

MASS INTENTIONS

- MONDAY, OCTOBER 5 - WEEKDAY
8:30 am - Mass @ St. John's
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6 - WEEKDAY, BRUNO, PRIEST & MARIE-ROSE DUROCHER, VIRGIN
8:30 am + Gerald Ziegler (1st Ann.)
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7 - OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY
9:00 am - Mass @ St. John's
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8 - WEEKDAY
8:30 am - For All Priests
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9 - WEEKDAY, DENIS, BISHOP & HIS COMPANIONS, MARTYRS; JOHN LEONARDI, PRIEST
9:00 am - Mass @ St. John
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10 - WEEKDAY
8:30 am + Tommy Czubko & Leon

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10
5:45 pm + Ernie & Sarah Amb
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11
9:00 am + Mary Bazylewicz
10:30 am + Eleanor Friday

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Jon 1:1 — 2:2, 11; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Lk 11:27-28
Sunday: Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 [17-27]

Readings of the Extraordinary Form of The Roman Rite

- Mon., Oct. 5 - St. Placid & Companions, Martyrs
Heb. 10:32-38
Lk. 12:1-8
Tues., Oct. 6 - St. Bruno, Confessor
Eccus. 31:8-11
Lk. 12:35-40
Wed., Oct 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary
Prov. 8:22-24, 32-35
Lk. 1:26-38
2nd Vespers of Our Lady of the Rosary
Thurs., Oct. 8 - St. Bridget of Sweden, Widow
I Tim. 5:3-10
Mt. 13:44-52
Fri., Oct. 9 - St. John Leonardi, Confessor
II Cor. 4:1-6, 15-18
Lk. 10:1-9
Sat., Oct. 10 - St. Francis Borgia, Confessor
Eccus. 45:1-6
Mt. 19:27-29
Sun., Oct. 11 - 19th Sunday after Pentecost
Eph. 4:23-28
Mt. 22:1-14
2nd Vespers of 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Pro Life Corner - To a young girl with child, pregnancy may seem like the end of the world. It is our job to show her that it is the beginning of new life and that life should be protected, no matter what the circumstances of the conception.

HE EMBRACED THEM AND BLESSED THEM

Today Jesus stresses how children embody the reign of God.



They are trusting and loving and have hearts that are open to love. They are joyful when they are made aware of God's love for them, and are eager to return that love. This is the model Jesus holds out to us if we want to welcome the reign of God. We need to have open, loving hearts. We must drop our defenses, however we came by them, and welcome Christ's love for us with joy. This is impossible for us on our own. Only the grace

of God will enable us to do this, but that grace is freely and generously given. We have only to accept it.

Altar Server Schedule

- Saturday, October 10
5:45 pm - C. Miller
Sunday, October 4
9:00 am - J.P. McDonald & K. Zielinski



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.

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.

MARRIAGE MATTERS - Every Monday night in October 6-8 pm. Weekly Marriage Restoration Group: Workshops to Rebuild Relationships @ The United Way Center, Jackson, at no charge. Drop in any week; but reservations are required: 796-5116. This ongoing weekly workshop offers hope and tools for struggling couples: How to fight fair, forgiveness & repair, mutual respect, rebuilding trust and much more. A new topic is discussed every week.

Friday, October 9th and Saturday, October 10th - Marriage Links Workshop: An Overnight Get-Away @ Camp Michindoh, Hillsdale. \$50 per couple; lodging and meals included. Have fun and learn skills for managing crucial relationship links. Topics covered are communication skills, conflict resolution, forgiveness & trust, individual needs and intimacy.

Friday, October 16th and Saturday, October 17th - PICK a Partner Workshop for Singles, Cascades Manor House, Jackson. \$20 includes four meals. Whether you are single, or single again, learn how to avoid dating or marrying a jerk (or jerkette) in this fun, success-proven workshop.

Catholic Daughters of America - will have a bake sale at St. Mary's after the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday October 11th. We will also meet at St. Joseph Retreat Center in the Administration Building on Wednesday, October 21st at Noon. This will be a soup and sandwich lunch, cost \$3.00.

Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee - October 20th, Queen's gym. The 4th, 5th, and 6th grade portion will begin at 6:00, The 7th, 8th, and 9th grade contest will begin immediately afterwards. For more information contact Brian McLaughlin @ 517-750-2544.

St. Stan's Annual Swiss Steak & Golombki Dinner
Sunday October 18 - 11:30am until 3:30 pm
St. Stan's Social Center - 614 S. Elm Ave.

Menu: Swiss Steak, Golombki or combination dinner including - Mashed Potatoes w/ gravy, Sauerkraut, Corn, Tossed Salad, Polish Rye Bread, Pie and Beverage. Adults \$9.00, Children (5-12) \$5.00, Children under 5 - Free. Take-Outs Available.

Thoughts & Notes From Fr. Jim

Since I'll be at convocation when my bulletin column is due, I've brought forth the column I wrote on Bishop Povish upon his death six years ago.



Kenneth Povish will forever occupy a special place in my memory because he ordained me. The picture of him and me after the Ordination Mass that now hangs in my office is among the most treasured of my keepsakes. Was my hair really that dark back in 1989? I am also grateful for the six years he was my boss. I've commented often of how comforting the vow of obedience is to me—how I needn't second guess where I'm assigned or what kind of ministry I'm doing. My serenity about such a vow, though, has considerably to do with serving under two wise and caring bishops, Povish and Mengeling. I appreciated Bishop Povish for more than how he nurtured my vocation, however. He was a priest and leader with many talents I admired.

He was one of the best preachers I ever listened to. I heard many homilies and always left with a nugget or two that I would use later in my preaching. He was very bright and so insightful and, perhaps most important, so understandable whatever formal education might be. A giant intellect, he never lost touch with his Alpena roots. That common sense style also marked his writing. His newspaper columns were always enlightening and practical. His Christmas card was the way into my Christmas bulletin column.

Bishop Povish had a wonderful ministry of presence. Like Bishop Mengeling, it seemed like he was everywhere. All 93 diocesan parishes would see him frequently every year. This, I think gave him a confident sense of the pulse of the diocese—what was needed, what had to be corrected, what worked well. He was at his most heroic in handling his decade long struggle with cancer. He modeled well the shift from independence to dependence and the mindset of continuity—living his life as fully as possible here while keeping his eye fixed on the hereafter. I rejoice that the sick body that imprisoned his vibrant spirit has been discarded, and that he's walking those heavenly streets and bounding up those heavenly mountains with a glorified body that will stay young forever. And that perhaps God rewarded him with a mansion on the shore of the heavenly equivalent of his beloved Lake Huron.

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Any St. Joseph Parishioner who is interested in serving on the St. Joseph Parish Council or Finance Committee are invited to a meeting with Fr. Jim at 6:30pm on Thursday October 15th, in the Social center. If you wish to serve but cannot attend this meeting, please notify Lori at the parish office.

\$100.00 Dinner Club Members - The Tickets are in. Anyone interested in purchasing tickets can come to, or 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**

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.

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-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 4, 2009

Let the children come to me;
do not prevent them,

for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

— Mark 10:14

STEWARDSHIP

The phrase in today's Psalm, "May you see your children's children," is really a prayer for long life. The good steward knows that every day is a gift from God, to be lived with joy and thanksgiving. "May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives!"

Gifts last week totaled \$ 3,862.32

Total # of Envelopes was 143 with an average of \$ 27.01.

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!

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.

SVDP 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.**

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 Vodopijja, 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, Aishlinn Stroka, Linda, Martha Mandreger & 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.

Organist Needed for the Saturday 4pm Mass at St. Stan's Chapel. Must sing and work with the choir. Please call 7840551.