



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

FEBRUARY 1, 2009

**4th SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

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CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY AT 4 PM AT
ST. JOSEPH

FINANCE COMMITTEES

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Dear Friends,

While the Seven Dwarfs were marching through the forest one day, they fell in a deep, dark ravine. Snow White, who was following along, peered over the edge of the steep chasm and called out to the fallen dwarfs. From the depths of the dark hole a voice returned, "The (insert team) are Super Bowl contenders!" Snow White thought to herself, "Thank God... at least Dopey's survived.

Why are the (insert team) like a possum?
Because they play dead at home and get killed on the road.

Yes, it's here again, America's newest holiday, Super Bowl Sunday. For many, however, the celebration will be a little subdued or missing altogether this year. Worst fears became official last week when it was reported that 13.5% unemployment in Huron County is the highest in the State of Ohio. Members of our own faith community are included in the lay-offs, cut-backs and closings. What can we do to help?

Our parishes, both St. Joseph & St. Alphonsus, support the St. Vincent de Paul Society operated out of St. Mary parish in Norwalk. Proceeds from the monthly 2nd collection for the needy are sent there. We also contribute money and goods to the Salvation Army food bank in Norwalk and Huron County non-food bank housed at Monroeville's UCC. We can help further by volunteering time, needed items or making cash donations. You can help our school families directly by giving to our tuition assistance fund. Just a little increase in your Sunday offering will help defray heating expenses. If you are on a fixed income, your prayers are the most effective.

During Sunday's halftime show, one of my favorites, Bruce Springsteen, will be performing. His New Jersey blue-collar roots & Roman Catholic upbringing are similar to our own. His latest CD, "*Working on a Dream*," could double as Bruce's answer to last week's inaugural address; his optimistic sound track seems written for these new hard times. Here is the refrain from the title song:

"I'm working an a dream
Though sometimes it feels so far away
I'm working on a dream
And I know it will be mine someday."

Q: How many Brownies does it take to win a Super bowl?

A: No one knows, and we may never find out!

But, we can always dream.

Fr. Ken Lill

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Jan. 31 – St. John Bosco

5:00 PM (SJ) Margaret Tyler
Deceased Members of
Harlon Stang Family

Sun., Feb. 1 – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM (SA) Don Bauer
10:30 AM (SJ) Bob Leber

Mon., Feb. 2 – Presentation of the Lord

8:15 AM (SJ) Edna Martin

Tues., Feb. 3 – St. Blaise

7:00 PM (SA) Joe Schaffer

Wed., Feb. 4

8:15 AM (SJ) Tom Hofacker

Thurs., Feb. 5 – St. Agatha

8:15 AM (SJ) George McMahon,
T., B., & N. Englert

Fri., Feb. 6 – St. Paul Miki & Companions

8:15 AM (SJ) Richard Gerber

Sat., Feb. 7

5:00 PM (SJ) Edward Corbett
Charles Fitch

Sun., Feb. 8 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM (SA) Edward & Marcella Pheiffer
10:30 AM (SJ) Margaret & Walter Schlachter

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUN-Dt. 18:15-20/1 Cor. 7:32-35/Mt. 1:21-28

MON-Mal. 3:1-4/Heb. 2:14-18/Lk. 2:22-40

TUE-Heb. 12:1-4/Mk. 5:21-43

WED-Heb. 12:4-7, 11-15/Jk. 6:1-6

THU-Heb. 12:18-19, 21-24/Mk. 6:7-13

FRI-Heb. 13:1-8/Mk. 6:14-29

SAT-Heb. 13:15-17, 20-21/Mk. 6:30-34

CONTRIBUTIONS – JAN. 25

St. Joseph-Sunday-3,994, (130 envelopes) Loose-158.10, Holy Day-12, 50/50-60, Children-6, Bldg. Fund-30, Fuel-83, School Supp-87, Initial-70, Christmas-50 (18,747.25 Y-T-D).

St. Alphonsus-Sunday-2,776, (86 envelopes) Loose-56.50, Holy Day-10, Children-12.65, Initial-15, Vigil Lights-113.

BIRTHDAYS



FEB 2- Kelli Lavalley, Abbi Poths, Anthony Ruffing, Marjorie Schafer, Edward Scheid, Robert Smith, Paul Golden Buckeye Stang **FEB 3**-McKenzie Alt, Susan Gahring, Fred Leber, Patricia Roeder, Vince Schaffer **FEB 4**-Ethan Kluding, Walter Marcum, Jeanette Meyer, Katie Morrison, Drake Neuberger, Constance Schaffer **FEB 5**-Randy Chase, Brenda Gates, Beverly Hipp, Sandra Runkle, Jill Sitterly, Tom Sitterly, Dawn Smith **FEB 6**-Norbert Gates, Catherine Laird, Megan Lesch, Christopher Ryan, Dorothy Schaffer, Rebecca Shawver, Nicholas Smith, Tom Tyler **FEB 7**-Keegan Gies, Christina Kerner, Lydia Landoll **FEB 8**-Nick Bischoff, Andrew Gray, Valerie Ruffing, Kevin Smith, Graison Yoder

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, Feb. 7– 5:00 p.m. – St. Joseph

L Elaine Finch, Adam Mastroianni
U **Kevin or Kyle Fries**, Chris Gies, Bob Wilhelm

EM **John Miller**, Charlene Bauer, Phyllis Gravenhorst, Betty Schafer, Shirley Stang

S Madeline Bollenbacher, Alex Darr, Abby Swanson

Sunday, Feb. 8– 8:30 a.m. – St. Alphonsus

L Larry Hanneman, Sue Moore

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

EM Jim & Cheryl Wasiniak, Mike & Diane Wasiniak, Tom Smith, Mary Ott, Jeanette Ott, Bob & Alice Crist

S Amanda & Joshua Hanneman, Aaron Gates

G Nancy & Bob Wilson

Sunday, Feb. 8 – 10:30 a.m. – St. Joseph

L Lynn Drown, Krista Smith

U **Kevin Stieber**, Elaine Stieber, Joe Brown

EM **Richard Palmer**, Marilyn Palmer, Rita Stieber, Chris Raftery, Sandy Lonz, 1 Volunteer

S Cooper Pierce, Olivia Smith

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

FEB 8 – Sheila Meikle

COUNTERS – FEB. 2

Mary Dreschel, Barbara Dick, Catherine Raftery, Sheila Stang, Nancy Wilson

BINGO – Feb. 2

CREW #5: Ted Kluding, Deb Anderson, Carolyn Sabo, Kim Stallkamp, George or Amy Latteman, Kevin or Brandi Roeder, Tracy or Kenny Brooks

FOOD: Judi Bollenbacher, Karen Gerber

KITCHEN: Judi Bollenbacher, Karen Gerber

BAKERS: Sue Boehler, Kris Schaffer, Jennifer Takacs

SET UP: Annette Schaffer

WINDOW: Ann Darr

PARISH CALENDAR

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

BLESSING OF THROATS Tuesday at 8:15 a.m. at St. Joseph and at 7:00 p.m. at St. Alphonsus.

ST. ALPHONSUS CEMETERY MEETING Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

PSR next Sunday at 9 a.m. at St. Joseph and at 9:30 at St. Alphonsus.

HOLY NAME MEETING next Sunday at 9:45 a.m.

AREA EVENTS

BREAKFAST BUFFET at St. Francis Xavier today from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Adults: \$6; Children: \$3.

WINTER HEART CARNIVAL at Monroeville UCC Tuesday, Feb. 3. Lunch served from noon – 3 p.m. followed by cards and board games.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST Saturday, Feb. 14 from 9-noon at First Baptist Church of Norwalk to benefit ROY participants. Adults:\$5; Children:\$3; Family:\$14.



Congratulations to our second graders who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on January 29:

Keegan Berry, Michael Berry, Gavin Blanton, Erica Bollenbacher, Joselyn Brown, Teresa DeVos, Owen Duncan, Madison Elmlinger, Mason Kluding, Lauren Miller, Abigail Millis, Petra Montana, Skyler Mynarsky, Amelia Opper, Samantha Ott, Jared Perry, Kelsie Rarick, Marky Resor, Callie Rife, Adam Rogers, Kylie Roth, Jacob Sattler, Allie Schafer, Benjamin Schafer, Sawyer Schafer, Olivia Schaffer-Adams, Allison Shawver, Jared Sitterly, Nicholas Smith, Samuel Stallkamp, Stacia Stieber, Zoltan Takacs, Amanda Wahl, Cole Wasiniak, and Sean Workley.

Thank you to their teachers Theresa Fries, GERALYN Cole-Smith, Rosalie Smith, as well as their parents, for passing on the Catholic faith.

Feb. 2 is the feast of the Presentation of the Lord.

The Blessing of Candles will take place at the all-school Mass at 8:15. Bring candles with you to Mass to have them blessed for personal and family use.

Tuesday, Feb. 3, is the feast of St. Blaise and the Blessing of Throats will take place at Liturgy of the Word at 8:15 a.m. at St. Joseph and at Mass at 7 p.m. at St. Alphonsus.

MAY GOD SEND HIS HEALING BLESSINGS to

Bea Feuerstein, Jeanette Leibold, Mike Martin, Gary Rasnick, George Stepanic, Jim Smith, & Tom V.

SECOND COLLECTION

The Second Collection for the needy will be taken up next weekend.

During the month of January the St. Mary St. Vincent de Paul Society assisted 33 families with rent and utilities in the amount of \$7,041.00. We are privileged to be able to reach out to those in need and grateful for your monetary donations that allow us to continue this work.

A RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE is scheduled for Monday Feb 16 from 3-7 p.m. at St. Alphonsus. For a small portion of your time you may save a life or two.

VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER

Reservations for the Valentine's Day Dinner sponsored by the 2009 St Alphonsus Confirmation Class are due by Feb. 8. The Feb. 14 event will begin at 6:00 p.m. with appetizers, followed by dinner and dessert. Cost will be \$6.00 per person and all proceeds will go to the St Vincent de Paul Society. Adults or High School students who are interested in assisting the class, please call Maryellen at 419-668-6874.

HURON COUNTY NON-FOOD BANK

The next Non-Food Bank will be held on Feb. 19 from 2-5 p.m. Items needed are Toilet Paper, Bar Soap, Dish Soap, Trash Bags, Multi-use Cleaner, Paper Towels, Laundry Detergent, Toothpaste and Shampoo. Donations can be left in the back of either church.

If you are interested in volunteering your time to help on the Non-Food Bank distribution days, please contact Sister Nancy at (419-465-2000).

PARISH MISSION

St. Mary & St. Anthony Parishes are hosting a mission!!! The mission is entitled Sacred Menu: Eucharist and Forgiveness. Presenters are Fr. John Graden, OSFS & Sr. Loretta Fahey, VHM. The dates are Feb. 8-11 starting @ 7 pm, and will be held at St. Mary parish in Norwalk. Child care will be provided. Local transportation can be arranged. For further info. Call Don Kunisch @ 419-668-1201, Roberta Michel @ 419-499-2195 or Theresa Riley @ 419-668-1388.

NEED A NIGHT OFF FROM COOKING?

Order a homemade pie and help the local M.S. Walk Team "Legs for Leo". Chicken pot pies are \$15, Fruit pies are \$10 – pecan, apply crumb, elderberry and blueberry. Call Rosalie Smith at 419-663-5530 to place your order. The chicken pot pies are frozen and unbaked and the fruit pies can be baked, frozen or unbaked. Thank you for your support.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 626

Saturday, Feb. 7th the Council is sponsoring our 3rd Annual K of C Chili Cook-Off at the Club. Counter opens at 4:00 p.m. with Chili ready for tasting at 6:00. People's Choice and Grand Knight Award for the winners. Monday, Feb. 9th at 7:30 p.m. the Knights will hold their regular meeting at the Club Room with the 4th Degree meeting to follow.

MONROEVILLE K of C 200 CLUB WINNERS

Jan. 20-Rose Reinbolt, Susan Matta, Stephen Schumm
Jan. 27-Julie Amato, Mike Volker, Tom Wingate

ATTENTION QUILTERS

The St. Joseph 2009 Festival Quilt "Country Stars" will be on the frame February 3 at Pat Scheid's home and ready for volunteer quilters. We quilt on Tuesdays and Thursdays and you can pick your time. Pack a sandwich if you want to quilt thru lunch time, or just come for a couple of hours. Open house from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and 6:30-9:00 p.m. at 954 State Route 99 South. Beginners are welcome! We have starter projects. Call Pat at 419-465-2683 for more information.

ONE FAITH...MANY BLESSINGS

We have received our 4th quarter rebates from the One Faith...Many Blessings Campaign: St. Alphonsus-\$90, St. Joseph-\$75. Thank you to all who have participated in this campaign.

LADIES OF ST. ALPHONSUS

February Hostesses are Rhoda Fisher and Jean Fisher. Committee is Deborah Beveridge, Michelle Breslin, Denise Caizzo, Julie Castle, Delores Charville, Ruthann Foltz, Susanne Fritz, Carolyn Garcia, Alma Hakes, Linda Hohler, Mary Lou Hohler, Sara Hohler, Jessica Hunter, Linda Kamann, Amy Latteman, Karen Long, Michelle Montivilas, Sarah Sattler, Carolyn Sabo.

LADIES OF ST. JOSEPH

February Chairladies are Tammy Opper, Sandy Runkle and Sandy Lonz. Committee is all ladies whose birthdays are in February.