



On this Mothers' Day Weekend, we take this opportunity to thank all of your mothers, living and deceased, for the life and the love they have given to us.

Through Mary, the Mother of Jesus, may we come closer to her Son in our daily lives.

DAILY LITURGIES AND INTENTIONS:

- Monday, May 12 Weekday
8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Communion
- Tuesday, May 13 Weekday
8:00 a.m. The deceased of the McLaughlin Family
- Wednesday, May 14 **Matthias, apostle**
8:00 a.m. Bob Burns
- Thursday, May 15 Weekday
8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Communion
- Friday, May 16 Weekday
8:00 a.m. Karen Flischel
- Saturday, May 17 Weekday
4:00 p.m. Vince Ross
- Sunday, May 18 **Most Holy Trinity**
7:30 a.m. St. Mary Community
9:00 a.m.* Connie Burns
10:30 a.m. Connie Cairra
6:30 p.m. Kathleen Flischel

* Co-operative nursery available in Parish Center

Pentecost: The teenage daughter yells at her dad, exclaiming how he just doesn't understand her. She storms off to her room, slams the door and locks it behind her. He tries several approaches, but nothing works. Finally, exhausted, he says, "No, honey, I really don't understand you. But I do know one thing-I love you very much." For a moment, there is silence. Then, he hears the door unlock.

A locked door. Behind it, sadness, anger, and fear. On this Pentecost Sunday, John's brief but powerful narration tells of Jesus appearing to his disciples in that locked room. He calms their fears, softens their anger, and relieves their sadness with joy. He has brought with him the gift he had promised-the gift of the Holy Spirit. "He breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'"

In a certain way, Pentecost can be referred to as the birth of the Church. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that after the Holy Spirit was given to the disciples, the Church was "openly displayed" and the preaching of the Gospels to all of the nations begun (CCC 767). We, too, are part of this missionary Church, blessed with the Holy Spirit and charged with carrying the word just as Jesus charged his disciples that beautiful first day.

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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 T. Adams Family will be presented the Elijah cup at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. The next scheduled families are:

- May 18 Fleskes Family at 4:00 p.m.
- May 24 Gast 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:

May 3-4

\$8,877.00	235 envelopes	Catholic	41 env.
\$6.00	7 children	Telegraph	\$854.00

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.

Thought for today

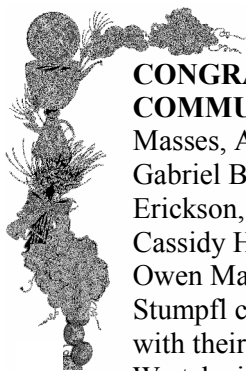
Come, Holy Spirit, with your seven-fold gifts. Inspire, enlighten, energize, and encourage me to be a witness for the gospel.

(1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13)




ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK


Sunday	MOTHER'S DAY
Monday	NO HS Youth Ministry Basket Class at 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Education Commission at 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Parkinson Support Group at 1:00 p.m. Rosary at 6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus at 7:00 p.m. Worship Commission at 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Ladies Society at noon
Saturday	St. Vincent de Paul at 9:00 a.m.
Sunday	GATHERING OF THE DAUGHTERS HS Youth Night at 7:15 p.m.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS! At last weekend's Masses, Aaron Alexander, Katie Alexander, Gabriel Brown, Mairén Donohoe, Noah Erickson, Mackenzie Houser, Britney Huey, Cassidy Huey, Jacob Jones, Max Langenkamp, Owen Materne, Charlie Staples, and Hannah Stumpfl celebrated First Communion together with their families and the parish community. We take joy in welcoming them to the table of the Lord.

A 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.

 **LADIES!** It's the May meeting of St. Mary Ladies' Society and it is **THIS THURSDAY, MAY 15, at NOON** in the meeting room of the Parish Center. This is a special meeting! Not only will we conduct a little business, we will also honor the Blessed Virgin Mary with prayer, song, and flowers. So bring your bag lunch (a wonderful dessert will be provided), bring your rosary, and bring a flower (for Mary's bouquet). Remember, **ALL** ladies of the parish already belong to the Ladies' Society and are warmly invited to attend. May's meeting promises to be beautiful! P.S. Our Annual June Luncheon will be at the Aron Wright House in Springboro and will cost \$15. This includes a beautiful lunch, dessert, beverage, tax and tip. Please give your \$15 to Diane Kinsworthy at this week's meeting.

 **ARE YOU EXPECTING A BABY? ARE YOU NEW PARENTS?** If this is your first child and you would like to have him/her baptized soon, you are invited to a meeting Tuesday, May 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish House. Call the office 937-746-5404, for a reservation.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Noon the Monday before the weekend. E-mail notices to Annelpasmf@sbcglobal.net.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: The Knights will be selling Super Cash Bonanza raffle tickets (aka the Ohio Charity Raffle) after the Masses this weekend. Grand prize is \$49,680, with a total of 20 cash prizes (lowest cash prize is \$1,000) awarded on May 23. Tickets are sold in Ohio only, and this is a fund raiser for the Father Chuck Mentrup Council here at St. Mary. This will help support our programs for the Church, Community, Council, Vocations, and Youth Ministry.




Many thanks to the parishioners and people of Franklin who gave generously to our 2 weekend campaign to raise money for the Mentally Retarded people of Ohio. The Knights collected at Wal-Mart, Kroger, and Marsh stores in Franklin, raising \$3,500 for this most worthy cause. Thank you.



LADIES! Do you have your free tickets? THE GATHERING OF DAUGHTERS next Sunday

This unique tradition of our parish is an opportunity for **ALL** the ladies of St. Mary - from little girls to doting grandmothers - to enjoy a delicious brunch together. There is no cost, but you do need a ticket! They are available out church after all Masses this weekend. Ladies, we are not all mothers, but we are all daughters. Don't miss this beautiful chance to celebrate. Plan to brunch with the ladies of your parish family following the 10:30 a.m. Mass next weekend.

 **THE FOREVER BEGINNERS BASKET CLASS!** The next class will be Monday, May 12 at 9:00 a.m. everyone is welcome to join in the fun. For information call Charlene 937-746-9460 or Dorothy 937-885-3053.

NEW BEGINNINGS FILL SPRINGTIME each year. Young men and women receive diplomas. Couples marry. It's also a great time to commit our lives to the journey that is Jesus Christ. Through the sacraments we are emboldened to carry the message of Christ to those around us. Through study of the bible we apply the lessons of faith, hope and love to our own life. *The Catholic Telegraph* is a great supplement to learn about our faith. As the archdiocesan newspaper you receive information about the church on a local, national, and international basis, a way to become better informed about the church. For just \$24 per year, you receive 51 issues. Subscribe to *The Catholic Telegraph* today by using your specially marked envelope in your boxed envelopes. Don't have a box of envelopes? Subscribe by putting the \$24 in an envelope with your name address and phone number and drop it in the collection basket.

Q As we celebrate Pentecost, what does it mean to be a community led by the Spirit?

A Pentecost celebrates the feast of God gifting us with Jesus' Spirit. What do we mean when we name ourselves a Spirit-led community? The Pentecost reading from Luke's Acts of the Apostles offers us insights. The action of the Spirit on the followers of Jesus is twofold. The Spirit emboldens them to come out of their comfort zones, the secure upper room, to interact with all, boldly proclaiming the good news of God's reign and presence among all people. The Spirit then empowers them to speak the language of God, which, when attuned to the Spirit's prompting, becomes a universal language understood by all. The universal language is articulated not merely in words but also in deeds, leading others to experience visibly the Spirit's presence. Luke's Acts continually draws the amazed statement from the crowds, "See how they love one another."

How are we a Spirit-led community today? When we are willing to stretch ourselves out of our comfort zones-to invite, welcome, and share with others, especially the poor, the powerless, the immigrant, and the despised-then we are Spirit-led. When we speak in words and actions the language of love which Jesus modeled for us, then we are Spirit-led. When we are willing to take stands that uphold the dignity and worth of every human being no matter what the cost, then we are Spirit-led.

How does your parish family actively manifest its identity as a Spirit-led community?

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THE FRANKLIN PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP meets Tuesday, May 13, at 1:30 p.m., in the Parish Center. Parkinson's Disease is a movement disorder, affecting balance and gait. Through the efforts of the University of Dayton Doctor of Physical Therapy program, and KMC Rehabilitation Dept., Dr. Kurt Jackson has developed a program to assess problems; develop a personal plan of care; and provide follow-up services. Dr. Jackson will discuss upcoming Parkinson's research opportunities and be available to answer questions about exercise and physical therapy for persons with Parkinson's Disease. The meeting is free and open to the public. For information, call Rose Wurst at 937-231-3362(cell).

DON'T STRUGGLE ALONE. If you are under stress or are facing personal problems help is 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. Service are available to parishioners at a 50% reduction in price. Also, 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.

PARISH TENNIS PLAYERS and friends of parish tennis players are welcome to join us on Saturday mornings (around 9:00 a.m.) at the Franklin Community Park on SR-123 as we engage in casual but intense tennis. Come when you can, leave when you need to. Questions? Write to StMaryTennis@yahoo.com or leave a message at 937-626-2600.

COME TO THE RAIN FOREST! July 28- August 1.



We have room for three more adults who like to work with children and share their faith. Also this is a great opportunity for Jr. and Sr. High students to teach younger students in a fun, learning setting while completing service hours.

Call Mary at the Rain Forest Office 937-746-5404.



TODAY IS MOTHER'S DAY: There will be no High School Youth Night. We will meet at our regular time next Sunday, 7:15 in the Youth Room.

PIZZA FUNDRAISER FOR MISSION TRIP: Make it your plan to have lunch or dinner at Campioni's in Springboro on Tuesday, May 20. The Mission Trip Team is sponsoring an evening of fun with our own reserved section in the restaurant and a 50/50 raffle. Come have dinner with the Mission Trip Team and we'll tell you all about our trip to Harlan, KY in July. The great news is a percentage of the sales for the entire day will be donated to St. Mary's for our trip! So, if you can't make it for dinner, get there for lunch and tell them you're from St. Mary's.

JUNIOR HIGH SUMMER OF SERVICE SIGN UPS: Summer of Service is a week-long service retreat for incoming 7th and 8th graders designed to allow the students to experience our Catholic call to social justice by providing an opportunity for community service and social activities right here in Franklin. Registration forms are available in the bright yellow flyers at the back of church (by the Youth News bulletin board). Forms should be returned by mail to Janet Huelsman at the parish.

MAY MEETING DATES

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

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.

ARE YOU FEELING THE STRESS of caring part-time or full-time for an elderly or disabled family member? Are you struggling to balance caregiving and your employment? Do you feel that other family members are not very supportive of what you do? 25 free family caregiver support groups to assist you are sponsored by the Caregiver Assistance Network of Catholic Social Services throughout the area. Call the Caregiver CAREline at 513-929-4483 for details.

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

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.

GULUPALOOZA: a Benefit Rock Music Fest on May 17 sponsored by the senior class of Fenwick High School will take place from noon to 9:p.m. at The North Park Amphitheater in Springboro. Help the *Invisible Children* of Uganda who have suffered from the civil war of the last 22 years and enjoy an day of music. If you cannot attend, consider a donation to the cause. Make checks payable to Bishop Fenwick High School ("Invisible Children" on memo line) and send to Campus Ministry, Bishop Fenwick High School, 4855 St. Rt. 122, Franklin, OH 45005.

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULES:

May 17-18	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	Vince Haenni Leo Haenni	Peter Schaaf Jack Schaaf	Sean Pfeifer Katie Pfeifer	Taylor Schlachter Joshua Plandowski	Sam Mahle Hunter Cone
Eucharistic Ministers	Karen Streit Sandi Traud Joe Borosic	Doug Brooker Tim Cable Diane Kinsworthy	Gary Mathes Amy Mathes Debra Kapolka Dan Liberti	Judy Beatty Walt Beatty Marge Braun Cincy Brazie	Ken Fish Debbie Fish Jeff Rohde Carlos Yopez
Lectors	Mark Haenni	Paul Puffenberger	Mike Pfeifer	Anne Langsdale	Chuck Dallavo
Gift Bearers	Sommer	Williams			Duckett

Readings for the Week of May 11, 2008

Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23
 Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13
 Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21
 Wednesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17
 Thursday: Jas 2:1-9/Mk 8:27-33
 Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26/Mk 8:34-9:1
 Saturday: Jas 3:1-10/Mk 9:2-13
 Next Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

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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.