



Next weekend is the Feast of Corpus Christi. This celebration acknowledges the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. It is our intention on Corpus Christi to have witness talks on the Traveling Chalice, the Elijah Cup.

The Traveling Chalice links the table of our homes to the Eucharistic Table of the Lord. It also reminds us that the home is the Domus Ecclesia, the domestic church.

DAILY LITURGIES AND INTENTIONS:

- Monday, May 19 Weekday
8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Communion
- Tuesday, May 20 Weekday
8:00 a.m. Vince Ross
- Wednesday, May 21 Weekday
8:00 a.m. Michael Steffan, healing
- Thursday, May 22 Weekday
8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Communion
- Friday, May 23 Weekday
8:00 a.m. Deceased of the McLaughlin Family
- Saturday, May 24 Weekday
4:00 p.m. Connie and Bob Burns
- Sunday, May 25 **Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**
7:30 a.m. Eichholz and Howard Families
9:00 a.m.* St. Mary Community
10:30 a.m. Patricia Puetz
6:30 p.m. Richard Rogers

* Co-operative nursery available in Parish Center

The Most Holy Trinity: Scientists at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York released a study about a year ago in which they were sure they could identify the particular part of the brain that controls the feeling of love. A small area called the caudate becomes very active when thoughts of love occur during an MRI brain scan. The doctors' conclusions were that love isn't an emotion; it is a drive, similar to hunger or thirst. If only they had looked in their subjects' hearts. "For God so loved the world?" The very first few words of today's Gospel reading from John are usually enough for most people to finish the passage from memory. But take a moment and study those six words; realize how much God loves us, and then think about how great that love is when God is willing to allow his only son to die for us and our sins. And through that death and resurrection God gives to us the completion of the Holy Trinity, the most central mystery of the Christian faith and Christian life (CCC 261). God truly wants only happiness for us; his love is not an exclusionary love meant for only a few, but for us all. Today, remember the gift of the Holy Spirit, the gift of God's only son, and the gift of God's love, all three in one.

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CALLED HOME TO THE LORD

Paula Kay Marcum, parishioner, returned to our loving Father on May 9, 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 Fleskes Family will be presented the Elijah cup at the 4:00 p.m. Mass. The next scheduled families are:

- May 24 Gast Family at 4:00 p.m.
- June 1 Walters Family at 10:30 a.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 10-11**

\$8,998.00	239 envelopes	Catholic	11 env.
\$7.00	8 children	Telegraph	\$217.00

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.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	GATHERING OF THE DAUGHTERS HS Youth Night at 7:15 p.m.
Tuesday	Craft Making at 10:00 a.m. Baptism Class at 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Rosary at 6:30 p.m. Parish Pastoral Council at 7:00 p.m.
Sunday	No Youth Night

Thought for today

Listen to the call to live in community. Call on the Trinity to help you discern.

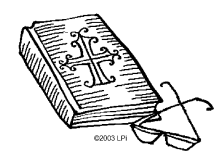
2 Corinthians 13:11-13

YOU CAN RECYCLE HERE: We have several dumpsters and ways to recycle things you might ordinarily put in landfill. The proceeds from these collections support our youth program.

Empty inkjet cartridges can be placed in the collection box in the Parish Hall. (no Epson, laser or already recycled cartridges).

Newspapers and aluminum cans can be placed in one of the recycling dumpsters in the parking lot.

Campbell's Labels for Education can be placed in the giant can in the Parish Center. Clip the UPC with Label for Education logo. Proceeds from these go to the PSR.



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 registration deadline was May 16 but there are still a few slots open.** The cost is \$10.00 per participant. To register and for more information, call Deacon Steve at 937-746-1404.



ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Over the next few months, a new group of inquirers into the Catholic faith will be forming. The group will be exploring the basics of the Catholic faith and talking about responding to the call of Jesus Christ to "Come, follow me." This process, called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), is open to all: Catholics and non-Catholics alike. If you're interested, please call Deacon Steve at 937-476-1404.



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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: We are planning a First Degree meeting for new members to join our ranks in early June. This date will be in next week's bulletin. Those interested, please pick up some of the Knights of Columbus literature in the back of the Church on the radiators. Our Membership Director, Dave Potts 937-748-2387 would love to hear from you and can answer any questions you may have. Our business meetings are always the 2nd Wednesday of the month, starting with the rosary at 7:00 p.m. and the business meeting starting at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.



About two weeks ago a reminder letter was sent to our parishioners who had not yet responded to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. It is not too late to make your contribution or pledge. We are very close to our monetary goal. If we exceed the goal of \$17,000 10% of the contributions over that goal will return to our parish for use on debt reduction, such as our Archdiocesan annual assessment. We are anxious to have as many of our parishioners participate as possible. Twenty percent of our members have gotten us to this point. We need **everyone** to support these ministries that are throughout the Archdiocese. The ministries provide social services, education and support for retired priests. They are vital to the life and health of our archdiocese and all our brothers and sister in Christ.

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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SWING INTO THE RAIN FOREST! July 28- August 1

Registration is coming the weekend of June 14-15 after all Masses. Deadline for registration is June 20. Online registration will be available.

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.



THE CHRISTMAS CRAFTERS will have their second May meeting on Tuesday May 18, at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Center. We will continue working on snowman toilet seat covers, so bring sharp scissors and fabric glue. Questions call Diane at 937-746-6958. Come join for a fun time!



OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS WILL GATHER on May 25 at the 9:00 a.m. Mass with their families to celebrate the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. Afterwards, there will be an opportunity for group photos at our Marian shrine. If your child received First Communion this year at St. Mary's and you did not receive an email notice of this event, please contact Deacon Steve at 937-746-1404 or stevebermick@stmaryfranklin.org.

MEET US AT CAMPIONI'S IN SPRINGBORO: Make



it your plan to have lunch or dinner at **Campioni's** in Springboro this Tuesday, May 20. If you haven't been there, they have great pizza, subs and salads and they are donating **10% of the day's sales** to our St. Mary Youth Ministry Mission

Trip! Come have dinner with the Mission Trip Team and we'll tell you all about our trip to Harlan, Ky. in July. If you can't make it for dinner, get there for lunch and tell them you're from St. Mary's, the proceeds still count. And **carry-out** orders count, too!



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.

YOUTH NIGHT GOES ON...Even though school is almost over and PSR classes have ended, our Sunday Night Youth Nights continue. You can't stop this great group of young people from wanting to gather and share their faith (and a few snacks). Each week we have a new topic based on scripture and fun activities to bring the message to life. All high school students are welcome to join in anytime. Come see us in the Youth Room (garage) this Sunday starting at 7:15 p.m.

MAY MEETING DATES

- 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

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.

PROJECT RACHEL SUPPORT GROUP: A time for healing and reconciliation following the loss of a child due to abortion. For more information call our confidential help-line at 513-784-0531.

FR. CHUCK MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING is in need of volunteers. If you would be willing to make contacts to collect sponsorships and door prize donations, please contact Mary McConnell at 513-267-1452 or email Mary at mmc301@cinci.rr.com. If individuals, families or businesses would like to be a hole sponsor or donate a door prize, we'd love to hear from you, too. For more information on the golf outing, go to the website at www.geocities.com/golf4chuck.

ATTENTION INTER-FAITH COUPLES: If you and your family share your Christian faith within two different church traditions, and would like to be encouraged and enriched in that experience, consider joining other couples at a gathering June 27-29 in Louisville. Contact the Family Life Office, Archdiocese of Cincinnati at 513-421-3131 for more information.

CROSS THE BRIDGE FOR LIFE: On Sunday, June 1 at 2:00 p.m. a walk begins at the Peace Bell in Newport, KY. Music and activities will be at 1:00 p.m. Following the prayerful crossing of the Purple People Bride, food will be provided by JTM Meats for anyone participating. Please, no signs or banners - this is a family-friendly event and a way for us to quietly pray for and respect life.

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULES:

May 24-25	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	Aileen Duckett Bevin Duckett	Claire Brownfield David Brownfield	Reggie Gast Rhys Gast Mae Gast	Genevieve Nenninger Claire Nenninger	Joshua Plandowski
Eucharistic Ministers	Marlene Hartsfield Mark Cable Pat Bosway Steve Bermick	Kristine Brown Linda Brownfield Doug Brooker	Linda Harvey Walter Mauck Greg Buchholz Mary Buchholz	Richard Hobe Teresa Hobe Martha Ilg Marge Braun	Regina Gogol Andrea Dapkus Ed Koslow Steve Bermick
Lectors	Rich Hobbs	Steve Dungan	Shaun Yu	David Garofoli	George Gogol
Gift Bearers	Traud		Sillies		

Readings for the Week of May 18, 2008

Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18
 Monday: Jas 3:13-18/Mk 9:14-29
 Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10/Mk 9:30-37
 Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17/Mk 9:38-40
 Thursday: Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:41-50
 Friday: Jas 5:9-12/Mk 10:1-12
 Saturday: Jas 5:13-20/Mk 10:13-16
 Next Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58

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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.