

**MASS INTENTIONS**

PLEASE KEEP OUR PRIESTS IN YOUR PRAYERS AS THEY ATTEND THEIR CONVOCATION SEPTEMBER 28-OCTOBER 1. Those who would like to attend daily Mass can go to Our Lady of Fatima Monday through Thursday at 8:00 A.M. or Lumen Christi Chapel at 7:15 A.M.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 - WENCESLAUS, MARTYR; LAWRENCE RUIZ, MARTYR & HIS COMPANIONS**

No Mass—Convocation

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 - MICHAEL, GABRIEL, & RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS**

No Mass—Convocation

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 - JEROME, PRIEST & DR.**

No Mass—Convocation

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1 - THERESE OF THE CHILD OF JESUS, VIRGIN & DOCTOR**

No Mass—Convocation

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2 - GUARDIAN ANGELS**

9:00 am - Mass @ St. John

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 - WEEKDAY**

8:30 am + Tommy Czubko & Leon

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3**

5:45 pm + Mr. & Mrs. Alex Piotrowski

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4**

9:00 am + Alice Johnson

10:30 am + Leonard M. & Benjamin Bucior

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Lk 9:46-50
- Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Jn 1:47-51
- Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Lk 9:57-62
- Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Lk 10:1-12
- Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Mt 18:1-5, 10
- Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Lk 10:17-24
- Sunday: Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]

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**Readings of the Extraordinary Form of The Roman Rite**

- Mon., Sept. 28 - St. Wenceslaus, Duke & Martyr**  
Wis. 10:10-14  
Mt. 10:34-42
- Tues., Sept. 29 - Dedication of St. Michael the Archangel**  
Apoc. 1:1-15  
Mt. 18:1-10  
2ns Vespers of Dedication of St. Michael the Archangel
- Wed., Sept. 30 - St. Jerome, Confessor & Doctor**  
II Tim. 4:1-8  
Mt. 5:13-19
- Thurs., Oct. 1 - St. Remigius, Bishop & Confessor**  
Ecclus. 44:16-27; 45:3-20  
Mt. 25:14-23
- Fri., Oct. 2 - Holy Guardian Angels**  
Ex. 23:20-23  
Mt. 18:1-10
- Sat., Oct. 3 - St. Teresa of the Child Jesus**  
Is. 66:12-14  
Mt. 18:1-4
- Sun., Oct. 4 - 18th Sunday after Pentecost**  
I Cor. 1:4-8  
Mt. 9:1-8  
2nd Vespers of 18th Sunday after Pentecost

**NOT AGAINST US**

Like Moses before him, Jesus corrects his disciples' misunderstanding of the gift of the Spirit. They saw people who were not of their company casting out demons and doing other works such as Jesus had done. Jesus points out that no one who does a good deed in his name can be opposed to him at the same time! He goes on to point out the importance of the "little ones": the poor, simple people, children, the meek ones who are not important in the world. It is to them that he was sent, not to the wealthy and the self-righteous. He underscores the importance of small works done in faith, as well as big works like driving out demons. "Anyone who gives you a cup of



water . . . because you belong to Christ . . . will surely not lose his reward" (Mark 9:41). God builds the coming reign little by little in our actions, however small and unassuming, when they are done out of love of God and neighbor.

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**Altar Server Schedule**

**Saturday, October 3**

5:45 pm - M. Bail

**Sunday, October 4**

9:00 am - R. Anater & J.P. McDonald

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**The Society of St. Vincent DePaul, St Joseph Conference needs your help!** Our pantry shelves are nearly empty. The requests for emergency food are increasing. Please consider picking up a few non-perishable items and donating them to the pantry. We are always in need of canned fruits and vegetables, cereal, peanut butter, tuna fish, pancake syrup, pasta and tomato sauce. Bring your donations to church anytime, there is a container in the church main entrance vestibule. If you prefer to let us do the shopping, use the blue envelopes located in the vestibule to make your donation. If you are a home gardener and have more produce than you can use, we are happy to have it. Just leave it in front of the door to the pantry any time.

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**Catholic Charities of Jackson Help & Hope Tours - Monday, October 5th at 1522 Joy Ave.** Each one-hour tour begins at noon and free lunch will be available for those interested in a tour and learning more about the organization. The Help & Hope Tour is designed to give you a brief overview of the agency's programs and services, as well as an opportunity to meet a few staff and board members. Come meet our new Executive Director, Sue Lewis and learn more about how Catholic Charities serves your community. **We serve ALL people regardless of faith and all guests are welcome! Please reserve your lunch, no later than Friday, September 30 by calling Lisa @ 782-2551.**

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**St. Peter's Catholic Church - Eaton Rapids OKTOBERFEST Saturday October 10th.** 10 am - 10 pm. Food, Beverages, Crafts, Yard Sale, Raffles, & Dance Contest. Come to the Pavilion for a good time. St. Peter Church 515 E. Knight St. Eaton Rapids. Questions? Call the Parish Office 663-4735.

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**Pro Life Corner -** The battle for life is not between pro-lifers and pro-abortion supporters, traditionalists and feminists, but rather between justice and injustice. Either life is for everyone or the right to life will be doled out at the whims of the powerful. Pray that this does not come to pass.

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**St John Religious Education Classes** will begin on Sunday, Oct. 4 at 10:30 am. Classes will be held this year at St. Joseph School. If you have any questions please call Colleen at 784-0553 ext. 202.

Thoughts & Notes From Fr. Jim

Next Sunday, I'll stand proudly on Michigan Avenue near West Street with many of my fellow parishioners, fellow Catholics and fellow Christians in our annual life-chain. For one hour from 2:30 to 3:30 P.M. pro-life supporters of all ages will sing, pray, hold signs and peacefully witness to all who drive by that we seek an end to abortion. Fifty million children have died since Roe vs. Wade became the law of the land over 30 yrs ago—one third of all life conceived in those three decades. No war and no plague have ever taken so many lives.

Some may feel that life-chain participants are "tilting at windmills", by protesting an issue that's beyond their control. But legislative and judicial re-examination is commonplace in our democracy, and peaceful protest that prompts such governmental action is both the right and the responsibility of each citizen. Hope to see not only our life-chain regulars but new participants. The event is very child-friendly (in more ways than one), so it is an ideal family outing. Spend an hour on this worthy cause. Be Christ's hands, feet & voice.

Fr. Jim

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**\$100.00 Dinner Club Members -** We will be calling you soon to renew your membership. Or anyone interested in purchasing tickets can call the parish office at 784-9716. One ticket includes dinner for two, over \$6,700.00 in cash prizes and loads of fun. The \$100.00 Dinner will be held on Friday, November 6, 2009. **Take-outs available.** God Bless, Steve Job

**Help Spread the Faith -** Thank you for making last year's Help Spread the FAITH Appeal a success. Thank you for answering Christ's call to evangelize. This Appeal makes our own local evangelization efforts, like Faith Magazine and the televised Outreach Mass, possible. Collection this weekend.

**St. Francis Retreat Center -** Presents a weekend retreat for the women of St. Joseph Parish October 30th - November 1st. Then and Now - Jesus - Full of Surprises. For reservations call 517-669-8321 or 866-669-8321.

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**Jackson Family Fall Festival**  
This Weekend  
Come and Join the Fun!!  
Saturday-8:00 am til midnight  
Sunday- Noon til 7 pm

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**Life Chain 2009 is Sunday, October 4th from 2:30 - 3:30pm.** Stand with thousands along West Michigan Ave and West Ave. Make a visual statement that "Abortion Kills Children."

**Mercy/Foote West Employees Reunion -** Thursday, October 15th at Gene Davis Convention Center. Social Hour 5-6:30pm, Buffet Dinner at 6:30 pm. Cost \$16.50 per person RSVP by October 12th to Eileen @ 750-2265, Mark @ 788-8439, Ruth 783-2397 or Dave @ 789-6808.

**St. Elizabeth Catholic Church - Arts & Crafts Bazaar** October 24th 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. 510 N. Union St. Tecumseh, Mi. **Free Admittance.** Any questions call 517-431-3915.

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 27, 2009



The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul; the decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.

— Psalm 19:8

**STEWARDSHIP**

**St. James warns in today's second reading that those who hoard their wealth and live only for themselves will be condemned. But in the Gospel, Jesus assures us that all who give of themselves for His sake will be rewarded.**

Gifts last week totaled \$ 4,090.90  
Total # of Envelopes was 156 with an average of \$ 26.22.

**Please remember to use your St. Joes envelopes at any Church you attend on the weekend. Also on any envelope that DOES NOT have St. Joes on it, Please write it on so the other churches will know where to send them.**

Sincere thanks to all who are doing their part!  
**GOD BLESS YOU!**

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**MEETINGS**

**K of C -** Monday, October 5th - 7:30 p.m. in the Social Center.

**Choir Practice -** Wednesday, September 30th - 7:00 pm in Church.

**SVPD St. Joseph Conference -** Saturday, October 3rd, after the 8:30 Mass.

**Rosary Society -** Thursday, October 1st - 1:00 pm in the Social Center. **Dues are now being collected.**

**Guild -** Thursday, October 8th - 5:30 pm in the Social Center. Board Members will provide drinks, please bring snacks or desserts. **Dues are now being collected.**

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**Please Pray for those in Special Need Recommended to our**

**Prayers:** Anna Kosinski, Sophie Lazarowicz, James & Richard Rohlin, Toni VanVorst, Bob Szczesney, Marian Elinski, Denise Szczepanski, James E. Weiler, Ray Leutz, Drew Hawley, Ann & Joseph Brzezinski, Anthony Best, Tyler Hebb, Diane Fracala, Mr. Hitchcock, Ankica Vodopijia, Davor Zander, Helen Chmielewski, Marge French, Henry & Mary Ann Konkel, Dolores Kwiatek, Patricia Konkel, Vince Liba, Norma Sierminski, Louise Kwiatek, James Sabin, Richard Hamerschmidt, Florence Van Sumeran, Sarah Blair, Sophie Madey, Caroline Munster, Stanley Gutowski, James Drongowski, Tim Grymko, Jack Knapp, Sophia Young, Dorothy Ruger, Judith Rutt, Peter Truskulowski, Nancy Polanis, Scott Garver, Anna Mayer, Jim Keersmaekers, Nancy Krauz, August Herdus, Beth Keasal, Jack Past, John A. Niecko II, Tom Kasprzycki, Madalyn Szilagy, Bryana Stevens, Lori Klee, Daniel Gregorich, Mary Whitney, Doug Cook, Ben & David Stachowicz, Bruce Day, May Czubko, Allison Herzberg, Elizabeth Stickney, Rose Kops, Bill Trisell, Erna Denton, Alice Swartout, Gerald McDonald, Aishliinn Stroka, Linda & Vivienne Pienta. Please help us keep the prayer list up to date. Call the parish office (784-9716) if you would like to add or remove a name.