

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 15, 2012

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CHURCH – 2163 N WINN RD (BEAL CITY) MT PLEASANT MI 48858

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Mon	Jan	16	No Mass	
Tue	Jan	17	No Mass	
Wed	Jan	18	8:00 AM	Herb Hileman
Thur	Jan	19	8:00 AM	Dennis Finnerty
Fri	Jan	20	8:00 AM	Ed, Agnes, Bill & Bob Fox



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat	Jan	21	5:00 PM	Harold & Florence Schafer
Sun	Jan	22	8:30 AM	Bernice Grinzinger
			10:30 AM	Gerald, Kathryn & Tony Straus

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Weekend of January 21 & 22

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday 5:00 PM Amy Faber (B), Bob Grinzinger (B), Mary Hauck (B), Earl Schafer (C), Ed Schafer (C*), Sandy Smith (C*), Dave Brickner (C), Mary Brickner (C)

Sunday 8:30 AM Carol Matthews (B), Cindy Schumacher (B), Mary Beth Hauck (B), Dianne Schumacher (C), Carrie Bleise (C*), Judy Schumacher (C*)

Sunday 10:30 AM Judy DeVergilio (C), Vickie Block (C), Ann Schafer (B), Paul Stickler (B), Joe Steffke (B), Mary Pasch (C), Sarah Mindel (C*), Bob Pasch (C*), Jan Gross (C), Emily Fussman (C)

Lectors

Saturday 5:00 PM Diane Recker
Sunday 8:30 AM Jack Rau
Sunday 10:30 AM Brenda Rau

Cantors

Saturday 5:00 PM Dick Moreau
Sunday 8:30 AM Carol Schafer
Sunday 10:30 AM Brogan Sprague

Ushers/Greeters

Saturday 5:00 PM Bob Mead, Fred Gould, Norm Rau, Robb Wentworth
Sunday 8:30 AM Ray Clark, Skip Curtis, Jim Kreamsreiter, Jerry Ward
Sunday 10:30 AM Leon Cotter, Dale Finnerty, Ken Massey, Carl Straus

Liturgy of the Word for Children

Sun 10:30 AM Rachael Lorenz, Logan Schafer

Sunday School

Sun 10:30 AM Jill McMullen, Krista Faber, Addie Schumacher

Altar Servers

Weekdays (January 16 – January 20) Nathan Finnerty, Faith Moody, Zoey Zeneberg
Saturday (January 21 – 5:00 PM) Miranda Hauck, Faith Moody, Zoey Zeneberg
Sunday (January 22 – 8:30 AM) Nathan Finnerty, Ashley Reihl, Landon Schafer
Sunday (January 22 – 10:30 AM) Kurt Gross, Natalie Gross, Nicole Gross

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Mon	1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22
Tue	(St. Anthony, Abbot) 1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28
Wed	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6
Thurs	1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12
Fri	(Ss. Fabian & Sebastian) 1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19
Sat	(St. Agnes) 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mk 3:20-21
Sun	Jon 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

~ Stewardship in Action ~

Envelopes (231)	7,771.00
On-line Giving (34)	2,122.00
Visitors	311.00

Total 10,204.00

Avg. Contribution per envelope used	37.34
Avg. Contribution per envelope (513)	19.29

Capital Campaign Contributions (Phase II) 7,383.00

Church Building Project Loan Balance: Our original loan for the Building Project was \$1,250,000.00. After a re-amortization to reflect a reduced interest rate of 1%, we continue to make the same monthly loan payment of \$5,861.60. This allows us to apply an additional \$1,729.50 to the principal of our loan each month. After the December payment our balance is down to \$415,235.00.

The Week Ahead

Tuesday	Finance Council meeting at 7:00 PM in the church basement. Stewardship Committee will meet in church at 7:00 PM.
Wednesday	Auction Committee meeting at 7:00 PM in the school library. Elementary Faith Formation in school from 7:00 – 8:00 PM. Inquiry Class for R.C.I.A. in the church basement at 7:00 PM.
Thursday	Lector Workshop in church at 7:00 PM.

FAITH FORMATION & RCIA

***Elementary Faith Formation:** Classes will meet this Wednesday, January 18, from 7:00 – 8:00 PM in school.

***Inquiry session for RCIA:** This Wednesday, January 18, at 7:00 PM in the church basement.

SCHOOL NEWS

The second quarter ends this Friday, January 20. Students will be dismissed at 11:30 AM.

Auction Committee meets this Wednesday, January 18, at 7:00 PM in the school library.

Please join us for Mass Thursday, January 19, at 8:00 AM.

Two on the Town packages featuring 2 for 1 dining and entertainment specials are now available in the school office. Each package sells for \$20 with \$5 going to our school.

SACRAMENT PROGRAMS

Classes will begin soon for those preparing for **Confirmation** and **First Communion**. The first class and required parent meeting will be on Monday, January 23, at 7:00 PM. Parents will be receiving a letter this week with all the details and schedule.

PRAYER LINE

Anyone in need of prayer support and would like their intentions on the parish Prayer Line, please call Maxine Finnerty (644-3416), Marilyn Hackenbruch (330-1917) or June Schumacher (772-2226).

COMMISSION ON AGING NEWS

The *Food for Friends* site in Weidman will be hosting a **Tea Party** on Thursday, January 26, at 10:00 AM. The morning will begin with cookie baking followed by the tea party. All local seniors are invited to attend. Contact Marjie Evans at 644-2538 if you plan to attend or have any questions.

Join other seniors for great food, friendship and fun at the Winn Site for *Food with Friends*. Lunch is available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM at the Winn Community Building. Please call 772-0748 at least 24 hours in advance to make lunch reservations.

Sponsor of the week:

**ESTHER HAUPT INCOME TAX SERVICE
HAUPT FARMS**

See full ad on the back of bulletin

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

The parish office will only be sending contribution statements for the year 2011 upon request. Due to the fact that not everyone is able to use their contributions to the parish as a tax deduction, this will save the parish postage. If you would like to have your statement mailed to you, please call the parish office at 644-2041.

CHANGE IN ENVELOPE PACKET

In your next packet of envelopes you will notice a **Flower Offering Envelope**. An envelope for flowers will now be included in the February/March and October/November packets. In recent years this envelope had been designated as **Christmas Poinsettias**. Your generous contributions have allowed us to pay for not only the Christmas trees and poinsettias, but also the flowers needed at Easter time and other times throughout the year. This change will allow the funds to be more evenly distributed throughout the year.

CAN YOU HELP?

In February, Marisa Gross, will be participating in a medical expedition to the villages along the Yarapa River in Peru with a group of doctors and other medical students from the University of Michigan. Marisa attended St. Joseph the Worker school and while in high school participated in various missionary experiences including a trip to the Dominican Republic in 2003. Items needed by the local clinics include: children's and infant vitamins (not gummy), acetaminophen (Tylenol), Ibuprofen (Advil), Naproxen Sodium (Alleve), Ace bandages, and reading glasses. If you are able to donate any of these items, please put them in the designated box in the gathering space by Sunday, February 5. You can visit amazonpromise.org for more information.

“He said to them, ‘Come, and you will see.’”
(John 1:35-42)

In the time of Jesus few people, called *scribes*, could read and write. The torah and other books were rare. Students listened to teachers, called rabbis, not all of whom could read or write. Such rabbis were valued for their wisdom, not education. They rarely, if ever, sent their students (disciples) to another rabbi. *John* knew that some of the *scribes* could read the law but **Jesus** understood the intent of the Lawgiver. He sent his disciples to Jesus, who asked “Where are you staying?” They were really asking, “What do you teach?” Jesus did not embark on a theological dissertation. He said, “Come, and you will see.” John's disciples followed Jesus and learned from his life and teaching. They saw and believed. They tried to imitate Jesus. Sometimes they failed but they tried again. We have the benefit of Scripture and Tradition, and more than 2,000 years of Christian models who risked much and sacrificed to imitate Jesus. It is not too late in the year to resolve to do our best to imitate Jesus. And if we fail, we can try again.