



Don't forget our Parish Picnic is just two weeks away. I hope you are planning to attend this special time for all of us to gather as a parish family. As the summer begins to fade, this is a great opportunity for us to renew friendships and make some new ones as well.

It is not very often that we can gather as a parish family just to spend some time together and relax and reflect on our summer experiences. In the midst of our busyness, we often forget how important it is to slow down a little and take time to BE with each other. This is a good thing for all of us to do because it can help us to appreciate the gifts we are to each other and the gift that God gives to us in each other.

So, please plan on coming to the picnic. It will be on Sunday, August 22, on the school grounds, from 4 to 8 PM. There will be music and games and fun for everyone. Please see the bulletin for additional information.

Today is the FEST. This is a Catholic Family Festival for the whole diocese. It is held on the grounds of the Center for Pastoral Leadership (the Seminary) 28700 Euclid Ave., Wickliffe, Ohio 44092, from 3 to 10PM. There is live Christian music and activities, and the day concludes with Mass and a fireworks display. And it is all free!

This is a great opportunity for families to spend a Sunday together with other families from around the diocese. There is more information in the bulletin or check out the website at www.A-full-life.com. Come to the FEST and experience the BEST!

Lately, you have been hearing things about The Carpenter's Shop and Generations of Faith. As you may realize, this is a rather new approach to religious education, not just for the children, but for whole families across the generations.

It is a very innovative and bold approach that we are taking, but I hope that everyone will try to look on the positive side of this new approach, and that we will all be able to work together so that we can all benefit from learning and sharing our faith with each other.

Change is always difficult, but we hope that this change will really help everyone to grow in faith. Change can also be very good because it can help us to see things more clearly. When things do change, it is very easy to be one of those persons who is always looking back at the past and saying how great things used to be. If that were everyone's attitude nothing would ever change and we would not have many of the wonderful things we have today because someone decided to look at things a little differently and make some changes.

So, I pray that we can all be together in this effort to improve our religious education program to include more people and help parent's to share their faith more with their children. We all need to continue to learn more about our faith, no matter how old or how young we are. We can never know enough about our faith, or even learn again what we thought we already knew. The sacraments, the scriptures, the teachings of the Church, and prayer, need to be at the heart of who we are because there is nothing else given to us that can lead us to God here and in the life to come.

You are Invited—

MASS AT ST. GENEVIEVE-On Sunday, August 15, at 12 noon, the annual Mass will be held at the church of St. Genevieve, in Calmoutier, Holmes County. Many from Sacred Heart have roots in this French community. Everyone is welcome to attend. Following the Mass, there will be a picnic for those wishing to participate. This settlement dates from 1833. More information can be had by calling 336-8227.

... and his
mother
kept all these
things in her
heart
Luke 2:51

TAKE A MOMENT TO CHECK OUT THE BULLETIN BOARD at the entrance to the main nave of the church and its wonderful message about the greatest good that we can do for our country!

DIVORCED, SEPARATED, & WIDOWED CATHOLIC MEN AND WOMEN of all ages are encouraged to attend a weekend designed for those who wish to let go of the painful past and create a more peace-filled future. Presented by people who have "been there" and offer their support. The next "Beginning Experience" weekend will be held on October 8-10, at St. Joseph Christian Life Center, Cleveland. Call Irene, 330-706-1512 or Joan, 216-671-0077 for information on this weekend of hope and healing.



III CAESAR MERCED, Sacred Heart
&
DIANA KERNAN, St. Andrews

Saturday, August 7, St. Sixtus and St. Cajetan
5:00 p.m. Paul DeCello, Anniversary [Barb DeCello]

Sunday, August 8, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Deceased of Costanzo Family [Family]
9:30 a.m. Tony Police [Magdalene Hutchinson]
11:30 a.m. For Our Parish

Monday, August 9, St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
8:00 a.m. Reese Foote [Family]

Tuesday, August 10, St. Lawrence
8:00 a.m. John Mullarkey [Rose Marie & Kenneth Zolecke]

Wednesday, August 11, St. Clare
8:00 a.m. Communion Service
5:30 p.m. .51st Wedding Anniversary, Richard & Ruth Kislin

Thursday, August 12
8:00 a.m. Tony Carretta [Ruth Congrove]

Friday, August 13, St. Pontian & St. Hippolytus
8:00 a.m. Poor Souls

Saturday, August 14, St. Maximillian Mary Kolbe
8:00 a.m. Communion Service
1:30 p.m. Merced/Kernan Wedding
5:00 p.m. Erica Olis [M/M Robert Paulson]

Sunday, August 15, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00 a.m. For Our Parish
9:30 a.m. Joseph Raphael Rodrigo [Rodrigo Family]
11:30 a.m. Jerry Blubaugh [John & Michelle Baker]

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT -- AUGUST 1
[5% of our collection was given to the St. Vincent de Paul Society].

Offertory.....	\$16,722.50
Support Our School.....	\$403.00
Debt Reduction.....	\$2,161.00
Catholic University.....	\$30.00
Assumption.....	\$60.00
Number of envelopes used:.....	415

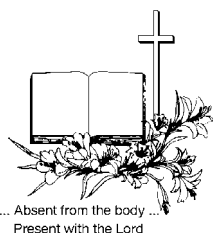
MANY THANKS for your generous offerings.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO U.S. TROOPS IN AFGHANISTAN-The Jr. Legion of Mary invites our parishioners to join in sending school supplies to U.S. troops in Afghanistan for school children. A collection box can be found in the East entrance to the church.



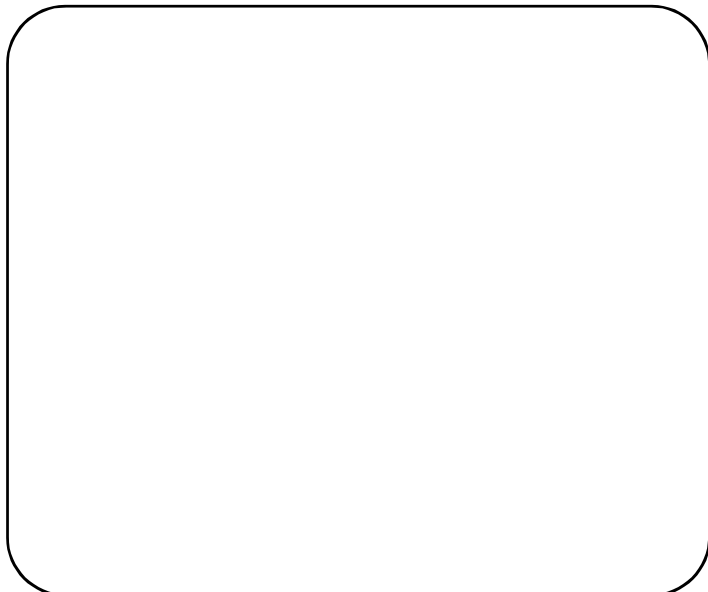
A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR ACOLYTES for serving during the funeral Masses since August of 1994. If anyone is interested in becoming an acolyte, please call Gerry Wright, 336-2510.

Acolytes



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the family and friends of *Anita Beyman, Len Olenik, and Betty Weber*, who died recently. May our Lord grant Anita, Len, and Betty eternal rest.

... Absent from the body ...
Present with the Lord



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS [RCIA]

There are many people who are searching for a way to help them meet their spiritual need and identify with a community of faith.



People who feel the desire to know more about the Catholic Church and to explore its life may simply need a friendly invitation. The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults [RCIA], is the Church's way of extending such an invitation.

Perhaps you wonder at times, why we do what we do as Catholics. Or perhaps you, or a family member, have considered becoming a Catholic but just don't know how.

In either case, we invite you to enrich yourself and learn more about Catholics. Our next series of sessions will begin on Wednesday, September 15, at 7:00 p.m., in McMahan Hall. Please call Deacon Roger, 336-3049.



This Week...



**August
Month of
The Blessed
Sacrament**

MASS SERVERS SCHEDULE

Week of August 9

- 8:00 a.m. - **Monday - Wednesday**
- John Schmel, Nathan Greczanik
- Timothy Reed, Josh Looser
- 5:30 p.m. - **Wednesday ONLY**
- Ricky Ruedlinger, Caleb Busson
- Joseph Dean, Sean Leahy
- 8:00 a.m. - **Thursday - Saturday**
- Vince Pelini, Ginny Gegick
- Kelli Slavens, Allie Beery

Saturday, August 14

- 5:00 p.m. - David Bott, Joey Easton
- Drew Renacci, Ryan Renacci

Sunday, August 15

- 8:00 a.m. - Tre Palecek, Michael Paridon
- Samuel Yetzer, Miranda Boland
- 9:30 a.m. - David Zuchniak, Nick Campagna
- Shannon Carps, Michael Bielawski
- 11:30 a.m. - Amy Sobnosky, Michael Adams
- Alex Zvada, Brandon Beke

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 14

- 5:00 p.m. - Ray & Tracey Arnone, Chris Bott
- Clara Lou Serbin, Russ Haller

Sunday, August 15

- 8:00 a.m. - Phil Gerace, Helen Jeglic, Char Kasner
- JoAnn Riddell, Mark Smith

Cup Ministers

- Dave Heskamp, Dorothy Pape, Bill Walchli
- Tom & Annette Palecek, Joe Buccitelli
- 9:30 a.m. - Dan & Lois Foster, Josh Watson
- Judy McNeill, Dominick Sorrent
- 11:30 a.m. - Madonna DiPietro, Don Drouhard
- Oscar & Judy Mifsud, Bobbe Evans

Altercare - Gahans

Liberty Residence - Witscheys

Magnolia - Thompson/Michney

Sterling Oaks - McNeills

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 14

- 5:00 p.m. - Frank Bertuzzi

Sunday, August 15

- 8:00 a.m. - Mark Smith, Rosa Owens
9:30 a.m. - Pat McNeill, Rita Strickler
11:30 a.m. - Gwen Kraeff, Tim Perry



Last month, St. Vincent de Paul Society gave assistance to twenty-eight families, totaling \$2,040.56, which included rent, utilities, medical, and miscellaneous needs. Thank you very much for your generosity.

MONDAY, AUGUST 9

- Sacred Heart School Office Opens!
1:00 p.m. - Play Practice, McMahan Hall
7:00 p.m. - AFCC, Andes Room

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10

- 8:00 a.m. - Music lessons, Andes Room
1:00 p.m. - Play practice, McMahan Hall
7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts, McMahan Hall

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11

- 10:00 a.m. - Bible Study Group, Andes Room
1:00 p.m. - Play practice, McMahan Hall
6:00 p.m. - Play practice, McMahan Hall
6:30 p.m. - Young Adult Choir, church

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12

- 7:00 p.m. - St. Francis Play, McMahan Hall

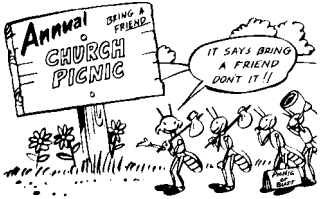
FRIDAY, AUGUST 13

- 5:30 p.m. - Merced/Kernan Wedding Rehearsal, church
7:00 p.m. - St. Francis Play, McMahan Hall

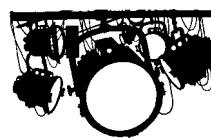
SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

- 8:00 a.m. - Music lessons, Andes Room
11:00 a.m. - Confessions until Noon, church
1:30 p.m. - Merced/Kernan Wedding, church
3:30 p.m. - Confessions until 4:30 p.m., church

PARISH PICNIC is Sunday, August 22, 4-8 p.m., on the school grounds. Cost is \$5 per person [max \$20 per family] and includes a reverse raffle ticket. Meat, buns, and drinks provided; bring a table setting and dish to share [A-M side dish/salad, N-Z desert]. Fun for all, so plan now and bring your family! *Presale tickets available today after Mass and next weekend, August 14/15, after all Masses.* Also, **WE STILL NEED HELP!** Please call Marian Kauffman, 336-4653, to volunteer.



ATTENTION LADIES, GENTLEMEN, AND CHILDREN



OF ALL AGES: A Captivating Medieval Drama, "Perfect Joy: The Light of St. Francis," will be performed here at Sacred Heart on Thursday, August 12, at 7:00 p.m. and Friday, August 13, at 7:00 p.m., in McMahan Hall. This creative production, written and performed by a cast of young people of our parish and neighboring parishes, highlights the life of one of the Church's most celebrated saints, St. Francis of Assisi. Francis knew what it was like looking for light in a dark world-come and see where and how he found it. Suggested donation: \$5.00 per person, \$10.00 per family. For more information, call the parish office, 336-3049.

- The Generations of Faith initiative begins this fall in sixty-three parishes in the Cleveland diocese. The goal of this process is to bring all generations to grow in faith together in a time frame that works for today's busy people.
- The theme for our first year of this Generations of Faith process is "Come to the Carpenter Shop", a look at how God is silently but constantly working throughout the Church year, just as Jesus quietly worked in the carpenter shop. God is here. God is with us. All year, we will look at the incarnational presence of the Lord in our lives. From Advent to Christmas, from Easter to Pentecost, we will dig deep to see the wonder of God in all things and in all times. We are not alone. Together we are to be the people of God. We will share food and share faith together.
- Help is still needed to put on these monthly faith festivals. Please turn in your yellow volunteer form. All together we can make this a rich experience for all. Can you cook? Build? Paint? Sing? Baby-sit? We need you!
- Can you invite someone? Our "Room-for-One-More" program encourages each person or family to bring in one other person. We are all called to evangelize. Like Andrew who brought Peter to see Jesus, can you bring in one more? One child? One grandchild? Your son's friend? Your daughter's schoolmate? We don't want anyone to be left out, especially those young people whose parents can't [or won't] be there. There is always room for one more. [Two is fine, too...Or three...or four...] God, give you the courage to be an Andrew!
- "Season" tickets go on sale the last week of August. These will cover the cost of all seven of our faith festivals, both food and materials. If you can only come to some of the faith festivals, you can also purchase "per game" tickets at a slightly higher cost.
- Pray, pray, pray! Only the Spirit can transform us as a parish. Pray for this exciting upcoming Generations of Faith season.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Dates for upcoming sacramental celebrations:

ALL Sacred Heart confirmandi and **ALL** Sacred Heart 2nd graders:

***CONFIRMATION**

October 23, 2004

FIRST RECONCILIATION

November 13, 2004

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

April 30, 2005

Registration for Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist will begin at the end of August. You may register for these programs at the same time that you register your household for Generations of Faith. Information will be provided at the Sacred Heart Parish picnic, August 22, between 4:00 –8:00 p.m., at the Generations of Faith booth.

Parents of children attending the public school will have an opportunity to choose from 2 options of class times

- Tuesday and Thursday, from 5-6:30 p.m. for 7 weeks, beginning in September.
- Saturday, 9-11:00 a.m., for 7 weeks, beginning in September.

***Confirmation Retreat reminder: September 25, 2004, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., in McMahon Hall**

VLCFF [THE VIRTUAL LEARNING COMMUNITY OF FAITH FORMATION] is an internet based distance learning initiative that supports adult faith formation and the catechetical ministry of the Church and is sponsored by the University of Dayton, in collaboration with dioceses throughout the world. Catholic school teachers seeking 48 hours for VLCFF courses need to contact the Office of Catholic Schools. For registration or more information, contact the Office of Ministry Development, 724-837-0901 or mkable@dioceseofgreensburg.org