



Mass Intentions

- Monday** **March 23rd**
5:00 p.m. Jeanne Esch
- Tuesday** **March 24th**
8:30 a.m. William Borgmann
- Wednesday** **March 25th Annunciation of the Lord**
5:00 p.m. Maxine Weber
- Thursday** **March 26th**
8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of the Elizabeth Kovacs Family
- Friday** **March 27th**
8:30 a.m. Clemence, Carolyn and Robert Alan Faecking
- Saturday** **March 28th**
9:00 a.m. Catherine Myers Rubensen
4:30 p.m. Jane Kirkbride
- Sunday** **March 29th – 5th Sunday of Lent**
8:00 a.m. People of St. Mary Parish
9:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the Boron & Sowul Families
11:00 a.m. Cheevers and Diedrick Families



My Friends,

As we heard in Bishop Lennon's letter last week, the purpose of clustering was not just to consolidate churches. We are working to create a more vibrant Catholic community. Included in his recommendations was the need to evangelize and increase our participation at Sunday Eucharist. A significant group of the faithful who may feel disenfranchised are those who have suffered through a divorce and remarried. Because they cannot share in the Eucharist, they do not feel a part of the community. A survey conducted by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate discovered that 23% of Catholics have gone through a divorce. Only 15% have sought a resolution of their situation by petitioning for a declaration of invalidity of marriage.

In an effort to reach out to these people, our diocesan marriage tribunal is offering 2 information sessions to help inform people about their options. Inserted in the bulletin this weekend is a yellow tri-fold that answers common questions about divorce and remarriage in the Church. In the bulletin itself you will find the dates and places for the information sessions. It would be a true act of evangelization if you would pass along the tri-fold to someone you know who might appreciate the information. I am always happy to talk to anyone who would like a clarification of their situation.

This weekend I also want to acknowledge all who give of themselves in service of our parish community. The point of gathering for a 'Volunteer Dinner' is to help us understand the benefit of volunteering our time and talent. The more people become involved, the more vibrant we become as a parish. The dinner is a witness to the vibrancy of our parish life. I hope that we can continue to expand the circle. Special thanks goes out to the Hall committee for a great St. Patrick's celebration. It took a lot of hard work and preparation, but everyone had a great time. May we continue to be a warm, welcoming parish community.

Readings for the Week of March 23, 2009

- Mon: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2,4-6,11-12,13; Jn 4:43-54;
Tues: Ez 47:1-9,12; Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wed: Is 7:10-14; 8-10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Thurs: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Fri: Wis 2:1,12-22; Ps 34:17-21,23; Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30
Sat: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3,9-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sun: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4,12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

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: **Bruce, Chuck, Don, Florence, Kolby, Paul** and all who have asked for our prayers.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Sunday Collection (03/15/09)	\$11,443.00
Hospitalization and Pension	\$517.00
Envelopes	384
Building Fund	\$96.00

Our gratitude to all of you who are so generous.
Thank you!

[2nd Collection March 29th - Tuition Assistance]

Fr Charlie

Jesus gave us the gift of His Eucharistic presence so that He could abide "WITH" us. Why not come visit Jesus and ask for peace, love, joy and forgiveness. He awaits your visit. He is exposed for your adoration every Thursday from 9:00am-5:00pm in the lower Chapel. Please call Pat Franco today to reserve your own special hour with Jesus. (365-3570)



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



This Week in our Parish

Monday

5:30 p.m.
6:30 p.m.

March 23

Helping Hands Ministry – Conference Room
PSR – Marian & St. Joseph Buildings

Tuesday

5:00 p.m.

March 24

Hot Meals – Cafeteria

Wednesday

2:15/3:30 p.m.
2:20 p.m.
2:20 p.m.
7:30 p.m.

March 25

Day School / Parish -Young People Choir – Church
Girl Scout T278 – Art Room
Brownie T591 & Cadet T729 – Green Room
Adult Choir – Church

Thursday

9:00am-5:00pm
7:00 p.m.

March 26

Eucharistic Adoration – Lower Church
“Our Life is Rich” - Weigand Room

Friday

11:30am-1pm
7:00 p.m.

March 27

Pierogi Lunch – Weigand Room
Stations of the Cross - Church

Sunday

10:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
7:00 p.m.
7:30 p.m.

March 29

RCIA – Conference Room
Pre-School P.S.R. – St. Joseph Building
Men’s Basketball – Hall
Cluster Parish Mission – At St. Agnes Church

200 CLUB WINNER: 03/22/09 Ed Webber #56



St. Mary Parish will serve pierogi lunches on Fridays during Lent from 11:30-1:00pm in the Weigand Room. Lunches consist of 5 Sophie’s Choice pierogi, applesauce, tossed salad and beverage. Cost is \$6.00.



The next Senior Luncheon will be **Tuesday, April 14th**. [Note: Due to Holy Week, the Luncheon will be held on the 2nd Tuesday in April] We will begin with lunch at Noon. The cost of the luncheon is \$4.00. Please call in your reservations to Sr. Mary Dorothy at 322-1423 by Friday, April 10th. We look forward to a great meal, good fellowship and game of BINGO for those who wish to stay. Bring a friend and enjoy a great afternoon.

The State Department estimates that nearly 5 million people have been displaced, forced to leave their homes, because of the war in Iraq. The **Catholic Relief Services Collection** supports resettlement services for refugees, serves victim of human trafficking, and provides pastoral care and advocacy. Of the 50,000 total refugees authorized to enter the United States in 2007, nearly one-third were helped by USCCB Migration and Refugee Services, one organization receiving funds from the collection. The Collection also supports legal services for refugees, advocacy, relief and development, and disaster/emergency relief. When you donate to The Catholic Relief Services Collection, you give hope. Please be generous in today’s collection.



St. Mary School is currently enrolling students for the 2009-2010 school year. Come and see the atmosphere of high expectations, service to others, and Catholic values. Please contact the school at 440-322-2808 with any questions and to schedule a visit. Come and celebrate our 150 years with us!



St. Mary Fish Fry will be held Friday, April 3rd from 5:00-7:30pm in the Parish Hall. Tickets are available after Masses outside the Weigand Room. Adults: \$13, Seniors (65+): \$11, Children 12 & under: \$5.

“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 March 26th at 7:00pm in the Weigand Room. Please register with the Parish Office.



The Students from Elyria Catholic will present the “Living Stations” at 7:00pm in St. Jude Church this Sunday, March 22nd.

WorldWide Marriage Encounter: Before the family vacations are set, spend a weekend together to put the love and romance back in your marriage. The next Marriage Encounter weekends are April 17-19 and October 16-18, 2009. For more information or to register, call Ken and Rose Breen at 440-899-9002 or check it out on the web at www.wvme.org.



Easter Baskets~

If anyone is interested in donating items [crayons, markers, coloring books, candy, small toys, puzzles etc.] to fill Easter Baskets to be distributed through our Hot Meals Program, please contact Annie Cunningham at 323-5539 x224.

The Tribunal of the Diocese of Cleveland will be presenting a new program for beginning the annulment process. The Quick Start Program is meant to provide individuals with a simplified method for the initial presentation of a case to the Tribunal. The program will consist of 2 sessions. The 1st meeting will be a general overview of marriage as understood by the Catholic Church and an explanation of the Tribunal process. Individuals who would like to begin the Quick Start Program will be given the appropriate materials at the conclusion of the meeting. The 2nd meeting will be an individual meeting, by appointment only, for the purpose of presenting the completed materials. Meetings will be held at St. Raphael Church, Bay Village, Apr. 14th at 7pm [& Apr 28th by appointment] in the school lunchroom and at Holy Martyrs, Medina, Apr. 23rd at 7:30pm [& May 7th by appointment] in the Pfeiffer Room. Pre-registration for the 1st meeting is not necessary. If you have questions, call Lynette Tait at the Tribunal, 216-696-6525 or 800-869-6525, ext. 4000.