



Next weekend Fr. Larry Mick will be having all of our Masses. I will be in Washington for the Alter High School Senior Class Trip. The bus leaves Friday evening after a prayer Service with the parents, and returns the following Thursday.

The highlight of the week will be Mass with our senior class on Sunday Morning at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception.

DAILY LITURGIES AND INTENTIONS:

- Monday, April 7 **John Baptist de la Salle, priest**
8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Communion
- Tuesday, April 8 Easter Weekday
8:00 a.m. Leona Brooks
- Wednesday, April 9 Easter Weekday
8:00 a.m. The Military
- Thursday, April 10 Easter Weekday
8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Communion
- Friday, April 11 **Stanislaus, bishop, martyr**
8:00 a.m. Tonya McFaddin, Thanksgiving
- Saturday, April 12 Easter Weekday
4:00 p.m. Roger Baker
- Sunday, April 13 **Third Sunday of Easter**
7:30 a.m. Barbara Jazwinski
9:00 a.m.* St. Mary Community
10:30 a.m. Connie and Bob Burns
6:30 p.m. Marie Sasse

* Co-operative nursery available in Parish Center

Third Sunday of Easter: There is a line from the movie *Evan Almighty* in which God, played by Morgan Freeman, explains to Evan what prayer should mean. He tells him that when people pray for patience, for example, God doesn't give them patience but rather the opportunity to be patient. Our problem is in recognizing these opportunities. It is just as true that we should recognize the opportunity to live with Christ in our lives.

On the very day in which Mary Magdalene, Peter, John and the others found the empty tomb following Jesus' crucifixion, two followers were returning to their homes in Emmaus. Obviously distraught over the events of the past few days, they were joined by another traveler who explained to them how the events had fulfilled all of the promises of the Scriptures. They did not recognize their fellow traveler as Jesus; only when he broke bread with them were their eyes opened.

By means of touch and the sharing of a meal, the risen Jesus establishes direct contact with his disciples (CCC 645). But the failure to recognize him immediately teaches us that we must look for him more deeply in others; the homeless man asleep beneath a bridge, the single mom trying to feed her children, the quiet co-worker who goes home alone every night. To live and love as Christ we must recognize the opportunity to see him in others, as well.

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CALLED HOME TO THE LORD

Leona Brooks, mother of parishioner Gail Lagana, returned to our loving Father on March 21, 2008.

WELCOMED INTO THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Daniel Matthew Whiteley, son of Matthew and Justina Whiteley, joined the Catholic Christian Community through baptism on March 30, 2008.

THE "ELIJAH CUP" is presented to a family each weekend.



The family takes the "Elijah Cup" home and uses it as a focal point while praying daily for an increase in religious vocations. Our Elijah cup is Fr. Jim's ordination chalice and paten. This week the Givens family will be presented the Elijah cup at the 6:30

p.m. Mass. The next scheduled families are:

April 13 Schulte family at 6:30 p.m.

April 19 Haenni family at 4:00 p.m.

Call Rich Hobbs at 937-743-2485 to schedule a weekend or use the e-form at the parish website: <http://www.stmaryfranklin.org>.

**OUR GIFT IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S GENEROSITY:
March 29-30**

\$9,200.16	255 envelopes	Flower Fund (3 env)	\$22.00
\$7.90	8 children	SVdP (148 env)	\$5,023.25

Thank you. Your dedication to the continued fiscal health of the parish is greatly appreciated. Only those who use their contribution envelopes may request a yearend statement of contributions.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	HS Youth Ministry at 7:15 p.m.
Monday	Education Commission at 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Parkinson Support Group at 1:30 p.m. Adult Confirmation Prep. at 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	K of C Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Worship Commission at 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	RCIA at 6:30 p.m.
Friday	St. Vincent de Paul Truck - <u>All Weekend</u>
Saturday	Men's Fellowship at 7:00 a.m. Server Training at 10:00 a.m.

Thought for today

Recognize Jesus in the breaking of bread. Your heart is burning within you. Think about the possibility of walking the path with Jesus as a brother, sister, priest, or deacon. (Luke 24:13-35)

AN INVITATION

With Praise and Thanksgiving to Almighty God
The Archdiocese of Cincinnati
Joyfully invites you to the ordination of
Edward Thomas Pratt
To the Holy Priesthood
By the Most Reverend Daniel E. Pilarczyk
On Saturday, May 17, 2008 at 11:00 a.m.
In the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Chains
Eighth and Plum Streets, Cincinnati, Ohio

WHAT CAN THE BIBLE DO FOR YOU? You will never know unless you take some time to discover its riches. Full of scoundrels, heroes, and ordinary folks, the Scriptures offer us a path to the divine and help us get a grip on our personal lives. A Bible study is coming to the parish beginning in May. There will be a space in it for you. Watch the bulletin for more details.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL members have been very busy helping with rent, utilities, and water. Winter shut-off will soon bring requests for help with gas and electric. Our parish is usually the last option for help.



- ✠ Donated living room furniture gave a now employed client coming from being homeless a "real place to live".
- ✠ A mother needed help with rent and utilities because she is laid-off because of the GM situation. We know her plight is short term and with your help, we can be there for her.
- ✠ Thank you to everyone who donated to SVdP in Bob Burn's name. SVdP was very special to Bob and he is probably pleased that he is helping the poor in our area even in death.

We ask for your continued support in prayers, donations and time. We meet the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Center. All are welcome.

FOR A CHRISTIAN, LIVING IN THE WORLD IS NOT EASY. To lead a Christ-centered life is not an easy thing to do. The values the world presents to us are often at odds with the Gospel message of Jesus. Using the Beatitudes as a guidepost is a way to measure how we're doing in our quest to follow Christ. Interested? Come to the next RCIA session, "**Wisdom: The Christian and the World**" on **Thursday, April 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Ministry Center.** The RCIA is for everyone in the parish – so why don't you come?



ARE YOU AN ADULT OR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WHO WAS NEVER CONFIRMED? The Sacrament of Confirmation completes our Christian initiation and empowers us to witness to Christ in the world through the power of the Holy Spirit. If you would like to celebrate this sacrament, an informational meeting will be held **this Tuesday, April 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.** To register, call Deacon Steve at 937-746-1404.



Altar Servers

IT IS TIME FOR SERVER TRAINING: Each year the Parish offers students in the fifth grade and higher the opportunity to take part in the ministry of Altar Server. An initial training session is scheduled for this Saturday, April 12 at 10:00 a.m. Students interested in this important ministry should discuss it with their parents and let us know if they can attend. If you are interested but not available please let us know so a future training can be arranged. Information and reply sheets are available on the radiators. If you have questions call Anne Langsdale at 937-746-5404.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: The Father Chuck Mentrup Council is having an Open House in the Parish Hall after all the weekend Masses. Men and families are invited to stop by and talk to the Knights of the parish, and see what we are doing for the Church, the Community, the Family, and the Youth of our parish. We will have refreshments, so please join us and find out what the Knights of Columbus are all about. From the Fish Fry Friday's during Lent, even though Mother Nature was not kind to us (we had to cancel 2 Fish Fry's due to ice and snow), we were able to raise over \$3,000 for St. Vincent de Paul, \$434 for Vocations (we are sponsoring Daniel Hunt, seminarian in Cincinnati), and \$100 for Warren County Right to Life. Thanks to all who supported this big event. Please patronize *Kroger's* in Springboro, and *The Pub* in Beavercreek (they are at The Greene, and made our fried fish the best). Without their help, our fund raising efforts would not have been as profitable.

**Parish School of Religion**

OPERATION RICE BOWL CONTRIBUTIONS MAY NOW BE RETURNED. Please use the contribution envelope that came with the rice bowl and drop it in the collection basket. Make any checks payable to St. Mary Church. The parish will then make a single contribution to Catholic Relief Services. **Please do not return the rice bowl itself.**

Q What are the key themes of 1 Peter, the New Testament letter proclaimed as the second reading during the Easter Season?

A 1 Peter, usually attributed to the apostle Peter, was likely written in the late first century, addressing Christian communities in Asia Minor. It is an exhortation on the meaning of baptism, the "new birth" in Christ. Such new birth is examined both for its privileges, along with its corresponding responsibilities. Baptism bonds us to the Christian family while challenging us to live a moral life, remaining faithful and steadfast in Christ.

A significant section of the letter (2:11-3:12) exhorts Christians on how to live in a hostile world. Baptismal commitment calls Christians to live a lifestyle that is often at odds with the values of those around them. This presents significant challenges to Christians attempting to be faithful to their baptismal call. Rejection and suffering often result from such clashing. 1 Peter exhorts Christians to be faithful, no matter what the cost. By aligning their suffering to that of Christ, they bring redemptive meaning to their suffering. Perseverance in the midst of rejection and suffering is to be the hallmark of true baptismal commitment.

Resistance to the devil who continually goes about trying to devour weak and lazy Christians (5:8-11) is an exhortation that Christians of any age need to heed. 1 Peter offers exhortations and guidance that are as relevant today as they were at the end of the first century.

How do you persevere and remain steadfast when others challenge or reject you for your different values?

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LADIES! St. Mary Ladies' Society invites you to our April meeting which will be on **Thursday evening**, April 17 at 7:00 p.m. This is an opportunity for the "nine to fivers" among us to attend! Remember, if you are over 17 years of age and a member of St. Mary Parish you are also a member of St. Mary Ladies' Society. We meet just once a month (on the third Thursday) and there are no dues. Our meetings are lively and fun and you're sure to enjoy yourself. So mark your calendar for April 17 at 7 p.m. and join us in the meeting room of the Parish Center (behind the kitchen). Expect friendly faces and great desserts!



CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP: Committed Catholic men who recognize the need for God's guidance. We gather in Christ's presence in an atmosphere of trust, equality, and anonymity to share personal experiences and to discover and grow in spiritual life. The Men's Fellowship meets the 2nd Saturday of the month at 7 – 8:30 a.m. in the Parish Center. We look forward to seeing you. Contact: Dave Potts, 937-748-2387 or Steve Dungan, 937-748-1688.

THE FRANKLIN PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP will meet Tuesday, April 8, 2008, at 1:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. The symptoms of Parkinson's Disease are frequently confusing and different in every person and occur with other changes due to normal aging. To help us understand the aging process, our speaker, Margaret Iannaci of Catholic Social Services, will speak on: "Dealing with Age-related Changes: What's Normal? What' Not." The meeting is free, open to the public.

GET READY FOR SPRING PLANTING or the perfect Mother's Day gift: The Bishop Fenwick After-Prom Committee is selling \$20 Bern's Garden Center gift cards which can be purchased by calling Tricia Lee at 937-885-5958 or email at tliberti@woh.rr.com. Gift cards will be sold after the 4:00 p.m. Mass Saturday, April 26 and after the 9:00, 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Masses Sunday April 27. The order form is available on the Bishop Fenwick website, bishop-fenwick.cnd.pvt.k12.oh.us/. The funds raised will be used for the 2008 After-Prom at Strike Zone. Thank you for your support.



IT'S MUFFIN SALE TIME AGAIN! You can support our Youth Ministry and get a delicious treat at the same time! We will be selling the famous oversized muffins after each Mass on April 19 and 20. Muffins are \$2 each or 3 for \$5 – buy more and save. The funds raised this weekend will help pay expenses for the Work Camp Mission Trip in July.

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH NIGHT: The next Junior High Youth Ministry gathering will be on Wednesday, April 16 from 6-8 p.m. in the youth room. This is an opportunity for all 7 and 8 graders to play, pray and learn together in a youth ministry setting.

The Junior High Night is open to all 7 and 8 graders. Parents, if you have any questions or are able to chaperone, please call Janet Huelsman at 937-746-8709.

APRIL HIGHLIGHTS:

April 6 – High School Youth Night at
Jesse Manibusan Concert
April 13 – High School Youth Night 7:15
April 16 – Junior High Youth Night 6:00 – 8:00
April 19 – 20 – Muffin Sale!
April 20 – High School Youth Night 7:15
April 27 – High School Youth Night 7:15

BEYOND THE PARISH

THE DONUT MAN: Bring the whole family to see Rob Evans and find out why “Life without Jesus is like a donut, ‘cause there’s a hole in the middle of your heart!” Sunday, April 6 at 3:00 p.m. St. Henry PAC. Come and hear Rob’s conversion story Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. Our Lady of Good Hope, Miamisburg, and rediscover the great gift of our Catholic Faith! For information call 937-866-1432.

A DAY FOR SOLDIERS AND SPOUSES: The Spiritual Center of Maria Stein is sponsoring a day of sharing and support for soldiers and their spouses on April 19, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This day is open to all veterans and is fully funded by a grant from the Sisters of the Precious Blood, so there is no charge. A highly qualified team of presenters will facilitate the day led by Fr. Phil Salois. Fr. Phil entered the priesthood after combat in Vietnam. He has directed veterans’ couples retreats for over 20 years. For more information or to register call the Spiritual Center at 877-925-7625. Please share this information with soldiers and their spouses you may know.

A RACHEL’S VINEYARD weekend retreat for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion will be held in Cincinnati on April 25 – 26, 2008. The confidential, supportive retreat is for anyone hurting inside from abortion. For more information, please call Peggy at 513-588-0080 or email Peggy at pffeirstine@cinci.rr.com. You can also visit www.rachelsvineyard.org or call a national toll-free hotline at 1-800-HOPE-4-ME.

ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS! Theology on Tap – Dayton returns Thursday, April 10 at the Oregon Express, 336 E. Fifth Street, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Join us as Robyn Gibson tells of her quest to find her vocation in her talk, *All Roads Lead to Jesus*. We hope to see you there! Bring a friend! Any questions – E-mail us at totdayton@yahoo.com or check out totdayton.wordpress.com.

BISHOP LEIBOLD SCHOOL Registration for 2008-09: There are openings at select grade levels for the next school year. If you are interested in information about our school or about registration for next year, please call the West Office at 937-866-3021.

THE SOUTH DAYTON Separated, Divorced, Widowed Support Group meets Sunday evening April 6 in the Incarnation Church Parish Activity Center at 7:30 p.m. on Far Hills Ave in Centerville. We welcome persons from all faiths. This is a peer support group for persons dealing with grief and loss. Although we cannot make the pain go away, we can find comfort and hope through one another. It’s helpful to know you are not alone in your sadness. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. For information, please call Bernadette Brown at 937-433-0593.

THE THIRD AGE, the time in life after completing the tasks of raising children and working hard at a career is the topic of an evening with Ken Czillinger on April 24, 7-9 p.m. at Ascension Parish, Kettering. Join other adult Catholics for an evening of exploring this time of life. Call 937-225-4075 for information or to register.

NEXT WEEK’S MINISTRY SCHEDULES:

April 12-13	4:00 p.m. Sat.	7:30 a.m. Sun.	9:00 a.m. Sun.	10:30 Sun.	6:30 p.m.
Servers	Aileen Duckett Bevin Duckett	Claire Brownfield David Brownfield	Tyler Kapolka Taylor Lauricia	Kyle Kennedy Taylor Schlachter	Jenna Onderko Kelsie Onderko
Eucharistic Ministers	Jeff Calton Lynne Calton Marlene Hartsfield Paul O’Brien	Linda Brownfield Tim Cable Mark Dietsch	Pat Brazie Linda Harvey Debra Kapolka Dan Liberti	Anne Langsdale T Rychlewski M. Braun	Greg Mahle Ron Onderko Ed Koslow Carlos Yopez
Lectors	Lynn Wurzelbacher	Paul Puffenberger	Pat Simpson	Gordon Sauerbrun	Mark Givens
Gift Bearers	1 st Communicants	Foley	1 st Communicants	1 st Communicants	1 st Communicants

Readings for the Week of April 6, 2008

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35
 Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
 Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a/Jn 6:30-35
 Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40
 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
 Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59
 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69
 Next Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

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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.