



As we begin this second week of Lent, the Gospel for today gives us a glimpse of the glory that is Jesus Christ, the Son of God; a glory He had with the Father before anything was created. Jesus allows Peter, James, and John, as well as us, to see His glory as a way of reminding us that no matter what difficulty or tragedy we may experience, the glory of God and His goodness will triumph over all. Jesus knew He would suffer and die on the cross and He also knew He would conquer death and sin in the resurrection. Jesus always wants to assure us of this even though the pain and difficulty of the situations we often encounter may seem to have no end or solution. The love of God will show us the way through any difficulty. For this we must trust in God.

The season of Lent is a time for us to grow in our love for God and our trust in Him. It is a time for us to be in the desert where things can be pretty rough and dangerous, but it is a place where we can truly encounter God and His love in a deeper way because in the desert there are fewer distractions to carry us away from His love and presence.

The present difficulties many people are encountering today with the loss of jobs, income, homes, and security are forcing us to look a little more closely at what we have and what we have lost, or may lose, at any time. As difficult and anxious as these times can be, we may also look at them as an invitation from God to go into the desert and become more aware of His love and presence in our lives. God does not, and will not abandon us, so let's not abandon Him and lose hope, especially in the things that are most important, like our faith and our hope in God.

We all know how difficult these times are for all of us. We are anxious and concerned about the future of our well-being and the welfare of our families and loved ones. Many have experienced a loss of job and income and don't always know where to turn. I would like to offer a couple of suggestions that may help, in addition to prayer, of course. Two of our neighboring parishes have set up employment networking groups. St. Francis Xavier and Holy Martyrs have a group that meets the first Wednesday of the month at Holy Martyrs Parish and the third Tuesday of the month at the K of C Hall at 131 North East St. in Medina. For more information you can contact Jeff Ames at Jeffery.ames@yahoo.com or Keith Franz at keith22@zoominternet.net. The other group is from St. Hilary Parish and they meet the first and third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. For more info you can inquire by calling 330-867-1056 ext.300.

The purpose of these groups is to help people find employment by bringing together those who are looking for work and those who need workers as well as those who can help to find jobs and the best way to go about it. This may be something we could also do here at Sacred Heart. So if anyone has any ideas on how we might best accomplish this, please let me know. I thought since these two parishes had the groups already going, and since they are in our area, some of our parishioners might benefit as the groups are not just for members of the parishes that have them. This is one of the benefits of the clustering work being done in our diocese. Each parish does not have to have all the services possible. We can share our resources since we are all part of the same Church.

We are all called to grow stronger in our faith during Lent so that we will be able to handle whatever may come our way in the future. Please make use of this valuable time, this precious gift from God, by taking more time to pray, especially with your families, to come to Mass more often than just on Sunday, to come to pray the Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays or Fridays, or to just make visits to our Lord In the Blessed Sacrament. Let us pray that we may look upon the present difficulties as an opportunity for us as individuals and as a society to grow closer to God and come to a greater realization of His love and presence in our lives.

Please remember our Lenten Communal Penance Service is THURSDAY, MARCH 26 at 7:00 p.m., in the church. There will be visiting priests to hear confessions after the prayer service.

PARISH LENTEN MISSION will begin Monday, March 30, and conclude on Thursday, April 2. Fr. Doug Lorig will be conducting the mission this year. He will speak each evening at 7:00 p.m., in the church. Please set aside

Mass Intentions



- Saturday, March 7, Ss. Perpetua & Felicity**
 5:00 p.m. Helen Reitz [Gene & Carol Heim]
- Sunday, March 8, Second Sunday of Lent**
 8:00 a.m. For Our Parish
 9:30 a.m. Tom Porter, Anniversary [Joan Dunning]
 11:30 a.m. Frank Muhl [Campagna Family]
- Monday, March 9, St. Frances of Rome**
 8:00 a.m. Elizabeth & Mandor Szerelmey [Katalin Mak]
- Tuesday, March 10**
 8:00 a.m. Tony Carretta, Anniversary [Liz & Family]
- Wednesday, March 11**
 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 5:30 p.m. Joseph Foreman [Family]
- Thursday, March 12**
 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 9:30 a.m. Guy Taylor [Eileen Alderfer]
- Friday, March 13**
 8:00 a.m. Greg Muczynski [Family]
- Saturday, March 14**
 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 5:00 p.m. For Our Parish
- Sunday, March 15**
 8:00 a.m. Agnes Mills [James Mills, Jr.]
 9:30 a.m. Llawayn Dietz [Don & Elaine Dietz]
 11:30 a.m. Poor Souls

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

Offertory.....	\$15,979.50
Support Our School.....	\$317.00
Capital Reserve Fund.....	\$1,014.00
Home Missions.....	\$112.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$78.00
Latin America.....	\$70.00
Eastern Europe.....	\$5.00
Catholic Relief Services.....	\$25.00
Number of envelopes used:.....	409

SCRIPTURE READING REFLECTIONS OF THE WEEK
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
[WEEK OF MARCH 8, 2009]

Question for Adults: How deeply do you believe that since God is for you, no one can destroy you?

Question for Children: What would you like to ask God to do for you and your family?

THERE IS IMMEDIATE AND CRUCIAL NEED FOR AT LEAST TEMPORARY (IF NOT PERMANENT) ADORERS in our Chapel of Divine Mercy for the following hours:



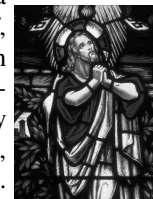
Wednesday 3:00 a.m., and Thursday 3:00 a.m., and Friday 1:00 a.m. If you are wondering how to grow closer to the Lord, this is one sure way.



AFTER SUNDAY'S MASS, HOW ABOUT A WONDERFUL K OF C BREAKFAST? An all-you-can-eat breakfast is waiting for you and your family. Come to the K of C Hall, Lyman St., **next** Sunday, March 15, serving from 8:30-11:00 a.m., for the best breakfast in town!

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES In 2007, USCCB Migration and Refugee Services [MRS] resettled 27% of the authorized refugees who came to the United States. In addition to the vital work of MRS, The Catholic Relief Services Collection funds legal aid to poor refugees, emergency and natural disaster relief, advocacy, and international relief and development. When you donate to the Collection, you give hope to *Jesus in disguise*, who reminds us that Christ is present in those who suffer--and in those who respond compassionately to their needs. Please be generous.

GETHESEMENE HOUR You are invited to a Gethsemane Hour, an hour in remembrance of, and in unity with, our Savior to pray in adoration of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus and in consolation to His most Sacred Heart, to pray the cry of an afflicted society needing Him, His Truth, and His help in the fight for pro-life issues. Every Thursday, at 11:00 p.m. to midnight in the church before Jesus in the tabernacle, come spend a Gethsemane hour with Jesus!



IN HONOR OF THE SANCTITY OF FAMILY LIFE, on the Feast of St. Joseph, husband of Mary, March 19, there will be a special Liturgy at SS. Cyril & Methodius Church, Barber-ton, at 7:00 p.m. All families and married couples are encouraged to attend!

LITURGICAL + ROLES

MASS SERVERS SCHEDULE

Week of March 9

- 8:00 a.m. - **Monday - Wednesday**
- Joey Weber, Tommy Weber
- 5:30 p.m. - **Wednesday ONLY**
- Samuel Illig, Alysse Illig
- 8:00 a.m. - **Thursday - Saturday**
- Maxwell Hirsch, David Mansfield

Stations & Benediction, March 13

- Grace Boland, Miranda Boland
- Sebastian Boland, Charlotte Boland

Saturday, March 14

- 5:00 p.m. - Anthony Arnone, Maria Arnone
- Matt Gaborcik, Jeffrey Gahan

Sunday, March 15

- 8:00 a.m. - Emily Cooper, Megan Stafford
- Kim Stafford, Kody Welton
- 9:30 a.m. - Maria Adams, Nathan Greczanik
- Phillip Kennedy, Thomas Kennedy
- 11:30 a.m. - Elizabeth Edurese, Joe Gale
- Sarah Masica, Anna Masica

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 14

- 5:00 p.m. - Ray & Tracey Arnone, Todd Zeiger
- Chuck & Vera McEvoy

Sunday, March 15

- 8:00 a.m. - John Baker, Bill & Cece Bees
- Chelsea Goodwin, Jim Whalen

Cup Ministers

- *Bill & Jan Elliott, Bill Schapel*
- *Tom & Annette Palecek, David Smith, Sr.*
- 9:30 a.m. - Dave & Pam Armstrong, Diane Batyko
- Donna Sponsler, Amanda Sponsler
- 11:30 a.m. - Lowell & Jan Knight, Shawn Lupson
- Beth Sobnosky, Bryan Uhl

Wadsworth Hospital - Ravettas

Altercare - Sorrent/Wenneman

Liberty Residence II - Smiths

Magnolia - Clarks/Dunn

Wadsworth Pointe - Lionetti/Seifert

The Rosary is prayed at:

- Wadsworth Pointe on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, at 2:00 p.m.
- Magnolia on the 3rd Wednesday, at 10:00 a.m.
- Altercare on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, at 10:00 a.m.

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 14

- 5:00 p.m. - Frank Collins, Bob Cotey

Sunday, March 15

- 8:00 a.m. - Ginny Gegick, Linda Venner
- 9:30 a.m. - David Kennedy, Tom Seeman
- 11:30 a.m. - Jay Edurese, Pete Schafer

PARISH MISSION AT SACRED HEART

Fr. Doug Lorig, from Phoenix, AZ, will be speaking on "THE EUCHARIST", March 30 through April 2, from 7:00-8:30 p.m., in the church.



"The Priest" will identify the life and work of priests, centering on the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

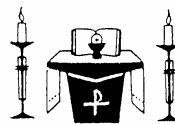
"Mary" will be a personal witness by Fr. Lorig with emphasis on her part in prayer, direct help in daily life, and offering the Holy Sacrifice in righteousness.

"Saints" will focus on faith formation and the call to holiness with emphasis on saints of both the Eastern and Western Churches.

"Poor Souls" will be a very strong personal witness as well as Eucharist and Adoration as they relate to the Poor Souls.

DIVORCED, SEPARATED, & WIDOWED CATHOLICS

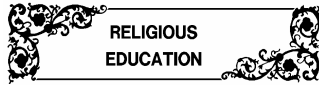
of Akron is sponsoring a talk on "Moving Forward After Divorce or Death of a Spouse" by Deacon William Yoho. The event will be held on Monday, March 9, at 7:30 p.m., at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Convent Building, 1945 Portage Trail in Cuyahoga Falls. This talk is open at no cost to single people of all faiths. Refreshments at 7:00 p.m. For information call Frank, 330-801-0527 or Sharon, 330-612-3635.



NURSING HOME MASS at Wadsworth Pointe Nursing Home will be on Friday, March 13, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us in this very special liturgy!

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT GIVING YOUR CHILD A CATHOLIC EDUCATION? Christ is at the center of everything that we do at Sacred Heart School. Daily prayer, service to others, and treating each other as Jesus would are important goals for the students and staff of Sacred Heart School. Academically, our achievement is consistently higher than 95% of the nation's schools as measured by standardized tests. We are also committed to being able to offer a Catholic education to everyone who wishes to have one, regardless of need. If you would like to learn more about our school, please call us, 334-6272, and set up a time to talk with, or meet, Mrs. Arnone, our principal.

CHRISTIAN MUSIC TALENT SEARCH Attention all Christian bands and artists. Please consider sharing your talent and faith with Northern Ohio in the 2009 Real Music Christian Music Talent Search. Five groups or musicians will be selected, after auditions, to play at the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame on April 26 for the Real Music Finals. The best-of-the-best receives the privilege of playing at the FEST with Jars of Clay, Nicole C. Mullen, and Brandon Heath in front of an expected crowd of 28,000 on FEST Sunday, August 9, 2009. For more information on applying for Real Music, or to request free tickets to the Rock Hall event, please visit: www.theFEST.us or call 440-943-7662.



RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION

THE SECOND GRADE parents and communicants will be praying the Rosary this Sunday, in the chapel at 6:30 p.m.

PARENTS OF ALL SECOND GRADERS PREPARING FOR EUCHARIST Please mark your calendar for the parent meeting on March 9, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in McMahon Hall. There will be no baby-sitting available.

STEMWARE NEEDED In preparation for First Holy Communion, our second graders traditionally prepare a Blessing Cup to be used on the day of their First Holy Communion. If you have any spare pieces of stemware you would like to donate, please drop off on the porch of the Religious Education Office.



K OF C FISH FRY will be every Friday during Lent, including Good Friday, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at the K of C Hall!



CONGRATULATIONS! Parishioner Hayley Bell has been chosen as a recipient of the Chivalrous Knight Award at Hoban High School this period!!



SPAGHETTI DINNER! The 7th grade class of Sacred Heart School will be hosting a spaghetti dinner **Saturday, March 14**, in McMahon Hall, beginning at 6:00 pm. Tickets will be sold after all Masses on March 7/8. Advertising spaces on the dinner's placemats are also being sold. Please contact Tricia Easton, 334-0148, if your business is interested. Proceeds from the dinner will be used toward their class trip to Washington, D.C., in October. **THANK YOU** to all of our generous parishioners for your support!

"Pray for us ever, holy Mother of God, pray for us, whatever be our cross, as we pass along on our way."
—Venerable John Henry Newman

This Week...

SUNDAY, MARCH 8
9:30 a.m. - RCIA, Andes Room
5:00 p.m. - Adoration for Vocations, church
7:00 p.m. - Middle School Youth Group, McMahon Hall

MONDAY, MARCH 9
3:15 p.m. - Jr. Presidium, Andes Room
7:00 p.m. - Parent First Eucharist mtg., McMahon Hall

TUESDAY, MARCH 10
8:00 a.m. - B of C, McMahon Hall
9:30 a.m. - WHYS, Andes/Conry Rooms
7:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts, McMahon Hall

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11
9:30 a.m. - Women's Familia, Andes/Conry Rooms
2:00 p.m. - Stations & Benediction, church
3:15 p.m. - Children's Choir, Conry Room
7:00 p.m. - RCIA, McMahon Hall
7:00 p.m. - RCIC, Andes Room
7:30 p.m. - Women's Familia, Conry Room



THURSDAY, MARCH 12
5:00 p.m. - First Eucharist Class, Andes & Conry Rooms
7:30 p.m. - Adult Choir, church
11:00 p.m. - Gethsemane Hour, church

FRIDAY, MARCH 13
7:00 p.m. - Stations & Benediction, church



SATURDAY, MARCH 14
9:00 a.m. - Finance Committee, Conry Room
9:30 a.m. - First Eucharist Class, Andes
11:00 a.m. - Confessions until Noon, church
3:30 p.m. - Confessions until 4:30 p.m., church
6:00 p.m. - Spaghetti Dinner, McMahon Hall

SUNDAY, MARCH 15
1:30 p.m. - Social Justice mtg., Andes Room
5:00 p.m. - Adoration for Vocations, church
7:00 p.m. - High School Youth Group, Humbolt House

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

The next Altar & Rosary meeting will be held Wednesday, March 11, at the Galaxy. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:15 p.m.

Please join us to hear Tom Palecek tell the incredible story of the relationship of Jesus with Saint Maria Faustina and Divine Mercy – Last hope of salvation.... "If they will not adore my Mercy, they will perish for all eternity."

If you would like to attend, please select menu below, complete the form, place in an envelope marked *Altar & Rosary Society*, and drop into the offertory basket, or drop off at Parish Office no later than Monday, March 9. The cost is \$12.00 inclusive, prepaid. Checks should be made out to *The Altar & Rosary Society*.

Tarragon Chicken Salad
WITHOUT croissant, fresh
fruit, rolls, beverage and dessert

Tarragon Chicken Salad
ON A croissant, fresh fruit
rolls, beverage and dessert

Name _____ Phone Number _____

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