Worship and Prayer

**Scripture Readings**

**Sunday Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13
- Monday Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
  - Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Lk 8:16-18
- Tuesday Weekday
  - Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Lk 8:19-21
- Wednesday Weekday
  - Ezr 9:5-9; Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
- Thursday Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
  - Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Lk 9:7-9
- Friday Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest
  - Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4; Lk 9:18-22
- Saturday Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr; Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs
  - Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45
- Sunday Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
  - Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

**Mass Schedule**

**Monday, September 23, 2019**
No Mass

**Tuesday, September 24, 2019**
No Mass

**Wednesday, September 25, 2019**
No Mass

**Thursday, September 26, 2019**
No Mass

**Friday, September 27, 2019**
8:00 AM | † Larry Klein

**Saturday, September 28, 2019**
4:30 PM | † Richard & † Kathleen Gross

**Sunday, September 29, 2019**
- 7:30 AM | † Frank Spratto
- 9:30 AM | For the People of St. Patrick Parish
- 11:30 AM | † Rita Sunday

**Calendar correction**
There will be Masses:
- October 1, 2, 3, 4, 2019

**Sponsor of the week:**

**Fr. Wayne Wheeler, Jr.**

Celebrating 40th Anniversary to the Priesthood
There will be a celebration on Sunday, November 3, 2019 at the 10:30 AM Mass at St. Simon Church, Ludington, MI. Festivities will follow, noon until 3:00 PM, in the Family Center. Additional information will follow closer to the date, contact information: 40thanniv19@gmail.com. Fr. Wheeler was the associate pastor in the late 80’s—early 90’s.

**Bulletin deadlines**
Bulletin deadline for Sunday bulletins are Monday’s at 10:00 AM.
Family Perspective
By Bud Ozar

Despite all our time saving gadgets, we still have less leisure and family time. To solve this, we created the myth of ‘Quality Time’. Don’t be fooled: Quality time is quantity time. Jesus counsels us today, we “cannot serve two masters” and expect to be happy. Dedicate time to your family. No one in their final hours regretted not spending more time at work.

Worship and Prayer

Eucharistic Adoration
Eucharistic Adoration is a wonderful gift we have, now with increased access in our Adoration chapel across Church St. Adoration hours are:

- Monday’s, noon to 7:00 PM.
- Wednesday’s, noon to 11:00 PM.
- First Friday’s of the Month, 10:00 AM to midnight.

When the tabernacle is open we are required to have at least two people present with Jesus. We also need a couple more parishioners willing to sub for regular adorers, when they occasionally have schedule conflicts.

If you would like more information; call or text Mike Cook at 517-242-1352. If you haven’t experienced spending some quiet time in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, stop in and be blessed.

Prayers of the Faithful

That we recognize everything we have is a gift from God, including our money, and to generously share our wealth to support the mission of our Church, locally and around the world.

Stewardship Reflection

“No servant can serve two masters. He will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth).” (Luke 16:13)

Is money a “god” that you put before God? Giving money to support the Church and other charity is a pillar of our faith, just like attending Mass every Sunday and participating in parish ministry. Giving money frees us from being a slave to money. It increases our dependence on God and our trust that God will provide all that we need.

In Memoriam

Eternal rest grant unto Mae Lehman and William Pung, O Lord; and may perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Eucharistic Adoration

St. Michael-Grand Ledge

Fall Rummage and Bake Sale at St. Michael’s Church, 345 Edwards St, Grand Ledge. Wednesday, September 25th, 5-7:30 PM and Thursday, September 26th, 8AM-4PM. $2.00 a bag begins at noon on Thursday!
A sneak peak at what is coming up!

TMIY (That Man Is You!) Men’s Leadership Program equips men become fully alive in work, family, faith and culture. Saturday mornings in the parish hall. Breakfast at 8:30 AM, concludes 10:00 AM.

LIT (Ladies in Truth) is a group of women of all ages and backgrounds that gather to pray, discuss and learn together. All women are welcome! Saturday mornings from 8:30-10:00 AM, room #110 in the school. Child-care available.

Alpha begins with the chance to share a meal and get to know our neighbors. Guided by a facilitator, there is an engaging video and interactive discussion on a new topic each night. Mondays nights 6:30-8:00 PM in the parish hall.

Questions? Contact Carolyn: carolynheckman@portlandstpats.org

Children’s Faith Formation

Registration Forms:
Forms are still available and can be turned into the parish office. Please provide the $100.00 tuition fee per family with the forms. Students can still be placed in classes as soon as the registration form and fee are turned in. Contact Lori Thelen at lorithelen@portlandstpats.org or 517-647-6405 x 419.

Save the Dates:
September 30th — Classes
October 7th, 14th, 21st — Classes
Sunday, October 13th, 20th — Sessions 1 & 2 for Second Grade Sacramental Prep Classes (6:30-8:00 PM-school room 209)
October 28th—NO Classes (Catechist In-Service)

American Red Cross

St. Patrick Nation Honor Society is hosting a Blood Drive on Tuesday, September 24th in the Parish Hall. Please see a NHS member or sign up on line at www.redcdross.org or walk-in on the day of the drive. EVERY DONATION COUNTS!

Bell Ringers Needed

Bell Choir ringers are needed for the Christmas season. They practice Wednesday evenings from 7:00—8:00 PM and will begin practice on October 2nd. Anyone interested in joining the Bell Choir should call Karen Stevens at 517-627-7699. No musical ability is needed, just a desire to praise God through music.

St. Patrick PTO

Homecoming Tailgate-Saturday, October 5, 2019
5:30 PM in the PHS parking lot - Kickoff is 7:00 PM
• Bring a potluck dish to pass
• PTO will provide hotdogs, buns, water, etc.
• Advancement & Development Committee will host a pork roast

All are welcome to attend!
Portland Community Coat Drive
The Portland Community Fund Association will be having a coat drive from Oct. 1 through Oct. 18. Adult and children’s clean, useable coats will be collected along with hats, mittens, gloves, boots and outerwear. We especially need children’s snowpants.

A donation box will be located in the back of Church. Other donation boxes will be located at Portland City Hall, local schools, the Senior Center, Independent Bank and Edward Jones Office.

A “Stuff the Bus” will be provided by the Portland Public Schools, Scott Teachout and Joel VanSlambrouck of G & B Pool Supplies, Ted Goodman of Goodman Dairy Farm, and the Lear’s of Bills Party Store to collect coats, not regular clothing or garage sale items. The bus will be located at Bills Party Store. 1153 E. Grand River, Portland, MI.

On Saturday, October 19th from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM coats and outerwear will be available to anyone needing them at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 8867 Kent St, Portland, MI.

Applications for the Portland Community Fund Associations Christmas Giving Program will be available at the beginning of October. Applications will be available at the schools, Portland City Hall, local churches, Portland Library and Tom’s Pharmacy. Any family residing in the Portland School District that may need assistance or anyone who knows of someone who could use extra assistance should fill out an application.

For more information, please contact Lisa Balderson at 517-930-1651 or Sandy Klein at 517-526-0529.

Portland Community Food Bank
Wish List
The Portland Community Food Bank could use the following items to replenish their supplies:
- Pancake Mix
- Cake Mixes/Frosting
- Popcorn
- Toilet paper
- Laundry
- Bar Soap
- Bottled Juices
- Syrup
- Jelly/Jam
- Canned Fruit
- Applesauce
- Granola Bars
- Crackers

Donations can be dropped at the 310 Bridge St. or the donation boxes in the back of Church.

The Euchre parties will begin on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at 1:00 PM at the Knights Hall.

The Knights will be hosting a garage sale at the Knights Hall. Set up will be on October 22nd. Sale will be Wednesday, October 23, 8:00 AM -5:30 PM and Thursday, October 24, 8:00 AM-Noon.

St. Mary-Westphalia
"Westphalia Historical Society News: The Sixth Annual Cemetery Walk will be Sunday, September 22, 2019 at 2:00pm at the St. Mary's Cemetery, Westphalia. This event is fun for the whole family, free and you might learn a little history about 5 notables. The five persons we wish to highlight are Izzy Schmidt portrayed by son Rich Schmidt, Leo Gross portrayed by son Mike Gross, Carolyn Wirth portrayed by granddaughter Kim Keilen, Louis Bertram portrayed by AJ Schneider and John Peter Pohl portrayed by great great grandson Luke Pohl. Come enjoy some cider and home made cookies and visit with family and friends. Golf carts and rangers are available for those who need assistance through the cemetery.

If you have not seen our "Weddings" display, you are missing out on over 250 wedding pictures, probably some of your relatives. Also over 40 wedding dresses, including a 4 generation and a 5 generation display and wedding dresses from 1895 through 1970. We are open the first Sunday of the month 1-4 PM and the third Wednesday 5-8 PM. This means Sunday, September 1st 1-4 PM, Wednesday September 18th 5-8 PM, Sunday October 6th 1-4 PM, Wednesday October 16th 5-8 PM, Sunday, November 3rd 1-4 PM, and Wednesday November 6th 5-8 PM. THE EXHIBIT WILL CLOSE ON WEDNESDAY NOV 6TH. If you have a group coming we may be able to accommodate you by calling Margie Wirth 989 640 4437, or 989 587 6984.
BREADS & DESSERTS NEEDED:
We will need enough breads and desserts to feed 1000 people, so it’s important that everyone helps out in this area. Please drop them off at the cafeteria on Saturday, October 12th between 8 AM and 5:30 PM. Please note that there will be a table at the top of the stairs, in the entrance near the church where you can leave your baked goods.

HOMEMADE COOKIES:
The ever-popular Cookie Booth will be held in the office hallway. All Shamrock athletes in grades 5-12 are expected to donate homemade cookies. Grandparents and others can also bring cookies for this booth. Cookies can be dropped off at the gym or the cafeteria early on Saturday between 8 AM and 5:30 PM. Cookies can also be left on the table at the top of the stairs.

DINNER TICKETS:
Available at the door—no advanced tickets will be sold.

RAFFLE TICKETS:
Raffle tickets can be dropped in the collection basket for the next few weeks. On the day of the Fall Festival, October 13th, they need to be turned in at the raffle booth, located inside the main entrance of the school. Remember—The Shamrock Athletic budget depends on the success of this raffle.

* The Fall Festival Raffle normally generates about $18,000—$20,000
* If everyone picked up their tickets and sold the entire pack, it would generate $112,000!
* Every pack sold MAKES A DIFFERENCE in the Shamrock sports budget
* Even if you are busy on October 13, you can still help by selling your tickets

HOMECOMING WEEK:
Saturday, October 12, 2019—Parish Youth Group PRAYERS for the week:

Ministries
Eucharistic Adoration
Monday: Noon - 7:00 PM | Wednesday: Noon -11:00 PM | First Friday’s: 10:00 AM-Midnight
Ministry to Sick /Homebound............................................................... Parish Office (517) 647-6505
(Please notify the parish office of parishioners who are hospitalized, homebound or in need of pastoral care.)
Parish Prayer List........................................................................... Sue Fox (517) 420-2155

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Online Giving

St. Patrick Church is trying to keep up as technology continues to change. We offer an online giving process that we hope will streamline the contribution process and develop a habit of giving regularly as outlined in the Faithful Giving Program. One way of giving is through your traditional envelope giving, another is through scheduling a donation through Connect Now Giving. The link can be found on the St. Patrick Church website. Another way is through text messaging: From a cell phone, text a donation to 1-517-641-2226. You will answer a few questions and then your donation will be processed. If you have questions, please feel free to contact the parish office.
Our Banquet Room is Available!
Let us help you plan your next Family Reunion, Corporate Meeting/Retreat, Holiday Party, Open House, or Funeral Luncheon.
Separate Entrance • Use of Course-Side Veranda & Lounge
Permanent Dance Floor • Seats approximately 150
We can personalize services, provide a detailed estimate and de-stress the process for a perfect event - small or large!

Join us for our Friday night golf special.
$30 includes two 9-hole rounds with cart and beverage specials