



Saints Peter and Paul worked tirelessly to spread the Gospel. Not all can be apostles, but we, too, must be good stewards of our vocations, using the gifts we have been given in the service of God's kingdom.

JUNE 29, 2014

Dear Parishioners,

1) Can't believe it is the end of June already! This Friday is the celebration of Independence Day. We will have a Mass on Friday for the Cluster at 9:00 AM at St. Francis Xavier's. (No Mass at St. Joseph's this Friday.)



PASTORAL CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

4:00 PM-SFX + Louis Videtich by Kate & Family
Father Brucker

6:00 PM-SJ + Mike Klein by M/m Gordon Klein
Father Badgerow

SUNDAY JUNE 29

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

11:00 AM-SJ + Ray Zemaitis by M/M Jack Michalak
Father Brucker

MONDAY, JUNE 30

9:00 AM-SFX + Edna Morse by Jim & Edna May

TUESDAY, JULY 01

8:00 AM-SJ +Fritz Kluting by M/M Bob Umlor

8:30 AM- Adoration

WEDNESDAY, JULY 02

NO MASS

THURSDAY, JULY 03

8:30 AM-SC + Richard Weaver by Weaver Family

FRIDAY, JULY 04

No Mass at St. Joseph's

9:00 AM-SFX + Mary Dunneback by Ed & Terri
Anderson

SATURDAY, JULY 05

Confessions: 10:00-11:00 am at St. Francis Xavier's

4:00 PM-SFX + Ray Zemaitis by M/M Jack Michalak
Father Brucker

6:00 PM-SJ +Ray Umlor by Lucy Rasch & Family
Father Brucker

SUNDAY JULY 06

9:00 AM- SC + Don Nutt by Barb, Kathy & Jim
Father Vainavicz

11:00 AM-SJ + Al Zimmer by M/M Jim Dietrich
Father Brucker

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend and celebrate the freedom of religion that we enjoy in this country and which is under attack by those who want to ignore the first amendment of the Constitution.

2) Bishop Walkowiak paid a visit to our area last Monday. I had invited him to see how they pack apples. By the time he called back they were done packing apples but were still packing asparagus. So we went to Dietrich's packing house by Kent City and observed the process. Quite fascinating, if I do say so myself. He asked a ton of questions and was obviously very interested. We took a picture of him and the Dietrich's and others who work there. Joe and Kathy Dietrich were celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary that day so he brought up on his smart phone a little ceremony of renewing vows and a blessing (I better put one of those on my phone!). Very nice. He was very grateful for the invitation and clearly enjoyed himself.

3) The roof on St. Catherine's Church is coming along nicely. When they are finished, we will try to coordinate fixing the water damage inside the church (ceiling, walls, etc.) with some of the upgrades to the lighting in church to save costs on erecting scaffolding.

4) St. Francis Xavier's Hall is coming along also very nicely. The walls are painted. This past week, volunteers were to get the old folding walls out and start taking up the old carpet (saving us about \$600.00). The carpet should be laid soon and we can resume using our hall. THANKS to all those volunteers who are putting significant time and effort into this project.

5) St. Joseph's Research Committee will begin work on various things that need to be considered if we build a new Activities Center. Part of their work will be to invite input from stakeholders in the project: school, religious education, ladies who put on meals, groups that meet, music ministry, etc., etc. Another part is how to fund this new building and its long term maintenance. Another part of the project is remodeling the present hall (church basement) into parish office space for pastor, secretary, business manager, DRE, music director, etc. It has also been suggested that we include space for a nursery during weekend Masses. Finally, also included is eventual demolition of the former convent which is where the parish offices are currently located. Lots to do. Lots of planning. I'm sure there will be lots of comments. Constructive criticism is always welcome. Just keep it polite, please.

Enjoy the summer. I love you.

Fr. Fred



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

JULY 06, 2014 -9:00 AM

Greeters & Gifts: George & Shawn Herman

Sacristan: Louise Schaallemma

Eucharistic Ministers: Helen Helsen, Joe Helsen & Shawn Herman

Lector: Melanie Block

Ushers: Gale Nutt, Don Crowley, Barry Kroll & Matt Block

Mass Servers 07/03/14: Trevor Block & Taylor Dohm

Mass Servers: Emily Kubasiak, Katherine Herman & Emma Herman

Music: Eileen Hoogterp/Tom Bolen

Money Counters: Tony & Jane Helsen



COLLECTION FOR JUNE 22, 2014

69 Adults - \$3,174.00, 8 Youth - \$15.81
Loose - \$135.00, Votive - \$6.00, for a total of \$3,330.81.

Thank you for your continued support!

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

Centering Prayer – Contemplative Prayer

During Centering Prayer thoughts are coming and going. We let thoughts go by using our *sacred word*. Some periods of Centering Prayer are more peaceful and some have persistent thoughts. Please keep in mind that the method of Centering Prayer is only one form of prayer and doesn't exclude other forms of prayer at other times. We should communicate with God on every level of our being; with our lips, our bodies, our imaginations, our emotions, our minds, and our silence. Centering Prayer is only one rung of Jacob's ladder in the Old Testament. It is a way of giving God a chance to speak to us. While our spontaneous chats with God are good, there is a level that is even better. As in human friendship, there is a conversational level. But as friendship grows more intimate, the level of communication develops, where the two can sit together and say nothing. If they say nothing, does that mean that they are not finding deep enjoyment in the relationship? There are obviously different ways and different levels of expressing one's relationship with another person and with God. God clearly deals with us

in a personal way. Centering Prayer adds a dimension to one's relationship with God that is more intimate than the other levels. There is nothing wrong with vocal prayer, but it isn't the only way or the most profound way of praying. Centering Prayer helps us to let go and let God. We become more relaxed, forgiving, and loving in everyday life.

Men's Club News: St. Catherine's Men's Club will not meet in the summer. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, September 24th at 7:00 pm in the parish hall. Wishing everyone a nice summer!

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

MARS (Missions Around Ravenna in Service)- Update on MARS. This Mission has been very active this past year, and we are appealing to you again this year for your help in filling our food pantry with non-perishable food items and/or monetary donations(which are used to purchase the fresh foods). We have provided envelopes in church pews for this purpose, and a tub to place the food items in back of church. If you have any questions concerning MARS please contact any of these St. Catherine's representatives: Emma Mikos, Karen Goodno, or Mary Arends. THANK YOU for your generosity in the past year, and we hope for another year of many donations to help those in need in the Ravenna Community. #847, "Song of the Body of Christ", in our "gather" hymnal reads: "we are called to feed the hungry at our door". Thank you.

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

JULY 05, 2014 - 4:00 PM

Greeters: Ted & Janice Crowley

Sacristan: Connie Riplo

Eucharistic Ministers: Terri Anderson & Michelle May

Lector: Kathy Morey

Ushers: Tim Walker & Tom Stream

Mass Server: Irene Bosman

Music: Eileen Hoogterp

Money Counters: Diana VanOeffelen & Irene Bosman



COLLECTION FOR JUNE 22, 2014

29 Adults- \$1,420.00, 4 Youth –\$8.00
Loose- \$85.00, Votive - \$2.00, for a total of \$1,515.00. Food Pantry - \$15.00

Thank you for your continued support!

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

Thank You for helping us during this very difficult time. Your kindness and concern for our family means a great deal to us. We appreciate all the love and support you have extended to us during this period of sadness. Your thoughtfulness means more to us than words can fully express. Love and Prayers; The Florence Beuschel Family



This year's St. Francis Xavier Pig Roast is in need of 2 hogs to roast! If you or anyone you know is willing to donate a hog to our cause, we would really APPRECIATE IT! The roast will take place on Sunday, September 28th. Please contact D-j Krum at 616.893.8370. Thank You!!

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

Jul 5-6 PM-Heather Brown
Jul 6-11 AM-Helen Dietrich

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Carl Dunn
Amy Armock

MINISTERS OF THE CUP

Jul 5- 6PM- Tonya Fritz & Gail Dunn
Jul 6-11 AM-Tom Klein & Deb Lee

SACRISTANS

Jul 5-6 PM-Carl Dunn
Jul 6-11 AM-Ben Benefiel

MUSIC SCHEDULE

Jul 5-6 PM- Amy Irish-Brown
Jul 6-11 AM-Stacey Camp

GREETERS

Jul 5-6 PM-Vicki & Marty Brown
Arlene Armock & Norma Armock
Jul 6-11 AM-Amy & Joe Armock
Chris & Vernon Kirk

USHERS SCHEDULE

Jul 5-6 PM-Joe Looks & Tony Rosloniec
Jul 6-11 AM-Randy Graftema & Charlie Armock

ALTAR SERVERS

Jul 5- 6 PM-Nicholas & Jacob Dame,
Zachary & Kendall Proctor
Jul 6-11 AM-Myla & Roman Armock & Christian Reed

Liturgical Notes



Rosary Intention for July—Let us pray for all travelers on their summer vacations, that they may have a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable vacation.

Parish Information

Festival Chairpersons please send in your worker list to Diane Butts by July 1st. Also anyone looking for work can contact me and I can connect them with chairpersons looking for workers. Phone 616-690-2532, email diane@foxinsuranceagency.com

Festival Yard signs are available in the back of church, please take one. Also if you have one at home from last year there are stickers available to change your date, please take one.

The next Festival Chairman meeting will be held Tuesday July 15th at 7 pm in the church meeting room, see you all there!

Festival News: This year's festival will be under the leadership of Dave & Michelle Vlug and their co-chairs are Vince and Amy Umlor. If you would like to make a donation to help defray the cost of the festival prizes it would be very helpful; please contact M/M Vlug or M?M Umlor. It would be helpful if anyone donating money or items could do this early. We have many talented adults and kids in our parish. If anyone would like to make or build anything for the mini raffle or craft booth it will be greatly appreciated.

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 6-22-2014

ADULT (57) \$2547
YOUTH (7) \$7
LOOSE \$147

TOTAL \$2701

Thank you for your continued support

CLUSTER INFORMATION

Weekly Scripture Readings

Monday, June 30 – Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday, July 01 – Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday, July 02 – Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Mt 8:28-34
Thursday, July 03 – Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29
Friday, July 04 Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Mt 9:9-13
Saturday, July 05-Am 9:11-15/Mt 9:14-17
Sunday, July 06 – Zec 9:9-10/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30



To the Parishioners of our Cluster of Parishes,

Dick and I would like to thank the many members of the parishes who have kept us in prayer during the past year, but most especially in the past two months as Dick received a liver transplant at the University of Michigan on April 24, 2014. Currently, Dick is progressing very well and has returned to his position as Director of Music at Holy Family Parish, Sparta. God's will, your prayers and the knowledge and expertise of the physicians at the University of Michigan and our primary care physician, Dr. Kevin Kiley have made all of this possible. We are most grateful to all of you for your fervent prayer and will continue to be grateful for any prayers that you might like to offer on our behalf. Most sincerely and with grateful hearts, Dick and Eileen Hoogterp



The Knights of Columbus #4404 is sponsoring a Blood Drive on Monday, July 07th at St. Joseph's Church. The Blood Drive will take place from 1:00 to 7:00 pm. Please help and give the gift of life.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

In today's Gospel, we are posed with the question by Jesus, "who do you say I am?" Our families are our first 'rock' where we learn who we are because we proclaim who Jesus is for us – the Christ, the Son of the living God.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 06, 2014

Laying down your burdens

Reading I Zechariah 9:9-10 (restoration under the Messiah)
Reading II Romans 8:9, 11-13 (indwelling of the Spirit)
Gospel Matthew 11:25-30 (Jesus and his Father)

Key Passage Jesus said, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." (Matthew 11:28-29)

Adult: When has Jesus refreshed you when you felt burdened by problems?

Child: What burden do you need Jesus to help you carry?

DIVINE PROVIDENCE ACADEMY

Contact Information for School Cluster

Contact Kendra DeYoung at 616.437.0173 or kdeyoung@dogrschools.org.

The 8th graders of Divine Providence Academy would like to thank everyone who contributed to the returnable drive for the East Coast Trip. We were able to raise over \$800 toward the trip. We traveled from June 6 - 12 and saw so many wonderful parts of our country and history. The upcoming 8th graders would like to continue collecting returnables for their ECT next June. Thanks for your continued support.

YOUTH MINISTRY



Just a word of thanks for all the support that was shown last Saturday night at the Spaghetti Dinner at St. Joe's for the students going on the Mission Trip in July to Northern Minnesota. Thanks to the K of C Council #4404 for donating the food, and the parents and grandparents for helping prepare the food and to all those who came and ate and supported us with their donations. Also to the winner of the 50/50 raffle who graciously donated his winnings to the group. A total of \$537.00 was raised! Again a heartfelt thank you to all...Till Later..Bill Miller & all the Mission Trippers

EMERGENCY ITEM – PLEASE READ

Due to medical issues for one of our chaperones for Mission Trip, we are in need of an adult male (age 25 or older) to go on the trip with us to Minnesota, July 05 – July 12, 2014. If you are interested please call Diane at 231.853.6222 or 616.350.1542. We realized this is very short notice, but desperately needed. If we don't get a chaperone, we may have to cancel the trip.

OUTSIDE THE PARISHES

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

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 OR register online @<http://registration.upward.org/UPW54956>. For more information contact Janeen Chase upward@tlc-conklin.org or Terri Kober 616.899.2167.

Our Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry needs volunteers to help with families on Thursday's from 9 am to 12:30 pm. If you would like to volunteer once a week or once a month please call Diane Musk at 231-726-5341.

Our God's Kitchen along the Lakeshore that operates out of Sacred Heart Church is also in need of volunteers to help prepare and serve on Tuesday's from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. If you would like to volunteer please call Diane Musk at 231-726-5341. **Food Pantry Needs:** Peanut Butter, Pancake Syrup and Mix, Green Beans.: **Baby Pantry Needs:** Size 5 & 6 Diapers, Baby Wash or Shampoos, Wipes, Sippy Cups

Coopersville Cares, will be holding its" Annual Benefit Sale on Friday, August 15th & Saturday, August 16th at the Grace Lutheran Church 300 E Cleveland. Donations of good useable clothing, toys, furniture and household items will be needed. Please remember this sale and start collecting items that you will be willing to donate the week of the sale.



The weather is getting nice, and we need golfers! Time to set the date for our Generosi-Tee Golf Outing... Monday, July 14, 2014. Register on-line at www.golfoutingforhelp.com. Be sure to share with family and friends! There will be a \$10,000 60-foot putt chance for tournament winner and a \$5,000 60-foot chance for our raffle winner... tickets for the raffle are \$5 each. Thank you for your support of HELP Pregnancy Crisis Aid, Inc.

Right to Life of Michigan Educational Fund is hosting a Youth Infographic Contest for prolife young people. Youth ages 13-22 can create and submit an original infographic. Contest finalists will have their work shared on Right to Life of Michigan's Facebook page and will be judged by a public vote to determine the winners. There will be cash prizes for different age divisions. An infographic is a visual representation of data intended to present complex information quickly and clearly. The deadline for submissions is July 1, 2014. For rules and an application form visit www.rtl.org or call 616-532-2300

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. For more information, call [773-371-5431](tel:773-371-5431).



***The Joy of the Gospel by Pope Francis
Brown Bag Book Study with Fr. Tom Tavella, CSP
Mondays, July 7, 14, 21 & 28, 6-8 pm***

Evangelii Gaudium-The Joy of the Gospel is a dynamic document written in the easy to understand style for which Pope Francis has become famous. It covers a large number of topics, from the economy and social justice to proclamation of the Gospel and evangelization. Fr. Tom will use his theological expertise to guide the discussion of this fascinating book. Participants are asked to bring a 'sack dinner' (brown bag dinner). Coffee, tea, water and cookies will be served. For more information or to register go to register@catholicinformationcenter.org or call (616) 459-7267 CFD: *Theology/Church Doc* \$10 donation requested.

Sunday, June 29, Worship On the Waterfront 2014 welcomes, BUDDY GREENE to the Grand Haven Waterfront Stadium from 7:30 – 8:45 p.m. With a variety of southern Americana influences, Buddy creates worship with equal parts hymn sing, jam session, church house revival and fun. There is no cost, nor any tickets needed to attend W.O.W. Check out our web site at www.worshiponthewaterfront.org.

Sunday, July 6, Worship On the Waterfront 2014 welcomes, NEWWORLDSON to the Grand Haven Waterfront Stadium from 7:30 – 8:45 p.m. This Canadian band brings a unique blend of pop, soul, jazz and gospel to Christian music with inspirational lyrics and world class musicianship. There is no cost, nor any tickets needed to attend W.O.W. Check out our web site at www.worshiponthewaterfront.org.

PARABLES ON FIRE 086-100: Presenter: Joachim Lally, CSP **Day/Date/Time:** Tuesday, July 8; 7:00-9:00 p.m. Mark 4:34 states that Jesus in his public ministry only taught using stories, or parables. Was the reason for this to clarify, to obfuscate, or to challenge? How did some of the parables of Jesus "upset the apple cart" for many in his day? How may these parables be applied to the issues we face today in our church and our world? **Cost:** \$20.00. CFD: Theology.