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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 25, 2007

DAILY LITURGIES AND INTENTIONS:

Monday	February	26	Lenten Weekday
	8:00 a.m.		Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Tuesday	February	27	Lenten Weekday
	8:00 a.m.		Deceased of the McLaughlin Family
Wednesday	February	28	Lenten Weekday
	8:00 a.m.		Charles F. Mentrup
	7:00 p.m.		St. Mary Community
Thursday	March	1	Weekday
	8:00 a.m.		Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Friday	March	2	Lenten Weekday
	8:00 a.m.		Jim Ryan
Saturday	March	3	Lenten Weekday
	4:00 p.m.		Art Reynolds
Sunday	March	4	Second Sunday of Lent
	7:30 a.m.		Barbara Jazwinski
	9:00 a.m.		Robert J. Burdue
	10:30 a.m.		St. Mary Community
	6:30 p.m.		Living & Deceased of the Ladies Society



The Gospel on Ash Wednesday suggests three spiritual activities that would be excellent expression of penance during Lent: 1) prayer, 2) fasting, and 3) almsgiving (charitable giving).

The Archdiocesan Annual Fund Appeal (AAF) always takes place at the beginning of Lent. Giving generously to this appeal is an example of almsgiving.

This appeal makes us aware of the needs of the diocesan church that are not self-funding: 1) chaplaincy at hospitals, prisons, and campus ministry at colleges; 2) Catholic Social Services; 3) the Athenaeum of Ohio and the Seminary; 4) retirement for diocesan and religious priests; 5) evangelization and mission efforts; 6) St. Rita School for the deaf; and 7) Archdiocesan Vocation work.

According to Canon Law, the parish is the manifestation of the diocesan church on the local level.

My understanding is that our parish has always attained its goal and I have full confidence that we will do it again this year. I know that you will be as generous as you can.

Fr. Jim

IN OUR PARISH

WELCOME INTO THE CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY: Stephen Joseph Knapke son of Mark and Teresa Knapke joined the Catholic Christian Community through baptism on February 18, 2007.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	High School Youth Night at 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Round Dancing at 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	RCIA at 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Adult Scripture Study at 7:00 p.m. Square Dancing at 7:30 p.m.
Friday	Church cleaning at 8:30 a.m. Fish Fry at 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	St. Vincent de Paul at 9:00 a.m. Men's Conference at Cincinnati Music Hall

OUR GIFT IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S GENEROSITY: The collection last weekend was \$7,538.00 (220 envelopes); children's offering \$2.00 (3 envelopes). **Thank you for your generosity** and continued support. Thank you for using your offering envelopes. Your dedication to the continued fiscal health of the parish is very appreciated. Those who have used their contribution envelopes may request a statement of 2006 contributions by calling the parish office at 937-746-5404.

PLEASE, PRAY FOR AND SUPPORT THOSE NEARING THE END OF THEIR JOURNEY TOWARD FULL MEMBERSHIP IN THE BODY OF CHRIST. This weekend Jeremy Saylor will be or has been sent to the Bishop for the Rite of Election and Paula Henry, Andrew Hollon, Steven Hollon, Andrea Saylor, Sara Streit, David Wert, Mika Whitworth, and Laura Wolfe will be or have been sent to the Call for Continuing Conversion at a celebration at Our Lady of Immaculate Conception Church in Dayton at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday. Congratulations and welcome, keep on going!

RCIA

COME JOIN US FOR THE FAMOUS ST. MARY LENTEN FISH FRY! An All-You-Can-Eat Fish Buffet complete with drinks and dessert is served every Friday in Lent, except Good Friday, from 5-8 p.m. with carryout available. All proceeds go to support the activities of St. Vincent de Paul Society. Cost is adult \$10.00, seniors (62+) \$ 7.00, children (5 - 11) \$ 5.00, take-out \$7.00, family eat-in maximum \$30.00. If you can give some time to help, stop by and ask Rocky for a job or better call now either the SVdP helpline, 937-746-1355 or Rocky at 937-743-0226 to find out how and when you are needed.



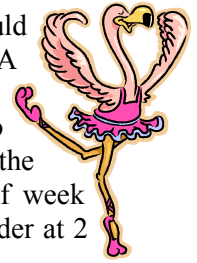
WEAR YOUR GREEN! St. Mary Ladies Society invites you to our **ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION** on Sunday, March 11. Tons of delicious food at an amazingly low price will be served from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Have you decided which salad or dessert you're going to bring to go along with the baked ham, au gratin potatoes, veggie, rolls and beverage? Members of St. Mary Ladies' Society will be calling you soon to invite you to the celebration and ask for the donation of "Your Specialty" salads or desserts. It's going to be a feast! Don't forget to get your raffle tickets for the **QUILT RAFFLE**. And do you believe the **TOY RAFFLE** for the kids is **ABSOLUTELY FREE!** A full tummy and a good time is a sure thing when you enjoy a festive St. Patrick's Celebration with your parish family on Sunday, March 11.



BRING A DOLLAR FOR THE BALLOON POP!



"FRANNIE THE FLAMINGO IS WAITING! Just think! When the school year ends, you could reward your hard-working family with a week in a Fabulous Condo in sunny Siesta Key, Florida! A beautifully furnished, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, condo with a well equipped kitchen is ready to be enjoyed. A heated pool and a sugar-white sand beach are just steps away. What a great time to look forward to! All you need is the highest bid! Stop by to visit with Frannie the Flamingo in the parish Hall and enter your bid. The auction prize includes one week's rental (your choice of week between May and August) of this beautiful condo. This prize will be awarded to the highest bidder at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 11, at the St. Patrick's Celebration.



ANSWER THE CALL 2007 The Catholic Men's Conference will be next Saturday, March 3 at Music Hall, Cincinnati. This is a prayerful, spirit-filled day which can be life changing. The day begins at 8:45 a.m. ending about 4:00 p.m. A dynamic line-up of speakers is scheduled, including: Senator Sam Brownback of Kansas, Archbishop Edwin O'Brien, Archbishop for the Military Services, Danny Abramowicz, former NFL player for the New Orleans Saints and San Francisco 49ers, and Jesse Romero full time lay evangelist. Ticket price is \$35 including lunch. St. Mary is obtaining a block of 35 tickets. For information and tickets call Paul Puffenberger at 937-748-0754.

IS IT MORE THAN CABIN FEVER? If you are under stress or are facing personal problems there is help available for our parishioners through the Pastoral Counseling of Miami Valley Hospital. They provide counseling based on the belief that life's crises and transitions are best met by both the wisdom of religious teaching and the knowledge and skills of professional training. Their services are available to parishioners at a 50% reduction in price. In addition, most insurance plans are accepted. Use of this service is strictly confidential and is available to parishioners of all ages. The Pastoral Counseling Center is located at 409 E. Monument Ave., Dayton. Call 937-208-6606 for information or to make an appointment.



WAS YOUR WEDDING IN 1957 OR 1982? Couples celebrating their golden or silver wedding anniversaries during 2007 please contact the parish office at 937-746-5404 no later than March 3. The 2007 Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral, Saturday, May 5 at 2:00 p.m. Those celebrating **60, 70 and 75 years** of marriage are also included in this celebration and should call the parish as well.



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH NIGHT, TONIGHT, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2007. God loves us all and wants us to experience that love and the new life of the resurrection into which we have all been baptized. But in order to experience that we must prepare ourselves and be open to that love. Lent is an opportunity to do something to open ourselves to God's love shown us by Jesus. How are you going to open yourself to God's love? **Come and discover your way to God's love.**



OUR DOORS ARE OPEN: No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter what your current family and marital situation, no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, etc., no matter what your own self-image; you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected here at St. Mary Parish.

PARISH LENTEN PRAYER AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES:

- ✚ **Wednesday** evenings at 7:00 p.m. Mass will be celebrated. This will be a time to remove ourselves from our hectic lives and spend time in quiet liturgical worship.
- ✚ **Thursday** evenings at 7:00 p.m. there is a session of scripture study for adults. Whether you are an old hand or a beginner come and prepare for Easter by exploring God’s Word. Any questions, contact Tom at 937-746-1404 or tomcox@stmaryfranklin.org.
- ✚ On **Friday** evenings at 7:00 p.m. we will come together to pray the Way of the Cross with others in the church.
- ✚ On **Saturday**, 3:00 to 3:45 p.m. there is time for individual confession each weekend of Lent. A Parish Communal Reconciliation Service will be held Tuesday, March 20 at 7:00 .p.m.



FR. CHUCK MENTRUP MEMORIAL PROJECT, DO YOU WANT TO BE PART OF IT? A group of people associated with Fr. Chuck, Fenwick and his work with kids wants to keep his work going and memorialize him. They have asked me to invite anyone from St. Mary Parish who would like to work on the committee leading this effort. It is in the initial stages and needs people to take some time and energy to do this in a quality way that would be fitting for Fr. Chuck. As it moves forward everyone will have an opportunity to be involved. **If you are willing and able, please**

SOME (So Others May Eat): Next weekend please bring shelf storable food (canned fruits, vegetables, peanut butter, etc.), baby supplies (food, formula-Similac & Isomil, baby wipes, etc.) and household supplies (toilet paper, laundry detergent, bath soap, etc.) to help stock the shelves of Franklin Area Community Services (FACS), 345 S. Main St., Franklin. We can also use plastic bags for repackaging of bulk supplies. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to work at FACS (**help is needed during operation hours of 12 to 3, Monday – Friday**), call Anne Langsdale at 937-746-5404 or Terry at FACS, 937-746-7791. Thank you for helping.

NEXT WEEK’S MINISTRY SCHEDULES:

March 3-4	4:00 p.m. Sat.	7:30 a.m. Sun.	9:00 a.m. Sun.	10:30 Sun.	6:30 p.m.
Servers	Maggie Bangert Logan Scheuermann	Peter Schaaf Jack Schaaf	Mae Gast Reggie Gast Rhys Gast	Hunter Cone Kyle Kennedy	Sam Mahle Kristen Hutchins
Eucharistic Ministers	Norm Pfeifer Mark Cable Ashley Calvert Joe Borosic	Diane Kinsworthy Connie Fields Mark Dietsch	Karen Adams Tom Adams Pat Brazie Anna Marie Brewster	Judy Martin Richard Hobe Teresa Hobe Marge Braun	Debra Kapolka Ron. Onderko Kendra O’Brien Matt Whitley
Lectors	Mark Givens	Catherine Fagan	Dan Fedders	Anne Langsdale	Gary Beall
Gift Bearers	Traud	Foley	Ball		Duckett

PARISH LIFE INFORMATION

Office Phone No. 937-746-5404

Office Hours 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Monday—Friday

Anointing of the Sick: Call immediately in case of a serious illness. Hospitals can no longer call for you.

Communion to the Homebound: Call the rectory to arrange a visit.

Reconciliation: available at announced Reconciliation Services; on Saturday 3:00 p.m. during Lent

Matrimony: Call the rectory for an appointment before setting a date. Six months of preparation are required.

Baptism: Preparation is required before Baptism, preferable during pregnancy. Call the rectory to make arrangements.

Religious Vocations: Check www.cincinnati vocations.org or call Rev. Kyle Schnippel, 513-421-3131

Bulletin Deadline: noon the Tuesday before the weekend. E-mail notices to Annelpasmf@sbcglobal.net.

Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Lonnie Acree	937-748-2960	Andrea Dapkus	937-885-0487	Pat Monnin	937-885-1630
Rocky Adams	937-743-0226	Dan Fedders	937-746-4123	Roger Stebelton	937-855-6897
Eileen Avellano	937-748-0043	Mark Fields	937-743-9077	Mary Steed	937-746-6571

BEYOND THE PARISH

ST. HENRY'S LENTEN PRAYER BREAKFAST

will be held Saturday, March 10 beginning at 8:00 a.m. with Holy Communion and rosary in the church followed by breakfast in the Parish Activity Center. Consider spending time with guest speaker Father Jim Manning to renew your spirit and help you on your walk with God. Please respond to St. Mary Parish office at 937-746-5404 so preparations can be made. should call the parish as well.

SOUTH DAYTON SEPARATED, WIDOWED AND DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP

meets the First and Third Sunday's of each month (March 4 and 18) at Incarnation's Parish Center located behind the church at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Incarnation Church is located on Williamsburg Lane which intersects Far Hills (Route 48) south of I-675 in Centerville. For more information call Roger Bardsley at 937-291-2040 or Marty at 937-293-4006.

PROJECT RACHEL RETREAT: Project Rachel, a ministry of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati for women who have lost a child through an abortion, is holding a retreat at Bergamo Spiritual Center March 16-18. For more information/reservations, please call the confidential helpline 513-784-0531.

IS YOUR MARRIAGE HURTING IN ANYWAY?

Has your marriage grown cold, distant, unloving or uncaring? The please consider Retrouvaille (re'ro-vi) a program designed to help heal and renew marriages. Retrouvaille is for marriages that have lost some of their spark, for marriages having difficulties in communication and even those marriages on the edge of separation or divorce. The next program begins May 18-20, 2007. For more information contact: 513-922-6045 or cindaretrouvaille.org. Other weekends and locations are available- call for details.

INCARNATION SCHOOL'S ANNUAL OPEN

HOUSE will be Sunday March 4 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. All interested families are invited to attend. Come tour the school and visit with our teachers and staff. Early registration for new students will be held during the Open House. For information contact Kim Shields, Registrar at 937-433-1051 ext. 134.

LAY PASTORAL MINISTRY PROGRAM,

Athenaeum of Ohio is accepting applications for both the masters in pastoral ministry and non-degree certificate programs. For more information please call 513-231-1200 for the Cincinnati area or 937-277-0116 for the Dayton/Northern area.

Thought for today

God brings us through difficult experiences and always leads us to life. Depend on the Holy Spirit to guide you on the path of life. (Luke 4:1-13)