



Mass Intentions

- Monday** April 20th
5:00 p.m. Ted Plas
- Tuesday** April 21st Anselm, bishop, doctor
8:30 a.m. Frank Korzan, Sr.
- Wednesday** April 22nd
5:00 p.m. Edwin Krause
- Thursday** April 23rd George, martyr/Adelbert, bishop, martyr
8:30 a.m. Tim Keys
- Friday** April 24th Fidelis of Sigmaringen, priest, martyr
8:30 a.m. Christopher Meanor
- Saturday** April 25th Mark, evangelist
9:00 a.m. Mary Ann Kelly Plas
2:00 p.m. *Wedding ~ Daniel Geiger & Bethany Therese*
4:30 p.m. Anna Daly
- Sunday** April 26th
8:00 a.m. Samuel, Catherine and Anthony Patania
9:30 a.m. Carl Diedrick
11:00 a.m. People of St. Mary Parish

Readings for the Week of April 20, 2009

- Mon: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8
Tues: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7-15
Wed: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thurs: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Fri: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Sat: 1 Pt 5:5-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
Sun: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5; Lk 24:35-48

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, Eric, Linda, Paul** and all who have asked for our prayers.



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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Easter Collection (04/12/09)	\$25,244.00
Education Endowment Fund	\$1,887.00
Holy Land	\$1,295.00
Envelopes	516
Building Fund	\$10.00
Rice Bowls	\$668.97

Our gratitude to all of you who are so generous.

Thank you!

[2nd Collection April 26th – Catholic Home Missions]



My Friends,

I want to begin this week by thanking everyone who made our Holy Week Services such rich opportunities for growth in grace and devotion. The music and liturgical environment did so much to deepen our life of faith in the saving mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. Maybe you get a different perspective on life as you grow older but I found the Holy Week liturgies much more meaningful this year. It might be the times that we are living in. People are re-evaluating their priorities and I think spirituality is climbing back to the top of the list.

First of all, I would like to thank Sr. Mary Dorothy for her work in preparing the catechumens and candidates in the RCIA. She is one of those people who do all the work and get very little of the credit. Talk about multi-tasking! She fills in wherever there is a need and does so with great expertise. Now that word is out on her baking expertise, she goes home after a long day and ends up working into the night baking cakes and other goodies. She is truly dedicated in her service in the Church and we are the lucky ones to have the benefit of her ministry.

I know that I am not saying anything new to anyone when I mention how blessed we are to have Mike Moore directing our music ministry and the fantastic talent of our choir. Music plays an incredibly important part of our liturgy. It draws us into the mystery of faith that we are celebrating. Whether it is the abandonment on the cross or the joy of the resurrection, the music takes us deeper into the meaning of the liturgical celebration. I have had so many people come up to tell me how much they appreciate the music. So, kudos to Mike and both our choirs (adult & children) for all of their hard work.

Last but not least, I again need to mention the contribution of those who work so hard in decorating our church. Under the direction of Jim Fada and Marie Fenik, the decoration of our sanctuary and church is always tastefully done and supports our liturgical celebrations. It is a lot of hard work at a busy time of year, but our volunteers seem to enjoy this important ministry that enhances our worship. May God bless them and all who assist us in offering fitting worship to our God.

Fr Charlie

Our great Easter joy continues as we celebrate with those who participated in the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. Joseph David Ramirez and Joseph Timothy Quinn received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Christina Marie Bulkowski made her Profession of Faith. The Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist were received by Christina and her children Edward Eugene, and Elizabeth Angeline Bulkowski.



Wedding Banns

- I Arthur Moran and Robin Kotlan
- II Todd Carter and Kathy Schubert
- III Daniel Geiger and Bethany Therese

Bells of St. Mary article insertion deadline is **Friday, April 24th**. Please e-mail information to Annie at anniecunningham@windstream.net.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



This Week in our Parish

Monday

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

April 20

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

Tuesday

1:30 p.m.
5:00 p.m.

April 21

CALC – Conference Room
Hot Meals – Cafeteria

Wednesday

2:20 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

April 22

Girl Scout T278 – Art Room
Baptism Class – Conference Room
R.C.I.A. – Weigand Room

Thursday

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

April 23

Eucharistic Adoration – Lower Church
Bible Study – Conference Room

Sunday

11:00 a.m.
1:00 p.m.

April 26

Pre-School PSR – St. Joseph Building
Cub Scout Blue & Gold Banquet - Cafeteria

200 CLUB WINNER: 04/19/09 Sheila Mannix #26

Pre-Baptism classes will be held this Sunday, April 19th from 2-4pm with a candlelight dinner discussion on Wednesday, April 22nd from 6:30-8:30pm in the Parish Center Conference Room. Babies & Godparents are welcome. To register, please call the Parish Office at 323-5539. Our next class will be in July.

FIRST FRIDAY FORUM, MAY 1, 2009: Mr. Bill Boomer, Diocesan Director, Marriage and Family Life: **“Marriage: The Other Vocation Crisis.”** Since 1980, there has been a 60% drop in the number of weddings in the Cleveland Diocese. Even though marriage is declining in all western countries, there are reasons for hope. The National Pastoral Initiative on Marriage is a multi-year project of the U.S. Bishops that will culminate in a pastoral letter. Mr. Boomer will talk about the “state of our unions” and how to join in the efforts to strengthen marriage. Join the First Friday Forum for spiritual refreshment, fellowship & good food at LCCC Spitzer Conference Center at 11:30am. Tickets are \$15. RSVP by calling the reservation line 244-0643 or fflorain@gmail.com before 3pm Monday, April 27, 2009.

Elyria Catholic High School Alumni Associate ~ 2009 Hall of Fame will honor 3 deserving alumni, 1 outstanding educator and 1 exceptional service honoree at an award dinner on May 14th at LCCC Spitzer Conference Center in the Grand Room. Registration will begin at 5:30pm with dinner at 6pm and awards at 7pm. The cost to attend this prestigious event is \$26; the event is open to the public. Reservations can be made by calling 365-1821x22 or 34, and will be accepted until May 7th.

EC After Prom is hosting a Burger King Night on Thurs., Apr. 23rd from 5pm-8pm at the West River Rd. location. Proceeds will benefit the After Prom who provide a safe, alcohol/drug free event for students following their prom. No coupon necessary. After Prom will receive 15% of all eat-in, take out, and drive through sales.

[PS. Don't forget you can purchase your cash cards here to use that night and support St. Mary's as well!]



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'S PIEROGI KITCHEN will be offering their home-made pierogi after all the Masses this weekend. Choose from apple, potato & cheese, kraut or mushroom & cabbage. The cost is just \$6/dozen.

St. Vincent dePaul Church will conduct Divine Mercy Devotions on **Sunday, April 19th at 3:00pm**. Devotions include Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction. We will pray for God's Divine Mercy on the whole world, for an end to all wars and especially for the end of abortion and the defeat of the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA).

Summer Volunteer Opportunities “Stretch Your Heart” 2009

The Sisters of Notre Dame invite women, ages 18-40 to participate in a five-day program of summer service with the Sisters. Service sites include Cleveland, Toledo, Dayton, Washington, D.C. and New Orleans. For dates and a detailed description of each service site, please visit our website at www.sndchardon.org or contact Sr. Kathleen Hine, SND at khine@ndec.org or by phone at 440-279-1194.

Birtheright of Lorain County is in need of Volunteers! St. Mary's Parish has always been so generous in donating to Birtheright. We are now in need of volunteers. Birtheright, located on Route 254 in Elyria, is open 10am-1pm Mon. – Fri. Volunteers work one day a week. Another option might be “job sharing” with a friend. We help mothers and their children who find themselves in need. There will be a training session for volunteers on Sat., May 2nd from 8:30am - Noon at the Birtheright office. Please call Birtheright at 324-9566 if you would be interested.

FREE WORKSHOP ON ALCOHOLISM/ADDICTION

The Samaritan Ministry Program of St. Malachi Church will offer a workshop on alcoholism and addiction at St. Malachi Church Hall (lower level of school building), W. 25th & Detroit, from 6-8:30 PM on the following Tuesdays: 4/28, 5/5, 5/12 & 5/19. Refreshments will be served. During each FREE session, a speaker will discuss relevant topics including: Addiction as a brain disease, Effects of drinking/using on others, Treatment and assessment tools, 12-Step programs of recovery and Resources in the community. To reserve a seat or for information, contact: Lori Zehe (440/888-4947; lzehe@sbcglobal.net) or St. Malachi (216/861-5343; malachirectory@catholic.org).

Job Opportunity: Coordinator of Youth Ministry

This full time position serves the youth and families in three parishes in Elyria, Ohio, Diocese of Cleveland. We have a clear vision that focuses on having one comprehensive youth ministry that works in partnership with parents and youth to support the role of parents as the primary formators of faith in their families. The applicant must be a practicing Catholic with five or more years of experience in ministry (preferably in a multiple parish ministry). We offer a compelling vision, competitive salary, and benefits that will be commensurate with experience. Please email your résumé by April 17, 2009 to SaintAgnes@oh.rr.com or mail to: Elyria Youth Ministry Search Committee, c/o Rev. Al Krupp, Pastor, St. Agnes Catholic Church, 611 Lake Ave., Elyria, OH 44035.



Thank you to all who donated items for the Easter Baskets for our Hot Meals Program. Your generosity and thoughtfulness brightened several children's faces.



Blood Pressure checks will be this weekend, April 18th/19th after all Masses in the Weigand Room.