



## Ascension Sunday

In today's Gospel, Jesus prays, "I have given You glory on earth by finishing the work You gave Me to do." Good stewards follow His example by using their time and talents for the glory of God.

**JUNE 1, 2014**



### PASTORAL CALENDAR

#### SATURDAY, MAY 31

4:00 PM-SFX +JoAnn (Josie) Monday by Ron & Janet Rider - Father Vainavicz

6:00 PM-SJ -Members of St. Catherine, St. Francis Xavier & St. Joseph Parishes  
Father Brucker

#### SUNDAY JUNE 1

9:00 AM- SC+ Jerome & Pauline Arends by Howard & AnnaMae Woodard  
Father Brucker

#### MONDAY, JUNE 2

9:00 AM-SFX + Wallace Crowley by Gene & Margaret Helsen

#### TUESDAY, JUNE 3

8:00 AM-SJ +Helen Dunneback  
by M/M Craig VanHoutum

8:30 AM- Adoration

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

NO MASS

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 5

8:30 AM-SC + Julia Maleski by Martha & Dale Critzman & Family

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 6

8:00 AM-SJ +Loretta Dietrich by Donna Zemaitis

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 7

*Confessions: 10:00 – 11:00am at St Francis Xavier's*

4:00 PM-SFX +In Memory of Mason Kober by Rodney & Denise Kober  
Father Brucker

6:00 PM-SJ +Frank & Lucile Gavin by Family  
Father Brucker

#### SUNDAY JUNE 8

9:00 AM- SC -Members of St. Catherine, St. Francis Xavier & St. Joseph Parishes  
Father Vainavicz

11:00 AM-SJ +Dan Rasch by Virginia Dietrich & Family – Father Brucker

Dear Parishioners,

1) This Sunday at the 11:00 AM Mass we have 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation for Divine Providence Academy. This is officially the first graduating class since DPA became a reality only last July 1<sup>st</sup>. We have made significant progress in resurrecting our Catholic School using a new model and making education better for our students. We congratulate our 8<sup>th</sup> graders on their accomplishment to date and wish them well as they continue their education in high school.

2) The Catholic Services Appeal Campaign continues doing well. At this writing (Tuesday) St. Francis Xavier's has reached our goal of \$10,115.00. St. Catherine's has received \$29,335.00 from 77 households toward our CSA target and Cathedral Square assessment of \$35,457.00. And St. Joseph's has received \$36,705.00 from 140 households toward our target of \$39,827.00. THANK YOU to all who have pledged so far. Let's see if we can hear from the rest of parishioners and complete this campaign.

3) After any number of conversations over the 3½ years that I have been here, the St. Joseph's Pastoral and Finance Councils at our annual combined meeting decided that the need is present and the time is right to proceed with building an Activities Center.

The need is several-fold: we need to create space for parish offices. When I arrived here we had a pastor and a secretary. Now we have a pastor, a secretary, a business manager, a director of religious education, a youth minister, and a director of music, all of whom need work space. We have been using the former convent, but that is past it's useful life. A study was done and it was found not to be cost effective to update the convent: old furnace, old water heater, out of date electrical and plumbing, and the face brick is crumbling and falling off the building.

We also need space for the school children to exercise when the weather is inclement. This past winter was especially hard because it was just too cold to go outdoors and the pent up energy of youngster had nowhere to go. Moreover, we need to accommodate the athletic programs hosted on Wednesdays. Now that the school is a "go" operation, we can provide this space for them. We need more space for, among other things, funeral luncheons. Our funerals tend to be quite large. If the church is full for the Mass, barely a third of those present can get in the basement for lunch. For these and other reasons, we are moving ahead on the project. The Councilors were all quite determined that we move now. We have waited long enough.

The first step is to create a "Research Committee" which will solicit input from parishioners, hire an architect and come up with a proposal. Stay tuned for part two.

I love you,  
Fr. Fred Brucker

## St. Catherine's Parish News & Information

### ST CATHERINE'S COUNCIL MEMBERS

Jason Klein (F), Cheryl Helsen (F), Penny Hulka (F), Marge Rusco (F), Ethel Nutt (F), Kevin Murphy (F), Hailey Mabrito (P), Tony Helsen (P), Dorothy Gould (P), Louise Schaallemma (P), Paul Herremans (P), Howard Woodard (P)

### LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

**JUNE 08, 2014 -9:00 AM**

Greeters & Gifts: Matt & Melanie Block

Sacristan: Nancy O. Adams

Eucharistic Ministers: Vicki Woodard, AnnaMae Woodard & Ann Patterson

Lector: JoAnn Beechnau

Ushers: Mark Grover, Kevin Murphy, Mike Barker & Carl Meyers

Mass Servers 05/29/14 Nick McMahon  
& Luke Meyers

Mass Servers: Emma Herman, Savannah Conran  
& Emily Kubasiak

Music: Eileen Hoogterp & Thomas Bolen

Money Counters: Jim & Cheryl Helsen



#### COLLECTION FOR MAY 25, 2014

66 Adults - \$3,527.00, 5 Youth - \$5.00  
Loose - \$231.81, Votive - \$17.00, for a total of  
\$3,780.81.

*Thank you for your continued support!*

CENTERING PRAYER – Chapel at St. Catherine Church, following Thursday's Mass.

#### Centering Prayer – Contemplative Prayer

We all have other forms of prayer which we wouldn't ever let go of and still be committed to the "silent" prayer – Centering Prayer. As we sit alone or in a group with many thoughts going in and out, and we use our "sacred" word or two (mine is Jesus) if we feel we are dwelling on a particular thought, Christ is sharing with you His view of things which becomes more important to you than your own. Then He asks you to live that new life in the happenings of everyday life in your daily routine – more love, patience, joy, peace, kindness, gentleness, self-control and generosity.

*Psalm 143:8 NJB*

Let dawn bring news of your faithful love, for I place my trust in you; show me the road I must travel for you to relieve my heart.

Altar Server Training – There will be two sessions for Altar Server training at St. Catherine's, June 8, 2014 immediately following the 9:00am mass until 11:15am. Any student in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade or older in our parish is

welcome. It would be beneficial, if you wish to become a server, to attend both sessions as different responsibilities will be covered and reviewed at each session. Thank you for serving your parish.

Altar Society will not be meeting during the summer - see you in September.

## St. Francis Xavier's Parish News and Information

### ST. FRANCIS COUNCIL MEMBERS

Rick Alt (F), Jim Arends (F), Rich Creager (F), DJ Krum (F), Fred Riplo (F), Bonnie Denhof (P), Bill May (P), Bill Miller (P), Robert Krey (P), Tom Stream (P), Diana VanOeffelen (P)

### LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

**JUNE 07, 2014 - 4:00 PM**

Greeters: Bill & Pam May

Sacristan: Connie Riplo

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Engle & Irene Bosman

Lector: Terri Anderson

Ushers: George Denhof & Roger Fleese

Mass Server: Bill May

Music: Eileen Hoogterp

Money Counters: Diana VanOeffelen & Sharon Denhof



#### COLLECTION FOR MAY 25, 2014

35 Adults- \$1,723.00, 6 Youth - \$6.00  
Loose- \$97.00, Votive - \$2.00, for a total  
of \$1,828. Food Pantry - \$10.00

*Thank you for your continued support!*

Altar Society hosts for June are Diana VanOeffelen & Terri Anderson.

## St. Joseph's Parish News & Information

### ST. JOSEPH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Michele Allers, Lou Armock, Ashley Dietrich, Joe Dietrich, Lorrain Dietrich, Bob Rander, Bob Umlor, Sheri Umlor, Vince Umlor

### ST. JOSEPH FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Arlene Armock, Al Dietrich, Ben Looks, Donald Rasch, Steve Umlor, Larry Williams

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

#### LECTORS

Jun 7- 6 PM-Reggie Poindexter

Jun 8-11 AM-Helen Dietrich

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Bob Brown

Carmen Dietrich

## MINISTERS OF THE CUP

Jun 7- 6 PM-Joe & Cheryl Kaltz

Jun 8-11 AM-Michele Allers & Tammy Kluting

## SACRISTAN:

Jun 7-6 PM-Carl Dunn

Jun 8-11 AM-Ben Benefiel

## MUSIC SCHEDULE

Jun 7-6 PM- Becky Goodwin

Jun 1-11 AM-Stacey Camp

## GREETERS

Jun 7-6 PM-Vicki & Marty Brown

& Arlene Armock & Norma Armock

Jun 8-11 AM-Karen & Dan Carmody

& Jane & Paul King

## USHERS SCHEDULE

Jun 7-6 PM-Mark Zemaitis & Sons & Mike Armock

Jun 8 -11 AM- Jim Brown & Bill Brown

## ALTAR SERVERS

Jun 7-6 PM-Zachary & Kendall Proctor, &

Dylan & Madeline Worrell

Jun 8-11 AM-Hunter & Katie Phelps & Christian Reed

## **Liturgical Notes**



Rosary Intention for June—Let us pray for our High School and College graduates, that they may find employment and success in the job field they have studied for.

## **Parish Information**

High School graduation recognition at St. Joseph's will take place on June 8<sup>th</sup> at the 11:00 AM Mass.

The Festival Committee is looking for a few volunteers to pick up donated items in the following areas, the Alpine area, the Coopersville area and the Grand Rapids area. Letters have been sent out to the businesses, you will just need to follow up with them and pick up items if need be. If you can help out please contact Vince or Amy Umlor at 616-460-6077. thank you!



## **GIVING BACK TO GOD 5-25-2014**

ADULT (57) \$2520

YOUTH (5) \$4

LOOSE \$94

**TOTAL \$2618**

Thank you for your continued support

## **CLUSTER INFORMATION**

### Weekly Scripture Readings

Monday, June 2 –Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday, June 3 –Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday, June 4 – Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday, June 5 -Acts 22:30,23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday, June 6-Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday, June 7-Acts 28:16-31/Jn 21:20-25

Sunday, June 8-Acts 21:1-11/1 Cor12:3b-13/Jn 20:19-23



St. Joseph Bible School The Israelites have escaped from Egypt...But now what? How can they survive? Where should they go? How will they know what to do? Find out at Wilderness

Escape! Join us June 23 to 27-9am to 11:30am. VBS for ages, preschool to grade 5, middle and high school junior leaders welcome. Registration forms in back of church, or register online at:

<https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/hl/stjoe2014>



Get ready for a week that will be ONE of a kind! You are invited to attend vacation bible school June 23rd-27th. Any child preschool age (3-4 years old)

through 5th grade is invited to attend. Registration forms are located in the back of church at both St. Catherine's and St. Francis. Once completed, you may place it in the collection basket or drop it off at either church office.

We are in need of many donations to make this week a memorable one! Please find donation slips in the back of church. Your donation can be dropped off anytime before June 15th. Donations can be placed in the baskets in the back of church labeled VBS Donation.

We thank you in advance for your generosity. We look forward to having a wonderful week filled with games, crafts, and bible adventures. Parents are invited to attend the "Tail End" at 11:30 each day to see what we have been learning. Should you have any questions, please contact Shawn at 853-6632. We hope to see you there!

### FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

by Bud Ozar

As Jesus appointed apostles, he also appoints parents to represent Him in the family; "make disciples of your children, baptizing and teaching them all I have taught you. Don't worry, I am with you always."

## **QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

### **Pentecost**

**June 8, 2014**

### **Sent to serve**

Reading I: Acts 2:1-11 (descent of the Holy Spirit)

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 (many gifts, one Spirit, and the analogy of the body)

Gospel: John 20:19-23 (appearance to the disciples)

Key Passage: Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send

you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit." (John 20:21-22)

Adult: What important work does Jesus ask of you at this time in your life?

Child: How would Jesus want you to treat your friends and family this week?

## **DIVINE PROVIDENCE ACADEMY**

### **Contact Information for School Cluster**

Contact Kendra DeYoung at 616.437.0173 or [kdeyoung@dogrschools.org](mailto:kdeyoung@dogrschools.org).

The 8th grade students of Divine Providence Academy will be conducting a can/bottle return drive to help defray the cost of the East Coast Trip they will be taking this June. You can drop your returnables in the garbage can next to the garage. Thank you in advance, your returnables can help provide these students with lifelong memories!

## **OUTSIDE THE PARISHES**

Lori's Voice will be hosting the third annual Walk-a-Thon on June 14, 2014. This year it will be held on the track at The Berlin Raceway in Marne. Get a team together or come out and walk with friends. Registration begins at 8:30AM. The walk is from 9 AM-11 AM. Registration fee: \$10 (individual rate) or \$25 (group rate) walker plus immediate family. FREE T-SHIRT for everyone who registers. Race cars will be displayed, a Bouncy House and many family activities. Please go to [lorisvoice.org](http://lorisvoice.org) for the walk registration/pledge sheet and info about Lori's Voice. Call Kathie at 616-970-3436 for more information.

Looking to spark the faith of your children or grandchildren while they have a blast at the same time? Check out Camp Sancta Maria located in Gaylord, MI. It is a Catholic camp that provides fun experiences while immersed in a faith-filled environment. We offer separate camping experiences for boys and girls which include daily Mass, horseback riding, swimming, archery, various sports, high and low ropes, and crafts. For more information check out [www.campsanctamaria.org](http://www.campsanctamaria.org) or call (248) 822-8199.

Catholics on Call Young Adult Conference: Seeking direction for your life? Wondering what God has to say to you? Have you ever thought about a life of service in the Church as a lay minister, or perhaps a religious sister, brother, or priest? You are not alone. Each summer, young adults have the opportunity to "get away" from the hectic pace of their lives and gather to share stories, dreams, and concerns. The Catholics on Call Young Adult Conference takes place at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, August 5-9. The fee is \$100; space is

limited. Apply today at [www.catholicsoncall.org](http://www.catholicsoncall.org). For more information, call [773-371-5431](tel:773-371-5431).

"White Mass" for Health Care Professionals Planned at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew - Physicians, nurses and other health care associates, Bishop David Walkowiak invites you and your families to attend the annual Mass of Christ the Healer, sometimes referred to as the White Mass, at the **Cathedral of Saint Andrew on Sunday, June 15, at 10:00 a.m.** The televised Eucharist is meant to celebrate, thank, and bless all those who continue the healing ministry of Jesus Christ in the care of the sick and infirm here in the Diocese of Grand Rapids. As a health care provider or support staff, you are encouraged to wear any coat, uniform, scrubs, or name tag associated with your profession. During the Mass, there will be a special blessing for all physicians, health care workers, support staff, and caregivers. Immediately following the Mass there will be refreshments in the Cathedral Parish Center.

Bishop Baraga Family Pilgrimage June 27-29: Discover the Catholic history in our state. Families from all seven dioceses in Michigan are invited to make a pilgrimage June 27-29 to the Cathedral of St. Peter in Marquette, where Venerable Bishop Frederic Baraga is entombed. A pilgrimage usually involves traveling to a holy place or to a holy person. Bishop Baraga established the first church in the Grand River region 180 years ago and today his cause for canonization is in the first stage toward sainthood. This pilgrimage will follow many of the routes Venerable Bishop Baraga travelled and will be marked by key events in each diocese that weekend. Families traveling from the Diocese of Grand Rapids are invited to begin the pilgrimage by joining Bishop Walkowiak on Friday, June 27 at Noon at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew for Mass and a blessing. A simple reception will immediately follow. On Saturday, June 28 at 1:30 p.m., families will gather at Cross in the Woods in Indian River. On Sunday, June 29, families will gather at 10 a.m. at the Michigan Welcome Center outside of Marquette and participate in a "pilgrim's walk" to the Cathedral of St. Peter to celebrate the closing liturgy with Bishop Doerfler.

If you plan to participate in any of these events, please contact Mark Mann, director of family marriage youth and young adult ministry at (616) 475-1243 or email: [mmann@dioceseofgrandrapids.org](mailto:mmann@dioceseofgrandrapids.org) <<mailto:mmann@dioceseofgrandrapids.org>>.

St. Jude Parish is celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our church building on Tuesday evening June 3, 2014. A vesper service will take place at 6:30pm with a light reception to follow. Please plan to join us. Former pastors, associates, religious staff, parishioners, students, teachers and all whose lives have been touched by the church and school are invited to gather for the celebration. Parishioners will be giving tours of our church and school buildings. Contact: Linda Parks: 363-6885 or 340-4439

Aquinas College Summer Academy - From June 16-27, the Aquinas Summer Academy will offer courses and workshops in Pre-Med/Health Sciences, Business, Communication, History, International Studies, Art, and Academic Writing. This powerful academic summer experience is a great way for rising junior and senior high school students to experience Pre-College courses, as well as for professionals to experience Academic Enrichment opportunities.

For more information and to register, visit [www.aquinas.edu/summer/academic.html](http://www.aquinas.edu/summer/academic.html)

DYMO Camp: Discover your values. Learn more about your faith. Find new sides of yourself to express. Relax. Grow. Build new and lasting friendships. Enjoy yourself. Experience a week in a wonderful woodland environment with other young people like you. The only Catholic camp held in our diocese for high school teens, DYMO Camp has been in operation for more than 40 years. At Camp, teens experience authentic Catholic Christian living, leadership formation, daily celebration of Eucharist as well as creative expressions in the arts, swimming, volleyball, and hiking. DYMO Camp will be held this year on June 15-21 at YMCA Camp Pinewood in Twin Lake. Camper applications can be found at [www.dymo.org](http://www.dymo.org).

Catechetical Foundations will be hosting a "Day for Catechists" on Saturday, June 14 at Sacred Heart Parish in Grand Rapids. This training day will be held from 9am-3:30pm (Parish Mass at 8:30 a.m. is held beforehand if you would like to attend). This event is FREE to all parish employees, catechists, clergy, religious, discerning catechists, parents, and ministry volunteers. "Day for Catechists" also counts for 4 hours of catechist credit in the Grand Rapids Diocese, including 1 hour of "professional" theology. Keynote: Fr. Aaron Ferris - "The Catechist and the Missionary Mandate of the Church" Sessions lead by Mark Postma, Michael Tober (of Catechetical Foundations), Jim Penrice (DRE at St. Mary's in Spring Lake) and Brian Pizzalato (the new Director of Catechesis for the Lansing Diocese).

Looking for Hosts for Students attending West Catholic during 2014-2015 School Year.

We have several young men who would like to attend West Catholic next year and we are looking for Hosts for these "Future Falcons". We are looking for Hosts, with or without children, Current Parents, Future Parents, Former WC Parents, Alumni and Grandparents who will provide them with loving homes. Families are compensated with a \$500 monthly stipend and \$1000 WC tuition credit per exchange student. Are you interested in finding out about the possibility of Hosting? Do you happen to know of a few people I can contact? Please let me know ASAP if you are interested in talking to me about the possibility of Hosting... or if you know of a few families I could contact, that would be appreciated. Nancy Beadling, WC CET International Community Coordinator, 616-915-1839, [jkbead@gmail.com](mailto:jkbead@gmail.com)

Did you know that on any given day, Catholic Charities West Michigan has over 250 children in its licensed foster homes? Foster care means providing a temporary, substitute, safe, nurturing home to children who have been removed from their parent's care due to neglect and/or abuse. If you are ready to open your home and heart to a child in need, please call 1-866-857-1593 and ask for a foster care licensing worker.

**Building Strong Catholic Families** - The research on faith and the family cannot be clearer: **Parents matter... a lot!** All parents are invited to an evening designed for parents of children of all ages - **Wednesday, June 11, 7 - 9 p.m.**, at Cathedral Square (360 Division Ave. South Grand Rapids). The evening will be facilitated by Mr. Leland Nagel, Executive Director of National Conference for Catechetical Leadership.

Listen and share with other parents and parish leaders your hopes, needs and concerns about the faith of your children and how the parish/school can support you in your efforts to instill faith.

Examine and assess your own "family faith inventory" and discern steps for growing in faith as a family in the coming year.

Discover some practical ideas and tools for family faith growth.

A \$5 contribution will be requested at the door. For more information, go to [www.dioceseofgrandrapids.org](http://www.dioceseofgrandrapids.org)

Upward Soccer Camp at Trinity Lutheran Church, Conklin, 1379 Harding St., Conklin. Camp runs July 7-July 11 from 5:30 - 8:30pm. This camp is for boys & girls entering Kindergarten thru 6th grade. \$35 by June 9 (after \$45). Registration forms online [www.trinitylutheranconklin.org](http://www.trinitylutheranconklin.org) OR register online @<http://registration.upward.org/UPW54956>. For more information contact Janeen Chase [upward@tlc-conklin.org](mailto:upward@tlc-conklin.org) or Terri Kober 616.899.2167.

PRIME TIME SINGLES Weekly Saturday Breakfasts during June are at 9:00 AM in Grand Haven Township's New Creations on US 31 near Ferris Street.

Now planning for kayaking, dances, bike & hikes, picnics, movies, etc.

The Monthly Birthday Dinner will be at 5:30 pm on Thursday, the 26<sup>th</sup>, at Jack's Restaurant in the SL Holiday Inn hosted by Grace (RSVP 616-842-2622). At 6:45, the group will stroll to Millpoint Park to enjoy a concert by the Lakeshore Big Band.

Contact [grace.o.gram@gmail.com](mailto:grace.o.gram@gmail.com) for details. Summer visitors are most welcome.