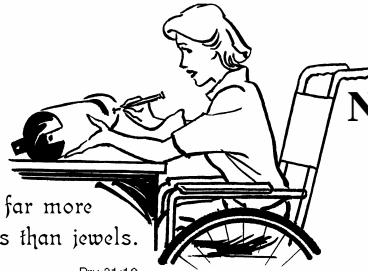


ST. ALPHONSUS – Peru

ST. JOSEPH – Monroeville



June 28, 2008 – June 29, 2009
YEAR OF ST. PAUL
The Great Evangelizer
Martyr for the Love of Christ



She is far more
precious than jewels.

Prv.31:10

NOVEMBER 16, 2008
33rd SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

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CALL THE RECTORY

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AT LEAST 6 MONTH NOTICE AND
ATTENDANCE AT ENGAGED
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CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY AT 4 PM AT
ST. JOSEPH

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Dear Friends,

Our seventh and eighth graders will be enrolled as **candidates for Confirmation** at the Sunday morning liturgies this weekend. We offer them our support and prayer. By our faith commitment we tell them how much we value them and want them to be a part of us. Their youthful energy brings vitality to our faith communities. They are a clear sign of God in our midst!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Levi Anderson
Kaiti Beveridge
Nick Bischoff
Zachary Breitbach
Matthew Brown
Melinda Capucini
Jennifer Cherry
Ross Clark
Jude Doss
Olivia Doughty
Hannah Dresser
Collin England
Kendra England
Cody Fannin
Erin Fenik
Kenneth Finch
Aaron Gates
Nathan Good
Joshua Hanneman
Kelly Hasselbach
Andrew Haughawout
Eric Heck, Jr.
Kenzie Heyman
Austin Kramer
Elizabeth Lambert

Lydia Leber
Avery Millis
Abbie Montvilas
Samantha Obringer
Colton Ott
Macie Ott
Nathan Ott
Justin Palmer
Isaac Perry
Tyson Pryor
Sydney Reed
Amy Ruffing
Brylie Schafer
Rebecca Schaffer
Stacia Schaffer
Brandon Seifker
Derek Shaver
Matthew Silcox
Victoria Smith
Anthony Stieber
Brooke Stieber
Reid Stieber
Abby Swanson
Anna Vanderpool
Abby Wilhelm

Sister Nancy

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Nov. 15 – St. Albert the Great

5:00 PM (SJ) Charles Fitch
Richard Dreschel

Sun., Nov. 16 – 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 AM (SA) Vi Baker
10:30 AM (SJ) Duane Lonz
Helen Ruffing

Mon., Nov. 17 – St. Elizabeth of Hungary

NO MASS

**Tues., Nov. 18 – Dedication of the Basilicas of
St. Peter & St. Paul in Rome**

7:00 PM (SA) Mary Wilhelm
Anna Wilhelm

Wed., Nov. 19

8:15 AM (SJ) Rosemary Schaffer

Thurs., Nov. 20

8:15 AM (SJ) Robert Graham

**Fri., Nov. 21 – Presentation of the Blessed Virgin
Mary**

8:15 AM (SJ) Dennis Didion

Sat., Nov. 22 – St. Cecilia

2:00 WEDDING (SJ) Brandon Meagrow &
Jennifer Lonz

5:00 PM (SJ) Arthur Schlachter
George McMahon

Sun., Nov. 23 – Christ the King

8:30 AM (SA) Edward & Marcella Pheiffer
10:30 AM (SJ) Florence Betschman
Jim Fitzgerald

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUN-Prv. 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/1 Thes. 5:1-6/

Mt. 25:14-30

MON-Rv. 1:1-4, 2:1-5/Lk. 18:35-43

TUE-Rv. 3:1-6, 14-22/Lk. 19:1-10

WED-Rv. 4:1-11/Lk. 19:11-28

THU-Rv. 5:1-10/Lk. 19:41-44

FRI-Rv. 10:8-11/Lk. 19:45-48

SAT-Rv. 11:4-12/Lk. 20:27-40

CONTRIBUTIONS – NOV 9

St. Joseph-Sunday-4,486, (121 env.) Loose-186, St. VdeP-110, Holy Day-46, 50/50-55, Bldg Fund-40, Children-2, Fuel-10, School Supp-440, All Souls-21, Thanksgiving-20, Needy-471.83.

St. Alphonsus-Sunday-2,166 (76 env.) Loose-91.40, Holy Day-40, Children-5, Christmas-5, Vigil Lights-18, Needy-487.60.



WEDDING BANS

III-Brandon Meagrow &
Jennifer Lonz

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, Nov. 22– 5:00 p.m. – St. Joseph

L Elaine Finch, Adam Mastroianni
U **John Fries**, Chris Gies, Fred Leber
EM **John Miller**, Charlene Bauer, Sheila Meikle,
Geri Myers, Tom Runkle

S Gretchen Schafer, Lydia & Audra Leber

Sunday, Nov. 23– 8:30 a.m. – St. Alphonsus

L Mike & Diane Wasiniak

U Glenn Brooks, Charlie Nay, Larry Hanneman,
Charles Fritz

EM Gregg & Susan Moore, John, Kathy & Ian
Miller, Tom Smith, Sarah Hohler, John
Schaffer, 1 Volunteer

S Michael Hanneman, Colton & Mitchell Ott

G Marti Long, Michelle Montivilas

Sunday, Nov. 23 – 10:30 a.m. – St. Joseph

L Lynn Drown, Angie Roth

U **Norma Bauer**, Ken Bischoff, Robert Stieber

EM **Barbara Good**, Diana Brown, Julie Jarrett,
Linda Laux, Barb Smith, Rita Stieber

S Eric Bischoff, Ross Stieber

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

NOV 23 – Sue Rogers

COUNTERS – NOV. 17

Phyllis Gravenhorst, Diane Henderson, Margaret
Smith, Catherine Raftery, Alice Crist, Rose Perry

BINGO – NOV. 17

CREW #6: Elaine Stieber, Tina Elmlinger, Mark
Kramer, Dan or Michelle Stieber, Chris or Leslie
Opper, Pam Devos

FOOD: Chastity Heck, Marcia Reed

KITCHEN: Chastity Heck, Marcia Reed

BAKERS: Maralyn Long, Sherry Wilhelm, Evelyn
Ruffing

SET UP: Wendy Adelman

WINDOW: Jane Kramer

BIRTHDAYS



NOV 17-Bob Crist, Susan Long, Jeffrey
Schaffer, Jim Stieber, Bill Stieber, Leanne
Wilhelm NOV 18-Emily Bollenbacher,

Tammy Wasiniak NOV 19-Mary Brown,
Tom Eastman, Chastity Heck, Clinton Ryan, David Schfer,
Ken Wangler NOV 20-John Bauer, Madeline Bollenbacher,
Tim Porter, Matthew Schwartz, Jackie Wilhelm NOV 21-
Lee Ackerman, Samantha Gardocky, Edmond Martin,
Zachary Schafer, Melanie Wilhelm NOV 22-Matthew
Hales, Susan Marcum, Ashley Perry, Terri Russ, Alfred
Schafer, Robert Schafer, Dennis Schreiner NOV 23-Linda
Ryan

PARISH CALENDAR

RITE OF ENROLLMENT for Confirmation at the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses today.

K of C BREAKFAST BUFFET today from 8 a.m. – noon.

BINGO Monday night in the Social Center. Doors open at 5; Bingo starts at 6:45.

SA FINANCE MEETING Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

SCHOOL ADVISORY Meeting Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

SJ FINANCE MEETING Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

PSR next Sunday from 9-10:15 a.m. at St. Joseph and from 9:30-11:00 a.m. at St. Alphonsus.

AREA EVENTS

PORK CHOP DINNER at St. Gaspar, Marywood on Sunday, Nov. 16 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST at Wakeman Masonic Lodge Nov. 16 from 9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Adults: \$5; Seniors: \$4; Children: \$3. Bake Sale.

FEATHER PARTY (Bingo) at St. Gaspar Sunday, Nov. 23 from 7-10 p.m. Lunch provided. Must be 18 to play.

PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST at Norwalk Masonic Lodge on Nov. 23 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

SPAGHETTI DINNER at Norwalk Masonic Lodge on Nov. 28 from 5-7 p.m. Adults: \$8.



K of C BREAKFAST BUFFET



The K of C Breakfast Buffet will be held today from 8 a.m. until noon. Serving eggs, ham, sausage, biscuits & gravy,

pancakes or French toast. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$2 for children; children under 5 are free.

THE HURON COUNTY NON-FOOD BANK will be held Thursday, Nov. 20 from 2-5 p.m. at UCC in Monroeville. Donations of Toilet Paper, Dish Soap, Bar Soap, Trash Bags, Paper Towels, Laundry Detergent, Toothpaste, Shampoo, and Multi-use Cleaner can be dropped off at the back of either church.

At their weekly Mass this past week, St. Joseph School students brought in over **250 non-food items** which were carried up in the offertory procession. These donations were taken down to the UCC Non-Food Bank by the Family Groups in the afternoon. Many thanks to the faculty and staff who work tirelessly with our children to develop an awareness and understanding of our Christian responsibility to reach out to those in need.

RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Monroeville Fire Station on Friday, Nov. 21 from 1-7 p.m. Give someone a second chance at life. Donate Blood!

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING will be taught by the Couple to Couple League at a series of three classes beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 20, 2008 in Norwalk. The method taught, the Sympto-Thermal Method, is safe, effective, and morally acceptable. Please call Paul or Monica Depinet at (419) 660-0534 for more information.

THANKSGIVING CHILDREN'S CHOIR

We will be having a Children's Choir again this year for the Thanksgiving Mass to be held at St. Alphonsus at 9am on Nov. 27th. We would love to have any interested students grades 3-8 from both St. Alphonsus and St. Joseph's parishes. Many parishioners commented last year on how much they enjoyed hearing the students sing, so please consider this opportunity. Interested students should report to St. Alphonsus at 8:15 for a short practice before mass on Thanksgiving Day. Please contact Abby Doss with any questions at 419-465-4396. Thank you for your support!

MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT

The Annual Retreat for Married Couples will be held the weekend of March 20-22, 2009 at the St. Francis Spirituality Center, Tiffin. The theme is "Being Married and Enjoying It". The presenter will be Fr. Dan Fraser, a widower who was married for 35 years, has 9 children, 17 grandchildren and was ordained to the priesthood in 1999 at age 65. For information/registration contact Tim Etue at Catholic Charities 419-244-6711, Ext. 404.

MONROEVILLE K of C

200 CLUB WINNERS

Nov. 11: \$50-Carl Dahm

\$25- Rae Colahan, William Roth Jr.

MAY GOD SEND HIS HEALING BLESSINGS to Bea Feuerstein, Ray and Mary Jane Gerber, Kim Neill, Gary Rasnick, Adam Schafer, & George Stepanic.

CATHOLIC FAMILY DAY

Maui Sands Indoor Waterpark Resort in Sandusky is sponsoring a "Catholic Family Day" on Monday, Dec. 1. The special overnight package includes your room, waterpark admission, Hawaiian Luau dinner, Hawaiian Happy Hour, Hawaiian crafts and culture, and an Ice Cream Social for \$139. Please call 888-782-9677 and use the code "CFD" to make your reservation.

THANKSGIVING DINNER – All are welcome to the annual Thanksgiving Dinner held on Thanksgiving Day! A traditional Thanksgiving meal will be served in the St. Paul Elementary School cafeteria or available to be delivered to your home from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Please call Skip or Patti Wilde (419-668-2766) or Robin Bleile (419-668-1114). RSVP's are appreciated!

THE SALVATION ARMY will be giving out food baskets and toys to well over 600 families. Please consider helping us help those who have lost their jobs, help those with mental illness, help those who need a hand up, such as our seniors, our children.

No kid should ever go hungry, especially at Christmas time. Items needed are Turkey or Ham, Stuffing Mix, Gravy Mix, Potatoes (Instant or raw), Sweet Potatoes, Cake Mix, Frosting, Tuna, Peanut Butter, Noodles, Soup, Cereal, Toilet Paper, Mac & Cheese, Vegetables, Pudding or Jello.

Items can be left at the back of either church by Dec. 14.

SENIOR ENRICHMENT SERVICES is entering its 9th year of bringing a bit of cheer to seniors who might otherwise be alone during the holidays. They are asking for items such as Postage stamps, Envelopes, Note pads, Slippers, Cookies or fudge, Large print books and crossword puzzle books, Coffee mugs, Calendars, Popcorn, Soap, Coffee or tea, Gloves/scarves, Handkerchiefs.

THE SALVATION ARMY is again looking for Bell Ringers for the holiday season. St. Alphonsus and St. Joseph parishes have been asked to participate on November 22 and 29 at Gardner's. Sign up sheets are in the back of church.

HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS (HEAP) can help low income Ohioans with utility bills. For more information or a HEAP application, call 800-522-5680, ext. 1152.