



St. Priscilla Parish Family

St. Priscilla Parish Mission Statement

We are a diverse community of caring Christians who celebrate Eucharist and proclaim the Gospel by service to all in the community.

July 22, 2007

FR. JIM'S JOURNAL

Smiles Breaking Through Tears

“Dying is a gradual diminishing and final vanishing over the horizon of life. When we watch a sailboat leaving port and moving toward the horizon, it becomes smaller and smaller until we can no longer see it. But we must trust that someone is standing on a faraway shore seeing that same sailboat become larger and larger until it reaches its new harbor. Death is a painful loss. When we return to our homes after a burial, our hearts are in grief. But when we think about the One standing at the other shore eagerly waiting to welcome our beloved friend into a new home, a smile can break through our tears.”

-Henry Nouwen



There is one thing that we all share in common. We are all dying. Death is probably one of our biggest fears. Part of this is the fear of the unknown. We are not quiet sure what it will be like on the other side, and we are not sure we will be happy. As with any other fear, our first inclination may be to ignore it and hope that it goes away. We frequently do not talk about death, but not talking about death will not make it any less real when it comes. Our faith tells us that life does not end with death. Death is a transition into eternal life, where we will be fully united with God and those who have gone before us.

Death of a loved one is very difficult to cope with. When someone we love dies, they are no longer with us in the same way and we miss them. There is a hole left in our lives that they once occupied. We need to grieve the loss, and that takes a long time and it is a great deal of work. We need help and support from others to work through the grief.

The person who dies experiences death very differently. That person is united with God in a new way. That individual no longer has to endure the pain and suffering that we endure in this life. There is no illness. There is no pain. In the context of our faith we can talk about “good death.” A “good death” occurs when everyone involved is ready. This includes the dying individual, the survivors and health

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**THIS MONDAY
PARISH NURSE
PRESENTATION
ON DIABETES.**
See page 10 for more info.

Meetings/Events Of the Week

Mon-7/23-Adoration 8:30am-8:30pm

Parish Nurse Presentation-7pm

K of C Meeting-7pm

Tues-7/24-STAFF-10AM

Bingo -6:30 pm

Wed-7/25-Women’s Prayer Group-7

Picnic volunteer mtg-7pm

Thurs-7/26-MASS 7PM

Bible Study-7pm

Nurse Ministry mtg-7pm

Sat-7/28-Men’s Fellowship-7:30am

Sun-7/29-PARISH PICNIC-

**11:00 am outside Mass-
fun until 5:PM**



**NEXT SUNDAY;
JULY 29TH
ST. PRISCILLA PARISH
PICNIC**

**11:00 AM outside Mass
Schedule on page 5.
Everyone is Invited!**

"...To everything there is a season
and a time to every purpose
under heaven..."



...a time to be born...

a time to healJean Karazim, John Martel, Nancy Redington, Tamra Newell, Crystal Bearden, Kim Landis, Stacy Smith, Marty Fox, Larry Boston, Blanche Kennedy, Debby Szilagyi, Darlene Smith, Karen Marcus, Noreen Quantz, Margaret Lambert, Ron Gosset, Laura Murphy, Jack Young, Justen Richards, Kathleen Roegner, Marigold Szielega, Michael Pastucha, Linda (Statezny) Rogers, Harold Michnal, Marion Pertunnen, Amy Callaghan, Steven Wilson, Donald Hultquist, Carol Ducharme, Mattie Lassen, Dominic Lombardi, Vivian Kruk, Rita Maczka, Kaitlyn Dehaan, Leslie Rogers Turner, Bill Masjeske, Janet Paquette, Lory Valuet, Mike Visca, Kelly Lomas, Delphine Whitesock, and Eleanor Rakozy.

..a time to die....Mary Powers & Robert Bartolameo.

Please hold our Service men and women in your prayers ...Chris Pietryka, Kyle Wroblewski, Jessie Stevens, Eric Hudzinski, Grady McElhinney, Sean Redigan, Bobby Wentworth, Steve Reynolds, Justin Boomgaard, Samantha Ciaramitaro, Peter Herrmann, Griffin Schager, Byron Hemphill, Vance J. Nannini, Rachael Brown, Michael Lancot, Richard Bastien, Robert E. Oldani, Seth Janisse, Christopher Masel, Ryan Masel, Robert Uren, Jr., Fletcher Armstrong, III, Michael Goodrow, Tanya Dudek, Nicole Pawlowicz, Nicholas Mitchelle, Ryan Bierschbach and Marc Hudzinski.

To have someone from your family enrolled on the prayer list, please call the church office. Names will be listed for one month unless the office is notified that the condition continues and that prayers are still needed.

⌘⌘ **Handmaids** ⌘⌘

July
26 Patti Green
August
2 Peg Moreau
Dorothy Monette



Weekly Mass Intentions

Sunday, July 22nd, 9:00 AM

Joseph Petriches by Pat Petriches

11:00 AM

William Bonanno by Mr. & Mrs. Ferrara

Betty Lehto by Kay Kermode & Barb Bou-Chard

Alex Gularski by Susan Taras

Andrew Marinko by Richard Salewski

Hinemen & Domingue Families by Roberta Hineman

Chuck Marino by Family

Mario Autunno by Family

Monday, July 23rd, 8:00 AM

Diane Skelly by John & Jan Slaten

Tuesday, July 24th, 8:00 AM

Giacomina-Francesco Ledda by Carta Fam.

Marion Lyman by Pat Petriches

Wednesday, July 25th, 8:00 AM

Francesca Mulas by Carta Family

Thursday, July 26th, 7:00 PM

Henry Wyess by Peggy Kline

Bill Collins by wife, Blanche

Friday, July 27th, 8:00 AM

Dick Morrison by wife Roseann

Saturday, July 28th, 4:30 PM

Ursalane Blaskey by Brokenshire Family

Eleanor Depowski by Barb Kerr

Sunday, July 29th, 9:00 AM

Joann Visca by husband, Mike

Mary Powers by Parish Family

11:00 AM

Emillio Russo by Mary Colasanti

Michela Carta by Carta Family

Andy Marinko by Ken & Carol Oesterle

Adolph & Adeline Riegel by Gwen Riegel

William Bonanno by Mr. & Mrs. Ferrara

DATE	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVER
July 28 4:30 PM	P. Stebbins S. Garchar	M. Marnon, T. Jones, M. Keith, M. Gehringer, S. Konal, K. Ogans	C. Rehlund, A. Lebbos, N. Pepper, S. Depowski
July 29 9:00 AM	M. Groulx L. Flaherty	M. Kelley, T. Flaherty, L. Mattson, A. Haapala, V. Hanis, A. Hoger, T. Hoger	A. McAlpine, Matt. Dreier, M. Barill, J. McHahwar
July 29 11:AM	J. Dzwonkowski J. Dennis	L. Curtis, M. Himm, A. Yorkchak, K. Kermode, M. Yokom, P. Kiss, C. Lark	M. Yokom, D. Graham, M. Brenton, E. Fenech

Please remember to find a substitute if you are unable to attend.

August - USHER SCHEDULE - TEAM A

BINGO Team 4

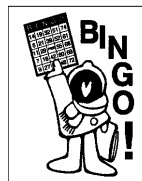
Floor Operator: Lue Jarrett, Paul Hanis, Dick Schmidt, Jerry Karasinski, Lee Curtis, Jake Subatch and Diana Mahalak.

Door Captain: Marge Kelley, Bernice Pawlowicz, Peggy Contway, Mary Ann Statetzny.

Cashier: Judy Waling

Bookkeepers: Jackie Bender and Bernie Paquette.

Kitchen: Sylvia DeBrincat, Irene Zabowski, Barb Beauchamp and Mary Porman.



WEDDING BANNIS

FIRST WEEK
Joanna Steele and
Jason Schultz



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Joni Benson, DRE
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248-476-4702

GIFT

There will be a meeting on **Tuesday, July 24 at 7:00 PM** for those volunteering to help plan future GIFT Sessions. I will explain what the responsibilities are for those on a Design Team and will share resources we will be using. We especially need those who would like to work on the topics of Saints and Reconciliation to be at this meeting. For more information or if you have questions call Joni Benson at 248-476-4702 or use the e-mail address above.

CATECHISTS

It is time to start thinking about being a catechist for children from Preschool thru eighth grade. Classes will meet on Sunday mornings for Preschool and Kindergarten and Wednesday or Thursday for students in grades 1—8. Contact me if you would like to volunteer.

There are certain requirements from the archdiocese that must be met before you can volunteer with children. To ensure that you can complete these requirements before classes begin it is important that you volunteer soon.

Those who have been catechists in the past should let me know what your intentions are for the 2007/2008 school year. Current catechists get first choice of day and grade before I assign new catechists. Contact me as soon as possible so you can be assured of keeping the class you want.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2007/2008

Registration for classes during the 2007/2008 school year will begin in August. Watch for more details in the mail and in the bulletin.

New this year :

- † Wednesday classes for grades 1—8 will meet from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM. This will be the only session on Wednesdays. Thursday sessions will remain at the same time, 4:45—6:15 PM and 6:30—8:00 PM.
- † Students in second grade will be prepared for both Reconciliation and Eucharist. There will also be classes for children in grades 3—5 who have not been prepared for Reconciliation as yet.



**A Family Perspective
By Bud Ozar**

The Gospel today teaches us to imitate both Martha and Mary. We must welcome others into our home as Martha did, but we must also listen to them as Mary did. Welcoming and listening create hospitality.

FLOWER: Families Live Out the Word in Everyday Routines

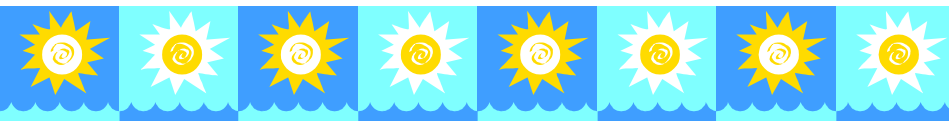
Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things...

Who among us cannot relate to Martha? We often find ourselves so busy that we begin to resent those around us for not pulling their weight, doing their share, helping us! If we are not careful, we, like Martha, can create an awfully large 'pity-pot', or begin to live our own Eeyore Syndrome. The challenge of the Gospel is to keep things in perspective. Instead of pointing fingers at others, perhaps we should take a moment for prayerful reflection and determine what we might let go of and how might we ease our own expectations.



Anointing of the sick

The next Anointing of the Sick will be held Sunday, August 11th, immediately following the 4:30 PM Mass in the Church. All are invited.



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care providers. Dying well requires tending to our spiritual lives and advance planning for our dying so that our wishes may be known and respected by others. In order for this to happen, we must have some serious and honest discussions with our loved ones and our health care providers.

Spiritually speaking, we need to live in the present. We need to spend quiet time with God each day in prayer. Our relationship with God is similar to our relationships with people. We need to spend time together so that we can get to know one another. We need to become more aware of God's presence in our midst, how God loves us unconditionally every minute of every day. We need to rest in God's love.

We also need to think through the options for care at the end of life, naming a person who will represent your wishes if you are unable to do so. We need to have an honest conversation with that individual so that they understand our wishes. We should also make our wishes known regarding funeral or memorial services.

According to Church teachings, we are not required to take extraordinary measures to extend life. During the course of many illnesses, it may become clear that further treatment is no longer curative. It is at that time that palliative care or comfort care may be more appropriate. This is defined as care for the person and the family that is not directed toward life prolongation or cure but toward the quality of life of that person and family. These decisions are never easy, but become easier with open discussion.

Sometimes when someone is dying, we avoid talking about death to protect each other. The individual who knows he or she is dying may feel that friends and family cannot handle the conversation. Friends and family may not be sure what to say, so they avoid discussing death at all. Health care providers may see the fact that they cannot cure the person as a personal failure and therefore avoid the conversation. In my experience, someone who is seriously sick and dying knows this. In discussions with family and friends the words we say are not as important as being open, honest and loving with that individual. When health care providers honestly discuss the limitations of medical science, people can make more informed discussions about treatment at the end of life. I would encourage you to have the discussions.

Love and Peace,
Fr. Jim



NEEDED:

Ushers for the 4:30 PM liturgies. This ministry is open to all adults, men, women and teens. Teams work in a 3 month rotation. If you can help, please call Lee Curtis at 248-477-3424 or Ken Pebbles at 248-777-8437. Thank You!!

St. Priscilla Stewardship

Weekly amount needed to meet budget.....

\$8,700.00

Sunday, July 15th

\$8,369.00

-\$331.00.



Please remember to catch-up on your envelopes if you have been away. Thank You!



Sunday, July 22nd:

Gn 18:1-10a Col 1:24-28

Lk 10:38-42

Monday, July 23rd:

Ex 14:5-18 Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday, July 24th:

Ex 14:21-15:1 Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday, July 25th:

2 Cor 4:7-15 Mt 20:20-28

Thursday, July 26th:

Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b

Mt 13:10-17

Friday, July 27th:

Ex 20:1-17 Mt 13:18-23

Saturday, July 28th:

Ex 24:3-8 Mt 13:24-30

Next Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

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**St. Vincent de Paul
Pantry Items**

Pasta salad kits, instant potatoes, sugar, pancake mix & syrup, toilet paper, toothpaste and bar soap.



Drop-offs can be made at mass (BIG BLUE BARRELL) or anytime at the parish office.



**Reflections on Readings of July 22nd
by Deacon Bob Fitzgerald**

In today’s Gospel reading we see the story of Mary and Martha who have welcomed Jesus into their home. Martha goes about the work of preparing and serving the meal while Mary sits and enjoys the company of Jesus while making

him feel welcome. After a while it starts to bother Martha that she is doing all the work and Mary is having all the fun. How many times have I felt exactly the same way? Nothing bothers a person more than thinking someone is taking advantage of them. We begin to feel sorry for ourselves. We think that this is totally unfair that I have to do all the work.

When our children were small they would often say “That’s not fair”. Whenever I would hear that phrase I would say that a lot of things are not fair by our standards. What about the people who are born in poverty? What about those who get ill? Etc. They got so tired of me giving them a homily every time they made that statement that they decided to forbid anyone from saying the word “FAIR”. It even spread around the neighborhood. Every time someone would say “FAIR”, one of the kids would say “Oh no, you said fair”. This became a standard for the whole neighborhood.

Jesus did much the same when Martha complained that she had to do all the work. Jesus told her that Mary was also providing a service by what she was doing. This reading reminds us not to feel sorry for ourselves over little things because it takes away the good we are doing and gives us an attitude. We should feel good about doing more than our share. Usually we don’t see the whole story anyway, and get upset for no reason. We cannot be hospitable when we are feeling sorry for ourselves. Jesus reminds us also that we must take some time out of our busy lives to relax and praise God. Accomplishing things is admirable but there is more to life than just producing. We have to step back, take some time, and appreciate the good things around us and also allow others to do the same. God gave us much to be thankful for so lets be thankful.

Parish Nurse Ministry

Parish Nursing promotes healthy living and disease prevention, including physical, psychological, spiritual and social aspects of each individual. Areas we are available to assist with include health education, assistance with health referrals, individual health counseling including home visits, training of volunteers to serve in various areas of the health ministry and to promote an understanding of the relationship between faith and health. To request assistance please call the parish office at 248-476-4700.

**St. Vincent
de Paul Notes**



Consider these words by John Miller from

LIFE: A USER’S MANUAL

“ Silence of the heart is necessary so you can hear God everywhere– in the closing of a door, in the person who needs you, in the birds that sing, in the flowers, in the animals.” “What is essential is not what we say but what God tells us and what He tells others through us. In silence He listens to us; in silence He speaks to our souls. In silence we are granted the privilege of listening to His voice. To make possible true inner silence, practice.”

Need hospital/medical equipment (wheelchairs; hospital beds; hoier lifts; commodes)? Contact World Medical Relief Programs 313-866-5333. Equipment is available for low/no income clients at minimal costs.

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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY - 4:30 PM
SUNDAY - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
WEEKDAY-8 AM except THURSDAY-7PM
HOLIDAY 9 AM & 7PM

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
8:30AM-4:30PM
Thursday 8:30 AM-7:00 PM
Friday -CLOSED

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are celebrated the 4th Sunday of the month. Please call the office to register for the Baptism preparation class.

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:00 PM and after daily Mass

SICK CALLS

Arrangements made by notifying Parish Office .

WEDDINGS

Please contact the Parish Office a minimum of six months prior to the wedding date.

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Youth Ministry

Mary Ann Jenkins 248-476-4700 ext.442 youth minister@stpriscillalivonia.org
All high school teens are welcome (this includes the incoming 9th graders).



Monday July 23rd 7-8:30 Life Night -Youth Room
 Sunday July 29th 11:00 Outdoor Mass and Parish Picnic
 Monday July 30th No Meeting
 Tuesday July 31st 4-9 Bingo- teens needed to serve
 Monday August 6th 7-8:30 Life Night- Youth Room

Noetic
Original
Tangible
Reality check
Energy

Delivered
Anointed
Mercy
Everlasting

Life Teen/Notre Dame Reflections

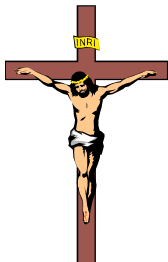
A great opportunity to experience the energy of several hundred believers gathered for days in hours of prayer. How often being in the secular world do you get hours a day to pray and direct yourself toward God? What a gift to be able to do just that with teens, hundreds of teens, and the energy they exude. Someone asked, was it fun? No, it was a wonderful experience, one I won't soon forget. Sure being back at work, at home, having all the usual responsibilities can fog the fact it was just a week ago. I was crying with the beauty of the prayers and the heart wrenching services; the love and joy felt pure and peaceful. It wasn't a restful week as we were kept busy at every turn of the day but by Tuesday, I was more "peace filled" than I had felt in years. It's rare to get much more than 30-60 min. a day to pray and while that's nice when it happens, it's not quite the same as there can be distractions and interruptions. Did this change my life? Only in the sense I now know, in *my* hectic life, it's completely possible to feel God's peace, to feel a more loving connection and to feel completely forgiven by an amazing Savior. Did I know this before, yes, I could think all those things, but feeling them intensely for a period of days was inspirational.

Sandra Arnould – Youth Ministry Support Team

Thank you! For your Support

We have recently received another rebate check for **\$111.53** from Gordon Food Service. Thank you to everyone who participated to make this rebate possible: Daniel Laframboise, Jim Campbell, Mary Porman, Anita Heidenrich, Paul Dreier, Robert Fournier, Margorie Kuehn, Anna Huhta, Rose Schmidt, D. Robinson, Pat Harkins, Nancy Redmon, Luella Link, Margaret Contway, Marilyn Gallagher, Roberta DuMont, Eloisa Godinez, Silvana Carta, Lee Ann Prebola, Irene Zabowski, Eleanor Smith, Darlene Stec, Eugene Stec, Debra Cairo-Gough, Irene Koppy, Carole Krol, Linda Burbo, John Bartus, Germaine Allen, Valerie Miller, April Richards, Robert Considine, Joseph Moreau, Robin Nyeste, Chris Mattina, Ellen Bishop, Dorothy Pohto, Evelina Bryant, Cherly Guldner, Elizabeth McDonald

"Shrines are the Clinics of the Soul". Pope Paul VI



We invite you to visit the 55 foot crucifix of Jesus at the Cross in the Woods, Indian River, MI. Exit 310 off I-75.

The Cross in the Woods is unique in that it is the only Shrine in Michigan that features Jesus and His Cross as the focal-point. Other shrines focus on the Blessed Mother, the Little Flower etc. A pilgrimage, which is a journey to a holy place, is part of our Christian heritage and the custom of making a pilgrimage has grown over the past several years. It can be made by parishes, families or individuals. Shrines are special places of grace and faith renewal for everyone. What a perfect destination for a summer trip?



THIS MONDAY

**PARISH NURSE
PRESENTATION:**

**Your Game Plan for
Preventing Type 2 Diabetes**

A one hour program presented by Judy Swancutt, MS, RD, CDE, a Dietician/Diabetes Educator from St. Mary/Mercy Hospital on **Monday, July 23rd at 7:PM.**

The program is designed for people who have risk factors for diabetes, such as a family history, and who want to learn how to prevent or delay the onset of the disease. Please RSVP at the parish office; 248-476-4700.

Parish Nurse Ministry

Insomnia:

Don't Lose sleep Over It.

**by Gwendolyn Graddy-Dansby,
M.D.**



Light is peeking through your window - the start of a new day. But instead of waking, refreshed and ready to go, you lie in bed bleary-eyed. It's hard to face the world when you haven't had a good nights sleep.

Our chances of having insomnia increase as we get older for many reasons. If you have a chronic medical condition like arthritis, you may find it harder to sleep. Or, a medication you take may require you to use the bathroom more often, interrupting your rest. It's also true that older people have less deep sleep and wake up more often at night.

If you frequently suffer from tossing and turning, here are steps you can take:

- ◆ Avoid napping, which can interrupt your body's "sleep-wake cycle." If you must nap, limit it to an hour early in the day.
- ◆ Stay away from alcohol, tobacco and caffeine at night.
- ◆ Get regular exercise, but refrain from strenuous activity after 6pm.
- ◆ Have a relaxing bedtime routine: Dim the lights, listen to soft music or cuddle with your pet.
- ◆ Make sure the temperature in your bedroom is comfortable.
- ◆ If your sleep problems persist, consult your doctor. He or she will work with you to determine the cause of your insomnia and may prescribe short-term sleep medication, if necessary.

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COMMENTS ON LAST WEEK'S ISSUE:

PLEASE CONTACT ME REGARDING:

SUPPLIES NEEDED:



St. Priscilla Parish Family

