



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

MARCH 8, 2009

2ND SUNDAY IN LENT



Dear Friends,

Unemployment rates were at the top of the page this week with Huron County leading the way in the great State of Ohio. I never would have thought that I would begin a bulletin column in the same way. What impact will our weakened economy have on our parishes and on our Catholic Schools? Competent financial planners advise: “Stay the course.” Your pastor advises the same.

“United we stand, divided we fall,” is a quote originating in a pair of Aesop’s fables and made more popular by Patrick Henry in revolutionary times. Thinking in the same way, Lincoln borrowed from Matthew’s gospel (Mt 12:25), “A house divided against itself will not stand.” Now is the time for our faith community to pull together. We all are in need of something; we have gifts and talents we can share with someone else. A parish can be a job store, a food pantry, a bank all rolled into one. It is the best place to invest in; it is the best place to find assistance. The dividends are out of this world.

Always on the Second Sunday of Lent, we hear the gospel of Jesus being transfigured. It provides a glimmering preview of his resurrection. The highlight of the passage is the voice that comes from the overcasting cloud identifying Jesus as “my beloved Son,” and then, giving the mandate, “Listen to him” (Mk 9:6). In this Lent of dramatic change around the world and in our neighborhood, let us reflect on the transfiguration.

How can we help our country be changed for the better? How can we help our faith community to be changed? How will we be changed personally?

Our Lord Jesus surrendered to the politics of his time and was crucified. But because he rose from the dead, we can have hope as well. Now is the time for us to draw on the dividends of our baptism and confirmation: listen to his word in scripture and receive his grace in the Sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation.

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SATURDAY AT 4 PM AT
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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Mon., March 9 – St. Frances of Rome

NO MASS

Tues., March 10

7:00 PM (SA) Fr. Patrick Scharf

Wed., March 11

8:15 AM (SJ) Lucille Bores

Thurs., March 12

8:15 AM (SJ) George McMahon

Fri., March 13

8:15 AM (SJ) Helen Ruffing

Sat., March 14

5:00 PM (SJ) Rosemary Schaffer
Charles Fitch

Sun., March 15 – 3rd Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM (SA) Paul Brown & Rich Raftery
10:30 AM (SJ) Jerry & Frannie Bauer

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUN-Gn. 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Rom. 8:31b-34/
Mk. 9:2-10

MON-Dn. 9:4b-10/Lk. 6:36-38

TUE-Is. 1:10, 16-20/Mt. 23:1-12

WED-Jer. 18:18-20/Mt. 20:17-28

THU-Jer. 17:5-10/Lk. 16:19-31

FRI-Gn. 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a

SAT-Mi. 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk. 15:1-3, 11-32

CONTRIBUTIONS – MAR. 1

St. Joseph-Sunday-4,599, (118 envelopes) Loose-189.57, St. VdeP-35, 50/50-50, Bldg Fund-50, Fuel-90, Children-3, School Support-150, Flowers-35, Catholic Relief-5, Holy Name-5.

St. Alphonsus-Sunday-2,769, (88 envelopes) Loose-103, Children-7, Initial-5, Vigil Lights-14.

BIRTHDAYS

MAR 9-Elizabeth Adams, Linus Ott, James Ott, Zachary Reer **MAR 10**-Alex Lendrum, Gretchen Schafer, Shawn Stark, Jack Trushel **MAR 11**-Joseph Horner, Andrew Schafer, Kenneth Schreiner **MAR 12**-David



Adelman, Rick Fritz, Shawn Martin, Michael Meyer, Abigail Millis, Amelia Opper **MAR 13**-Quentin Howell, Julie Roeder, Carol Schnellinger, Deborah Smith, Christopher Smith **MAR 14**-Donald Bores, Michael Jones **MAR 15**-Duncan DeVos, Suzanne Fritz, Ellyanna Gee, Karen Ott, Avery

Rogers, Allison Shawver, Candice Skinn, Allie Wilhelm

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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

L Nancy Alt, Adam Mastroianni (Use Cycle B)

U Marvin Pierce, Bill Stang, Robert Wilhelm

EM Jane Kramer, Sheila Meikle, John Miller,
Betty Schafer, Shirley Stang

S Kendra & Collin England, George Latteman

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

L Pat Schaffer, Carolyn Garcia (Use Cycle B)

U Carl Schnellinger, Bob Wilson, Joseph Lesch,
Dennis Smith

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

S Mitchell Ott, Jenna Burrow, Courtney Clark

G Alice & Bob Crist

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

L Lynn Drown, Jackie Schafer (Use Cycle B)

U Mark Bores, Bob Good, Tom Hedrick

EM Geri Myers, Barbara Good, Sue Rogers, Barb
Smith, James Workley, 1 Volunteer

S Allison Seifker, Olivia Smith

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

MAR 15 – Sue Rogers

COUNTERS – MAR. 9

Bob & Eileen Simon, Annabelle Meyer, Catherine Raftery, Alice & Bob Crist

BINGO – MAR. 9

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

FOOD: Tim & Tammie Smith

KITCHEN: Carrie Stieber

BAKERS: Maralyn Long, Sherry Wilhelm, Evelyn Ruffing

SET UP: Wendy Adelman

WINDOW: Ann Darr



St. John Neumann Deanery is featured in this story in the Catholic Chronicle. This is a portion of the story:



All across the St. John Neumann Deanery, Catholics are reaching out to help their fellow parishioners and other community members who are struggling in the difficult economy.

Most parishes of the deanery are located in Huron County, which has the highest unemployment rate in the state at 18.5 percent in January. Without the programs operated by local churches, social service agencies would be stretched far beyond their limits.

Members of Monroeville St. Joseph support the “Non-Food Bank,” a local ecumenical effort started in 2007 to distribute items such as paper goods, trash bags, laundry aids, cleaning supplies and personal care items to those in need. There is no other organization that helps with these types of products.

St. Joseph also partnered with Catholic Charities to provide housing to a family in need in the Carpenter House, a former convent on the parish property. Catholic Charities provides ongoing support to the residents as well as to the social concerns committee of the parish.

Read the entire story at <http://www.catholicchronicle.org/content/view/5405562/2/>