



“Men of Galilee, why do you stand here looking at the skies?” These are words of Jesus at His Ascension as recorded in the *Acts of the Apostles*.

These words remind all disciples of Jesus to get our eyes out of the skies and get our work done here on earth. As Church we are the new Body of Christ. The work begun by Jesus needs to be completed by us.

DAILY LITURGIES AND INTENTIONS:

- Monday, May 5 Easter Weekday
8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Communion
- Tuesday, May 6 Easter Weekday
8:00 a.m. Harry Keuper
- Wednesday, May 7 Easter Weekday
8:00 a.m. Vince Ross
- Thursday, May 8 Easter Weekday
8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Communion
- Friday, May 9 Easter Weekday
8:00 a.m. Mary & Joseph Whitaker
- Saturday, May 10 Easter Weekday
4:00 p.m. St. Mary Community
- Sunday, May 11 **Pentecost**
7:30 a.m. Barbara Jazwinski
9:00 a.m.* Living and Deceased Ladies Society
10:30 a.m. Connie Caira
6:30 p.m. Gary Harvey

* Co-operative nursery available in Parish Center

The Ascension of the Lord: Rob and Jennifer Rice are private pilots who are anything but private. Since 2000, they have devoted their lives to spreading the Gospel wherever they travel. But it is where they travel and what they do that matters most. Relying solely on donations, they provide air transportation to sick and injured patients in the mountains of Guatemala. Their organization is named Great Commission Air.

We have been given a great commission, to go out to all who will listen and explain the powerful love that is life with Jesus Christ. Just before his ascension, Jesus stood before his followers and empowered them to go out to all of the nations to spread the good news. From these eleven men, Christianity accounts for one-third of the world's religion, over two billion in number.

The season of Easter allows us to reflect upon Jesus Christ's Passion, crucifixion, resurrection and ascension to the right hand of God. The raising up of Christ on the cross signifies and announces his rising up into heaven (CCC 662). At his ascension, Jesus promised his beloved disciples that they-and we-would never be alone. We will always have Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit working with us and through us to deliver his love, wherever we go.

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RED is the liturgical color of the Holy Spirit. Next Sunday is the feast of Pentecost celebrating the birthday of the Church. If you want to show your “spirit” wear red!

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 Kempf Family will be presented the Elijah cup at the 10:30

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

May 11 T. Adams Family at 9:00 a.m.

May 18 Fleskes 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:
April 26-27**

\$14,752.50	272 envelopes
\$6.00	6 children

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	Mission Trip Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Craft Session at 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday	MAY CROWNING at 6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Officer's at 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Ladies Trip to LaComedia RCIA at 6:30 p.m.
Saturday	Men's Fellowship at 7:00 a.m.
Sunday	MOTHER'S DAY NO HS Youth Ministry

Thought for today

Jesus summons us to spread the faith through the grace of baptism. You are being called to share your gifts. (Matthew 28:16-20)



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS! At last weekend's Masses, Kate Atkinson, Harry Clevenger, Noelle Cossick, Kayla Kearney, Benjamin Marusko, Nate Schoch, Katie Stachler, Natalie Strimpfel, Katie Vollmer, and Noah Zender celebrated First Communion together with their families and the parish community. We take joy in welcoming them to the table of the Lord.

BIBLE STUDY IS COMING TO ST. MARY PARISH.

"Lands of the Bible" is a different kind of Bible study. It invites participants to take a visual and spiritual journey to the Holy Land. It will identify key places and landscapes of the Bible which will speak their own inspiring message. Each session will include prayer, lecture, and discussion. The dates for the study are Thursdays May 29, June 5, 12, and 19 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. The cost is \$10.00 per participant. To register and for more information, call Deacon Steve at 937-746-1404. The registration deadline is May 16, 2008.



THE JOURNEY OF FAITH IS ONGOING.

Some of us grew up with the notion that we learned all we needed to know about our faith as a child, that once we finished school our faith development was complete. Nothing could be further from the truth. The faith journey doesn't end until our lives are finished. To learn about ways and practices to keep you spiritually alive, come to the next RCIA session, on **Thursday, May 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Ministry Center.** The RCIA is for everyone in the parish – come and be part of the experience!

CELIAC DISEASE: We now have low gluten bread made by Benedictine Sisters in Clyde, Missouri. The gluten content is 0.01% making it safe for most celiacs and still fulfilling the Church's requirement of wheat bread. If you have this disease and would like to again receive the Eucharist call Anne at 937-746-5404 or Deacon Steve at 937-746-1404.

THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL STORE was very happy that we once again filled the truck with great things. Thank you very much for your help. We are still receiving 15-20 calls a day on the helpline. Most of the call are for utility and rent assistance. We continue to work closely with the Food Pantry to help the clients in our area. SVdP meets the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month in the Parish Center at 9:00 a.m.



HONOR MARY THE MOTHER OF JESUS and the



Mother of the Church by coming to the parish outdoor crowning of the statue of Mary in the grotto next to the Youth Room on Wednesday, May 7 at 6:30 p.m. May is a month dedicated to honoring Mary. Join in prayer and song. Bring your rosary.

Every Wednesday parishioners gather to pray the rosary at 6:30 p.m. Consider joining them, especially during May, to honor Mary and all she has done for us as the Mother of Jesus and as our mother.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL met on Wednesday, April 16. A presentation was given for the initial plans to form a soup kitchen at St. Mary's. Details were discussed and the Council presented several operational issues needing further input. Parishioner Chuck Dallavo presented the Father Chuck Memorial's final recommendations for the utilization of the funding generated by the appeal. Scholarships based on the income from the remaining principle were discussed and approved. Details of the scholarships will be presented to the Parish prior to Fenwick High School opening this Fall. Anne Langsdale gave a description of her job duties. A Parish Policy with regard to use of the Parish Center continues to be redefined. The Liturgy and Worship Commission is hoping to have young parishioners join them.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: The Father Chuck Mentrup Council will make a \$200 donation to the parish Youth Ministry, for their upcoming Summer Mission Trip in Harlan, KY. What a wonderful experience this will be for our parish youth. Our Council is also supporting a first year seminarian, Daniel Hunt, at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Cincinnati. If anyone would like to send Dan a card, letter or donation to wish him well in his studies and call for vocations, here is the address: Daniel Hunt, Mount St. Mary's Seminary, 6616 Beechmont Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45230.



A note to our Officer's and Activity Directors: There will be a meeting in the Parish Center on Wednesday, May 7, immediately following the May Crowning ceremony and rosary, at the statue of Mary outside in the grotto, at 6:30 pm.

Q What are some recent developments in celebrating the Holy Spirit's presence in the Church?

A In January 1988, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments issued Paschale Solemnitatis, a Circular Letter Concerning the Preparation and Celebration of the Easter Feasts. Among its many recommendations was the following concerning the Vigil of Pentecost:

Encouragement should be given to the prolonged celebration of Mass in the form of a Vigil, whose character is not baptismal as in the Easter Vigil, but is one of urgent prayer, after the example of the apostles and disciples, who persevered together in prayer with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, as they awaited the Holy Spirit.

The Lectionary offers an extended vigil of Pentecost, suggesting the use of six readings similar to the structure of the Easter Vigil: four readings from the Old Testament (Genesis 11:1-9; Exodus 19:3-8, 16-20; Ezekiel 37:1-14; and Joel 3:1-5), one from Paul's letter to the Romans 8:22-27, and the Gospel from John 7:37-39. All six readings focus on the Spirit's active role and presence from the beginning of creation through the history of God's people, culminating in Jesus, whose return to the Father activates the pouring out of the Spirit on all humanity.

Even if your parish doesn't celebrate a Pentecost Vigil, consider using the six recommended Spirit passages for prayer in the week ahead, thanking God for gifting us with the Spirit's power and love.

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TENNIS: The St Mary parish group of intrepid amateur tennis players will begin its 2008 season of weekly come-and-go-as-you-please-for-fun tennis practice and play at (roughly) 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 10 at the Franklin Community Park on SR 123. All ages and levels of (non-) expertise are welcome. If new to the group, to determine who and/or how many might show up, get on the group notification list by sending an email to stmarytennis@yahoo.com and/or leave a message for Walter Brewster at 937-626-2600.

WERE YOU MARRIED IN THE CHURCH? For many reasons there are couples in our parish and among our families and friends who were not married in the church. You may wonder if you can bring your marriage to the church to receive the sacrament and the grace to continue your vocation as married Catholics. For many the process is short, just make arrangements and repeat your vows witnessed by a priest or deacon. What a wonderful anniversary present to each other. Others may have the complication of a previous marriage. Seeking a declaration of nullity can be a freeing experience. It does not say anything about the legality of the previous marriage. The process could be easier than you imagine. If you have questions call Anne Langsdale at 937-746-5404.



LADIES! It's a time-honored tradition at St. Mary Parish...

THE GATHERING OF DAUGHTERS

This beautiful brunch to honor ALL the ladies of St. Mary (from little girls to the oldest grandmother) will take place in the Parish Hall following the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 18. We all may not be mothers, but we are ALL daughters. This is a wonderful time of good food and friendship. Bring your Mom, your Grandmother, your Aunts, Nieces, Cousins, and Friends, or just bring yourself. You will be in fine company! Remember, there is no charge for this event, but you DO need a ticket. Ladies will be outside church with tickets after all Masses this week-end and next week-end. Pick up your ticket and plan to attend!



NEXT SUNDAY IS MOTHER'S DAY: There will be no High School Youth Night next Sunday, May 11 so that we can honor our mothers.

Holy God, you compare your own love for your people to the love of a mother for her children. Look with kindness on these mothers, give them comfort in moments of sorrow, and joy in their work for their families.

MISSION TRIP TEAM MEETING: The Mission Trip Team will meet on Monday, May 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. Please keep this group of volunteers in your prayers as they prepare for their week in Harlan County, Ky. this July.

FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEER NIGHT: The Youth Ministry will volunteer at the Franklin Food Pantry on Wednesday, May 7. All youth in grades 7-12 and their parents are encouraged to participate. We meet at the Pantry at 5 p.m. and will return to St. Mary by 6:30 p.m. for the May Crowning.

MAY MEETING DATES

May 4 High School Youth Night
 May 5 Mission Trip Team Meeting
 May 7 Food Pantry Volunteer Night
 May Crowning
 May 11 Mother's Day, **No Youth Night**
 May 18 High School Youth Night
 May 20 St. Mary's Day at Campioni's!!
 May 24 Memorial Day weekend, **No Youth Night**

BEYOND THE PARISH

FR. CHUCK MENTRUP MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING will take place on Saturday, September 27, 2008 at Weatherwax Golf Course in Middletown. Fr. Chuck was a generous and caring man dedicated to Catholic education. To continue this spirit the donations and proceeds generated from the outing will provide tuition assistance for students at area schools where Fr. Chuck served. For information, visit www.geocities.com/golf4chuck, email Theresa at golf4chuck@yahoo.com or call 513-741-8968.

SAVE THE DATE: Bishop Fenwick High School invites the families of all current 6th and 7th graders to our 2008 Showcase Wednesday, May, 14 at 7:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to visit our campus, talk with members of the faculty, and meet other Fenwick families. Please join us for an evening of fun and refreshments where you can learn more about life at Fenwick and also have a chance to win one of may door prizes! RSVP by calling 513-727-1500.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICE of Southwestern Ohio's Caregiver Assistance Network is presenting *Dealing with Age-related Changes: What's Normal? What's Not?* Thursday May 8 at 7:00 p.m. at Birchwood Care Center, 4070 Hamilton-Mason Rd., Hamilton. This free program takes a look at some concerns related to aging, including memory, sight and hearing and ways of dealing with them. Call the CAREline at 513-929-4483 if you have any questions.

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO SOMETHING NEW? Grow in faith and discipleship through courses for a Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry or a non-degreed Certificate in Ministry. Call 513-231-1200 for information. Courses count toward catechist certification, and either LPMP option fulfills the prerequisites for application to the permanent diaconate. The non-degreed Certificate is offered at the main campus in Cincinnati, at St. Dominic parish in Delhi and at St. Christopher parish in Vandalia. The Master degree is offered at the main campus.

THE SOUTH DAYTON Separated, Divorced, Widowed Support Group meets each first and third Sunday evening 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.

ST. AUGUSTINE, WAYNESVILLE will have a St. Vincent de Paul truck the weekend of May 17-18.

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULES:

May 10-11	4:00 p.m. Sat.	7:30 a.m. Sun.	9:00 a.m. Sun.	10:30 a.m. Sun.	6:30 p.m. Sun.
Servers	Brian Fry Arizona Craycraft	Allison Moore	Eric Sillies Luke Sillies	Amanda Everts Colette Telatko	Jenna Onderko Kelsie Onderko
Eucharistic Ministers	Paul O'Brien Pat Monnin Norm Pfeifer Pat Bosway	Mark Dietsch Connie Fields Mike Hutchinson	Anna Marie Brewster Greg Buchholz Mary Buchholz Linda Harvey	Bob Matson Betty Mueller Connie O'Neill, Tina Rychlewski	Andrea Dapkus Ron Onderko Ed Koslow Greg Mahle
Lectors	Lynn Wurzelbacher	Diane Kinsworthy	Walter Mauck	Joe Couture	Gary Beall
Gift Bearers	De Graaf	Foley	Ball		Gast

Readings for the Week of May 4, 2008

Sunday: Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20
 Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33
 Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a
 Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19
 Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26
 Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19
 Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25
 Next Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

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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.