this spring and the figure of St. Jerome has already been placed outside. Father would like to see more adult education in the parish. After attending a task force for BCACS, Fr. Announced there would be a new subsidy for all parishes to support the schools.

**Next Meeting:** May 8th, 2008.

### MURPHY'S LAWS

A day without sunshine is like, well, night.

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong