

ST RITA ST JOSEPH NEWSLETTER-JUNE 21st

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

JESUS IS THE LIVING BREAD COME DOWN FROM HEAVEN=JOHN 6

THE "REFORMS AND CHANGES" THAT OUR BELOVED CHURCH HAS GONE THROUGH IN OUR LIFE TIME, FOR MOST OF US, HAS BEEN AT TIMES A STRUGGLE. SOME OF THE "FORWARD THINKING" IDEAS HAVE EITHER VERY WELCOMED OR A REAL CHALLENGE! THE CHANGES IN OUR COMMUNION RITES, WHILE OPTIONAL IN SOME PARTS, LIKE RECEIVING ON THE TONGUE OR IN YOUR HAND, OR RECEIVING UNDER BOTH FORMS (BODY AND BLOOD) HAVE MADE MANY OF US EITHER JOYFUL OR UNCOMFORTABLE. HOLY MOTHER CHURCH WANTS TO OFFER EACH OF US AND ALL OF US THE JOYOUS AND ESSENTIAL EXPERIENCE OF RECEIVING JESUS INTO OUR BODIES AS WELL AS INTO OUR HEARTS! HOW WE APPROACH/RECEIVE COMMUNION AT MASS SHOULD BE REVERENT AND LOVING, IF THE COMMUNICANT CHOOSES TO RECEIVE UNDER ONE OR BOTH FORMS, ON THE TONGUE OR IN LOVINGLY CUPPED HANDS, STANDING OR KNEELING- THE GIFT AND THE GRACE ARE THE SAME- THE BODY AND BLOOD ARE ONE! THIS IS WHAT WE CELEBRATE TODAY= THE GREAT GIFT OF JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Parish support 6-14 2012 = \$196. THANK YOU!

"School's out, school's out –teachers let the students out" (Okay in **my** day it was teacher let the "fools" out, but you know we have to nicer these days and not call anybody names) To the best of my knowledge all the area school children are now on "Summer Break" and maybe they won't even start complaining about "boredom" until next week..... Fortunately with all the electronic games and entertainment I think the children don't get "bored" as easily but I'm afraid they don't spend much time "playing outside" What a shame that is since we live in such a richly diverse area of water, beaches, woods & hills! Why not take your kids or grandkids and play tourist?? After all we went through last winter don't we all need to ENJOY our beautiful Summer? Take some time to play!! Ken and I, and some of our kids are taking a day trip to Zeeland for a graduation party today, so are several others including the Hobbins family (same area different party) , Next week I will be at a "pajama party" in Gaylord with my cousins at our Aunts lovely home- so I am enjoying myself- hope you will take the time for YOU also! PLEASE STEP UP AND HELP WITH MINISTRIES OVER THE SUMMER IF YOU CAN!

Today's Mass is offered for the soul of Roman Skipski requested by the Zientek family, next week's Mass will be offered for the soul of Jennie Czyrka – also requested by the Zienteks

THANK YOU LORD FOR THE RAIN WE NEEDED !!

Here are some different things to think about:

Live Carmelite Spirituality in a Catholic Lay Community —Do you desire a deeper prayer life, a deeper spirituality, a deeper union with God? Have you heard the call of Pope Saint John Paul II to "Come into the deep?" The Discalced Secular Carmelite Community of the Infant Jesus of Prague meets monthly at the Carmelite Monastery in Traverse City. For more information contact Connie Kassuba [\(231\) 492-4096](tel:2314924096) or Dianne Dix [\(231\) 492-6026](tel:2314926026).

And an invitation from the Diocese: A "Come and See" Weekend for men, young and perhaps not so young, interested in learning more about the Priesthood is planned for Friday evening June 27th and

Saturday, June 28th at the Hampton Inn in Gaylord. There is no cost to participate, but pre-registration is required. Contact Fr. Don Geyman at [989-820-6591](tel:989-820-6591) for information and Judy Abeel to register at [989-705-3523](tel:989-705-3523).

From our neighbors

St. Mary Lake Leelanau Used Treasure Sale! The Class of 2016 is hosting the annual St. Mary Used Treasure Sale Friday June 27 to Sunday June 29, 9 am - 2pm daily. Donations are being accepted at the Old Gym (across from the church & school), beginning June 21 from 9am to 2pm or by appointment. Items must be in good condition; more expensive items can be taken on consignment. We will Not be accepting: mattresses, clothing, shoes, old TV's, electronic devices and cell phones, or overstuffed chairs. Your donations are tax deductible. All proceeds from this sale will go towards the Class of 2016 Senior Mission Trip.=

SUMMER SUNDAY DINING OPPORTUNITIES : Here is the schedule of upcoming parish fund raising dinners and festivals

St Wenceslaus Chicken Dinner	June 29 – JULY
4/5/6 CEDAR POLKA FEST WITH A POLKA MASS ON JULY 6 – St Mary's Lake Leelanau Chicken Dinner	July 13
July 27 Holy Rosary Chicken Dinner & festival 10 – St Michael's Pig Roast	August

CONTINUE TO CELEBRATE THE MIRACLE OF GOD'S LOVE AND PRAY FOR PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING IN OUR WORLD, NATION, AND NEIGHBORHOOD

SCHOOLS OUT ~TOURISTS ARE HERE+ DRIVE WITH LOVING CARE! REMEMBER WE ARE BLESSED TO LIVE HERE, WELCOME THOSE WHO CAN ONLY VISIT "GOD'S COUNTY