



Mass Intentions

- Monday** **February 16**
5:00 p.m. Gloria D. Bornales
- Tuesday** **February 17**
8:30 a.m. **7 Founders of the Order of Servites, religious**
John and Irene Polacsek
- Wednesday** **February 18**
5:00 p.m. John and Marie Sage and
Peter Shepherd Family
- Thursday** **February 19**
8:30 a.m. Elmerto D. Para
- Friday** **February 20**
8:30 a.m. Ted Plas
- Saturday** **February 21 Peter Damian, bishop, doctor**
9:00 a.m. Leo Pitts
4:30 p.m. People of St. Mary Parish
- Sunday** **February 22 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time**
8:00 a.m. John and Irene Polacsek
9:30 a.m. Mildred Hoover
11:00 a.m. Julie Smith



My Friends,

The break from winter this past week has assured us that there is still green grass under all the snow. It encourages us to hope that spring is around the corner. In these days of economic worry, any sign of hope is a welcome consolation. These may be difficult days, but there have certainly been some heart-warming times. Anyone who missed the Family Fun Night missed the best event all winter. It was so uplifting to see a parish hall *full* of young children running around and having a great time. If the rest of us only had that kind of energy! I want to thank Mary Anne Cunningham and all the parents of PTU who assisted her in putting together this fantastic 150th birthday party in celebration of our school. It made for a warm and delightful February night. It even kept the heat on the rest of the week!

On Sunday our Pre-Cana team provided a day of marriage preparation for young couples getting ready for their wedding. What better way to celebrate World Marriage Day! Our couples spent the day at St. Patrick's in Wellington with 13 young couples sharing with them their insights on marriage. In this day and age, it is a very important ministry. Again I thank the team for their time and effort. I want to thank John and Kathy Schill in a special way. They were running this program when I left in 1993. John decided it was time to let some 'younger' couples take up the baton. We are responsible for one Pre-Cana day a year and it is usually the 2nd Sunday in February. If you would like to assist the team in the future, please let us know at the office.

Thanks to the dedication of so many good people, we have a lot going on here at the parish. In celebration of our good stewards and all the work they do, we are inviting everyone involved in ministry here at St. Mary's to a Volunteer Dinner on March 21st. This is an open invitation to all who participate in any program or ministry. So mark this date in your calendar. We will need an RSVP from you to plan appropriately. You can either call the parish office or return the slip that will be included in the bulletin over the coming weeks.

Finally, just a note of thanks to the EC swim team. In gratitude for the use of the Weigand room, they left us a box full of canned soup for the Hospitality House. It is your thoughtfulness that is so much appreciated.

Readings for the Week of February 16, 2009

- Mon: Gn 4:1-15,25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13
Tues: Gn 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1-4, 9-10; Mk 8:14-21
Wed: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15,18-19; Mk 8:22-26
Thurs: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-18, 19-23, 29; Mk 8:27-33
Fri: Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34-9:1
Sat: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13
Sun: Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24-25; Ps 41:2-5, 13-14;
2 Cor 1:18-22; Mk 2:1-12

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, Lawrence, Lillian, Molly** and all who have asked for our prayers.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Sunday Collection (02/08/09)	\$11,065.50
Helping Hands Ministry	\$937.34
Envelopes	377
Building Fund	\$396.00

Our gratitude to all of you who are so generous.

Thank you!

[2nd Collection February 22nd - Tuition Assistance]

Fr Charlie



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Irene Wissinger** who died this week and for the consolation of her loved ones.

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.

"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 Monday, Feb. 16th at 7-9pm in the Weigand Room. Please register with the office 323-5539.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



This Week in our Parish

Monday

5:30 p.m. Helping Hands Ministry – Conference Room
6:30 p.m. PSR – Marian & St. Joseph Buildings
7:00 p.m. Hall Committee – Staff Room
7:00 p.m. 'Our Life is Rich' – Weigand Room
8:00 p.m. Social Action Ministry – Conference Room

Tuesday

1:30 p.m. CACLC – Conference Room
5:00 p.m. Hot Meals - Cafeteria

Wednesday

2:15/3:30 p.m. Day School / Parish - Young People Choir – Church
6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts – Cafeteria
7:00 p.m. BSA T135 – Rel. Ed. Office
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir – Church

Thursday

9:00am-5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration – Lower Church
5:00 p.m. Pierogi Making - Cafeteria
7:00 p.m. Bible Study – Lower Church

Sunday

11:00 a.m. Pre-School P.S.R. – St. Joseph Building
11am – 2:30pm Parish Councils & Commissions Retreat
[beginning with 11:00 Mass]
7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball - Hall

200 CLUB WINNER: 02/15/09 Connie Kearns #29

Altar & Rosary Society



The next meeting of St. Mary Altar & Rosary will be Thursday, February 19th. Please meet in the lower chapel at 11:00 AM for the Rosary & Benediction. A luncheon and short business meeting will follow in the Weigand Room. All ladies of the parish are welcome and urged to become active members. Just a reminder: The envelope for the Easter A&R Memorial Fund can be found in the Feb/March envelope packet.

...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*

Our faith is like a million-dollar treasure that we didn't earn. It's the greatest gift we could ever have received. God loves us so much that He sent His only Son to redeem us and remain with us in the Holy Eucharist. With the approach of Lent, why not spend one hour a week at Eucharistic Adoration. We have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday, 9am-5pm in the lower Chapel. We especially need Adorers between 11am-4pm. Please call Pat Franco, 365-3570 to reserve your hour with Jesus.



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



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 the school office has received all materials and fees. 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, beverages and an evening of dance music & entertainment presented by FRANK, DEAN AND THEN SOME (check out their website).

Take a chance on the **Pot of Plenty**. St. Mary Hall Committee is raffling off a pot of gifts valued at over \$1,000. Prizes include a 32" flat screen HDTV w/built in DVD from Stewart Appliances, jewelry from Vandemark Jewelers, choice of Indians & Cavs tickets, Irish spirits, treats, gift certificates and much more. The **Pot of Plenty** will be raffled off at the St. Patrick's Day Celebration. Party tickets are \$17 per person with raffle ticket \$3/each or 2 for \$5 - available by calling Joan at 458-4689 or Linda at 322-9704 and after weekend Masses.

CALLING ALL ST. MARY BAKERS: Please contact Annie Cunningham at 323-5539 if you would be willing to bake for one of the receptions following the Tetelestai performances - March 6, 7 & 8.

BRING AN APRON!!! Volunteers are needed to help make pierogi for the *St. Mary's Home Made Pierogi Sale*. We will meet **Thurs., Feb. 19th ~ 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.

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.

2009 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal has begun. Next weekend, an in-pew commitment process will take place. All who have not received and responded to the mailing will be asked to consider making a pledge at that time. Reflect upon the plight of those served by Catholic Charities and the gifts God has given each of us when making your pledge to support the ministries and services provided by Catholic Charities. Please pray for the success of this important Appeal.

ALL Cursillisas: The next Ultreya will be held at St. Vincent DePaul, 41295 N. Ridge Rd. in Elyria on Friday Feb 21st at 7pm. For more information, contact Chuck Anthony at 365-6760.

Holy Cross Church Card Party ~ Sunday, February 15th beginning at 3pm [1417 West Ave.] Adults: \$5, Children: \$3 including refreshments & door prizes. (Sponsored by the Altar & Rosary Society)

