



The greatest of all virtues is charity, or love. This is what St. Paul teaches us in First Corinthians, chapter 13, which we heard at Mass last Sunday. Charity is a living out of the love of God toward our neighbors. The two great commandments that God gave us that sum up all of the Law and the Prophets is that we love God with our whole heart and soul and our neighbor as ourself. Jesus also summed it all up very well in the Golden Rule: Treat others the way you want to be treated.

Charity is sometimes a very easy virtue to practice and other times it is very difficult, depending on who is the object of the charity. It is easy to be charitable if we think the person is deserving, for example, the people in Haiti suffering from the earthquake. It is a lot harder when we make the judgment that the person ought to be able to get a job and take care of themselves.

The love that God has for us is a love that has no bounds and no conditions. God will always love us no matter what we do. He may not love the things we do because sometimes they hurt us or others, but He will always love us. God does not care what we look like or where we came from, what our politics are, or what our religion is. This is the same kind of love we are called to have for one another. Jesus taught us to love one another just as He loves us. He tells us in John's gospel that there is no greater love than to lay down one's life for someone else.

There are always many opportunities for us to show our love and charity for others as we strive to live out the Word of God. Our ANNUAL CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL is one such opportunity. In the past, our parish community has been very generous and thoughtful in this appeal for help for those less fortunate than ourselves.

Next week, we will hear from Bishop Lennon in a prerecorded message at all the Masses. After the Bishop's message you will have the opportunity to fill out your pledge card and make your annual donation to a very worthy cause that helps so many people in our own local communities. I ask you to be as generous as possible as you make this sacrifice. We give generously to those in need, not because we agree with all the Bishop does or how the diocese or parish are run; we give generously because God has blessed us and we wish to thank Him and give Him glory. We can be very sure that the Catholic Charities Appeal in our diocese is a real work of charity and so many people truly benefit from your kindness.

I realize that you are asked by many charitable organizations to make contributions and many of you respond very generously. That is why I ask you to please continue that spirit of sacrifice and generosity for one reason and one reason only: TO GIVE GOD GREATER HONOR AND GLORY. The good Lord will in turn share with us His glory when He welcomes us into His eternal kingdom. Whatever we do for the least of His brothers and sisters we do for Him.

So let us put aside any and all reasons not to give and focus on the blessings God has given us and pledge a portion to Him and to His children who are in need.

Last year, Sacred Heart Parish contributed almost \$90,000.00 to Catholic Charities and I am sure that made a great difference in the lives of many people. Thank you for your kindness and generosity. May God bless you and your loved ones.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Our parish Lenten Mission will be held March 8, 9, and 10. Fr. John Collins, a Paulist Priest, will be with us to conduct the mission. There will be two sessions each day for your convenience: one in the morning after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and one in the evening at 7:00 p.m. Fr. Collins will also be with us on the weekend of March 6 and 7 to preach at all the Masses and tell us what the topic of the mission will be. There will also be a communal Penance Service Wednesday evening, March 10, at 7:00 p.m., in the church.

I hope you will make time to attend the mission. It is a very important time for parish community to pray during the Lenten Season and continue to grow in our Catholic Faith.





Saturday, February 6, St. Paul Miki & Companions
 5:00 p.m. Mary J. Miller [Chris Witschey]

Sunday, February 7, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 a.m. Gert Tiffany [Tiffany Family]
 9:30 a.m. Poor Souls
 11:30 a.m. For Our Parish

Monday, February 8, St. Jerome Emiliani,
St. Josephine Bakhita
 8:00 a.m. Jerry McNeill [Family]

Tuesday, February 9
 8:00 a.m. Intentions of Montesano Family
 [Frank & Helen Jeglic]

Wednesday, February 10, St. Scholastica
 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 5:30 p.m. Julia Ranftl [Family]

Thursday, February 11, Our Lady of Lourdes
 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 9:30 a.m. Edith Moughler [Molvizzi Family]

Friday, February 12
 8:00 a.m. Jim Marrin [Mary Yakubik]

Saturday, February 13
 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 5:00 p.m. Bob Kelly [Elaine Daigle]

Sunday, February 14, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 a.m. Altar & Rosary Society
 9:30 a.m. Nora Boyle [Gaffney Family]
 11:30 a.m. Joseph Labak, Sr. [Rick Canestraro Family]

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT – JANUARY 31
 [5% of our collection was given to the St. Vincent de Paul Society].

Offertory..... \$12,371.00
 Support Our School \$225.00
 Capital Reserve Fund \$180.00
 St. Vincent de Paul \$270.00
 Catholic Universities \$5.00
 Latin American Missions \$41.00
 Number of envelopes used: 357
 MANY THANKS for your generous offerings.

Your Sacrificial Offering

SCRIPTURE READING REFLECTIONS OF THE WEEK
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
[WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7, 2010]

Question for Adults: When have you felt inadequate to a task or role you were given? How did you respond?
Question for Children: When have you been asked to do something you felt might be too hard for you? What did you do?



“Our Lady of Lourdes, be our guide along the paths of life.”
 – Pope John Paul II, during his August 15, 2004 pilgrimage to Lourdes
 [Feast Day, February 11]



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the family and friends of John Leonard, who died recently. May our Lord grant him eternal rest in His heavenly kingdom.

Readings for the Week of February 7, 2010

Monday 12 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30
Friday 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

When Jesus had finished speaking he said to Simon, “Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch.” Simon answered, “Master, we have been hard at it all night long and have caught nothing; but if you say so, I will lower the nets.” Upon doing this they caught such a great number of fish that their nets were at the breaking point. Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid. From now on you will be catching men.” With that they brought their boats to land, left everything, and became his followers.

Luke 5:4-6, 10

HOLDING YOUR LOVED ONE’S HAND WHILE WALKING THE FINAL JOURNEY TOGETHER St. Paul Parish, Akron, is sponsoring an evening to learn how to help your loved one in the transition from this life to the next. What are their fears, feelings, and emotions? What are yours? Join us for a supportive, learning experience for all. Patty Kelleher from the Hospice Care Center will be here Tuesday, March 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Activity Center to provide valuable information for those who are facing this time of their life. There is no cost and reservations are not necessary. Open to all.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Put your resolutions to work! Make your Marriage relationship a real priority this year by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter. You won’t regret the benefits in improved communication and togetherness. Thousands of successful marriages in the past 41 years can attest to that. Sign up now or get info by calling 330-305-9963 or e-mail WorldwideME@sbcglobal.net

- 2010 Weekends at the Cambria Suites in Green are Feb.12-14, Apr.16-18, and July 16-18.
- 2010 Weekend at Catholic Familyland near Steubenville – October 15-17.

LITURGICAL + ROLES

MASS SERVERS SCHEDULE

Week of February 8

- 8:00 a.m. - **Monday-Wednesday**
- Karen McFarland, Patrick McFarland
- 5:30 p.m. - **Wednesday ONLY**
- Alyse Illig, Samuel Illig
- 8:00 a.m. - **Thursday-Saturday**
- Ashley Johanning, Anna Masica

Saturday, February 13

- 5:00 p.m. - Olivia Petrey, Elizabeth Sablotny
- Joe Sablotny, Steven Sablotny

Sunday, February 14

- 8:00 a.m. - Caleb Busson, Brian Race
- Kim Stafford, Megan Stafford
- 9:30 a.m. - Grace Boland, Miranda Boland
- Charlotte Boland, Nathan Greczanik
- 11:30 a.m. - Charles Hawkins, Jonathan Hawkins
- Tom Rohrer, Samantha Zeiger

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 13

- 5:00 p.m. - Madeline Kelly, Greg Kornaker
- Roger & Debbie Petrey, Brenda Sablotny

Sunday, February 14

- 8:00 a.m. - Dennis & Mary Busson
- Jim & Helen Conroy, Phil Gerace

Cup Ministers - *John Baker, Fran Hammerly, Bill Schapel*

- *Bill Walchli, David Smith, Dave Heskamp*
- 9:30 a.m. - Bobbe Evans, Pat & Judy McNeill
- Frank Witschey, Cynthia Wenneman
- 11:30 a.m. - Karla Bellinger, Tim & Donna Bishop
- Ann Kellish, Darryl McQuate

Wadsworth Hospital - Weber

Altercare - Hunt/B. Mulhollan

Liberty Residence II - R. Smiths

Magnolia - Kreitemeyer/Strickler

Wadsworth Pointe - Porchowsky

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, February 13

- 5:00 p.m. - Madeline Schwab, Sue Bielawski

Sunday, February 14

- 8:00 a.m. - Mary Katzenmeyer, Fritz Kungl
- 9:30 a.m. - Angela Boland, Sebastian Boland
- 11:30 a.m. - Hayley McQuate, Dan Bellinger

2010 CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL APPEAL

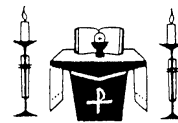
"...trust in the Lord; hope in the Lord." Jeremiah 17:7
The 2010 CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL APPEAL begins this weekend. Please read the tabloid about the Appeal that has been included with this bulletin.

Next weekend, February 13/14, an in-pew commitment process will take place. All who have not received the mailing, or have not had a chance to respond to it, will be asked to consider making a generous pledge to support the ministries and services provided by Catholic Charities. If you have received the mailing, please respond to it. There is a box on the envelope that you will receive next weekend where you can indicate that you responded by mail.

This is not a "special collection." As the requests for the services of Catholic Charities increase and government funding of their programs decrease, it is absolutely necessary for each of us to do what we can to assure the needs of those who depend on Catholic Charities are met. Each of us is encouraged to consider a pledge of support that will be billed over several months.

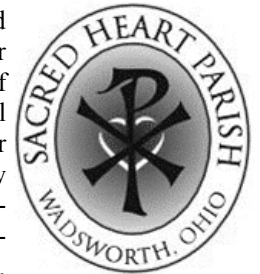
The theme of the Appeal is taken from the Readings of the Day for next weekend. We ask that each parishioner consider the plight of those served by Catholic Charities. Then, reflect upon the gifts God has given to each of us. Place your trust and hope in the Lord as you consider your gift. Based upon these reflections, determine how much you will return in gratitude for the gifts you have received.

Please pray for the success of this important Appeal.



A NURSING HOME MASS & ANNOINTING will be at Altercare Nursing Home on Friday, February 12, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us in this very special liturgy!

SACRED HEART SCHOOL would love the opportunity to educate your children. As Catholic parents, one of the most important decisions you will make is choosing an education for your children that will help them grow into mature, Catholic adults. Our parish school provides a place for students to learn and grow spiritually, morally, academically, socially, and physically. In an attempt to truly meet each child's needs, we offer full-day and half-day kindergarten programs, as well as many enrichment and intervention opportunities. Pre-K and kindergarten registration begins Tuesday, February 16. Please call 330-334-6272 for additional information or check out our web site at www.shswadsworth.org.

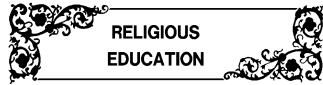


TAP (Tuition Assistance Program) Applications are available at either the Parish or School Office. Applications will be due at the Parish Office by Friday, February 26. Call at the Parish or School Office for more information.

ATTENTION, ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS: The new liturgical minister schedule is now available at the parish web-site for download.

This Week...

WANT TO STRENGTHEN YOUR FAITH? Want to follow the Church's teachings but scared to go off birth control? Trying to conceive? We've been there and can help. Learn Natural Family Planning which is 99.6% effective and healthier for your body with none of the increased risks of cancers, stroke, bone loss, depression, etc. from birth control. Sign up for classes Sunday 2/21, 3/14, & 4/25 at Queen of Heaven, Green. Contact Ben & Kay Metzler at 330.896.3350 or nfpteacher@hotmail.com, or register online at <https://register.ccli.org/classes/103/register>.



MARCH 1, 2010: Second grade parent meeting for families preparing for First Communion, April 24.

MARCH 21, 2010: Second Grade Eucharist Workshop for parent and First Communion candidate.

ANNIVERSARY MASS FOR JANUARY will be on **Wednesday, February 10**, at 5:30 p.m., when we pray for all married couples, but especially those couples married during the month of February.

PRE-CANA – St. Francis Xavier in Medina is hosting Pre-Cana for engaged couples Saturday, March 6, 2010, 8:15 a.m. Mass is included. Cost is \$60.00. For questions or registration, please contact Mark & Beth Bugner at 330-764-1953 or sfxprecana@yahoo.com.



The High School Youth Group Super Bowl Party will be this Sunday at 6:00 p.m. at the Gahan's house: 350 Barrenwood Drive in Wadsworth. Bring a snack or something to drink.

The next High School Youth Group meeting will be Sunday, February 14.

Food Fast is February 19-20. Pledge and permission forms are available from the Religious Ed. or Parish Office.

There are still open slots for this year's Catholic Heart Workcamp. Contact Joann Gahan or the Parish Office if you're interested.

Sacred Heart Youth Group has a Facebook page. Join it at Wadsworth Sacred Heart Youth Group!

To All High School Students – The Freshman/Sophomore Retreat will be held on May 1 & 2, 2010. Please mark your calendars!

Attention, High School Juniors & Seniors! We need your help to plan this year's F/S Retreat. Please come to our first planning meeting on Sunday, February 21, at 10:30 a.m., in the Conry Room.

Questions, comments, or need more info on youth events? Call Keith Johnson at the Parish Office or e-mail keith@shofjesus.com.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

10:45 a.m. - PSR, school

12:30 p.m. - SHS Pre K & Kindergarten Open House, school

5:00 p.m. - Adorations for Vocations, chapel

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8

3:15 p.m. - Jr. Presidium, Andes Room

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

9:30 a.m. - WHYS, church lower level

7:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts, McMahan Hall

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

9:00 a.m. - LBS, church lower level

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

7:00 p.m. - RCIC, Andes Room

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

7:00 p.m. - Legion of Mary, Andes Room

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

11:00 p.m. - Gethsemane Hour, chapel

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

5:00 p.m. - Sr. Girl Scouts, McMahan Hall

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

• Setup for A & R Society Parish Dinner, church lower level

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

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

10:45 a.m. - PSR, school

• **A & R Society Parish Dinner, 12:30-3:00 p.m.**, church lower level

5:00 p.m. - Adorations for Vocations, chapel

TREAT YOUR SWEETHEARTS!!!!

Purchase your tickets this weekend for the Altar and Rosary Italian Dinner scheduled for February 14 from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m., in McMahan Hall. Ticket price is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children, and \$40 for Family Ticket. Tickets will NOT be sold at the doors; we are planning carefully. Deadline for ticket sales is noon on Monday, February 8. Thanks for your support.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY! St. Vincent-St. Mary Parents' Club invites you to "The First & Best St. Patrick's Day Party in Town!" for dinner and dancing, Saturday, March 6, 2010, in the St.V-M Student Center, 6:00 p.m.-11:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person. RSVP to St. Patrick's Day Party, 1186 Maxfli Drive, Akron, Ohio, 44312 [make checks payable to St. V-M Parent's Club]. Please call 330-645-6672 with any questions.