



Sat., Apr. 26, 4pm,

Richard Galbreath by the Galbreath Family

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

Francis Smith by Jackie Swat

Mon., Apr. 28, No Mass, St. Louis Mary de Montfort: St. Peter Chanel

Tues., Apr. 29, 6:30pm, St. Catherine of Siena

Phyllis Keyser by St. Jerome Parishioners

Wed., Apr. 30, 8am, St. Pius V

Frank Goodwin by St. Jerome Parishioners

Thur., May 01, 8am, St. Joseph,

Hubert Klukoski by Evelyn Fleece

Fri., May 02 8am. St. St. Athanasius, First Friday

Matt Morales by his parents, Frank & Dora Morales

Sat., May 03, 4pm, Sts. Philip and James

Fred Adams by Deb and Ed Willis

Sun., May 04, 10:00am, Ascension of the Lord

Norma Jean Mathey by Chuck & Jean Hoekstra

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The people of Samaria accepted the word of God preached by Philip (Acts 8:5-8, 14-17).

Psalms — Let all the earth cry out to God with joy (Psalm 66)

Second Reading — Act with gentleness and reverence toward all, so that when you are maligned those who defame you will be the ones put to shame (1 Peter 3:15-18) or 1 Peter 4:13-16.

Gospel — I will not leave you orphans, but will come to you (John 14:15-21) or John 17:1-11a.

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 DePaul 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- "The use society hopes to make of biomedical science must constantly be measured against robust and firm ethical standards. Foremost among these is the dignity of human life, for under no circumstances may a human being be manipulated or treated as a mere instrument for experimentation." Pope Benedict XVI
jimstyer@comcast.net



"I will ask the Father, and he will give you...the Spirit of truth."

Registration

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

Bulletin—

**Deadline Please, Monday, 10:00 am
Call 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, 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.

Received a check from Cereal City recycling in the amount of \$873.60 for the semi load of paper collected. Much better than the \$500 collected the last time. Need someone to set up boxes in the semi to sort various papers. Can you help? Thank you to you and to Mark Benke for sharing his semi..



Your Offering to St. Jerome
April 19th and April 20th, 2008

Weekly Budget:	\$ 3,520.00
Collection:	\$ 2,654.50
Loose Money	\$ 50.00
4 Children	\$ 4.00
Total Collection:	\$ 2,708.50
Envelopes Used	108
Under	\$ 811.50

KDSA CORNER
ONE WEEK AFTER KICK-OFF

KDSA update

Number of Gifts:
Total Raised:
Goal:
% of Goal Raised:
Average Gift:
%Participation:

KDSA Calls on Us to Share God's Love

As Christians, we have a need to express our acceptance of God's love by sharing what we have received from God with our community. As we strive to be good stewards of the gifts God had given us, each of us is presented with opportunities to return to God a portion of his blessings, KDSA is such an opportunity.

By now, most of you have received information in the mail or at Church regarding this appeal. Each household is asked to respond within the next several days. Please prayerfully reflect on this request made of you, and consider giving at least 1% of your income.

St. Phillip Fund Raiser

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 24th. Only 500 tickets are available and the tickets are just \$50 each. Great odds! A representative from St. Philip will be in the Palmer Hall with tickets after Mass today. You may also purchase tickets at the St. Philip Parish Office during office hours or by calling Jerry Geesin @ 968-4057 or Herb McPeake @ 968-4464. The Jeep is parked on the corner of Van Buren and Capital so come take a closer look. The proceeds from this project will help to fund some much needed repairs in our beautiful church.

Our Sponsor of the Week

This week we highlight Larmour's Urban-dale Drug Store. We thank Andy Askler for his continued support of our parish. Thanks to him and others who advertise in our bulletin, our bulletin is mostly printed free of charge.

269-965-1258

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Some monks and nuns trace their community origins back a thousand years or so, before it became customary to reserve the Blessed Sacrament in tabernacles. In their rules of life, which evolved from the lifestyle and prayer of their predecessors, the core experience of Christ's presence is at the altar itself, and in the symbol of assembly for prayer. To this day, when the monks or nuns file into their church in procession, they march two by two, and then bow profoundly to the altar before turning and bowing in reverence toward the brother or sister at their side. It is probably more difficult, in practice, to revere the presence of Christ in a person who irks you by taking the car keys, shirking a work duty, or burning the toast!

We can trace in these religious orders' enduring customs the ancient appreciation for the altar as the center of the church building, and of the community of the faithful as the Body of Christ. Usually, a monastery today will reserve the Blessed Sacrament in some quiet corner of the monastic church, in a fairly small space, more suitable for private prayer than for the gathering of the whole community. In a cloister, the architecture may allow the public limited access to this space. Liturgical law tells us, in both monasteries and parish churches, that there is no need for more than a few hosts in the place of reservation, just enough for viaticum, the "food for the journey" that is the final sacramental celebration for a dying Christian.

All Saints Superfest 2008 will be held September 19, 20 & 21 on the grounds of St. Joseph Church. We will be celebrating our event for the 22nd year. Superfest is a huge undertaking that benefits all three Battle Creek parishes. Additional committee members are needed in the following areas: Children's Tent, Entertainment, Food, Advertising, Grounds, Raffle, Casino, Auction and Volunteers. If you wish to help or have any questions please contact Ed Bauman @ 962-1328.

Calendar of Events

Wed., April 30th, Rosary, 6:00 pm
Fri., May 02, Adoration and Benediction
Sun., May 04, CCD Teacher's Meeting

Dear Parishioners of St. Jerome,

This week, I would like to share with you about the liturgy. I hope you will not be upset because I point out some matters as it's my duty to do so.

- a. It is **Not** okay for some to come to Mass late and miss one part of the Mass. I **NEVER** say this happens "Often" because I know you have tried your best to keep the good relationship with God. However, I'll just remind you that "The present Code of Canon Laws reads: 'On Sundays and other holy days of obligation the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass' (1247) It does not say part or parts of the Mass. A Catholic Catechism quotes the canon and states, 'Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin'." Some would also acknowledge that to miss a few minutes would not generally be a serious matter. All Catholics must, however, be aware of the gravity of their obligation to attend Mass. To be absent for any or all of the Mass without cause could well be an indication of contempt for the Mass." In telling you this, I saw some came late and missed the first part of the Mass and some left early before the end of Mass. One who departed before the Consecration and Communion can hardly be said to have attended Mass. Unless you have emergency, I beg you to sacrifice a little more time with God and other parishioners. For this, I believe that God will make your faith fruitful with His grace.
- b. It is **Not** okay for some of you read the bulletin while many of the faithful participate in the Mass seriously and devotedly. For this problem, our church won't put out the bulletin before the beginning of Mass. Our bulletins will be handed out to you by Ushers or Altar Servers after the Mass is done. I hope you will understand and co-operate with this new change at our parish.
- c. It is okay to bother me when you do not see me in the confessional room as it is published, "3 o'clock before the vigil Mass" in the bulletin and you see me saying the rosary with other parishioners before Mass. You can tap me on the shoulder and tell me that you want to receive the sacrament of confession. Sometimes I just finish my evening prayer in this room and have nothing to do so that I go out to do something else. You can remind me to go back my task. It is my duty. Don't be afraid to ask me to do so. I am here to serve.

Another thing: I would like to say: "**A Millions Thanks**" to all who sent me Birthday Cards, Gifts and Prayers and for the birthday celebration on my birthday. May God bless you for all the things you have done for me. You know that I always pray for our church and all of our benefactors. For this, I would like to express my gratitude.

Next week, I will share with you the question: Is Missing Mass a Mortal Sin (?) and the matter of Talking in Church.

In Jesus Christ's love
Fr. John Tran



A better view

Sometimes it's nice to be part of a big, safe group. It's comforting to feel securely surrounded whether in business, society or at home. But while coziness is appealing, the trouble with groups is they get a little crowded. You can get pushed to the back, shoved aside, herded along. How do you know you're headed in the right direction if you only see as far as the person in front of you? Nestled at the back of the comforting pack, we can even forget to look, relying on others to see for us.

In the Christian life as well, where you stand defines what you see. In the world's cozy comfort, you can't see much. But when you step out and declare your belief, sight becomes sharper. You become part of those who see Jesus clearly. Just as Jesus told the disciples, "The world will not see me but you will see me." It's a promise we can count on, if we are willing to be "exposed" as Christians. Look around your faith life today. Are you stuck in the back of the crowd, lulled into a lack of vision? Or can you see Jesus straight ahead, leading you into a better view and a better life?

Workshop on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Sharpen your spiritual skills and learn to use the gifts God has given you in service to the Church with a Workshop on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit., Sat., May 3rd, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at St. Catherine of Siena Church, 1150 W. Centre, Portage. Lunch will be provided. The Workshop will include presentations on each of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit listed in 1 Corinthians Chapter 12, and time to practice using these Gifts. There is no fee for the Workshop which is sponsored by the Servants of the Lord Jesus Christ Prayer Group. For information call (269) 375-1526.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to **Megan Belson, Ryan O'Neill and Cole Williams**. All celebrate birthdays in April. We wish you all a fantastic birthday and God bless you.

A young minister sitting down to dinner was about to say Grace when he opened the casserole dish that his thrifty bride had prepared from the refrigerator leftovers. "I don't know," he said dubiously, "but it seems to me that I've blessed all this stuff before."

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.

ONE MINUTE MEDITATIONS

Lord's Prayer

When Jesus taught the disciples to pray, he gave them a prayer that contains seven petitions. The first three praise God and his glory. The last four contain requests for us: to be fed, forgiving and forgiven, protected from temptation and delivered from evil. The Our Father is an all-purpose prayer.

Pray for leaders

Remember to pray for our elected leaders and those in authority. "First of all, then, I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone, for kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity" (1 Timothy 2:1-2).

In the moment

Don't miss a moment of the life God has given you by fretting over things you can't change. "Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself ... Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life-span?" (Matthew 6:34, 27).



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News from Run-away Floridians

Dee is still doing okay. I'm staying busy. Joined the Knights of Columbus and am a member of the Parish Council. On the building and grounds committee. We are in the process of making all buildings more secure. Dictated by the Bishop for insurance purposes. Luckily we have no debt. All buildings are paid off. We have money in the bank. Some woman left the parish 1 1/2 million dollars. Easier to run a parish this way. High 40's this morning. Paper says this is the coldest it has been this time of year since 1950. Where is global warming?...Bob White

Positions Available

Maintenance:

Are you retired or out of work and looking for a part-time job? St. Jerome is looking to hire a maintenance man. Must be knowledgeable in repairing, painting, grounds keeping, and general all-around maintenance that may be needed around the church and the rectory. Please contact the office at 968-2218.

Housekeeper:

Looking for someone to keep house at the rectory for Fr. John. Light house-keeping. General housekeeping duties. If you are interested, please contact the office and set up an appointment with Fr. John.

Thank you!

Thank you for your prayers for our grandson Carson after 106 days in the hospital. He is home with his mom and dad (Andy and Katy Leonard). Thanks again. Lindsey and Bonnie Leonard

Never alone again !

Have you ever felt comfortless? Other people can fail us, disappoint us, and even abandon us. If we put our total trust in other people, and not in God, we are setting ourselves up for almost certain heartache. Yet with life's stresses and sorrows we need someone we can rely on, someone to turn to when the need is greatest. Who, who can that be?

In John 14:15-21, we have a tremendous promise from our Lord. He tells us that He will never leave us, and never forsake us. And He means it. We can rest in the promise of Him coming to us as a "Paraclete," one who will comfort us when we feel alone. This then, this Father, Friend, Savior will always be there for us. We will never be orphans. Never alone again.

I believe God only gives three answers to prayer:

One: Yes

Two: Not yet.

Three: I have something better in mind...Arthur Galiandro, longtime senior minister, Marble Collegiate Church, NY City

RICE BOWL UP-DATE

Thank you to all the parishioners who took part in the 2007 Rice Bowl during the Lenten season. The Rice Bowls collected \$222.50 in donations.

At the start of every service, the pastor would give the blessing, after which the congregation responded, "And also with you."

One Sunday, our pastor appeared to be having difficulty with the sound system during the singing of the entrance hymn. At the conclusion of the song, he said, "There seems to be something wrong with the mike."

The congregation automatically responded, "And also with you."