Coming Up This Week:

Sunday, September 7th
8:00 AM...Mass..Timothy Hoyt *by Theresa Harris*
10:30 AM....Agnes Weiskittel
by the Weiskittel Family

Monday, September 8th
No Mass

Tuesday, September 9th
No Mass

Wednesday, September 10th
Noon Mass.....For the People of St John Parish

Thursday, September 11th
9 AM..Mass....Special Intention
5:30 PM.....40 Days Core Group Mtg
7 PM.....KC Mtg at the Hall

Friday, September 12th
9 AM..Mass...Special Intention

Saturday, September 13th
3:30 PM...Confessions
4:30 PM...Mass...Leo & Lucille Lammers & Phyllis
by the Lammers Family

Sunday, September 14th
8:00 AM...Mass..For the People of St John Parish
10:30 AM....Agnes Weiskittel *by Marie Murray*

KDSA Update..... As of August 31, 2008
KDSA Amount.....$34,316.00

Amount Pledged.....$24,842.00
Amount Paid..... $19,697.00

Please use the green envelope in your packet for payments to KDSA. Thanks!

The sponsor of the week Blight Farms, Inc.

Please Pray For the Sick of our Parish:
Marge Bommarito, June Carver, Sharon Bommarito, Cris Solis, Jr; Margaret Richardson, Edna Sheldon, Kathy Matson, John Owdziej, Jerry Sacharski, Zenon Ortiz, Gerald Lammers, Nick Fuentes, Richard Eis, Virginia Karmalski, Irene Campbell, Arminda Lerma, Richard Welninski, Marilyn Kniburys, Ricardo Lerma, Jr, Amanda & Lexi Solis

Liturgy Team Two

Saturday, September 13th 4:30 PM
Commentator: Bob Kochinski
Lector: Nikki Kochinski
EM: Chris Calvert, Dave & Jenny Nearnberg
Altar Servers: Megan & Sarah Carr
Ushers: Bill Zenoniani, Sr; Steve Zenoniani

Sunday, September 14th 8:00 AM
Commentator: Dave Farley
Lector: Sue Farley
EM: Sue Harden, Kevin Markovich, Volunteer
Altar Server: Caroline Dobbins
Ushers: Steve Konkol, Lester Stark

Sunday, September 14th 10:30 AM
Commentator: Sally Jackson
Lector: Aimee Fedore
EM: Arminda Lerma, Martin & Shelagh Holmes
Altar Server: Carl Weiskittel, Alicia Botello
Ushers: Tom Hickey, Bill Blight

Our Return to God Of His Gifts to Us
August 30 & 31

Weekly amount budgeted weekly $4,711.54
Adult & Loose $3,880.00
Children $7.00
Parish Development $70.00

Am I my brother's keeper? All three readings today suggest that for the Christian steward the answer is "Yes!"

New Lights

We have new lights in our gym. They are much more effective and less costly to operate and maintain. The hummmm is also gone!

Order of Deacon

Bishop Murray has accepted the request of Ken Snyder to be accepted as a candidate for Holy Orders. Bishop Murray will celebrate the Rite of Candidacy at 10:00 am on Saturday, September 13, 2008 at the Cathedral. We extend our congratulations to Ken and assure him of our constant prayers as he continues his journey to the Holy Order of Deacon.

Welcome Luncheon

The Albion College catholic students are invited to a Luncheon on Sunday, September 14th after the 10:30 am Mass. **Please RSVP** if are attending by Wednesday, September 10th. You can respond by email: mary @stjohn-church.org or call the Parish Office (517) 629-4532, ext 17.

Noah's Appeal - Building Our Schools, Our Faith, Our Future

This month Bishop Murray is hosting receptions throughout the diocese to provide more information about the strategic plan for the diocesan schools. Receptions are scheduled for 7 pm on the following dates and locations: September 16, St. Theresa School, Wayland; September 17, Lake Michigan Catholic Elementary School, St. Joseph; September 24, St. Augustine Crowley Center, Kalamazoo; and September 25, St. Joseph Middle School, Battle Creek.

In Appreciation

Thanks for all the visits, letters and prayers during my stay in the hospital and at Tendercare. Thank you so very much! Eleanor Irons

Marilyn Kniburys also wishes to thank everyone for the wonderful cards, visits, prayers and very importantly meals.

Praying for our Troops

Please call Mary at the parish Office to have the names of military personnel serving in the Middle East placed in the bulletin. Let us all pray for their protection and their safe return home: **Rick Stells, II; Jacob Konkol, Quintin Phillips and Kyle Hageman.**

Prayer: Lord God, Almighty Father, in your divine providence you seek to protect your people. We pray for our brothers and sisters serving in the Middle East, especially those whose families or friends have asked us to remember in prayer. Protect them with your guidance. Give them the intuitions and skills to know when they are in harms way. Send your holy angels to watch over them. Bring them safely home to be reunited with their loved ones. We ask this through your Son Jesus, our Lord who is the savior of the world. Amen.

Parish Picnic

This will take place Sunday, September 28th from 1 - 4 pm. Meat (*pork & hot dogs*) and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass and table service. We will eat approximately at 1:15 pm. We will have games for the children and an Euchre Tournament. Come and celebrate the founding of our parish (September 25th).

Help Wanted

The Religious Education program is in need of teachers - Sunday Morning program and Liturgy of the Word at 10:30 am Mass. If you are interested in partnering with a friend to team teach, please call the parish office or contact Linda Markovich. Your help is needed to continue these beneficial program.

Altar Rosary Society

They are selling raffle tickets - Gas Card Raffle. The cost is $2.00 each or 3 for $5.00. The prizes are as follows: 1st - $300 Speedway Gas Card; 2nd - $100.00 Shell Gas Card; 3rd $100.00 Citgo Gas Card. Stop by the Scrip table to purchase your winning ticket! Also, check the Scrip cards we have on hand.