



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

**OCTOBER 26, 2008**  
**30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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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

**CONFESSIONS**

SATURDAY AT 4 PM AT  
 ST. JOSEPH

**FINANCE COMMITTEES**

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Dear Friends,

During the month of October I had the privilege of baptizing six children, making them new members in our faith community. Of these six, five of the babies were born to couples that I have married in my time as pastor. In a good way, I find myself really enjoying these little ones. It is likely that they will probably be the closest I come to having grandchildren! Also, I have come to enjoy listening to their little voices “trying to sing” during mass. If the Church were perfectly still, it wouldn’t bode well for the future of our faith community.



In his Letter to the Ephesians (4: 1-6), St. Paul reminds us of seven ways in which a community of faith should live together “to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace; one **Body**, and one **Spirit**, as you were called to the one **hope of your call**; one **Lord**, one **faith**, one **baptism**; one **God and Father** of us all.”

If we truly lived out our baptismal call – “to **love God and Neighbor** – there would be no war, torture or genocide. We would be concerned for the well-being of all: the unborn, the elderly, the widow, the orphan and the alien immigrant. There would be no discrimination against race, the poor and the marginalized. There would be dignity for work and workers, fair housing and healthcare for those in need and respect for environment we live in.

These are issues facing our world today and challenging those who would lead us tomorrow. There is no one issue greater than another. They are all woven together in a “seamless garment” that was given to us by Jesus’ command to:

**“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. ...You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.”**

As Election Day comes closer, let us continue to prayerfully form our consciences then vote as faith-filled citizens.

*Fr. Ken Lill*

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sat., Oct. 25**

5:00 PM (SJ) Rev. E. J. Miller

**Sun., Oct. 26 – 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

8:30 AM (SA) Vi Baker

10:30 AM (SJ) Paul & Ortrude Smith

Deceased Members of Walter &  
Matilda Wilhelm Family

**Mon., Oct. 27**

NO MASS

**Tues., Oct. 28 – Sts. Simon & Jude**

7:00 PM (SA) Rachel Geiger

**Wed., Oct. 29**

8:15 AM (SJ) Helen Ruffing

**Thurs., Oct. 30**

8:15 AM (SJ) Mary Smith

**Fri., Oct. 31**

8:15 AM (SJ) Margaret Wilhelm

**Sat., Nov. 1 – All Saints**

2:00 PM (SJ) WEDDING: Anthony Thurston &  
Heather Lambert

5:00 PM (SJ) Mary Bailey, Richard Buchman,  
Ida Mong

**Sun., Nov. 2 – All Souls Day**

8:30 AM (SA) Gert Holmer

10:30 AM (SJ) Richard Fritz

Bob Leber

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUN-Ex. 22:20-26/1 Thes. 1:5c-10/Mt. 22:34-40

MON-Eph. 4:32; 5:8/Lk. 13:10-17

TUE-Eph. 2:19-22/Lk. 6:12-16

WED-Eph. 6:1-9/Lk. 13:22-30

THU-Eph. 6:10-20/Lk. 13:31-35

FRI-Phil. 1:1-11/Lk. 14:1-6

SAT-Rv. 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn. 3:1-3/Mt. 5:1-12a

## CONTRIBUTIONS – OCT 19

**St. Joseph**-Sunday-4,274 (123 env.), Loose-222, St. VdeP-190, Holy Day-40, 50/50-85, Bldg Fund-95, Children-12.40, Fuel-465, School Supp-110, All Souls-70, Cemetery-5.

**St. Alphonsus**-Sunday-2,308 (85 env), Loose-105.50, Holy day-9, Children-6.

## WEDDING BANNS

III-Anthony Thurston & Heather Lambert



## MAY GOD SEND HIS HEALING

BLESSINGS to Ray and Mary Jane Gerber,  
Jeanette Meyer, Kim Neill, Gary Rasnick,  
Sandy Runkle, Adam Schafer, & George  
Stepanic.

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

**Saturday, Nov. 1– 5:00 p.m. – St. Joseph**

**L** Nancy Alt, Elaine Finch

**U** **Marvin Pierce**, Bill Stang, Ron Stieber

**EM** **Geri Myers**, Charlene Bauer, Sheila Meikle,  
John Miller, Betty Schafer

**S** Alex Darr, Hayley Myers, Abby Swanson

**Sunday, Nov. 2– 8:30 a.m. – St. Alphonsus**

**L** Jeanette & Caleigh Ott

**U** Jim Ott, Bill Brooks, Dennis Foltz, James  
Heyman

**EM** Diane Schafer, David & Jackie reed, Robin  
Welsh, Ron & Barb Chase, Beverly Hipp, Sue  
Schindley, Ken Wangler

**S** Amanda & Joshua Hanneman, Aaron Gates

**G** Leslie Opper, Ann Roth

**Sunday, Nov. 2 – 10:30 a.m. – St. Joseph**

**L** Mike Adelman, Sandy Lonz

**U** **Joe Brown**, Ken Bischoff, Tom Hedrick

**EM** **Rita Stieber**, Ron Betschman, Barbara Good,  
Linda Laux, Jennifer Lonz, Sue Rogers

**S** Eric Bischoff, Ashley Gies

## COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

NOV 2 – Jerry Gravenhorst

## COUNTERS – OCT 27

Rose Fritz, Barbara Schafer, Grace Stang, Catherine  
Raftery, Sheila Stang, Nancy Wilson

## BINGO – OCT 27

CREW #3: Craig Selka, June Ferguson Ann Sitterly,  
Tom Gies, Joe Wilhelm, Krista Smith, Rosemarie  
Capucini, Michelle Tonelli/Melissa Roeder

FOOD: Tim & Tamara Smith

KITCHEN: Judi Bollenbacher, Karen Gerber

BAKERS: Ann Sitterly, Tam Opper, GayLynn Schafer

SET UP: Becky Gies

WINDOW: Terri Russ

## BIRTHDAYS



OCT 27-Marlene Eastman, Ruth Ott, Harley  
Reed, Gerald Stallkamp, Brooke Stieber

OCT 28-Cyndi Gfell, Thomas Jarrett,  
Brian Ringholz, Kaylee Stanley, Jennifer

Wadsworth OCT 29-Jacquelyn Cloud, Olivia Doughty,  
Eric Leber, Kevin Scheid, David Schibley, Steve Wasiniak

OCT 30-Jason Gahring, Philip Martin, Alexandria Schafer

OCT 31-Susan Hedrick, Mark Resor, Don Woodruff NOV

1-Layton Hauler, Theresa Hay, Mary Pflieger, Annette  
Schafer NOV 2-Laurie Angel, Brent Bollenbacher, Robert  
Kluding, Kyle Martin

## **PARISH CALENDAR**

**HALLOWEEN PARTY** today from 4-6 at St.

Alphonsus.

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

**SOCIAL CONCERNS MEETING** Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the School Library. All are welcome!

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

**THANKSGIVING DINNER** for St. Alphonsus Senior Citizens next Sunday at noon.

## **AREA EVENTS**

**SOUP LUNCHEON** Wednesday, Oct. 29 at UCC, 29 Chapel St. at 11 a.m. Donations accepted.

**LAS VEGAS NIGHT** Saturday, Nov. 1 at St. Mary's, Clyde. Doors open at 6 p.m. Soup/Salad Bar & Sandwiches + 5 drink tickets for \$10. Good time, Cards, Fun, Raffles, Prizes!

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** Friday, Nov. 7 from 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at Monroeville High School  
**DINNER THEATER** presented by St. Mary, Norwalk Nov. 15 at 6 p.m. and Nov. 16 at 3 p.m. To purchase tickets for the show *Madam's Been Murdered, Tea Will be Late*, please call the parish office at 419-668-2005. Tickets are \$20 and will not be sold at the door.



## **3-DIGIT LOTTERY**

You can purchase your tickets for the 3-digit lottery by calling St. Joseph school. The winning numbers are the same as the daily Ohio lottery – you have two chances to win each day! Proceeds from this year's lottery will be used to help defray the cost of the grade book access.

## **POWER WASHER NEEDED**

St. Joseph School is in need of a small power washer. If you have one you no longer use, please consider donating it to the school. Thank you.

## **ST ALPHONSUS PARISH Potluck/Halloween Party - Sunday October 26 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**

Costume Judging begins at 4:00 p.m. - children up to 5th grade. Hayride (weather permitting), followed by Potluck. Sandwiches, Drink and table service provided. After the dinner, our confirmation class will be presenting the Haunted Garden (a barely scary haunted house for the younger kids). **NOTE: PARTY STARTS AT 4:00 p.m.!**

**COUPLE'S MORNING OUT** Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> from 8 - 10:30 at St. Alphonsus Parish Hall.

Presentation given by Jim and Ann Cavera from Bellevue. Their talk will be *Your spouse ain't a saint - Marriage: what no one bothers to tell you before you make a commitment for life*. It will be a light-hearted look at the ups and downs of married life. Cost is \$5. To register, call Rose Perry 419-465-2698 or [e-mail rosp@hughes.net](mailto:rosp@hughes.net).

## **1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL FALL LUNCHEON**

Helping Hands 1st Annual Fall Luncheon, featuring our famous Homemade Vegetable Soup, will be held on Sunday, Nov 9 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at St. Joseph Social Center. Please come and support our Bake Sale and Raffles too!

## **MONROEVILLE K of C**

200 CLUB WINNERS

Oct. 21: \$50- Victor Stark

\$25- Katie Leber, Mary Laux

## **ROCKETTE'S CHRISTMAS SHOW**

Celebrate the Holidays with The Rockette's Christmas Show at Playhouse Square, Cleveland on Dec. 11. The cost is \$91, which includes the bus, show ticket, and a tip for the driver. Dinner on your own is available at Berardi's at 4:30 p.m. The bus will depart from Commerce Plaza in Huron at 6 p.m. Contact Ann Spriggs at 419-433-3859 for more information or send your check to her at 909 Hidden Valley Dr., Huron 44839 by Oct. 27.

## **PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

We are all called to pray for vocations as the Church desperately needs Priests and Sisters. There is a particular need in the Southwestern states of the U.S. where the influx of immigrants (Asians, Hispanics, and other) have put great demands on our churches. Many Catholics will be lost if we do not pray fervently for them and ask Christ to provide us with many Priests and Sisters.

The Serra Club of our Deanery is looking for new members! Consider joining us and adding your voice to ours in praying for many more young people to accept the challenge to work for Christ. We meet monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 7 p.m. at St. Alphonsus Prayer Center. Please contact Dick Alge (419-668-1830) for more information. We would love to have you join us.



Visit [www.catholicchronicle.org](http://www.catholicchronicle.org) as your source for Catholic teaching on Faithful Citizenship, local stories concerning the U.S. Bishops' document and links to a variety of Election Day resources.



The Monroeville High School Music Boosters are sponsoring a fundraiser for the Music Department to purchase new instruments. The Monroeville High School Band will present **Rockin' the Ernsthausen** on Friday, Nov. 7 beginning at 7 p.m. at the Ernsthausen Performing Arts Center, 350 Shady Lane Drive, Norwalk. The program will feature performances by the Monroeville H. S. Band, the Edison H. S. Band, and the New London H. S. Band. Tickets are available through the Monroeville H. S. Band Director and are \$5 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under, as well as for seniors. There will be a 50/50 drawing and door prizes.

