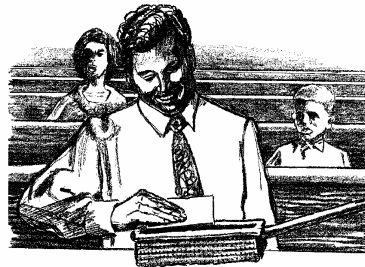


ST. JOSEPH – Monroeville

ST. ALPHONSUS – Peru



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



APRIL 19, 2009

**2ND SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

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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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“Give thanks to the Lord whose love endures forever”

With gratitude and thanksgiving, we welcome into our parish community of St. Alphonsus and St. Joseph two new members. At the Easter Vigil, James Adams (SA) received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist and Corynne Long (SJ) was received into full communion through Confirmation and the Eucharist. We also congratulate Macie Ott (SA) who completed the sacraments of initiation by being confirmed.

Our parish community now looks forward as our second grade children prepare to receive their First Communion over the next two weekends. I'm sure that most of us have memories of our own First Communion and how significant it was for us to have our family and friends present at this important occasion in our lives.

That being said, I will be in Albuquerque, New Mexico this weekend attending the First Communion of two nine-year old girls, Amber and Brittany, who I took care of over a period of four years as a houseparent in the children's home where they have lived since 2002. I know how important it is for them that I be present for this occasion as they receive this sacrament for the first time.

May each of us ponder the importance of the sacraments in our own lives, and during the coming week remind ourselves to be grateful for God's love and mercy which endures forever!

“Watch how you live, your lives may be the only gospel your sisters and brothers will ever read.” (Dom Helder Camara)

Peace and all good!

Sister Nancy

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., April 18

5:00 PM (SJ) Anna Wilhelm
Charles Fitch
Richard Gerber

Sun., April 19 – 2nd Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM (SA) Ed & Beth Ann Brown
10:30 AM (SJ) Althea Miller
Elizabeth Heyman
Millie Tyler

Mon., April 20

NO MASS

Tues., April 21 – St. Anselm

7:00 PM (SA) Don Bauer

Wed., April 22

8:15 AM (SJ) Leonard Martin

Thurs., April 23 – St. George/St. Adalbert

8:15 AM (SJ) Clifford Wilhelm

Fri., April 24 – St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

8:15 AM (SJ) Dennis Didion

Sat., April 25 – St. Mark

5:00 PM (SJ) Edward Corbett
Dorothy Missig & Eleanor Schafer

Sun., April 26 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM (SA) Kevin Schaffer
10:30 AM (SJ) Margaret Tyler
Richard Fritz

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUN-Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn. 5:1-6/Jn. 20:19-31

MON-Acts 4:23-31/Jn. 3:1-8

TUE-Acts 3:32-37/Jn. 3:7b-15

WED-Acts 5:17-26/Jn. 3:16-21

THU-Acts 5:27-33/Jn. 3:31-36

FRI-Acts 5:34-42/Jn. 6:1-15

SAT-1 Pt. 5:5b-14/Mk. 16:15-20

CONTRIBUTIONS – APR. 12

St. Joseph-Sunday-3,844, (99 envelopes) Loose-511.25, Easter-8,674 (190 env.), 50/50-70, Bldg Fund-10, Fuel-30, School Support-83, Flowers-23, Children-15.

St. Alphonsus-Sunday-2,981, (45 envelopes) Loose-216, Easter-4,300 (100 env.), Children-9, Vigil Lights-22, Holy Land-312, Ladies-6, Initial-5, Cemetery-8, Flowers-215, Needy-519.46.

The parish office will be closed this week. Sr. Nancy will be available to answer the phone from 10-12 on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. If you call any other time, leave a message and someone will get back to you.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, Apr. 25– 5:00 p.m. – St. Joseph

L Adam Mastroianni, Sr. Nancy
U **Chris Gies**, Tom Hedrick, Paul Stang
EM **Tom Runkle**, Charlene Bauer, John Miller, Betty Schafer, Ellen Wensink
S Kendra & Collin England, Kady Gies

G

Sunday, Apr. 26– 8:30 a.m. – St. Alphonsus

L Erin Lendrum, Barb Chase
U Bob Latteman, Denny Perry, Ken Silcox, John Like
EM Gregg & Susan Moore, John, Kathy & Ian Miller, Tim Smith, John Schaffer, 2 volunteers
S Ida, Jami & Kyle Kluding

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

APR 26 – Betty Schafer

COUNTERS – APR. 20

Catherine Tyler, Helen Hofacker, Esther Hauler, Catherine Raftery, Rose & Denny Perry

BINGO – APR. 20

CREW #4: John Smith, Jodi Stang, Tom or Jane Hedrick, Judy Gerber, Steve Kluding, Theresa Leber

FOOD: Kyle & Hollie Appeman

KITCHEN: Paula Underwood

BAKERS: Kathy Camp, Helen Hofacker, Sue Schafer

SET UP: Wendy Adelman

WINDOW: Terri Russ



BIRTHDAYS

APR 20-Doug Elmlinger, Patricia Mahl, Sharon Martin, Erika Miller **APR 21**-Kenneth Espvik, Jim Gravenhorst, Jane Kramer, Deborah Schaffer, Gerry Wilhelm **APR 22**-Travis Barman, Rachel Gillespie, Larry Reilly, Kristen Smith **APR 23**-Jeff Mynarsky, Shirley Stang **APR 24**-Bode Bores, Holli Hohler, Sara Hohler, Marie Jarrett, Joshua Mark, Brandon Welch, Tom Wilhelm, Angela Wilhelm **APR 25**-Casey Crossan, Steve Dresser, Jonathan Jackson, Barbara Schafer, Martin Schaffer, Nathan Silcox, Jennifer Stang, Awna Stark, John Thurston, Scott White **APR 26**-Patrick Breslin, John Wasiniak, Sean Workley

PARISH CALENDAR

SPRING PAPER DRIVE this weekend.

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

THE HEALTH MINISTRY TEAM will meet on Monday, April 20th at 6:00 p.m. at St. Alphonsus Hall. PSR next Sunday at 9 a.m. at St. Joseph and at 9:30 at St. Alphonsus.

1st COMMUNION next Sunday at St. Alphonsus.

AREA EVENTS

SWISS STEAK DINNER at Our Lady of Lourdes, New London today from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Adults: \$8; Senior Citizens: \$6; Children: \$5.

SPRING CARD PARTY at St. Gaspar, Marywood April 19 at 7 p.m. Euchre & Pinochle. \$2.50 – lunch included.



PARISH REGISTRATION FORMS

201 of 279 St. Alphonsus registration forms have been returned and 181 of 555 St. Joseph forms have been returned. If you have not yet picked up your form, or if you have picked it up and not returned it, please do so at your earliest convenience.

MOTHER-DAUGHTER TEA



Plans for the Mother-Daughter Tea scheduled for Sunday, May 17 at 1 p.m. at St. Alphonsus are underway! All ladies of both parishes are invited, along with your mothers, daughters,

and friends.

Lunch will consist of sandwiches, chips, salad and dessert, with coffee, tea and punch. Our special servers will be our husbands, sons, sons-in-law, brothers and fathers. We are recruiting now for those positions.

The cost is minimal – just bring an item for the food bank.

If you have your wedding dress hanging in the closet and would like to bring it along, we are planning a style show of all the dresses. Other entertainment is also planned.

Reservations are required; please call Sue Schindley (419-668-2680) or Maryiellen Hamernick (419-668-6874).

MONROEVILLE K of C 200 CLUB WINNERS

Apr. 14 -\$50: Dick Palmer

\$25: William Miller, Audrey Houck



MAY GOD SEND HIS HEALING

BLESSINGS to Richard Holland, Jeanette Leibold, Dolores Limbird, Ray Myers, George Stepanic & Special Intention (CV).

IN YOUR CHARITY please pray for Elliot Lonz who was buried Friday. May he know the peace of the risen Lord for all eternity.

SILENT AUCTION NEWS

In these trying economic times, it may not be possible to make a monetary or item donation to the silent auction. How about donating your time, talents, or treasures? There are many people who would love an hour of your time--helping them do something, or just talking. Many aren't able to cook or clean for themselves. Or how about a pie (or cookies, or cake) a month? How about a coupon to rake someone's leaves in the fall? Or to run errands for someone? Or do a lady's hair once a month? None of these things would take much of your time, but would be so valuable to someone else. Think about what YOU could contribute.

ST. JOSEPH EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM

St. Joseph School is now accepting registrations for our 3-year old Preschool and 4-year old Pre-kindergarten programs for the 2009-10 school year. If you are interested in visiting our school, or would like further information, please call 419-465-2625.

NEED HELP WITH SPRING CLEANING?

A group of boys from Norwalk (including Cody Fannin and Matt Silcox, St. Alphonsus parishioners) are working to make money for sports camps. They will do mowing, edging, weeding, painting, car detailing.... Adult supervision will be provided at all times. Please call 419-668-7881 for more details.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA), formerly known as the Diocesan Development Fund (DDF), is the major fundraising effort conducted annually to support the many educational, spiritual, and service ministries of the Diocese of Toledo. Every Catholic family or individual is asked for their financial and prayerful support.

Commitment Weekend will be Apr. 25-26.

AJ's Tidbits – The combination "ough" can be pronounced in nine different ways. The following sentence contains them all: "A rough-coated, dough-faced, thoughtful plough man strode through the streets of Scarborough; after falling into a slough, he coughed and hiccoughed."

ONLY A FEW WEEKS LEFT

The Allen Shawn Feinstein \$1 MILLION giveaway for hunger ends on April 30th. Any donations of food or money for food that are given to either the Norwalk Area Food Bank or the Salvation Army up until April 30th are eligible for matching dollars from the Allen Shawn Feinstein Foundation. Each year this Foundation distributes \$1 million to hunger fighting agencies across the U.S. To contribute you can mail or drop off your donations to either the Food Bank at 92 North Prospect Street or to the Salvation Army at 55 Whittlesey Ave.

K of C BREAKFAST BUFFET

The K of C Breakfast Buffet will be held next Sunday 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. This will be the last breakfast until September.



ORGAN CONCERT

Sorrowful Mother Shrine organist, Seth Knight, will dedicate the Shrine's new pipe organ with a concert with works by J. S. Bach, Francois Couperin, Eduardo Torres, Daniel Pinkham and others on April 26 at 4 p.m. A reception will follow in the Pilgrim Center.