

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 13, 2009

Mass intentions may be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances. They will be rescheduled as soon as possible.

MONDAY, Sept. 14 – The Exultation of the Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b-9 Jn 3:13-17

8:00 am – Random Lake † Dolores Bowe (GG)

TUESDAY, Sept. 15 – Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Tm 3:1-13 Jn 19:25-27

8:00 am – HR, St. Rose Chapel † Raymond Antoine (RF)

8:00 am – Random Lake † Leon & Bernice Deppiessie (GG)

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 16 – Saint Cornelius, pope and martyr, and Saint Cyprian, bishop and martyr

1 Tm 3:14-16 Lk 7:31-35

8:00 am – Random Lake † Clemens Birenbaum (GG)

8:00 am – St. Mary, LC † Joseph Koch (RF)

THURSDAY, Sept. 17 – Weekday

1 Tm 4:12-16 Lk 7:36-50

8:00 am – HR, St. Rose Chapel – Open (GG)

8:00 am – St. Mary, LC – Open (RF)

FRIDAY, Sept. 18 – Weekday

1 Tm 6:2c-12 Lk 8:1-3

8:00 am – HR, St. Rose Chapel † Terry Plzak (GG)

8:00 am – St. Mary, LC – Open (RF)

SATURDAY, Sept. 19 – Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 2:12,17-20 Jas 3:16-4:3 Mk 9:30-37

4:30 pm – Dacada † Carl & Dorothy Beck, and

† Lawrence Weyker, † Marilyn Ronk (RF)

7:30 pm – HR, St. Rose Chapel † Dec. of the Weyker/Hoffman

Families and For our Parishioners (GG)

SUNDAY, Sept. 20 – Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 2:12,17-20 Jas 3:16-4:3 Mk 9:30-37

8:00 am – St. Mary, LC † Deceased Members of the

Nick & Martha Wester Family (GG)

9:30 am – Holy Cross † Eleanor Jacque (RF)

10:00 am – RL – Living & Deceased of the Parish and

† Clyde Weter (GG)

11:00 am – St. Mary, LC † Ralph Blaubach (JE)

Confession Times – Saturday afternoon at St. Nicholas, Dacada from 3:45-4:15 p.m. Saturday evening at St. Rose, Fredonia from 6:45-7:15 p.m. Sunday morning at St. Mary, Lake Church following the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Special arrangements can be made with either priest.

Question of the Week: Key Passage – The servant replied, “Your brother has come; and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.” Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. (Luke 15:27-28) **Adult** – When have you persistently sought after a member of your family who has lost his or her way? **Child** – Have you ever felt you were not getting credit for your good work? What did you do?



For the month of September, the **Human Concerns** committee is collecting cereal and paper towels for the Food Pantry. Please drop off items in the back of church on any weekend. Thank you for your support.

CEMETERY GRAVESITE COSTS TO INCREASE

effective October 1, 2009. Current cost per gravesite: \$250.00 for registered members of our parish and \$500.00 for non-members. Effective October 1, 2009, the cost will be increased to: \$350.00 for registered members of our parish and \$700.00 for non-members.

Liturgical Ministers

Dacada 4:30 pm (9/19) Servers: Sarah Bichler, Andrew Fechter

Lector: Katie Bichler

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Laura Feider,

Sarah Kawczynski, Agnes Leider, Richard Sawinski

Ministers of Hospitality: Bryan Bichler, Peter Feider

RL 10:00 am (9/20) Servers: Bailey Sanderson, Bryan Weiss

Lector: Joanne Mueller

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Peter & Kris Bemis,

Vicki Depies, Sharon Gilson

Ministers of Hospitality: Chris Birenbaum, Joe Birenbaum,

Peter Birenbaum, Merlin Depies

We pray for the improved health of... David Moller, Joe/Donna Moller, Roland Klas, Mardell Binder, Don Dressel, Gladys Hagel, Regina Steffen, Brian Ramel, Dolores Schneider, Kathleen Medinger, Fanny Watry, Tom Fitzpatrick

Our Lady of the Lakes Stewardship Report – Sept, 6, 2009

Offertory Collection: \$274.80

Church Support Received: \$ 3,362.00

Need weekly to meet budget: \$ 5,750.00

Short (\$ 2,388.00)

Total Rcvd. 7/1/09-9/6/09: \$ 44,538.67

Total needed to meet budget: \$ 57,500.00

Short (\$ 12,961.33)

Minimum financial support requested is as follows:

Married Couples: \$20.00 per week

Single & Mixed Religion Marriages: \$10.50 per week

*or **Tithe** – you can join the growing number of parishioners who tithe and give 5% of their gross income. **If you cannot give the requested amount, we ask that you give what you can.**

OUR LADY OF THE LAKES FALL FESTIVAL – Sun., Oct. 4: 1) Volunteers are needed. All members of our parish are asked to help. If you haven't been contacted to help and would be willing to do so, call any committee chairperson shown on the information sheet that you received with your raffle tickets. This is a good way for Confirmation students to complete their service hours. School families could also earn their volunteer hours. 2) Cabbage, green peppers, carrots, onions, & potatoes are needed. If you have cabbage, green peppers, carrots or onions to donate, call Sandy Hiller at 994-9215 by Sept. 27th to let her know how much you will be bringing. If you have potatoes to donate, call Darlene Klockow, 994-9068 (evenings). PLEASE CALL if you will be donating any of these items. If we do not get calls by Sept. 27th, we buy what we need. Donated cabbage, green peppers, carrots or onions should be brought to the school kitchen by 6 p.m. on Fri., Oct. 2nd.

ATTN: KNITTERS & CROCHETERS – Mittens, scarves and hats are needed for the Thanksgiving Ecumenical Mitten Tree. Free yarn is available on the back porch of the church office in Random Lake for anyone wanting to knit or crochet. Items are placed on a tree at the Ecumenical Thanksgiving service on Nov. 25th. and then given to our local Food Pantry for distribution to local needy families. Items may be dropped off in the back of church by Nov. 22nd, if you do not plan to attend the Thanksgiving Service. Any questions, please call Suzanne Biedenbender at 994-2912. Thank you for your help.

Dr. Rick Erickson, OLL School Principal, has established a “direct line” to him. That cell phone number is 920-447-2665(BOOK).

Monday, September 14

- 6:15 pm – Rosary – RL
- 7:00 pm – Building & Grounds Mtg. - School

Tuesday, September 15

- 2:00 pm – Mass – Heritage Nursing Home
- 7:00 pm – Alcoholics Anonymous/Al-Anon – Fredonia (Joe 994-9827)

Wednesday, September 16

- 5:30-7:30 pm – Family Program Session

Friday, September 18

- 10:15 am – Mass – Beechwood Rest Home

Safeguarding All God's Family Class – Our Lady of the Lakes School – Monday, October 12th at 6:00 p.m.

Entertainment Book Sale: Our Lady of the Lakes School will be selling Entertainment books until Sept. 14th as a fundraiser for the school. They sell for \$35 and are loaded with valuable savings for food, entertainment, travel and services. These books easily pay for themselves and also make great gifts. If you are interested, please contact any OLL student or Susan at the Parish office at 994-4380.

Themes of the Pentateuch Scripture study. Mondays, Sept. 14, 21, 28 from 3:30-5:00 p.m.- St. Mary Lake Church Parish Center or Tuesdays Sept. 15, 22, 29 from 7-8:30 p.m. Our Lady of the Lakes Parish Office. Learn more about the themes of the first five books of the Bible: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. Bring your Bible or use one of ours. All are welcome. Contact Deb Hamm to register. 4.5 Scripture clock hours for those who need them.

Grieving Our Losses Faithfully. Wednesdays, Sept. 16, 23, 30, Oct. 7, 14, 21 at 7 PM. at St. Peter of Alcantara library, Port Washington. A faith-based grief support series for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. The group will provide education and tools for the grieving process. Members of all faith traditions are welcome!

Divorce Recovery Series: The District 10 Parishes are offering a series to help those who are dealing with all aspects of divorce. Marianne Skrobiak, MS, LPC, will lead the group on six Wednesday's from September 15 through October 20 from 7-8:30 PM in the Matthew/ Mark Room at St. James Parish in Mequon. The cost is \$40 per person, with assistance available if needed. Please call Terri Schiller at 262-512-8985 or schillert@lumenchristiparish.org to register.

SISTER CIRCLE - Women of all faith traditions are welcome to join us in sharing our faith, supporting each other, and exploring the friendship and spirituality of women. We meet the 3rd Thursday of the month. Over this year we will be rotating our meetings through 4 area churches. Our first meeting will be Thursday, September 17, 7 PM at First Congregational Church in the library; 131 N. Webster, Port Washington. For more information call Pat at 262-284-7299.

CONFIRMATION MEETING. There will be a meeting Sunday, Sept. 27 at 10:30 a.m. in the church hall at Holy Cross chapel for all Confirmation candidates (AND THEIR PARENTS) who will be in the program at Holy Rosary Parish this year. Please call Deb Hamm if you have questions.

Prescription and over the counter **drug disposal** is now available 24/7 in the front lobby of the Sheboygan Police Department at 1315 N. 23rd St., Sheboygan. There will also be a waste medication collection event in Random Lake on Saturday, Oct. 3 from 9-11 a.m. at the Random Lake Fire Department parking lot. Watch for flyers posted in the community or call Kathryn Sepstead at 920-994-9815 for additional information.



Pastoral Column

Today's second reading reminds me of the many conversations I've had over the years with my ecumenical colleagues and friends, as well as professors and classmates at St. Francis Seminary. St. James is talking about the conflict between faith and works. Does faith alone save us? Can our works save us? How do faith and works connect?

At different times in the history of Christianity, this discussion has flared up and caused many disagreements and conflicts. For many years, the Catholic Church taught that our good works could help us earn salvation. Some other Christian denominations taught that faith alone saves us, and that good works hold little, if any, part in salvation...that all we must do is believe.

Although we will probably never completely agree, ecumenical conversations in recent years have been able to find some common ground in the discussion on faith and works that seem compatible with St. James discussion in today's second reading. St. James tells us that both faith and works are important. He tells us that if someone proclaims to have faith, but does not do good works, that faith is dead. If we proclaim to have faith, but do not reach out to those who are hungry, ill, poor, or lonely, our faith is empty. At the same time, we can do all the good works in the world, but still not have faith. It is very possible to do the right things for the wrong reasons.

Faith and works are indeed so intimately connected that it is difficult to separate the two. Perhaps the conflict is one of semantics. What do we mean when we say "faith?" Do we simply mean believing, or do we mean believing and living out that belief? If we really have faith in Christ, then we live as Christ did—with an abundance of good works. Faith grows good works.

It is also possible for someone to grow their faith through good works. Let me give you an example. I have been on 27 mission trips. Every time I serve my brothers and sisters in need, my faith becomes stronger. I have also witnessed countless mission trippers (youth and adult alike) who have become more and more involved in their faith, and more active in their parishes, following the experience of serving those in need. Good works CAN...and do...help people deepen their faith. And people of faith are impelled into action. The deeper the faith, the more good works.

What ultimately saves us? *The incredible love, compassion and mercy of our God who sent the only Son to suffer and die for our sins.* Salvation is purely a gift from God. Nothing any human being can do can earn salvation. Of course, any gift must be accepted. When we accept the gift of salvation with faith, we live a life of faith, which includes reaching out to our neighbors with love, justice, mercy and forgiveness.
Deb Hamm, Pastoral Associate

RCIA Help Wanted. We have a growing number of adults who are interested in serving on a "team" to help prepare other adults who wish to join the Catholic Church. If you might be interested in helping, or if you have questions, please contact Deb Hamm.

The Rosemary School Dinner Auction will be held on Saturday, October 10th. Please plan to join us for this great fundraising event. For reservations and information about the auction, call Pattie Miller at 262692-3626. If you have a donation for the auction, you can drop it off at the Rosemary School Office or call Pattie to arrange for a pick-up.