



ST. KENNETH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

14951 N. Haggerty Road ~ Plymouth, MI

WITNESS & WORSHIP

BELCZAK'S BULLETIN

MEMORIAL DAY - MONDAY, MAY 31

This weekend we pause in the midst of our busyness to celebrate Memorial Day 2010. For most of us, I am afraid; it will be a day of parties and picnics – a day to celebrate the beginning of summer. Most of us will barely pause to consider the horror of young men and women dying in battle, let alone the sense of gratitude we should have for the sacrifice of those who died that we might live in freedom.

In honoring our deceased service men and women, my hopes are for the living. In reflecting on the horrors of war, we will pray for peace. **Please join us as we celebrate the Eucharist at 9:00 Monday morning.** It is a wonderful way to begin your holiday. I hope to see you in church!

The parish office will be CLOSED on Monday in observance of Memorial Day. In the event of an emergency, please leave a message on my voice mail (734-420-0288 extension 11) and I will return the call in a timely fashion. When leaving a message, please speak slowly and repeat the phone number along with the area code. Thank you.



MONDAY, MAY 31 - A MEMORABLE DAY

Today, May 31, I celebrate the 30th anniversary of my ordination. I cannot believe that I have been a priest for 30 years! It seems like only yesterday that I nervously knelt in the sanctuary of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral. Cardinal Dearden was the first of hundreds of priests who individually laid their hands on my head in silence and prayed that the Holy Spirit would descend upon the six men being ordained that day. The ordination liturgy was magnificent, I still get “goose-bumps” when I remember my ordination on May 31, 1980; my First Mass the very next day, and the party that my mom and dad hosted for family and friends.

The week following my ordination I took the gifts I received, and purchased my first “new” car: a 1980 Plymouth Volare. The car came equipped with nothing but a radio, air conditioner and an electric rear-window defroster! No white wall tires, no fancy wheel covers, no cruise control, no power windows, no power door locks, no fancy stereo, nothing but a means of transportation – and I loved it! It cost \$4,250.00 – I paid for it and I owned it! I kept this car for four years and hated to part with it when I traded it in.

My thirty years of priestly service have flown by. I guess it is true, “time passes quickly when you are having fun!” I love my vocation and enjoy each day of serving the Lord as I minister to you. I have enjoyed each day of the past thirty years: the weddings, baptisms, funerals, hospital visits, anointing of the sick, appointments, meetings, schedules and deadlines, writing this weekly column, and celebrating the Eucharist. I feel especially blessed to have had the opportunity to work with wonderful priest mentors:

- Fr. Jack Child**
Sacred Heart, Dearborn - Deacon (January 1979-May 1980)
- Fr. James Cronk**
Our Lady of the Lakes, Waterford – Associate Pastor (June 1980-June 1984)
- Fr. Edward Baldwin**
- Fr. George Charnley**
Saint John Neumann, Canton – Associate Pastor (July 1984-June 1989)
- Fr. James Hayes**
- Fr. Norm Nawrocki**
Saint Valentine, Redford – Pastor (July 1989-January 2004)
- Fr. Paul Berg**
- Fr. Bill Pettit**
- Fr. Chris Valka**
Saint Kenneth, Plymouth – Pastor (February 2004 – present)

Sunday, May 30, 2010

LIVING THE GOSPEL

BELCZAK'S BULLETIN

- I would also like to acknowledge the constant support and inspiration of my brother, **Fr. Edward Belczak** and my wonderful priest friends: **Fr. John West** (now deceased), **Fr. Edward Prus**, **Fr. Michael Kazer**, and **Fr. David Buersmeyer**.

The past thirty years have been a blessing for me. I am so fortunate to have the love and support of so many wonderful parishioners, family and close friends. In the years I have been your pastor, you have enriched my life by your faithfulness and every day I know your love and support. **YOU, the wonderful people of Saint Kenneth Parish have blessed me in so many ways.** You have accepted me and made me feel at home. Your generosity, kindness, and hospitality have overwhelmed me! I trust we can continue to work together to create a community where everyone is welcomed and made to feel at home. Please join me this week in a prayer of gratitude for the blessings we enjoy. Please pray for me as I promise to remember you in prayer. God bless you!

COMINGS AND GOINGS

“We Wish You Well” and “Until We Meet Again!”

Most of you are probably aware of the fact that Father Chris Valka has been given a new assignment, Campus Minister – University of Windsor. Father Chris has just completed his first year of priesthood – serving as a faculty member at Catholic Central High School and weekend assistant at Saint Kenneth and Our Lady of Victory Parish.

I know that I speak for our parish community in thanking Father Chris for his willingness to help at our parish over these past ten months. His willingness to “jump in” to parish life has been a source of joy and blessing to everyone he encountered: during Sunday liturgies, his Lenten Retreat Series, Tuesday evening Mass, Fish Fry, Coffee and Doughnuts, parish bowling league, Stations of the Cross, and Holy Week.

Father Chris will take a short vacation in early June and then prepare for and participate in the Basilian Chapter Meeting in New York in early July. Following that, he will officially begin his new assignment across the river in Windsor. Once he is settled into a new routine, he hopes to remain active with us as his schedule allows. He might not be available to celebrate the liturgy with us every weekend; but he and I both hope that the relationship with our Saint Kenneth community will continue to develop and grow in the years to come. Best wishes Chris – until we meet again!

“WELCOME!”

As we bid Father Chris a fond farewell, I also wish to announce the arrival of a new staff member, Cindy Briody who will join our staff this week. During the month of June, Cindy will begin to transition from her current job as Parish Administrator of Saint Joseph Parish in South Lyon to our parish staff. She will begin working at Saint Kenneth on Tuesday and Thursday during the month of June. This transition will take place over the next four weeks, and she will begin full time employment as Parish Administrator of Saint Kenneth Parish on July 1st.

What is a Parish Administrator? This will be a new staff position here at Saint Kenneth, but other parishes in the archdiocese have hired individuals for this job position. The purpose of Parish Administrator is to handle the day-to-day operations of the parish – thus freeing the pastor of many administrative responsibilities, allowing the pastor to focus on pastoral ministry. The Parish Administrator is responsible for the following: a staff resource in support of the pastor; supervision and evaluation of parish employees; development of parish personnel policies; the oversight of all information technology (parish computer network, website, copy and other equipment); acting as a liaison to the Archdiocese of Detroit, Michigan Catholic Conference, and other outside organizations; responsible for the management of buildings and parish property including but not limited to negotiations with vendors and service companies, oversight of all maintenance issues, and scheduling of the use of parish facilities.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL RETURNS NEXT SUNDAY JUNE 6TH FROM 1:00 – 4:00 pm SOCIAL HALL

You scream! I scream! We all scream, for Ice Cream! No screaming is necessary, but please join in the fun and festivities of our Annual Ice Cream Social. This annual event is a tradition of Saint Kenneth, the official start of summer in our parish community! This year we are using the ice cream social to honor the memory of Father Paul Berg. We provide the fixings; you just bring your appetite for delicious ice cream sundae creations.

The Saint Kenneth Ice Cream Social – the official start of summer! It won't be a party without you!

My friend adopted a stray cat and took it to the vet to be neutered. “I am about 90 percent certain he's been fixed,” the vet said.

“How can I be 100 percent?” my friend asked.

“Watch to see if he does any ‘male’ things,” replied the vet.

“He already lies on the couch all day,” my friend said. “If the cat starts hogging the remote control, I will bring him in.”

Enjoy a pleasant week!

Fr. Tom Belczak

✝ This Week in our Parish

Sunday, May 30

8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous

Monday, May 31

7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (Men Only)

Tuesday, June 1

10:00 AM Art Group
10:00 AM Senior Weaving

Wednesday, June 2

10:00 AM Senior Exercise

Thursday, June 3

10:00 AM Stephen Ministry Leadership

Friday, June 4

No Meetings

Saturday, June 5

No Meetings

Sunday, June 6

1:00 PM Fr. Paul's Ice Cream Social
2:00 PM Sunday Afternoon MS Support



Thank you for your environmental stewardship!
In April, our parish collected over 5 ½ tons of recyclable paper in our parking lot bin. That's 17.5 cubic yards saved in landfill space. Good for the earth; good for you!
*Please remember to bring newspaper and recyclable paper only. NO CARDBOARD OF ANY KIND.

FIRST SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE JUNE 5 & 6

Next weekend's food collection will be used by St. Dominic's Outreach Program in Detroit. Please bring non-perishable items, such as canned goods, coffee, peanut butter, jars or box products, personal care items, and non-perishable household cleaning items to the Gathering Space in church. Your generosity helps us continue to provide for those most in need. Also, we always need paper grocery bags.



Scripture Readings



Week of May 30th

Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity

Prv 8:22-31; Ps 8; Rom 5:1-5;
Jn 16:12-15

Monday: Visitation of Virgin Mary

Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16;
Is 12:2-6; Lk 1:39-56

Tuesday: Saint Justin

2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18; Ps 90;
Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: Saints Marcellinu & Peter

2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Ps 123;
Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: Saint Charles Lwanga

2 Tm 2:8-15; Ps 110; Mk 12:28-34

Friday:

2 Tm 3:10-17; Ps 119;
Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: Saint Boniface

2 Tm 4:1-8; Ps 71; Mk 12:38-44

Sunday: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Gn 14:18-20; Ps 30;
1 Cor 11:23-26; Lk 9:11b-17

A Prayer of Stewardship

We thank you,
most loving and generous Creator,
for the abundance you have bestowed on us,
your servant people.
May we use your gifts to build your kingdom;
to help the poor, as you commanded;
to bring light to a world in darkness.
May we be faithful to your commandments.
Bless the people in our lives that we may help each
other grow in your love.
We pray in union with Jesus Christ and
the Holy Spirit.

Amen



of the week

How does the belief in a relational God affect the way I treat others?

† New Parishioners

On behalf of all our parishioners, we extend a warm welcome to these newly registered members who have joined our parish in the last week.

Richard & Jeannie Storm
Lisa Stranyak
Ryan & Lori VanBecelaere and daughter
Ella

† May They Rest in Peace

Kevin Stachelski
Ernest Minni

Mother's Day Intentions for those who did not appear on the flyer in the May 9 Bulletin:

Deceased

Bernice Glenn
Genevieve Henry
Jackie Larkin

Living

Francine Conk
Alice D'Adamo
Mary Patterson
Lorraine Peplinski
Barbara Widzinski

Fall Registration for Religious Education

Forms are now available online!



† Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 29, 2010

4:30 PM Helen Finigan, requested by Ray & Alice Smock
Alice Smock (Special Intention), requested by Bob & Mary Brooks
Cecelia Miller, requested by Ray & Alice Smock
Cevelia Ferris, requested by the Durocher Family

Sunday, May 30, 2010

7:30 AM George Levens (24th Anniversary), requested by Frank & Joanne Levens

9:00 AM Ann Early, requested by John Early
Helen Zawacki, requested by Joe & Ann Sammut
Bill Fendelet, requested by Mary Nassar & Family

11:00 AM Jerry Esper, requested by Diane & Craig Werner
Donald James Stykos, requested by the Kushner Family
Lloyd Durocher, requested by the Durocher Family
Leonard Lewalski, requested by his son, Michael

Monday, May 31, 2010

9:00 AM Edward Toth, requested by his Family

Tuesday, June 1, 2010

9:00 AM Ralph & Ann Todd, requested by Patricia Andersen
Poul V. Andersen, requested by Patricia Andersen

7:00 PM Annette Boyea, requested by Jack & Pat Kreucher

Wednesday, June 2, 2010

9:00 AM **NO MASS**

Thursday, June 3, 2010

9:00 AM People of Saint Kenneth

Friday, June 4, 2010

9:00 AM People of Saint Kenneth

Saturday, June 5, 2010

4:30 PM Alice Smock (Special Intention), requested by Bob & Mary Brooks
Cecelia Miller, requested by Ray & Alice Smock
In Thanksgiving, requested by the Hilado Family
Richard Eicher, requested by Joanne Stack
Mary Claire Roberts (5th Anniversary), requested by Alice Brooks
Guy Moro, requested by the Moro Family

Sunday, June 6, 2010

7:30 AM Edward Taylor, requested by Don & Janet Shoemaker

9:00 AM Ann Early, requested by John Early
Bill Fendelet, requested by Mary Nassar & Family
Mary Jane Berbeco, requested by Mike & Cynthia Adzima

11:00 AM Henry Sapulski, requested by his Family
Edward Meyers, requested by the Riegner Family
Herman Wolfe, requested by the Adam Family



If you have requested a mass intention and would like to take the offertory gifts to the altar at that mass, please notify an usher upon your arrival.

✠ Please Pray for...

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| Bonnie Arrington | Dorothy Jagusch | Mike Pullis |
| Betty Booher | Blair Jenness | Theresa Reitano |
| Mary Quinn Brennan | Gail Jensen | Michelle Rowe |
| Helen Clinansmith | Sandy Kelley | Jane Ryan |
| Virginia Coliton | Rose Kotas | Joseph Sandel |
| Elaine Concors | Judy Laferrera | Maria Santoro |
| Karen Cummings | John Lambert | Shannon Scott |
| Alice D'Adamo | Eric Laming | Michelle Skinner |
| Peg Dannemiller | Pat Lyons | Rose Smith |
| Anne Dauerer | Virginia Mardeusz | Judy Smock |
| Mike Dombe | Nicole Maurer | Robert Stork |
| Carol Donner | Theresa Michalak | Marc Sullivan |
| Tom Donner | Kathy Milczarski | Arthur Tervo |
| Raymond Fano | Adele Morelli | Peggy Thompson |
| Joy French | Jim Noetzel, Jr. | Mark Tomasi |
| Chuck Fugate | Nancy Nurmi | Debbie Williams |
| Justine Gapczynski | Maurene Nygard | Irene Zelechowski |
| Kristen Grix | Mike O'Sullivan | Danny Zerafa |
| Katie Haldeman | Bill Peters | |
| Tim Harrington | Lottie Plank | |

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

✠ Pray for our Military

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| Nathan Albanese, Army | Patrick Madish, Air Force |
| Anthony Allen, Marines | Shawn Madish, Navy |
| Ashley Allen, Marines | Matt Mosteiko, Army |
| Greg Anderson, Navy | Tom Newhouse, Marines |
| Steven Anderson, Marines | Brian Owens, Army |
| Paul Crandall, Army | Nyle Pfeefefer, Army |
| Marcus Dandrea, Marines | Ryan Rays, Navy |
| Bradley Davis, Marines | Sarah Rowe, Coast Guard |
| Greg Davis, Air Force | Doug Siemonsma, Navy |
| Megan Gagnon, Air Force | Bryan Silveri, Navy |
| Rick Giles, Army | Christopher Theodore, Army |
| Jada Grindstaff, Army | Dennis Thompson, Army |
| James Hamblin, Marines | Anthony Vennekotter, Army |
| Shannon Suchora Hill, Air Force | Amber Wald, Army |
| Deryck Hill, Air Force | |

In gratitude for the sacrifices of our loved ones in the armed forces and their families, we are gathering the names and service branches of those currently serving our country, and requesting parishioners pray for these brave people. If you would like to add a person to our Military Prayer Request List, please call Barb at 420-3031.

✠ Advertiser of the Week

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✠ Birthday Blessings

May 30

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| Stephen | Abraham |
| Todd | Baginski |
| Michael | Beaudoin |
| Anna | Coe |
| Loretta | Conti |
| Lindsay | Crawford |
| Jason | Dienes |
| Emily | Drozdowski |
| John | Duby |
| Tyler | Hult |
| Anthony | Jabbour |
| Sophia | Krawczak |
| Elvira | Link |
| Mary | Matela |
| Nicholas | Posa |
| Sean | Rocker |
| Stefani | Roney |
| Tracy | Scarpati |
| C. | Smith |
| Michele | Turner |
| Shawn | Wilson |

May 31

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| Madison | Borensik |
| K. | Demmer |
| Julie | Emmett |
| Joseph | Jabbour |
| Mathew | Joseph |
| J. | Juszczyk |
| Melissa | Kloka |
| Nicholas | Lazarowicz |
| Sara | Mallory |
| Daniel | Mansfield |
| Richard | Meridith |
| Bradley | Ninnis |
| Lisa | Nocera |
| Agnes | Pardikes |
| Richard | Riordan |
| Cassia | Sari |
| David | Spitz |
| Cynthia | Warchock |
| John | Xuereb |

June 1

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| Elaine | Apaza |
| Ava | Bianchi |
| Gary | Bonkosky |
| Mary | Drogosch |
| Andrew | Garbutt |
| Amanda | Getschman |
| Steven | Hamerink |
| L. | Kusnerik |
| George | Murphy |
| Michael | Norwood |
| Andrew | Ptashnik |
| Michael | Rogers, Jr. |
| Ryan | Schultz |
| Arleen | Sliwka |

June 2

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| David | Antil |
| Steven | Baker, Jr. |
| Susan | Bawden |
| Mary | Bush |
| Dennis | Buzuvis |
| Isabella | Cerioti |
| Gary | Cox |
| Claire | Donoher |

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| Emily | Gavalier |
| Art | Gomez-Mesquita |
| Mark | Kronner |
| Darwin | Marsh |
| Rachel | Matejewski |
| Jeff | Moraitis |
| Lauri | Nasso |
| Andrew | Robinson |
| Gracie | Sliwka |
| Ronald | Swiderek |
| Sandra | Tabaka |

June 3

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| George | Bourdganis |
| Warwick | Brodzik |
| David | Bulmer |
| Lori | Coons |
| Edward | Curley |
| Charles | Drummond |
| Anna | Gilardi |
| Zachary | Greenman |
| Dallas | Hogrebe |
| Colin | Kalisz |
| Cherie | Kolodziejczak |
| Connor | Lepish |
| Chelsea | Lepish |
| Lynn | Maclver |
| Sharon | O'Leary |
| Amanda | Paden |
| Joan | Rayford |
| Shirley | Ross |
| Amanda | Shattuck |
| Richard | Smith |

June 4

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| Karen | Arenberg |
| Susan | Browning |
| Teresa | Broxholm |
| Denis | Endlein |
| David | Greulik |
| James | Hodgson |
| Bryan | Marra |
| C. | O'Rear |
| Jackson | Ozark |
| Joanne | Plank |
| James | Riley |
| Sean | Stubbs |
| Sharon | Turbiak |
| Daniel | Wyrsta |

June 5

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| Cameron | Alexander |
| Patrick | Dwyer |
| James | Farley |
| Jarrett | Fenech |
| Jacob | Hansen |
| Meralyn | Hilado |
| Donna | Hoefer |
| Edna | Judge |
| Jennifer | LeFresne |
| David | Moening |
| Christine | Pattison |
| Isabella | Racho |
| Eliana | Schebel |
| Michael | Stein |
| S. | Turner |
| June | Ventimiglia |
| Matthew | Visel |

STEWARDSHIP MATTERS

For fifty days, the Church celebrates the Easter season, ending as it did last Sunday with the gift of the Holy Spirit given at Pentecost. The great feast of Easter celebrates one of God's precious gifts – the gift of salvation in Christ's victory over death. Pentecost celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit, the birthday of the Church. Most of us are very conscientious about observing Lent and Easter, but what will you do to celebrate Pentecost? Receiving God's gifts and using them to the best of our ability makes us stewards of the Church.

Called into relationship by the Risen Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are called to be good stewards of the gift of faith. Religious Educators, Youth Ministers, RCIA sponsors, members of the Stewardship, Worship, Education or Christian Service commissions, Parish Council, ministers of hospitality, volunteers at soup kitchens or outreach ministry, Eucharistic ministers visiting nursing homes or hospitals, lectors, cantors, sacristans, servers are ways to be good stewards and are as many and varied as the individual gifts we bring.

What talents and gifts has God bestowed upon you? How are you demonstrating good stewardship of the Church and your faith?

Remember: STEWARDSHIP MATTERS

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
FR. PAUL BERG
and Celebrating Fr. Tom's
30th Anniversary of Ordination

THE ICE CREAM SOCIAL IS BACK!

PLEASE JOIN US ON SUNDAY JUNE 6TH
1:00 PM till 4:00 PM IN THE SOCIAL HALL.

Fr. Paul's approach for a fun afternoon will be rekindled!

We supply Vanilla, Chocolate, Tin Roof Ice Cream and the toppings.....You scoop your own ice cream (all you can eat) and as always a name tag is mandatory!



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LITURGY

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday,
Friday: 9:00 AM
Tuesday: 7:00 PM
No mass on Wednesday
Saturday: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 AM,
Holy Days: 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday:
9:00 AM-12:00 noon, 1:00-8:00 PM
Thursday, Friday
9:00 AM-12:00 noon, 1:00-4:00 PM
Saturday: 9:00 AM-12:00 Noon

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 PM
Baptism: Contact Office for Parents' Meeting.
Marriage: Make arrangements six months in advance for pre-marriage conference.

REGISTRATION

Come to the office to introduce yourself during regular parish office hours.

PARISH COUNCIL

4th Monday of each month at 7:00 PM.
All are welcome.
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LAST WORD

Relate