



The Holy Season of Lent is almost upon us. Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and with the mark of our ashes, we begin this holy season of prayer and fasting. Jesus tells us that the way that we can make up for our sins is through prayer, fasting, and alms giving. We should not look upon these activities as a punishment for our sins or for a way to make us feel badly or guilty. These activities that Jesus suggests are to make us holy so that we can turn from our sins and really turn to God more and more in our daily lives.

As we begin this holy season, think about what you can do as individuals and as families to grow in holiness. Try to take advantage of the opportunities offered by our parish community like Generations of Faith, which meets next week. I hope that everyone who has been participating in this program will continue to do so. If you have not yet attended, this is a great time to start. Everyone is welcome, families, couples, and singles. Our Generations of Faith is a great way for all of us to grow as a community of faith by learning and sharing our faith with one another.

Don't forget, we also have Stations of the Cross and Benediction every Wednesday at 2:00 PM and Friday at 7:00 PM. This is a beautiful and prayerful way for us to pray and reflect on how much Jesus loves us and what he was willing to suffer for us so that we could be God's children again.

Another very important thing to do during Lent is to go to confession. This is such a wonderful way to experience God's love and mercy in a very prayerful and intimate way. Our Communal Penance Service will take place on Monday, March 7, at 7:00 PM, in the church. As usual, there will be visiting priests to hear confessions.

Today is a special day of prayer for those who live a consecrated life in a religious vocation. Today, we remember all the sisters, brothers, and monks who have dedicated their lives to serving God and the Church. These men and women have set aside all the things of the world in order to help others to come to know the love of God. Some do so by active service such as teaching our young people or caring for the sick, the elderly, and the homeless, and others do so by living a life of constant prayer for all the needs of the world.

Let us remember these religious men and women in our prayers, that they will persevere in their vocations and that more and more of our young people will respond to a life of service by following the example of these generous and self-sacrificing followers of Jesus Christ.

Next Sunday is World Marriage Sunday. This is a day that we pray for those who live in the Sacrament of Marriage. May the love of husbands and wives also reflect the love that God has for all of us. Marriage is never just about two people, but it is about the witness of the love that a man and woman have for each other, a love that is rooted and has its source in God's love for all His children. The witness of the love that a husband and wife have for each other is very important to our world because that witness can show us the kind of love we are all called to have for one another and the love that God has for us. The love of a man and woman in the Sacrament of Marriage is a love that calls them to put the other ahead of themselves. It is about the greatest love that enables a person to lay down their life for another. The love that a man and woman have for each other in the Sacrament of Marriage is not just based on feelings, but it is a commitment of life and love for as long as they both shall live.

So, let us pray for all married couples and for those preparing for marriage, that God will bless their love and make it fruitful and enduring so that the world may come to know and believe in the love that God has for all of us.

At each of the Masses next weekend, a married couple will offer a short communion reflection on the Sacrament of Marriage. I thank these couples for sharing their sacrament with us as a way of encouraging and teaching us all a little more about the Sacrament of Marriage.

Next Sunday at the 11:30 Mass, we will celebrate the Rite of Sending for those in the RCIA and RCIC programs. Later in the day they will travel to Cleveland where Bishop Pilla will celebrate the Rite of Election for those who will be baptized or received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Please pray for our brothers and sisters that they will persevere in this journey to the Easter Sacraments and for their sponsors and catechists.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 5, St. Agatha

5:00 p.m. Elizabeth Weber [Robert & Anita Bridge]

Sunday, February 6, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Sylvester Polczynski [Rose & Family]

9:30 a.m. Tim & Dan Garfield [Adams Family]

11:30 a.m. For Our Parish

Monday, February 7

8:00 a.m. Catherine Sardone [Mike & Irene Lionetti]

Tuesday, February 8, St. Jerome Emiliani;.....

..... **St. Josephine Bakhita**

8:00 a.m. Intentions of Dan Foster [Dick & Lois Miller]

Wednesday, February 9, ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00 a.m. Louie Owens [Family & Friends]

9:30 a.m. Thanksgiving [Rodrigo Family]

7:00 p.m. Fr. Andes [Legion of Mary]

Thursday, February 10, St. Scholastica

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

9:30 a.m. Tom Seifert [SHS Cafeteria Workers]

Friday, February 11, Our Lady of Lourdes

8:00 a.m. Ramona Merced [Maureen & Jim Van Tiem]

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 12, Vigil: 1st Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Communion Service


5:00 p.m. Tony Carretta [Sponsler/Banfield Families]

Sunday, February 13, First Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. For Our Parish

9:30 a.m. Clarence Maiers [Diane Batyko]

11:30 a.m. Joseph Meade [Meade & Lamielle Family]



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND BENE-
DICTION** will be prayed every Wednesday, at 2:00 p.m., and on Fridays, at 7:00 p.m., in the church. Please consider making this a Lenten observance with your family.



WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT -- JANUARY 30
[5% of our collection was given to the St. Vincent de Paul Society].

Offertory.....	\$12,510.00
Support Our School	\$105.00
Debt Reduction.....	\$165.00
Latin American.....	\$30.00
Home Mission	\$50.00
Faith & Values.....	\$30.00
Christmas.....	\$250.00
Eastern Europe.....	\$20.00
Number of envelopes used:.....	367

MANY THANKS for your generous offerings.

ANNUAL LEGION OF MARY ACIES [Renewal of each legionary's Consecration to Our Lady.] Sunday, February 27, 2005, 1:30 p.m., at Holy Family Church in Stow. Bishop Pilla will lead and address the Legion on this occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Akron Curia. There will be Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Dinner will follow the ceremony. Tickets to this event must be purchased before the February Curia meeting by dropping a check made out to the Akron Curia or \$9 cash for each adult, \$4.50 for each child under 12, to Sacred Heart Parish office before Friday, February 11. Every member, active, junior, and auxiliary member of the Legion of Mary is invited, encouraged, and exhorted to attend this special celebration of your work as a legionary in the mission of the Church. Even if you have never come before, Come! Want to come but need a ride? or aren't a member? Contact the parish office and come!



SPRING PILGRIMAGE Rome [including general audience with the Holy Father] and Medjugorje, April 10-21, 2005. Pilgrimage is sponsored by Hearts of the World, Dr. Jim and Sandee McAleer, Directors. Fr. Mark Hollis, St. Francis Xavier, Medina, Spiritual Director. Price includes all ground and air transportation, lodging, 2 meals per day, English speaking guides, etc. \$2,955.00 per person, based on double occupancy. Call Sandee McAleer, 330-801-0838 for reservation form.



FASTING AND ABSTINENCE IN LENT-Ash Wednesday, February 9, and Good Friday, March 25, are days of abstinence from meat and also days of fast, that is limited to a single full meal. The law of *abstinence* binds all Catholics 14 years and older. The law of *fasting* binds all Catholics from their 18th birthday until their 59th birthday. The other Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence from meat.





MASS SERVERS SCHEDULE

Week of February 7

- 8:00 a.m. - **Monday - Tuesday**
 - Michael Carps, Allie Beery
 - John Schmel, Dylan Simon
- 8:00 a.m. - **Thursday - Saturday**
 - Vince Pelini, Kelly Flanigan
 - Jake Pelini, Allison Flanigan

Saturday, February 12

- 5:00 p.m. - Elizabeth Sablotny, Christian Baughman
 - Steven Sablotny, Maria Choate

Sunday, February 13

- 8:00 a.m. - Tricia Bartram, Kayla Petey
 - Anthony Pappas, Cassie Petey
- 9:30 a.m. - Sarah Banfield, Lauren Dannemiller
 - Jonathan Chamier, Molly Fahey
- 11:30 a.m. - Allan Muzilla, Nathan McDevitt
 - Michael Muzilla, Jacob Michney

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 12

- 5:00 p.m. - Caesar Carrino, David & Lucy Meager
 - Joe & Ruth Giacconi

Sunday, February 13

- 8:00 a.m. - Jan & Bill Elliot, Phil Gerace
 - Mark Smith, Bill Walchli

Cup Ministers

- Dick Ravetta, Joe Buccitelli, Lois Potts
 - Irene Lionetti, Jack Brumbaugh, Dorothy Pape

- 9:30 a.m. - Dan & Lois Foster, Donna Sponsler
 - Beth Sobnosky, Chris & Marian Kauffman
- 11:30 a.m. - Beth Sobnosky, Jean Sega, Elaine Daigle
 - Tim & Donna Bishop

- Altercare** - Hunt/Jeglic
Liberty Residence - R. Smiths
Magnolia - Michney/Kasner
Sterling Oaks - McNeills

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 12

- 5:00 p.m. - Lynda Carrino, Clara Lou Serbin

Sunday, February 13

- 8:00 a.m. - Rosa Owens, Bob Potts
 9:30 a.m. - Cosmo Zimbardi, Madeline Campobenedetto
 11:30 a.m. - David & Michelle Muzilla

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY The K of C will have an all-you-can-eat fish fry on Friday, February 11, 18, and 25, and March 4, 11, 18, and 25, all from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the K of C Hall. You can eat in or take it out. Come and enjoy the best fish in town!!



MASS SERVERS SCHEDULE

- 7:00 a.m. - Alysse Illig, Samuel Illig
 - Josh Looser, Michael Harbaugh
- 7:00 p.m. - Keith Cooper, Devin Duhon
 - Jeffrey Gahan, Caleb Busson

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

- 7:00 a.m. - Ken & Ginny Hampton
 - Rosa Owens, Donna Sponsler
- 7:00 p.m. - Mike & Joanne Gahan
 - Irene Lionetti, Debbie Mlazovsky

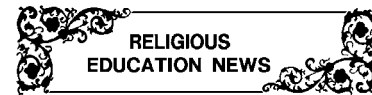
- Sterling Oaks** - Lionetti/Seifert
Magnolia - Clarks/Michney
Liberty Residence - Ravettas
Altercare - Wrights

LECTOR SCHEDULE

- 7:00 a.m. - Rosa Owens
 7:00 p.m. - Gwen Kraeff, David Kennedy

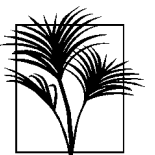
CHILDRENS WINTER CLOTHES NEEDED! The Community Pregnancy Center is in need of boys and girls winter clothes, sizes 3 through 8. Please call 330-825-1900 if you can help!

DIVORCED, SEPARATED, & WIDOWED CATHOLIC MEN & 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 February 11-13, at St. Joseph Christian Life Center, Cleveland. Call Irene, 330-706-1512, Frank, 440-473-0457, or Joan, 216-671-0077.



VIRTUS WORKSHOP If you are planning to work with children in the parish, day school, Generations of Faith, Heroes-Camp, youth group, etc., this workshop is your opportunity to be informed and help your community to grow. It will take place on Monday, February 28, at 6:00 p.m. A light dinner is included. Please call Diane Bruce, 335-0029, to register, or if you have any questions.

OLD PALM FRONDS NEEDED We need your palms from last year to burn for Generations of Faith/Come to the Carpenters Shop. Please drop your palms in the marked box outside the sacristy.



SCHOOL NEWS

KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE is this Sunday, February 6, from 12:30-1:30 p.m., for prospective kindergarten students and parents to Sacred Heart school. Stop by if you are interested in our kindergarten program for next year!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION begins Monday, February 7. Come to the school to pick up a registration packet. Registration fees are \$50.00. Sacred Heart school offers both full and half-day kindergarten.

T.A.P. [TUITION ASSISTANCE] FORMS are now available at the school and parish offices.

TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT to see the school and meet with Mrs. Arnone, please call 334-6272.

CYO NEWS

VOLLEYBALL AND TRACK SIGN-UPS for grades 5-12 are scheduled for Sunday, February 13, from 10:30-noon and Thursday, February 17, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Remember, a current physical is required to sign-up and first year players must provide a copy of their birth certificate.

VOLLEYBALL COACHES NEEDED! Anyone interested please call Julie Pero, 334-6014.

THANK YOU! On behalf of all the basketball players and coaches, we would like to thank our Sacred Heart WHYS organization for purchasing the new uniforms this year. They look great and all the players love them! To keep them in good shape for seasons to come, we have instituted a policy that the uniforms are only to be worn to games.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

- The Youth Group will NOT meet this Sunday, February 6, at 7:00 p.m., during the Super Bowl, as previously planned. We will meet on Sunday, February 13, at 7:00 p.m.
- Ice Skating-The high school youth group will meet in the warehouse for pizza on February 12, at 5:30 p.m. We'll all leave together afterward and head to Kent for ice skating. If you need transportation, call the Figliomeni's, 336-5045.

CUB SCOUT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Sacred Heart Parish Cub Scout Pack 3406 is seeking volunteers to be Cub master and Committee Chairman to run the pack. If no one steps forward, it may be necessary to disband the Pack in March. If you would like to volunteer or if you have any questions and/or concerns about volunteering, please call: 336-4653, or 336-6064.

ICE SKATING-Sacred Heart Parish will go ice skating on Saturday, February 12, 6:45-8:15 p.m., at the Kent State University Ice Arena. This is a parish-wide activity, so bring the family, bring your friends; everyone is welcome! Cost is \$4 per skater, \$1 for skate rental. Plan now to come and enjoy a fun evening with your Sacred Heart family!



This Week...



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

- Youth Group chili sale after all Masses, McMahon Hall
- 11:30 a.m. - Blue & Gold banquet, church lower level
- 12:30 p.m. - Kindergarten Open House, school
- 6:15 p.m. - Parish Family Prayer Group, church

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7

- 3:15 p.m. - Jr. Praesidium, Andes Room
- 7:00 p.m. - First Eucharist Parent Meeting, McMahon Hall & Andes Room
- 7:00 p.m. - AFFC, Conry Room

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- 9:30 a.m. - WHYS meeting, Andes & Conry Rooms
- 5:00 p.m. - First Eucharist class, school
- 7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts, McMahon Hall
- 7:00 p.m. - PreCana meeting, Conry Room/Andes Room N
- 7:00 p.m. - Parish Nurse, Andes Room

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- 10:00 a.m. - Bible Study Group, Andes Room
- 3:15 p.m. - Youth Choir, Conry Room
- 6:00 p.m. - Young Adult Choir, church
- 7:00 p.m. - RCIC, Andes Room

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10

- 5:00 p.m. - First Eucharist class, school
- 6:00 p.m. - GOF Design meeting, Andes Room
- 7:30 p.m. - Adult Choir, church

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11

- 12:00 p.m. - BB Bible Study, Andes Room
- 7:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross, church



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

- 9:00 a.m. - First Eucharist class, school
- 11:00 a.m. - Confessions until Noon, church
- 3:30 p.m. - Confessions until 4:30 p.m., church
- Parish Ice Skating social, KSU Ice Arena, 6:45 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

- Blood Pressure Screening after 8/9:30 a.m. Masses, Andes Room
- 12:30 p.m. - RCIA Luncheon, Andes Room
- 6:00 p.m. - Grade 2 Family Rosary, church

Beat the Easter rush, come to church this Sunday!

CONRY LIBRARY NEWS The Adult Faith Formation Commission is looking for volunteers to promote and care for our parish library. If interested, please call Leslie Kilker, 334-8065. There is a meeting on February 7, at 7:00 p.m., in the Andes Room; if anyone would like to join us, you are most welcome!

