



Here it is, the second month of 2004 already. It is sometimes hard to believe how quickly time passes. At least with January out of the way, we are that much closer to spring and warmer weather.

With February, we have the celebration of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple (Feb. 2), and on February 25, we celebrate Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. These 2 celebrations can give us much to think about. The Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple reminds us of how important obedience to the Law of God is in our lives. Mary and Joseph obediently took Jesus to present Him to God, even though this was not really necessary for Jesus. Mary and Joseph's obedience to God is an example to us when we can so easily rationalize why we don't have to follow God's law because of our particular circumstances. We can so easily reason that God will "understand" why we are not doing what He asks of us.

Obedience to the Lord is important, because it can guide us through difficult times when we are tempted to take the easy or popular way. The Lord's ways are not always easy or convenient, but they are always the best way for all of us.

As we approach the Holy Season of Lent, we can prepare ourselves for this special time of spiritual growth through prayer and reflection. NOW is a good time to make plans for family prayer times, attending Masses during the week, and Stations of the Cross on Wednesday afternoons or Friday evenings. Make this Lent a time for growing close to the Lord.

A few weeks ago, I mentioned that we were continuing to work on our master plan for the future of our parish. Our Buildings and Grounds Commission has been working on some ideas for the future. These ideas were presented to the Parish Council, Finance Council, and Executive Council on Monday, January 19. These are only some ideas as to what we can do with the buildings and property we own.

As you know, we have already demolished the two houses we own on Fairlawn Ave. We also own two houses on Humbolt Ave. next to the parish office. It was decided that we should ask the city for permission to demolish the two houses and three garages on the Humbolt properties. Whether we will do all of that right now remains to be seen. The idea here is to provide more parking for the parish office and the school on Humbolt Ave.



We also have the warehouses in the back of our property, which are now vacant. These buildings offer many opportunities for us, depending on how we can use them. Some ideas put forth involve meeting places for various parish groups, especially for our young people. These are only ideas and visions that some have. Nothing will be decided without some consultation with the entire parish community.

Another objective, is to provide more and convenient parking for the parish, especially on the weekends for Masses. There were many ideas brought forth, but we must study and assess our needs. A committee was established to do just that and they will be meeting in the future.

The most important thing for us to remember, is that our parish community is not just about buildings and parking lots, but it is about people. People who are trying to follow the Lord and serve Him by serving our brothers and sisters in Christ. Our resources are best used when they help to bring people closer to God and when they truly help us to live out the Gospel in our daily lives.

I ask that we all continue to pray for a deeper faith in our parish. That we can continue to use all our resources for the good of others, so that we can fulfill our purpose on this earth of knowing, loving, and serving God, so that we may enter joyfully into God's heavenly kingdom.

I know that we can accomplish this as long as we continue to work and pray together, realizing that all we have is a gift from God. I hope the generous spirit of our parish will grow stronger, so that we can all use our gifts and talents to give praise and glory to God.

I have also received a few thank you letters for our contributions from our Sunday collections. I received a thank you letter from Fr. Michael B. Smith, pastor of Immaculate Conception in Kenmore, and from Fr. Sam Ciccolini, Director of the Interval Brotherhood Home in Akron. Both of these letters expressed deep gratitude for our generosity in helping these two institutions.

I am too, very grateful for your continued generosity each Sunday, and especially at Christmas. I believe that God will bless you for your generosity and He will bless our parish because of our willingness to share our blessing with those less fortunate than ourselves. May God bless us and continue to make us better stewards of His gifts.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 31, St. John Bosco
 5:00 p.m. Lou Cakra [Mary Cakra]

Sunday, February 1, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 a.m. Madeline Hilt [Frank & Helen Jeglic]
 9:30 a.m. For Our Parish
 11:30 a.m. Richard Dibble [Maria Dibble]

Monday, February 2, Presentation of the Lord
 8:00 a.m. Ken Palmer [Mary Beth Palmer]

Tuesday, February 3, St. Blase
 8:00 a.m. Intentions of Fred Bahl Family
 [Guy & Mary Taylor]

Wednesday, February 4
 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 5:30 p.m. Erica Olis [Frank & Thelma]

Thursday, February 5, St. Agatha
 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 9:30 a.m. Carl Metzger, Anniversary [Sorrent Family]

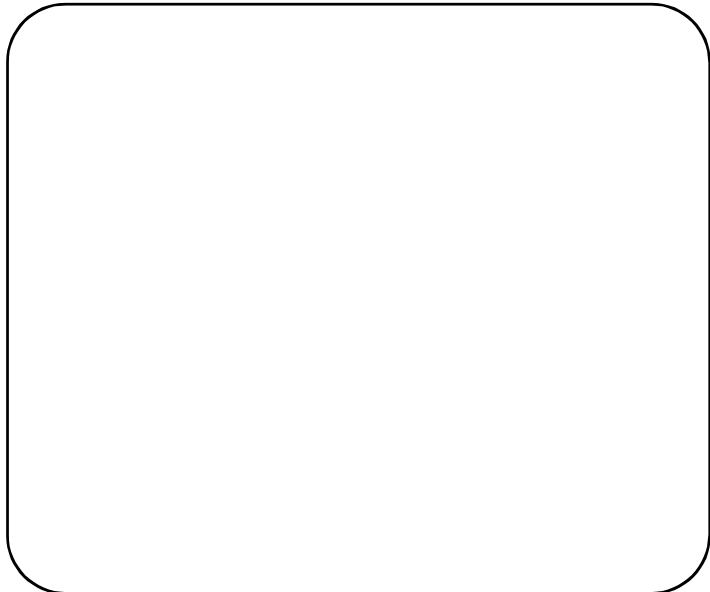
Friday, February 6, St. Paul Miki and Companions;
 *First Friday*
 8:00 a.m. Margaret Kirstein [Fred & MaryLou Hampton]

Saturday, February 7, First Saturday
 8:00 a.m. Luz E. Rivera [Ramona Merced]
 5:00 p.m. Dr. Andrewe Zito [Prosper & Caroline Zito]

Sunday, February 8, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 a.m. Robert J. Kolb [Dorothy & Joe Pape]
 9:30 a.m. John Spista [Hurrle Family]
 11:30 a.m. For Our Parish



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the family and friends of *Catherine Kulton*, and *Jerry Knapp*, who died recently. May our Lord grant Catherine eternal rest.



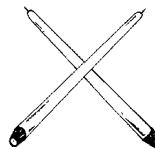
WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT -- JANUARY 25
 [\$5% of our collection was given to *Faith in Action*].

Offertory.....	\$11,664.50
Support Our School	\$135.00
Debt Reduction.....	\$105.00
Eastern Europe.....	\$20.00
Mission.....	\$45.00
Number of envelopes used:.....	394
MANY THANKS for your generous offerings.	

FEBRUARY 2 is the Presentation of the Lord [Fourth Joyful Mystery of the Rosary. We also bless our church candles, and this date is commonly referred to as Candlemas.



Blessing of Candles

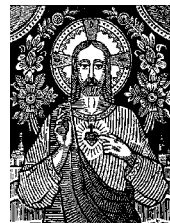


FEBRUARY 3 is the Feast of St. Blasé, patron saint of sufferers from sore throats. The Blessings of Throats will take place at the 8:00 a.m. Mass that day, here at Sacred Heart Parish.

PALESTINE-ISRAEL AND THE CHURCH'S RESPONSE

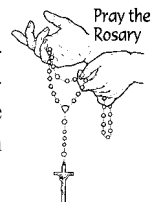
Speaker: Dr. Samir Mourad
 Member of the Cleveland Diocesan Pastoral Council
 and Clinical Pastoral Educational Consultant
Sunday, February 29
6:30 p.m.
Immaculate Heart of Mary
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

AS PART OF A NEW YEARS RESOLUTION, PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING US FOR:



- FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS** will take place immediately following 8:00 a.m. Mass on February 6. Please take this opportunity to consecrate yourself to the Sacred Heart of Jesus with your parish community!

- FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY**, immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass on February 7. We recite the 15 Mysteries of the Rosary every First Saturday, for the faith raising of our parish.



Liturgical Roles*

MASS SERVERS SCHEDULE

Week of February 2

- 8:00 a.m. - **Monday - Wednesday**
 - Eddie Duckworth, Nathan Greczanik
 - Kelli Slavens, Meghan Weber
- 5:30 p.m. - **Wednesday ONLY**
 - Anthony Lorubbio, Bob Ruedlinger
 - Alyssa Johnson, Dianna Stafford
- 8:00 a.m. - **Thursday - Saturday**
 - Vince Pelini, Sarah Nelson
 - Michael Paridon, Joseph Askew

Saturday, February 7

- 5:00 p.m. - Megan McKenzie, Will Uhl
 - Marla Iverson, Samuel Yetzer

Sunday, February 8

- 8:00 a.m. - Matt Sunday, Joe Ozbolt
 - Joe Kaminski, David Smith, Jr.
- 9:30 a.m. - David Zuchniak, Jennifer Zuchniak
 - Shelly Anderson, Jeff Anthony
- 11:30 a.m. - Aimee Bassett, Andrew Bott
 - Charlie Bott, Dan Lukens

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 7

- 5:00 p.m. - Brian & Angela Madigan, JoAnn Tighe
 - Bob & Madeline Kelly

Sunday, February 8

- 8:00 a.m. - Bill & Cece Bees, Ruth Smisko
 - Irene Lionetti, Bob Potts

Cup Ministers

- JoAnn Riddell, Bill Schapel, Joe Weber
 - Bob & Helen Smith, Fran Hammerly
- 9:30 a.m. - John Mulhollan, David Smith, Sr.
 - Marian & Chris Kauffman, Cathy Anderson
- 11:30 a.m. - Karla Bellinger, Molly Michney
 - Elaine Daigle, Lane Edwards, Bobbe Evans

Altercare

- Schaffers

Liberty Residence

- Ravettas

Magnolia

- Ruppel/Riddell

Sterling Oaks

- Cathy Anderson

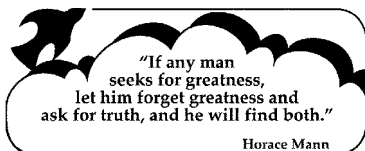
LECTOR SCHEDULE


Saturday, February 7

- 5:00 p.m. - Jim Carps, Bob Cotey

Sunday, February 8

- 8:00 a.m. - Lois Potts, Rosa Owens
 9:30 a.m. - Nancy Houck, Tom Hegarty
 11:30 a.m. - Dan Bellinger, Frank Bertuzzi





K OF C FISH FRY-Did you know the K of C has year-round fish fry's for you, your family, and friends? Also, the hall is available to rent. Please call 334-0030, or 414-9733 for fish fry dates and rental information.

PROTECT YOUR HEALTH. PROTECT YOUR LIFE!

Life Line Screening will be at Sacred Heart Church on Monday, February 9, 2004, o perform ultrasound screenings for stroke, [AAA] abdominal aortic aneurysms, {PAD} peripheral arterial disease, and osteoporosis. You must call to pre-register. Please check your enclosed flyer for more information on this beneficial screening opportunity!



Life Line Screening
 Scanning For Life

COME FOR DONUTS, COFFE, & FELLOWSHIP next Sunday, in McMahon Hall, after the 9:30 & 11:30 Masses!

DIVORCED, SEPARATED & WIDOWED CATHOLICS support group, will hold their monthly General Meeting with a speaker at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, February 6, at St. Martha's Church, Akron. Visitors and prospective members are welcome and encouraged to come. For information, call George, 330-626-3306, or Marie, 330-784-9650.

NOT SURE IF YOU ARE REGISTERED?

To avoid problems and misunderstandings, especially when planning Baptisms, weddings, etc., be sure that you are properly registered. **You may not be if:**

- You have moved away from your parental home.
- You are newly married, grown up here but are starting your own family.
- You are living with your parents but are over 20 years of age and working full time. [Full-time college students can register independently after you have graduated].
- You do not receive offertory envelopes, Heartbeat Newsletters, church mailings, etc.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER is a week-end program that provides married couples an opportunity to step away from your everyday lives and refocus on each other. You will deepen the love between you, and relive the beauty of your early days together. You can learn more about Marriage Encounter [and enjoy refreshments and fellowship with other parishioners] at an information session on Sunday, February 22, at 2:00 p.m., in McMahon Hall here at Sacred Heart. Incidentally, our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, has said, "I place much of my hope for the future in Marriage Encounter."

For more information, please contact Luke or Sunny Carlisle, 334-3256.





DID I MISS THE SACRED HEART SCHOOL AUCTION?

The annual school auction which usually takes place in the fall, has been moved to the spring this year! It will be held on Friday, April 30, 2004, at Bradley's in Copley. All are invited to attend and/or donate items to be auctioned. We thank you, our parishioners, for all of your past support of this wonderful event. For further information or to make a donation, please contact Candi Weber, 334-0192. More details to follow soon in the bulletin!



School Registration

SACRED HEART SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION BEGINS ON FEBRUARY 9, AT 9:30 A.M., IN THE SCHOOL LOBBY!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Youth Group Chili Sale after all Masses, McMahon Hall

10:25 a.m. - High School PSR

1:00 p.m. - Blue & Gold Banquet, church lower level

6:15 p.m. - Parish Family Prayer Group, church

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

3:30 p.m. - Jr. Presidium, Andes Room

7:00 p.m. - Finance Meeting, Andes Room

7:00 p.m. - Spiritual Development, Conry Room



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

7:00 p.m. - PreCana Meeting, Andes & Conry Room

7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts, McMahon Hall

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

10:00 a.m. - Bible Study Group, Conry Room

3:15 p.m. - Youth Choir, church

3:30 p.m. - Brownies, Conry Room

6:30 p.m. - Young Adult Choir, church

7:00 p.m. - Jr. High PSR, school

7:00 p.m. - RCIA, McMahon Hall

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

9:00 a.m. - Altar & Rosary Society Meeting, Andes Room

7:00 p.m. - Parish Mission Team, Andes Room N

7:30 p.m. - Catholics Returning Home, Andes Room

7:30 p.m. - Adult Choir, church

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

12:00 p.m. - Brown Bag Bible Study, Andes Room

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

9:15 a.m. - Elementary PSR, school

11:00 a.m. - Confessions until Noon, church

3:30 p.m. - Confessions until 4:30 p.m., church

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

• Blood Pressure Screening after 8 & 9:30 Masses, Andes Room

10:25 a.m. - High School PSR

6:15 p.m. - Family Rosary, church

7:30 p.m. - Youth Group, Upper Room

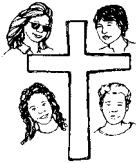
SOCIAL JUSTICE AUTHOR LUNCHEON SERIES: The Catholic Commission invites you to a luncheon presentation by Fr. Donald Dunson, professor of moral theology at St. Mary's Seminary and author of No Room at the Table: Earth's Most Vulnerable Children. Friday, February 27, 11:30 a.m., at First Congregational Church, Akron. Please call 330535-2787, by February 20 to register.

HOURS NEEDING TO BE FILLED IN THE CHAPEL:

- Thursday, 1:00 a.m.
- Thursday, 3:00 a.m. all February and 1st 2 weeks in March
- Friday, 1:00 a.m.
- Friday, 2:00 a.m., mid May though October

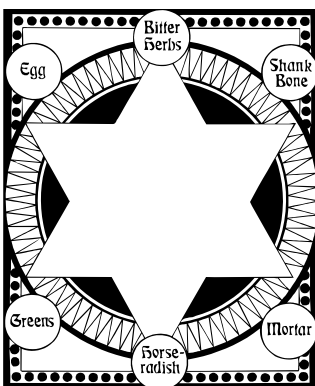
YOUTH GROUP NEWS

- The Notre Dame Vocation Initiative is a five-day experience on the beautiful campus of the University of Notre Dame, in South Bend, IN. High school youth from all over the country will discuss God's call in their lives and seek for direction together. To get the discounted price, we still need three more young people to sign up by February 15. Would you like to go? Would you like your son or daughter to go? Call Karla Bellinger, 336-3049, for more information.
- Thanks to all of you who supported our youth group by buying chili at our Super Bowl Chili Sale! Thanks to all of you who helped make and sell the chili!
- Youth Group meeting is next Sunday night, at 7:30, in the Upper Room. See you there!



BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY-Our study of the gospel of John continues each Friday, from 12:00 noon to 12:50 p.m. If you can take a break from work, or you'd like some midday inspiration, bring your sack lunch and come join us! Call Karla Bellinger, at the Parish Office, 336-3049, Ext 145.

SEDER MEAL TEAM-We are looking for parishioners, adult and youth, who would like to be a



part of preparing the Seder Meal on Sunday, April 4, 2004. We need people who would work on organizing and contacting participants, preparing and responsible for some light cooking, set up on Saturday morning, April 3, last minute prep details on Sunday morning, clean up on Sunday afternoon. *This is a very beautiful, highly successful parish event.*

Planning meeting is Tuesday, February 17, at 7:00 p.m., in the

Conry Room. Please contact Diane Bruce, 335-0029.