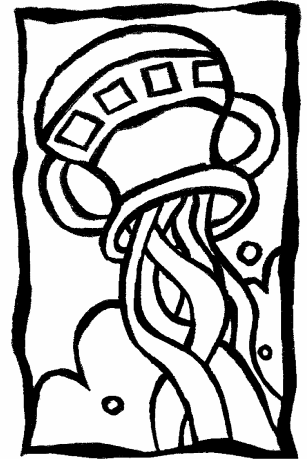




June 28, 2008 – June 29, 2009
YEAR OF ST. PAUL
The Great Evangelizer
Martyr for the Love of Christ

MARCH 1, 2009**1st SUNDAY IN LENT****PASTORAL STAFF**

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SATURDAY AT 4 PM AT
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Dear Friends,

I saw it! Tuesday night driving back to Monroeville after mass at St. Alphonsus, I saw the green comet called Lulin. The southwest sky was dark and clear enough to see its one-time only visit to our solar system. For those who want a quick “brush up” on their science, a comet is a clump of frozen gases mixed with dust. These “dirty snowballs” cast off gas and dust when they get close to the sun. Although Lulin’s color looked like that of another star to me, scientists said it would have a green color from a poisonous, cyanide-like gas in its atmosphere some 38 million miles from earth. The comet was discovered on July 11, 2007 by diligent students at the Lulin Observatory in Taiwan.

I think it is exciting and important to study and pay attention to what is going on in the world around us. After all, isn’t that how the Magi stumbled upon the baby Jesus? Lent is a time for us to search and explore our spiritual interior as well. Lent is a time to re-discover and come closer to the crucified and risen Jesus.

It is especially through the grace of our sacramental life that we are drawn closer to our Creator. During Lent there are many in our faith community who are preparing to receive Sacraments of Initiation. There are adults who will be baptized, confirmed and receive the Eucharist for the first time at Easter. Fifty of our 7th & 8th grade students will be confirmed on March 22nd. Our 2nd graders will receive the Eucharist for the first time after Easter. Please keep these and their families in your prayers. The sacramental life of a parish is its life-blood.

In today’s brief passage from Mark’s gospel, we hear Jesus speak his first words:

“This is the time of fulfillment.
 The kingdom of God is at hand.
 Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

These three sentences not only summarize the next ten chapters of Mark written 2000 years ago, they announce a new advent in our time, a new situation, a call for radical change, and a re-commitment to faith. This Lent let us search and explore our faith.

Fr. Ken Lill

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Feb. 28

5:00 PM (SJ) Margaret Tyler
Bob & Theresa Graham

Sun., March 1 – 1st Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM (SA) Edward Schafer
10:30 AM (SJ) Joe Didion

Mon., March 2

NO MASS

Tues., March 3 – St. Katherine Drexel

7:00 PM (SA) Eldon Smith

Wed., March 4

8:15 AM (SJ) Helen Ruffing

Thurs., March 5

8:15 AM (SJ) Clifford Wilhelm

Fri., March 6

8:15 AM (SJ) Rich Kluding

Sat., March 7 – Sts. Perpetua & Felicity

5:00 PM (SJ) Richard Dreschel
Anna Wilhelm

Sun., March 8 – 2nd Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM (SA) David Van Fleet
10:30 AM (SJ) Walter & Margaret Schlachter

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUN-Gn. 9:8-15/1 Pt. 3:18-22/Mk. 1:12-15

Mon-Lv. 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt. 25:31-46

TUE-Is. 55:10-11/Mt. 5:7-11

WED-Jon. 3:1-10/Lk. 11:29-32

THU-Ext C: 12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt. 7:7-12

FRI-Ez. 18:21-28/Mt. 5:20-26

SAT-Dt. 26:16-19/Mt. 5:43-48

CONTRIBUTIONS – FEB. 22

St. Joseph-Sunday-3,045, (116 envelopes) Loose-134.42, St. VdeP-61, 50/50-45, Holy Name-25.

St. Alphonsus-Sunday-2,390, (90 envelopes) Loose-126.25, Children-15, Initial-10, Vigil Lights-12.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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

L Elaine Finch, Krista Smith
U **Jeff Clark**, Kevin or Kyle Fries, Paul Stang
EM **Charlene Bauer**, Jane Kramer, Sheila Meikle, Geri Myers, Tom Runkle
S Taylor Brooks, Nathan Watt, Dominique Workley

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

L Robin Welch, Sue Schindley
U Bob Latteman, Denny Perry, Ken Silcox, John Like
EM Jim & Cheryl wAsiniak, Mike & Diane Wasiniak, Tom Smith, Mary Ott, Jeanette Ott, Bob & Alice Crist
S Ida, Jami & Kyle Kluding
G Tom & Ida Ott

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

L Jackie Schafer, Cherri Schaffer
U **Fred Leber**, Ron Schaffer, Dan Stieber
EM **Barbara Good**, Jennifer Meagrow, Chris Raftery, Sue Rogers, Rita Stieber, 1 volunteer
S Eric, Audra & Lydia Leber

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

MAR 8 – Betty Schafer

COUNTERS – MAR. 2

Theresa Schafer, Ruth Schaffer, Judy Trushel, Catherine Raftery, Sheila Stang, Nancy Wilson

BINGO – MAR. 2

CREW #3: Craig Selka, June Ferguson, Ann Sitterly, Tom Gies, Joe Wilhelm, Krista Smith

FOOD: Rick & Chas Heck

KITCHEN: Paula Underwood

BAKERS: Jane Hedrick, Linda Smith, Heidi Swanson

SET UP: Mimi Ott

WINDOW: Jane Kramer

BIRTHDAYS

MAR 2-Becky Ames, Cynthia Jones, Myra Meyer, David Schafer **MAR 3**-Dorothy Doughty, Theresa Fries, Deanna Miller, James Orth, Leo Raab, Adam Schafer, Megan Schaffer **MAR 4**-Justin Kerner, Raymond Myers, Cynthia Robinson, Greg Schafer, Thomas Scheid, Deborah Workley **MAR 5**-Kim Clark, Burl Dellinger, Ashley Gies, Patricia Kluding, James Pierce, Scott Reilly, Faydean Showalter, Ann Sitterly **MAR 6**-Andrew Breslin, Alex Darr, Hakon Espvik, Stacey Pocock, Mike Sitterly, Nathan Watt, Amanda Wilhelm **MAR 7**-Robert McGinn, Jackie Reed **MAR 8**-Susan Dellinger, Ian Miller, Douglas Ringholz



PARISH CALENDAR

RITE OF ELECT for RCIA today at 10:30 Mass.

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

1st COMMUNION PARENT MEETING Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at St. Alphonsus.

ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICE Wednesday at St. Joseph.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Thursday at 7 p.m. at St. Alphonsus and Friday at 1:30 p.m. at St. Joseph.

PSR next Sunday at 9:30 at St. Alphonsus. No PSR at St. Joseph.

HOLY NAME PANCAKE BREAKFAST & SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE next Sunday.

RITE OF ENROLLMENT for 1st Communion next Sunday.

AREA EVENTS

ALL-U-CAN EAT FISH FRY at St. Boniface Church, Oak Harbor on Fridays during Lent. Adults \$8, Children \$4.

BREAKFAST BUFFET at St. Francis Xavier, Willard on Sunday, March 1 from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Adults \$6, Children \$3.

FISH FRY on Friday March 6 from 4:30-7 p.m. at St. Mary, Clyde. Alaskan Walleye, Potato, Salad Bar, Drink. Adults \$8, Children \$3.

ST. PADDY'S NIGHT at St. Mary, Clyde on March 14. Doors open at 6 p.m. Must be 21 to enter. \$10 per person includes 5 drink tickets, soup/salad bar & sandwiches. Card Room.

"POT 'O GOLD" BUSINESS FAIR Sunday, March 15 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church, Bellevue. Business Displays – Prizes – Food
For more information: www.icbell.org



LENTEN SERVICES

Our Wednesday night Lenten Services will begin on March 4. Each night will begin with a soup supper at 6 p.m. followed by a prayer service will follow at 7.

March 4 – St. Joseph

March 11- Monroeville UCC

March 18-St. Alphonsus

March 25 – St. John's UCC

April 1 – Trinity Lutheran

Please bring one of the following items for the Non-food bank – dish soap, shampoo, multi-purpose cleaner.

NEW SCHEDULES

New schedules for St. Joseph Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, and Servers are available in the back of church.

RITE OF ENROLLMENT for students making their 1st Communion this year will be held next Sunday at the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Annual Holy Name Pancake Breakfast will be held next Sunday from 9 a.m. – noon. Cost is \$4. Worker's lists are in today's bulletin

LADIES OF ST. ALPHONSUS

The Cattlemen's Dinner will be held on March 10. Pies and helpers are needed! Please sign up in the back of church.

SAUSAGE SALE

St. Joseph 7th and 8th Graders are conducting a Sausage Sale to earn money for their class trip. Order your whole hog sausage (\$6 for 2-lb pack) by calling the school office. The sale runs thru March 6 and delivery is March 13.

MONROEVILLE K of C 200 CLUB WINNERS

Feb. 24-\$50: Steve Oblander

\$25: Estella Kehres, Alfred Schafer

CONGRATULATIONS to the Monroeville High School Academic Challenge Team who finished the season in first place. This is the first time Monroeville made it to the finals and after the first championship round, they remained in first place. Adam Mastroianni and Ashley Gies, St. Joseph School graduates, are members of the team.

THANK YOU to everyone for the prayers and cards while in the hospital and recuperating at home. I am doing well and hope to be back in church next week. Thanks again.

Mike Martin

50/50 WINNERS for February are Bob & Rita Stieber. They received \$157.50.

CONGRATULATIONS to Cherri Schaffer, Larry Bales, Catherine Tyler, Melissa Hines, Beth White, Gerry Schafer and the Holy Name Society, who were recent winners in the 3-digit Lottery.

Tickets are available from the school and are \$5 per month or \$50 for a whole year. Proceeds from the lottery are used to fund the Progress Book Program.



MAY GOD SEND HIS HEALING

BLESSINGS to Richard Holland, Jeanette Leibold, George Stepanic, & Jim Smith.

Please Visit Our Open House

Sunday, March 8, 2009

9am-12pm

Saint Joseph School

79 Chapel St. & 43 Broad St.

Please join us for the Holy Name Pancake Breakfast from 9am - 12:30 pm

Faculty and Staff will be on hand to answer your school questions

Tuition assistance information will be available for parents in grades K-8

The Children's Center day care program will be open

Information about Market Day and Scrip programs that reduce tuition will be available

OPERATION RICE BOWL

With the Lenten Season upon us, we focus our thoughts on penance, prayer, and good works. This involves giving assistance to those in need. Our Lenten project this year at St. Joseph School is the Operation Rice Bowl, which is a Lenten solidarity program of Catholic Relief Services. Students will be bringing home a collection box to put spare change in as mission money to be given to people from all over the world who are most in need of food, shelter, and education to build a better life for their families.

The students may have heard in class about some of the places and people who will benefit from the program. Together we can pray for the less fortunate in our community and all around the world. Please encourage your children to think of others during this season and give something of themselves to reach out to others.

THANK YOU

The Confirmation Class from St Alphonsus would like to thank everyone who supported their Valentine's Day Dinner to benefit the St Vincent de Paul Society. The class raised \$264.00 for local families. We would especially like to thank our adult helpers Maria Temple, Sue Silcox, Robin Welsh, Shelly Fannin, Alice Crist, Maryellen Hamernik and Catherine Raftery. We would also like to thank Barb Stang and Sandy Walton for their offers and our anonymous donor for the financial support.

NORWALK AREA FOOD BANK

For the 12th consecutive year, Alan Shawn Feinstein will divide \$1 million dollars among hunger fighting agencies nationwide! The million dollars will be divided proportionately among all complying agencies. The Norwalk Area Food Bank is a participating agency. All donations to the Food Bank given from March 1st through April 30th are eligible for part of this \$1 million. Donations can include cash, checks, and food items.

Please consider helping with this drive as it is a great opportunity for your gift to help more people. Your donations can be mailed to the Norwalk Area Food Bank, 92 North Prospect St., Norwalk, OH 44857. Food items can be dropped off at the same location Monday - Friday from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Feinstein's past \$1 million challenges to fight hunger have raised a record \$940 million for agencies nationwide. Your donation toward this campaign makes you a partner in the most successful grassroots campaign to fight hunger of all times. That is something you can take pride in!

PLEASE SAVE USED SHEETS

St. Colette Catholic Church in Detroit, Michigan is asking for donations of used sheets and pillow cases. The crafty parishioners use the sheets to sew clothing for people in Haiti. If you have useable sheets to donate, please leave them in the back of either church and they will be forwarded to St. Colette Church.

Doctors' Opinions of the Financial Bailout Package

The Allergists voted to scratch it, and the Dermatologists advised not to make any rash moves. The Gastroenterologists had sort of a gut feeling about it, the Neurologists thought the Administration had a lot of nerve, and the Obstetricians felt they were all laboring under a misconception. The Ophthalmologists considered the idea shortsighted. The Pathologists yelled, "Over my dead body!" while the Pediatricians said, "Oh, grow up!" The Psychiatrists thought the whole idea was madness, the Radiologists could see right through it, and the Surgeons decided to wash their hands of the whole thing. The Internists thought it was a bitter pill to swallow, and the Plastic Surgeons said, "This puts a whole new face on the matter." The Podiatrists thought it was a step forward, but the Urologists felt the scheme wouldn't hold water. The Anesthesiologists thought the whole idea was a gas, and the Cardiologists didn't have the heart to say no. In the end, the Proctologists left the decision up to some *##@&%\$# in Washington!

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY ANNUAL PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST
ST. JOSEPH SOCIAL CENTER, MONROEVILLE
SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2009 – SERVING 9:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.**

Adult: \$4.00

Child (under 12): \$2.50; Under 6: Free

ALL CHAIRMEN are to personally contact their personnel to insure plenty of help! If YOUR name is NOT listed, come and volunteer!

General Chairmen – Al Feuerstein 668-5526
John Fries 668-9781
Jerry Gravenhorst 359-1516

SUPPLIES –Richard Palmer, Robert Schafer

SET UP SATURDAY - 9:00 AM - Jerome Gravenhorst, Robert Schafer, William Mahl, Dallas Honaker, Ted Kluding, Terry Reed

SAUSAGE FRYING – 7:30 AM – 10:30 AM – John C. Miller, Anthony Ruffing, Lynn Drown, John Trushel, Charles Bauer

10:30 AM – 1:00 PM – Adam Heyman, Edmond Martin, Ronald Ruffing, Daniel Stieber, Thomas Tyler, Jim Kerner

PANCAKE MIXING – 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM – Richard Stang, Dave Adelman, Robert J. Stieber, Robert Good

10:30 AM – 1:00 PM – William Miller, Mike Millis, Michael Tyler, David Raftery

PANCAKE FRYING – 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM - Robert Schafer, Kenneth Brown, William Hauler

10:30 AM – 1:00 PM – Daniel Adelman, Dean Schaffer

COFFEE – 7:30 AM – 10:00 AM – Leonard Didion, Ken Bischoff

10:00 AM – 12:30 PM – Gerald Schafer

DINING ROOM – 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM – Fred Leber, Robert Smith, Robert E. Stieber, Joe Brown

10:30 AM – 1:00 PM – David Mahl, John Alt, Ronald Hales, Jim Brown, Ronald Stieber

SERVING TABLES – 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM – Leroy Bauer, Carl Phillips, Kenneth Schafer, Dave P. Schafer, Matt Gerber, Al Feuerstein

10:30 AM – 1:00 PM – Dennis Hauler, James Sheldon, Steve Wilhelm, Thomas Stieber, Michael Tyler

SERVING AT TABLES - CLEAN OFF TABLES – Our Parish Elementary School students – FREE BREAKFAST TO THOSE WHO VOLUNTEER AND WORK!!!

DISH WASHING – 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM–Carl Dahm, Mark Kramer

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Thomas Bollenbacher, Jeffrey Clark, Andy Schafer, Jeffrey Stieber, Brad Clark, Kevin Stieber

BREAKFAST TICKETS – John Fries, Dick Palmer

50/50 TICKETS – Sr. Nancy Ferguson

CLEAN UP – After 1:00 PM –Rick Fritz, Keith Gerber, David O. Schafer, Thomas P. Schafer, Alan Wilhelm, Dennis Wilhelm, Kenneth Wilhelm, Dallas Honaker and any Volunteers!!!