

## 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



FEBRUARY 8, 2009

5<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,

**“Four score and seven years ago  
our fathers brought forth on this continent,  
a new nation, conceived in Liberty,  
and dedicated to the proposition  
that all men are created equal.”**

These words begin one of the most significant political speeches in the history of our nation, Abraham Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address. Delivered 145 years ago, November 19, 1863, it continues to endure as a statement of American liberty and freedom. It is amazing how often the public language uttered by this self-taught man was poetry – the call for a “new birth of freedom” on the Gettysburg battlefield and to “bind up the nation’s wounds” at the end of the Civil War.

Mary Lincoln explained to his law partner and biographer, William Herndon, that “though not a technical Christian, Lincoln was a religious man always” who had a “kind of poetry in his soul”. Somehow the mystery of God’s grace worked in his soul and heart as he debated the future of slavery. Lincoln’s mantra, the text found in the Declaration of Independence, on which he meditated again and again, and stood at the heart of his politics, was, “We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal.”

This week as we celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> birthday of our 16<sup>th</sup> President on February 12, perhaps take some time to read about, study and reflect on the courage of this great man.

Changing subjects, St. Joseph Parish is in the throes of completing the budget for the 2009 – 2010 fiscal year. In ordinary times, this is a difficult and complicated process. Our present economy makes it even more so this year. I am grateful to the members of the Finance Committee, St. Joseph School Advisory Committee and our Core Staff for their valuable input towards this effort. I would also like to take the opportunity to express my thanks to all of our benefactors who continue to be so generous in these tough times. If you are in a position to make a small gift, the St. Joseph Annual Fund or the Tuition Assistance Fund, are a worthy cause.

On a personal note, I am grateful for the many kind comments and cards affirming our homilies and bulletin articles from Advent, Christmas and into the new year. It is an honor and pleasure to lead our faith community in this way.

Happy Birthday to Honest Abe and to all.

*Fr. Ken Lill*

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sat., Feb. 7**

5:00 PM (SJ) Edward Corbett  
Charles Fitch

**Sun., Feb. 8 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Mon., Feb. 9**

NO MASS

**Tues., Feb. 10 – St. Scholastica**

7:00 PM (SA) Rachel Geiger

**Wed., Feb. 11 – Our Lady of Lourdes**

8:15 AM (SJ) Rosemary Schaffer

**Thurs., Feb. 12**

8:15 AM (SJ) Joe Didion

**Fri., Feb. 13**

8:15 AM (SJ) Loretta Hofacker

**Sat., Feb. 14 – Sts. Cyril & Methodius**

5:00 PM (SJ) Clarence Martin  
Ray & Marie Gates

**Sun., Feb. 15 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 AM (SA) Marie Latteman  
10:30 AM (SJ) Anna Wilhelm

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUN-Jb. 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor. 9:16-19, 22-23/

Mk. 1:29-39

MON-Gn. 1:1-19/Mk. 6:53-56

TUE-Gn. 1:20; 2:4a/Mk. 7:1-13

WED-Gn. 2:4b-9, 15-17/Mk. 7:14-23

THU-Gn. 2:128-25/Mk. 7:24-30

FRI-Gn. 3:1-8/Mk. 7:31-37

SAT-Gn. 3:9-24/Mk. 8:1-10

## **CONTRIBUTIONS – FEB. 1**

**St. Joseph**-Sunday-4,473, (118 envelopes) Loose-238.70, St. VdeP-117, 50/50-75, Children-2, Bldg. Fund-100, Fuel-75, School Supp-235, Initial-20, Holy Name-95.

**St. Alphonsus**-Sunday-2,114, (65 envelopes) Loose-66.01, Holy Day-100, Children-7, Initial-20, Vigil Lights-18.

## **MAY GOD SEND HIS HEALING BLESSINGS to**

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

## **CHECK OUT THE NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE!**

Go to [www.noeca.net](http://www.noeca.net) and click on “Progress Book”, then “Parent Access” and then the St. Joseph icon. School news and information, the Principal’s Corner, School calendar, and monthly menu are all public domain information.

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

**Saturday, Feb. 14– 5:00 p.m. – St. Joseph**

**L** Krista Smith, Nancy Alt  
**U** **Jeff Clark**, Paul Stang, Ron Stieber  
**EM** **Sheila Meikle**, Tom Runkle, Geri Myers, Betty Schafer, John Miller

**S** Kendra & Collin England, Logan Shinski

**Sunday, Feb. 15– 8:30 a.m. – St. Alphonsus**

**L** Hillary Fritz, John Burrow  
**U** Tom Ott, Jim Schindley, Jim Pheiffer, Dave Barman

**EM** Chuck & Sue Fritz, Ruth Ann Foltz, Marti Long, Pat Schaffer, Nancy Wilson, Catherine, John Garcia, 1 volunteer

**S** Ann Vanderpool, Macie & Lauren Ott

**G** Julie & Glenn Brooks

**Sunday, Feb. 15 – 10:30 a.m. – St. Joseph**

**L** Mike Adelman, Lynn Drown

**U** **Mark Bores**, Dan Stieber, Craig Selka

**EM** **Sue Rogers**, Jennifer Meagrow, Diana Brown, Barbara Good, Barb Smith, 1 volunteer

**S** Kyle Boehler, Hallie Swanson

## COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

FEB 15 – Diana Brown

## COUNTERS – FEB. 9

Kathy Camp, Nancy Alt, Shirley Kluding, Catherine Raftery, Alice & Bob Crist

## BINGO – FEB. 9

**CREW #6:** Elaine Stieber, Tina Elmlinger, Mark Kramer, Amy Latteman, Chris or Leslie Opper, Pam Devos

**FOOD:** Kraig & Stacy Schafer

**KITCHEN:** Agnes Balduff, Laurie Haughawout

**BAKERS:** Linda Ryan, Catherine Tyler, Ellen Schwab

**SET UP:** Annette Schaffer

**WINDOW:** Terri Russ

## BIRTHDAYS



**FEB 9-** Tim Ruffing, Cole Wasiniak,

Joe Wilhelm **FEB 10-** Valerie Betschman, Kenny Finch, Eileen Jackson, Marcella Miller, Deborah

Orth **FEB 11-** Olivia Gates, Jo Ann Gildenmeister, Tom Hedrick, Annabelle Meyer, William Roeder, Lou Anne Sitterly **FEB 12-** Sanasha Adelman, Everett

Alt, Hallie Swanson **FEB 13-** Dolores Charville, Hannah Dresser, Brittany Martin, Allison Seifker

**FEB 14-** Chris Gies, Brittany Gillespie, Wilma Nickoli, James Pheiffer **FEB 15-** Russell Culler, Diane Meyer, Theresa Myers, Agnes Pierce, Michael Schindley

## **PARISH CALENDAR**

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

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

PASTORAL COUNCIL will meet Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

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

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### **SPAGHETTI DINNER**

FEB. 17 5-7 p.m.

ST. JOSEPH  
SOCIAL CENTER

Adults: \$6; Children \$3; Family \$20

### **1<sup>ST</sup> RECONCILIATION**

Macy Schafer's name was missing from last week's list of those students who made their 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation on Jan. 29. Sorry for the error.

### **RAFFLE TICKETS**

Raffle tickets for a couch and for a year's free tuition are still available. The drawing will be Tuesday, Feb. 17 at the Spaghetti Dinner. Contact the school office to purchase tickets.

**RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE** will be at St. Alphonsus on Monday Feb 16 from 3-7 p.m.

### **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).

### **MONROEVILLE K of C 200 CLUB WINNERS**

Feb. 3-\$50: Jim Gravenhorst

\$25: David Schibley, Harold Myers

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 626**

Monday, Feb. 9th at 7:30 p.m. the Knights will hold their regular meeting at the Club Room with the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree meeting to follow.

## **PARISH MISSION**

St. Mary & St. Anthony Parishes are hosting a mission Feb. 8-11 starting @ 7 pm and held at St. Mary parish in Norwalk. The mission is entitled Sacred Menu: Eucharist and Forgiveness. Presenters are Fr. John Graden, OSFS & Sr. Loretta Fahey, VHM. 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.

## **AN EVENING OF FUN**

St. Mary's Reverse Raffle will be held on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> in the NCS Early Childhood Center gym at 77 State Street. Come celebrate with a delicious dinner provided by Blue Ribbon Catering. \$5000 in cash prizes and a \$10,000 grand prize will be given away. Tickets are on sale now! Raffle tickets sell for \$100 each, and include one dinner. Additional dinner tickets sell for \$20 each. You must be 21 years old to attend. Tickets purchased by March 2nd are entered in an Early Bird Drawing for a chance at winning an extra \$100. For more information or to purchase tickets contact the Parish Office at 668-2005 or Tammie Smith at 668-1237 or Sarah Anderson at 660-9854.

**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, February 26, 2009 in Norwalk. The method taught, the Sympto-Thermal Method, is safe, effective, and morally acceptable. For further information, registration, or to learn of other classes in the area, please call Paul or Monica Depinet at (419) 660-0534

## **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, apple 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.

## **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.

**Fisher-Titus Medical Center  
Health Ministry Program**

Healthy Habits-Newsletter/ Bulletin Insert  
**February 2009**

February is recognized as heart healthy month. An important aspect to heart health is exercise. All of us need assistance for working exercise into a Christian lifestyle, so below is a list of exercise guidelines for God's people.

- Commit your health and lifestyle choices to the Lord and ask for His strength.
- Consider exercise as one part of an overall plan of stewardship and aim for balancing your health choices in terms of your relationship with Christ.
- Develop an exercise plan that is do-able, fun and convenient as well as meeting your other personal needs.
- Set realistic exercise/fitness goals and record your daily progress
- Set aside a consistent time for exercise. Do it at least 3 times per week.
- Start slow and gradually build up your program and stamina
- Share your plan with someone else and employ them as a prayer/support partner.
- Remind yourself of the physical, emotional and spiritual blessings of an active life.
- Enjoy living an active and healthy life with God's blessings!

Taken in part from Seasons for Wholeness; Vol III by Ruth Dankanich Daumer MSN, RN

*"God encourages us to take care of our physical bodies in a responsible way." 1 Corinthians 6:19.*

**HURON COUNTY  
NON-FOOD BANK**  
February 19, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
March 19, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.



Congregational Community Church  
29 Chapel Street, Monroeville

Donations of the following items  
needed:

Toilet Paper, Paper Towels,  
Bar Soap, Laundry Detergent, Dish  
Soap, Toothpaste, Trash Bags,  
Shampoo, Multi-use cleaner

Items can be left in the back of  
St. Joseph and St. Alphonsus  
churches.

The Job Store Mobile unit will be  
present to help  
with job search and resume writing.

**St. Joseph Social  
Center**

**Feb. 17 - 5-7 p.m.**

**Adults: \$6**

**Children 10 & under: \$3**

**Family: \$20**

## 2009-2010 ANNUAL FUND CAMPAIGN UPDATE

The faculty, staff and students of Saint Joseph School are very grateful for the generous donations of the following families and businesses to the 2009-2010 Annual Fund campaign.. To date, the appeal has received \$34,774 in donations and pledges. If you have not invested in the future of our school, please consider a “good stewardship” contribution to the Fund.

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Jim Francis

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