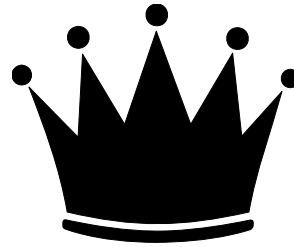


# ST. ALPHONSUS – Peru

# ST. JOSEPH – Monroeville



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



**NOVEMBER 23, 2008**  
**CHRIST THE KING**

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## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

CALL THE RECTORY

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

AT LEAST 6 MONTH NOTICE AND  
ATTENDANCE AT ENGAGED  
COUPLES CONFERENCE

## COMMUNION TO THE SICK

CALL THE RECTORY AT 465-4142

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Dear Friends,

This past week I was cleaning out some files in my office. Somehow they have become fat and I have difficulty jamming my agendas, meeting minutes and notes into them. There is little or no room left in the drawers. “How does that happen?” I asked myself. “Paper by paper, month by month and I just don’t seem to notice. It’s like trying to pull on an old pair of pants the day after Thanksgiving! They used to slip on so easily, but little by little they seem to shrink.”

Are we aware of what is going on in our spiritual life or do we allow it to get out of shape? Today we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King and come to the end of another liturgical Church year. Where has the time gone? Hopefully, many small advancements have led up to a few big accomplishments for us personally and as a community of faith.

The faith Community of St. Joseph and St. Alphonsus will celebrate our blessings in the best possible way, with mass at 9:00 AM at St. Alphonsus on Thanksgiving Day. Our school children have prepared the liturgy. Please join us on Thursday to give thanks for all the accomplishments and blessings we have achieved with the help of God’s grace.

Advent begins next week. It’s not only time to put those pesky file folders on a serious diet, but our spiritual lives – and perhaps our physical selves – as well!

See you in Church this week. Gratefully,

*Fr. Ken Lill*

## MASS INTENTIONS

### 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

### Mon., Nov. 24 – St. Andrew Dung-Lac

NO MASS

### Tues., Nov. 25 – St. Catherine of Alexandria

8:15 AM (SJ) Edna Martin

### Wed., Nov. 26

8:15 AM (SJ) Helen Ruffing

### Thurs., Nov. 27

9:00 AM (SA) Anna Wilhelm  
Walter & Loretta Siesel

### Fri., Nov. 28

NO MASS

### Sat., Nov. 29

5:00 PM (SJ) Margaret & Walter Schlachter  
Ralph & Viola Wangler &  
Susan Spinello

### Sun., Nov. 30 – 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30 AM (SA) James Smith  
10:30 AM (SJ) Freda Morman  
Paul & Ortrude Smith

*Please note change in times and locations for Tuesday and Thursday Masses.*

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUN-Ez. 34:11-12,15-17/1 Cor. 15:20-26, 28/  
Mt. 25:31-46

MON-Rv. 14:1-3, 4-5/Lk. 21:1-4

TUE-Rv. 14:14-19/Lk. 21:5-11

WED-Rv. 15:1-4/Lk. 21:12-19

THU-Rv. 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9/Lk. 21:20-28

FRI-Rv. 20:1-4, 11; 21:2/Lk. 21:29-33

SAT-Rv. 22:1-7/Lk. 21:34-36

## CONTRIBUTIONS – NOV 16

**St. Joseph**-Sunday-3,980 (126 env.) Loose-188.83, St. VdeP-198, Holy Day-15, 50/50-90, Bldg Fund-70, Children-15, Fuel-42, School Supp-50, Thanksgiving-10, Flowers-38, Rel. Retirement-10, Human Dev.-20.

**St. Alphonsus**-Sunday-2,617 (89 env.) Loose-140.75, Children-5.50, Human Dev.-100, Vigil Lights-20.



**CONGRATULATIONS** to Brandon & Jennifer (Lonz) Meagrow who were married Saturday. May they grow in the love of the Lord and each other.

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### Saturday, Nov. 29 – 5:00 p.m. – St. Joseph

**L** Adam Mastroianni, Nancy Alt  
**U** **Marvin Pierce**, Bill Stang, Ron Stieber  
**EM** **Geri Myers**, Charlene Bauer, Sheila Meikle,  
John Miller, Betty Schafer  
**S** George Latteman, Abby Swanson

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

**L** David & Jackie Reed  
**U** Bob Latteman, Denny Perry, Ken Silcox,  
John Like  
**EM** Jim & Cheryl Wasiniak, Catherine, Pat  
Schaffer, Bob & Alice Crist, Ken Wangler, 2  
Volunteers  
**S** Ida, Jami & Kyle Kluding  
**G** Charlie & Maryellen Nay

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

**L** Mike Adelman, Jackie Schafer  
**U** **Fred Leber**, Kevin & Elaine Stieber  
**EM** **Linda Laux**, Ron Betschman, Richard &  
Marilyn Palmer, Sue Rogers, Carol Stieber  
**S** Eric Leber, Allison Seifker

## COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

NOV 30 – Linda Laux

## COUNTERS – NOV. 24

Evelyn Ruffing, Jeanette Meyer Catherine Raftery,  
Sheila Stang, Nancy Wilson

## BINGO – NOV. 24

CREW #1: Mike Kluding, Dave or Jackie Schafer,  
Deb Smith, Judy Gerber, Marie Burson, Tony Darr  
FOOD: Valerie Newell

KITCHEN: Paula Underwood

BAKERS: Patty Bores, Cheryl Seifker, Laurie  
Haughawout

SET UP: Annette Schaffer

WINDOW: Ann Darr

## BIRTHDAYS



NOV 24-Miranda Dragon, Sophia Ott,

Matthew Sparks NOV 25-Isaac Brown,  
Dennis Seifker, Johnathan Stang, Betty

Wise NOV 26-Shelley Fannin, Lisa Lesch,

Kevin Roeder, Megan Workley NOV 27-Rebecca  
Adelman, Damian Conglose, Arlene Krupp, Susan

McKown, David Mulica, Derek Shaver NOV 28-Amber

Montana, Kitana Scheid, Noah Smith NOV 29-Sophia  
Bishop, Jenna Burrow, John Burrow, Lydia Leber, Philip  
Peralta, Lee Pifer, Evelyn Ruffing, Joseph Scheid, Ronald  
Stieber NOV 30-Alice Bores, James Dellinger, Karen  
Long, Lisa Schaffer

## **PARISH CALENDAR**

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

NO PSR next Sunday due to Thanksgiving Break.

## **AREA EVENTS**

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

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

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

BREAKFAST & BAKE SALE Dec. 7 from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier, Willard. Adults: \$6; Children: \$3. Santa will be available for pictures (\$5) from 9 a.m. – noon.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA Dec. 7 from 9 a.m. – noon at St. Gaspar. Adults: \$6; Children: \$3.



## **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. 27<sup>th</sup>. 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!

**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!

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

**Let us give thanks..**



**The parish office will be closed Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving**

**THANK YOU** to all who donated items for the Non-Food Bank for November. A special Thank You to Betty Gates, Pricilla Tremmel, John Garcia, Marti Long, Bob & Angie Roth, Ann Ryan and Theresa Schafer, who helped with the set-up and distribution of items.

## **PLAYGROUND SAFETY**

As a result of "Jared's Law", all school playgrounds need a safety inspection. Several non-compliance citations were given to St. Joseph School concerning pieces of equipment identified as being in need of repair. Due to increased levels of liability for injuries on our playground, it is indeed a prudent move to protect our interests by keeping the playground area under lock and key.

## **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. 18: \$50-James Leber

\$25- Clifford Wilson, Susan Matta

## **SEND A CHRISTMAS CARD TO A SOLDIER**

When doing your Christmas cards this year, take one card and send it to this address. If we pass this on and everyone sends one card, think of how many cards these wonderful special people who have sacrificed so much would get.

A Recovering American Soldier  
c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center  
6900 Georgia Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20307-5001

**SENIOR ENRICHMENT SERVICES** is entering its 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

**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 29 at Gardner's. Sign up sheets are in the back of church.

**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.

