



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

JANUARY 11, 2009**BAPTISM OF
THE LORD**

I HAVE
 GIVEN YOU
 AS A LIGHT
 TO ALL
 NATIONS

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AT LEAST 6 MONTH NOTICE AND
 ATTENDANCE AT ENGAGED
 COUPLES CONFERENCE

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CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY AT 4 PM AT
 ST. JOSEPH

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Dear Friends,

Every year during the week of celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, the Church celebrates *National Vocation Awareness Week*, as a reminder that all Christians are called to live out their baptismal commitment on a daily basis. Do we ever think about our own baptism and what commitment it brings?

Often we think of ourselves as individuals taking care of ourselves and closest family. Baptism makes us one with all the other members of Christ's body. Do I actively care for other members of the body of Christ, even – or more especially – those I don't like?

During the ceremony, the priest or deacon anoints the person being baptized with sacred chrism saying, "As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet and King, so may you live always as a member of his body, sharing everlasting life". Our *baptismal priesthood* invites each of us to participate in Jesus' self-giving love. Are my actions fundamentally selfish or loving?

The *prophetic character of baptism* calls us to live God's word and all its demands. Do I try to cheat God, myself and others?

Baptism gives us a share in *Christ's kingly function* – divinely ironic, because this is the mark of service and stewardship. Do I serve people or expect to be served?

This week, let us think about our own baptism and the baptism of the children and god-children we have brought forward to receive this first sacrament. Let us think about the gift and responsibility that it is. Our participation in the Eucharistic sacrifice of the mass perfects within us the gifts given at baptism.

Also, please set aside some time to pray specifically for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life as a particular way our baptismal call is lived out.

Fr. Ken Lill

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Jan. 10

5:00 PM (SJ) Kelly & Todd Jones
Steve Gerber

Sun., Jan. 11 – Baptism of the Lord

8:30 AM (SA) Richard Dreschel
10:30 AM (SJ) Rev. R. J. Miller
Richard Gerber

Mon., Jan. 12

NO MASS

Tues., Jan. 13 – St. Hilary

7:00 PM (SA) Vi Baker

Wed., Jan. 14

8:15 AM (SJ) Helen Ruffing

Thurs., Jan. 15

8:15 AM (SJ) John Scales Family

Fri., Jan. 16

8:15 AM (SJ) John J. Miller

Sat., Jan. 17 – St. Anthony

5:00 PM (SJ) Alf & Adeline Kluding
Rosemary Schaffer

Sun., Jan. 18 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM (SA) Rachel Geiger
10:30 AM (SJ) Anna Wilhelm
Thelma Gerber

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUN-Is. 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts. 10:34-38/Mk. 1:7-11

MON-Heb. 1:1-6/Mk. 1:14-20

TUE-Heb. 2:5-12/Mk. 1:21-28

WED-Heb 2:14-18/Mk. 1:29-39

THU-Heb. 3:7-14/Mk. 1:40-45

FRI-Heb. 4:1-5, 11/Mk.2:1-12

SAT-Heb. 4:12-16/Mk.2:13-17

CONTRIBUTIONS – JAN. 4

St. Joseph-Sunday-45,089, Loose-313, Holy Day-851, 50/50-65, St. VdeP-3, Children-4, Bldg. Fund-25, Fuel-100, School Supp-195, Initial-343, Christmas-515 (17,697.25 Y-T-D), Rel. Ret-15.

St. Alphonsus-Sunday-2,222, Loose-57, Children-6, Holy Day-819, Vigil Lights-30, Christmas-45 (10,178.27 Y-T-D), Initial-190.

BIRTHDAYS



JAN 12-Ruth Carroll, Ida Kluding, Marilyn Palmer, Cheryl Rarick, Brandi Roeder, Benjamin Schafer, Victoria Smith, Julia White **JAN 13**-Angela Homan, Lori Kaser, Fred Stang, Zoltan Takacs **JAN**

14-David Martin, Carl Phillips, Jill Roberts, Margaret Smith, Virginia Smith, Adam Stang **JAN 15**-Kenneth Brown, Jane Hedrick, Adam Heyman, Mary Miller, Valerie Newell, Marcellus Ott, Karen

Silcox **JAN 16**-Tonya Heuring, Chad Lucal, William Mahl, Sheila Meikle, Mary Jean Pretto **JAN 17**-Gurdon Bores, Cynthia Clark, Jacqueline Crane, Jaris Morrison, Ashley Schaffer **JAN 18**-Mike Hohler, Stasia Howell, Alice Ringholz, Diane Schaffer, Griffin Schwan, Brian Watt

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, Jan. 17– 5:00 p.m. – St. Joseph

L Krista Smith, Adam Mastroianni
U **John Fries**, Robert Stieber, Robert Wilhelm
EM **Charlene Bauer**, Tom Runkle, Betty Schafer, Sheila Meikle, John Miller
S Victoria Smith, Nathan Watt, Dominique Workley

Sunday, Jan. 18– 8:30 a.m. – St. Alphonsus

L Pat Schaffer, Carolyn Garcia
U Bob Latteman, Denny Perry, Ken Silcox, John Like
EM Chuck & Sue Fritz, Ruth Ann Foltz, Marti Long, Pat Schaffer, Nancy Wilson, Catherine, John Garcia, 1 Volunteer
S Ida, Jami & Kyle Kluding
G Michelle Montvilas, Erin Lendrum

Sunday, Jan. 18 – 10:30 a.m. – St. Joseph

L Lynn Drown, Angie Roth
U **Ken Bischoff**, Doug Elmlinger, Zachary Schafer
EM **Jennifer Meagrow**, Diana Brown, Barbara Good, Linda Laux, Sandy Lonz, Barb Smith
S Eric Bischoff, Kyle Boehler

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

JAN 18 – Sue Rogers

COUNTERS – JAN. 12

Phyllis Gravenhorst, Diane Henderson, Margaret Smith, Catherine Raftery, Alice & Bob Crist

BINGO – JAN. 12

CREW #2: Scott White, John Elmlinger, Deb Pierce, Andrea Smith, Marie Bischoff, Marilyn Watt, Mike Palmer

KITCHEN: Paula Underwood

BAKERS: Jackie Schafer, Robin Clair, Katie Leber

SET UP: Joanne Montana

WINDOW: Jill Schafer

PARISH CALENDAR

HOLY NAME MEETING today at 9:45 a.m.

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

PASTORAL COUNCIL meets Tuesday at 7:30.

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

ANNUAL FUND KICK-OFF next weekend.



SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK

The monthly Second Collection for the needy will be this weekend at all Masses.

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL 2009 ANNUAL FUND

The 2009 Annual Fund Kickoff has been moved back to Jan. 17-18. This two week adjustment will allow families and businesses to sort their priorities and hopefully continue to invest in St. Joseph School.

VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER

The 2009 St Alphonsus Confirmation Class would like to invite parish adults to a Valentines Day Dinner on Saturday, February 14, 2009 at St Alphonsus.

Reservations are required and reservation forms will be available next Sunday at St Alphonsus. Cost will be \$6.00 per person and all proceeds will go to the St Vincent de Paul Society. The evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. with appetizers, followed by dinner and dessert. Adults or High School students who are interested in assisting the class, please call Maryellen at 419-668-6874.



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.

MAY GOD SEND HIS HEALING BLESSINGS

to Bea Feuerstein, Ray and Mary Jane Gerber, Jeanette Leibold, Mike Martin, Kim Neill, Gary Rasnick, Adam Schafer, George Stepanic, Jim Smith, & Tom V.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you have requested a Contribution Statement in the past, your statement for 2008 has been printed and is available in the back of the church of which you are a member. If you have not previously requested a statement and you would like one for 2008, please call the parish office.

NON-FOOD BANK

The next Huron County Non-Food Bank will be held Thursday, January 15 from 2-5 p.m. at Congregational Community Church. Donations of the following items would be much appreciated:

Toilet paper	Paper Towels
Bar Soap	Laundry Detergent
Dish Soap	Toothpaste
Trash Bags	Shampoo
Multi-use Cleaner	

Items can be left at the back of either church.

CELEBRATE THE SEASON

St. Francis Xavier, Willard will present an evening of fine dining and live entertainment with musical guest Darryl Gatlin on Saturday, Jan. 24. Hors d'oeuvres begin at 5:30 p.m. with Dinner at 6 and musical entertainment from 7-9.

Guests will have their choice of Chicken Cordon Bleu or Roasted Pork Loin.

To reserve your tickets now call 419-935-1149. Tickets are \$25 each.

YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the January program beginning with a weekend on January 23-25, 2009 call 419-690-0083 or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 626,

The Knights will hold their regular meeting on Jan. 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Club Room with Home Association and 4th Degree meetings to follow. On Jan. 18 the 4th Degree will participate in the Right to Life March and on Jan. 25 the Knights will sponsor their Basketball Free Throw contest from 1:00 - 2:00 pm at the Convocation Center for boys and girls ages 10 -14. All participants are asked to arrive by 12:30 pm.

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

Happy New Year !

Some wonderful advice from the Ohio Department of Health regarding Snow Removal!!!

Snow shoveling can cause serious injuries or death to people who are elderly, have chronic health problems or are not used to strenuous activity.

Important Tips!!!

- Never smoke while shoveling. Tobacco smoke constricts blood vessels just as cold air does; the combination can be dangerous.
- If you become short of breath while shoveling, stop and rest. If you feel pain or tightness in your chest, stop immediately and call for help.
- Have a partner monitor your progress and share the workload. If a heart attack happens, your partner can call for help and, if trained, perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation, or CPR, until help arrives.
- If you have a known health problem, use a snow blower or hire a snow removal service. Keep in mind, pushing snow blowers through heavy, packed snow can also present a health risk. Don't assume using a snow blower alone will eliminate your risk.
- Each shovelful of dry snow weighs about four pounds, while wet snow can weigh significantly more. Warm up before shoveling by walking and stretching you arms and legs for a few minutes. Warm muscles are less likely to be injured and work more efficiently. Wear sturdy shoes with rugged soles to help prevent slips and falls.

<http://www.co.lucas.oh.us/health/WinterTips.asp>

“There is a time for every matter.” Ecclesiastes 3:1