



Mass Intentions

- Monday February 9**
5:00 p.m. Marie Spiegle
- Tuesday February 10 Scholastica, virgin**
8:30 a.m. Elizabeth Kovacs
- Wednesday February 11 Our Lady of Lourdes**
5:00 p.m. John and Irene Polacsek
- Thursday February 12**
8:30 a.m. Frederick J. Tabler
- Friday February 13**
8:30 a.m. Lori Koepp Worley
- Saturday February 14 Cyril, monk & Methodius, bishop**
9:00 a.m. John and Irene Polacsek
4:30 p.m. Dolores L. Lapp
- Sunday February 15 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time**
8:00 a.m. Kenneth and Genevieve Roling
9:30 a.m. People of St. Mary Parish
11:00 a.m. Marian Ternes

Readings for the Week of February 9, 2009

- Mon: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35; Mk 6:53-56
Tues: Gn 1:20-2:4; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13
Wed: Gn 2:4-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2,27-30; Mk 7:14-23
Thurs: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30
Fri: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2,5-7; Mk 7:31-37
Sat: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6,12-13; Mk 8:1-10
Sun: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1;
Mk 1:40-45

In your prayers...



This week, please remember all in our parish community, the intentions in our intention book, our family and friends in need, especially: **Barbara, Bruce, Eva, Florence, Georgeanne, Lawrence, Lillian, Molly** and all who have asked for our prayers.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Sunday Collection (02/01/09)	\$13,232.00
Church in Latin America	\$798.00
Envelopes	374
Building Fund	\$65.00

Our gratitude to all of you who are so generous.

Thank you!

[2nd Collection February 15th - Hospitalization & Pension]

"Our Life is Rich" is a time to get together and reflect on the gifts we have received from God and how we use them to carry on the work of the Gospel. It is intended not only to develop relationships within the community but also be an opportunity to welcome and involve new members into our parish family. Our next session will be Feb. 16th at 7-9pm in the Weigand Room. Please register with the office 323-5539.



My Friends,

This weekend throughout the world we celebrate World Marriage Day. Pope John Paul II has also established the tradition of dedicating this day to prayer for Consecrated Life during which we pray for vocations to religious life. In view of the second readings from St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians that we have listened to over the last couple of weeks, we might be tempted to give priority to prayer for the consecrated life. To do so, however, would be to misunderstand the significance of the sacrament of marriage. After all, celebrating marriage is a sacrament. Entering religious life is not a sacramental celebration. But both vocations call forth a consecration of those entering into them.

In the past, we had a tendency to think of religious life as one step above those who chose to live in the married or single state. If a vocation is a call from God, then I question whether we can judge one state of life as 'holier' or 'better' than the other. Holiness comes in fulfilling God's call for us. We are all called to consecrate and make holy all that we are and do. We do this by joining ourselves in love with God. The way of religious consecrated life may be more dramatic in its total dedication of self to God but it is no more holy than the one who consecrates him/herself in selfless love to another, an incarnation of the divine life itself. When two people lose themselves in their love for each other, you have on this earth the closest approximation of what life in the Kingdom of God is all about.

There was a frightening statistic in the newspaper the other day. We live in a time when only 1/3 of our children are living in two-parent homes. If we want to correct the ills of our society, then it will have to begin with the building blocks of marriage and family. It seems to me when young people fall away from the practice of their faith, there is not a whole lot of grace to sustain them in their marriage. True love is not the romantic attraction we feel at the beginning of a relationship. True love is an act of the will to surrender oneself to another even when we don't feel like it. It is not part of our nature. It is a gift of grace! It takes sacrifice and commitment to grow into a sacramental bond where the 'two become one flesh.'

A marriage isn't made on the day we say 'I do.' It is a lifetime of choosing the other with whom we want to grow in intimacy. More and more resources are becoming available to assist couples in this daunting task. There are Marriage Encounters to make a good marriage better. Retrouvaille assists couples struggling to keep their marriage together. On the diocesan website, go to the Marriage and Family site to access numerous links that provide resources to support couples in deepening the love they have for one another. Don't wait until the flame has gone out to figure out where the relationship is going bad. We pray God's grace on all who are struggling to be faithful to God's call in their life and for those who need God in their lives.

Fr Charlie

Easter Seals has donated a wheelchair, along with many canes, walkers, shower seats and toilet risers to be given away to anyone that may need them. If you or anyone you know could use these items, please contact the Helping Hands Ministry at 329-2356.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



This Week in our Parish

Monday 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	February 9 Helping Hands Ministry – Conference Room PSR – Marian & St. Joseph Buildings
Tuesday 5:00 p.m.	February 10 Hot Meals - Cafeteria
Wednesday 2:20 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	February 11 Girl Scout T 278 – Art Room Pierogi Making - Cafeteria
Thursday 9:00am-5:00pm 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	February 12 Eucharistic Adoration – Lower Church Pierogi Making - Cafeteria Bible Study – Lower Church
Saturday After Mass 5:30 p.m.	February 14 Blood Pressure Checks – Weigand Room Hearts Desire – Hall
Sunday After Masses 11:00a.m. 7:00 p.m.	February 15 Blood Pressure Checks – Weigand Room Pre-School P.S.R. – St. Joseph Building Men's Basketball - Hall

200 CLUB WINNER: 02/08/09 John Suetta #104

Altar & Rosary Society



The next Altar & Rosary meeting will be Thursday, February 19th. Please meet in the lower chapel for the Rosary and Benediction. A short business meeting and luncheon will follow in the Weigand Room. All ladies of the parish are welcome and urged to become active members. Meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of the month.



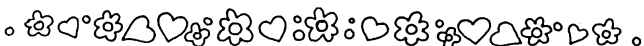
Our Parish will be serving dinner this Sunday, February 8th from 5-6pm at the **Salvation Army** - 716 Broad St. Volunteers are always appreciated to serve or help with preparation beginning at 3:00pm.

...and Jesus said...FEED THE HUNGRY!

Saturday, Feb. 21st is our next date to take the evening meal to St. Joseph Homeless Shelter. If you are able to supply one of the following items, it would be most graciously appreciated: a pasta with meat dish, salad, rolls/bread or dessert. I will pick-up your gift on Feb. 21st and take it to the shelter. To participate or if you have questions, call Maryann at 458-6159. Thank you – Social Action Ministry



Blood Pressure checks will be next weekend, Feb. 14th/15th after all Masses in the Weigand Room.



ST. MARY'S HEARTS DESIRE REVERSE RAFFLE DINNER is scheduled for **Saturday, February 14th**. Tickets are \$125 for an evening of appetizers, dinner, beverages, music by Mike Moore and a chance to win the grand prize of \$5000 plus many other prizes. Tickets are \$125 per couple - only 200 will be sold. Contact Debbie Conner at 322-8160 for tickets/information.



Registration for the 2009-2010 school year for Preschool, Kindergarten and **NEW** students to St. Mary School has begun. Students new to St. Mary School must bring the following documentation with them when registering: Birth Certificate, Baptismal Certificate (if not baptized at St. Mary Parish), Records of First Communion and First Reconciliation (if applicable), Immunization records, Legal custody papers (if applicable), and Registration fee of \$150 (non-refundable). A student registering for Kindergarten must be five years old by September 30, 2009. Registration will be considered completed when Parish registration has been verified and all materials and fees have been received by the school office. Please call the School Office at 322-2808 if you have questions or need additional information.

Join us for a **St. Patrick's Day Celebration on Saturday, March 14th**.



The evening will include a traditional Irish dinner catered by Smittys, beer and beverages and an evening of dance music & entertainment presented by FRANK, DEAN AND THEN SOME (check out their website for a sample of their great style!) We'll also be raffling off a Pot of Gold, full of prizes totaling over \$1,000. Tickets are \$17 per person and available by calling Joan at 458-4689 or Linda at 322-9704.

BRING AN APRON!!! Volunteers are needed to help make pierogi for the *St. Mary's Home Made Pierogi Sale*. We will meet **Wed., Feb. 11th** and **Thurs., Feb. 12th ~ 5-8pm in the School Cafeteria**. No Experience Needed! If you would like to help or have any questions, please contact Jerry Boron at 458-4722.

Lenten Bible Study 2009 ~ Although this is not a Cluster Event, Saint Agnes Church invites all Cluster Parish members to sign-up now to take part in our Lenten Bible Study, which will begin on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 25th) in the St. Agnes Parish Hall (611 Lake Ave.) with a brief introduction after the 7pm Mass. Commemorating the Year of St. Paul, we will be studying the Epistle to the Ephesians. Father Al Krupp and Sister Jennifer Kramer will direct 5 sessions on the Wednesdays of Lent - March 4, 11, 18, 25 and Apr. 1 & 6 from 6:30-8pm. Call the Church Office at 322-5622 to register by Feb. 17th.

WorldWide Marriage Encounter – Couples who make Marriage Encounter weekends not only rediscover the joy, intimacy & romance in their relationships, but also become more active in their Church. Together we are making marriages, families and our Church stronger and healthier. The 2009 Encounter weekends are: Feb. 13-15, Apr. 17-19 and Oct. 16-18. For information or to register, call Ken and Rose Breen at 440-899-9002 or check out the web: www.wwme.org.

MEN! Need a spiritual jump-start? Make plans to attend the Catholic Men's Fellowship of Northeast Ohio annual "Answer the Call" conference. Scheduled for Saturday, February 28th at Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron, it will be a day of dynamic speakers, music, fellowship and much more. Log on to www.cmfneo.com for more information.

Ministry to Divorced Catholics – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Columbia Station is hosting an Information Night and support group for divorced Catholics on February 24th at 7pm. The subject for this evening is "Moving On". The goal is to make you aware of resources that are available for help in getting past the hurts and fears of being divorced. If you are interested in attending, please call (440) 236-8553 to register.