



Last week I complimented those who decorated our church so well for the Christmas Season. Now I would like to thank those who cleaned the church after the Christmas Season and restored us to Ordinary Time. Finding God in the ordinary and mundane affairs of life is our normal faith experience.

DAILY LITURGIES AND INTENTIONS:

Monday, January 19 Weekday
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Communion
 Tuesday, January 20, Weekday
 8:00 a.m. Rosemary Huntsbargar
 Wednesday, January 21, **Agnes, virgin and martyr**
 8:00 a.m. Mary Hartsfield
 Thursday, January 22, **USA: Day of Peace**
Anniversary of Roe vs Wade
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Communion
 Friday, January 23, Weekday
 8:00 a.m. Cyril Francis and Family
 Saturday, January 24 **Francis de Sales, bishop and doctor**
 4:00 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. McManus
 Sunday, January 25, **Conversion of Paul, apostle**
 7:30 a.m. Barbara Jazwinski
 9:00 a.m.* St Mary Community
 10:30 a.m. John and Janet Griffith
 6:30 p.m. Vince Ross

* Co-operative nursery available in Parish Center



ELIJAH CUP - from our parish family table to your family table.

Would you and your family pray for vocations for one week during meals with Fr. Jim's ordination chalice and paten on your table? This week the J. Rohde family will be presented the Elijah cup at 6:30 p.m. Mass. The next scheduled families are:
 January 24 P. Monnin family at 4:00 p.m. Mass
 January 31 H. Miller family at 6:30 p.m. Mass
 Make a New Year's Resolution to pray for vocations by participating in the Elijah cup. All you need to do is sign up for the Mass time on the weekend of your choice. Print your name and number on the sheet in the back of church.

**OUR GIFT IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S GENEROSITY:
 January 10-11**

\$8,743.00	261 env.	\$1.00	2 children's
\$150.00	ROOF FUND	\$1,365.00	17 EFT

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 year end statement of contributions.

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Men have a habit that apparently is not shared by their wives. It's called pantry grazing, or cabinet surfing, or raiding the refrigerator. It is a simple process in which we hear a little voice in our heads (or our stomachs) which commands us to find something to eat. Now, most of us are pretty clueless when it comes to what exactly we want or where exactly we might find it. We do our best to graze the pantry or surf the cabinets in solitude, but the minute we open that refrigerator door, our wives are suddenly standing behind us, asking "What are you looking for?"

What are you looking for? Some people spend their entire lives trying to "find themselves" or "find the meaning of life." Sadly, some find neither. Two of John the Baptist's followers were with him when Jesus walked by one day. "Behold, the Lamb of God," John said to them. Immediately, they wanted to be with him, referring to him as rabbi, or teacher. Andrew introduced his brother Simon to Jesus who immediately changed Simon's name to Peter. In this short period of time, these men found the meaning of life-and themselves.

Today's Gospel reading from John tells of the beginning of Jesus' other family, his disciples. The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that "the Christian family is a communion of persons, a sign and image of the communion of the Father and the Son in the Holy Spirit" (CCC 2205). By praying daily and reading the word of God, we strengthen our families and further our ability to spread the Gospel of the Lord, just as those called to Jesus' other family were able to do when they found what they were looking for.

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Readings for the Week of January 18, 2009

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42
 Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Mk 2:18-22
 Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Mk 2:23-28
 Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Mk 3:1-6
 Thursday: Heb 7:25---8:6/Mk 3:7-12
 Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Mk 3:13-19
 Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Mk 3:20-21
 Next Sunday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 16:15-18

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“DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.”

These words of Jesus at the Last Supper remind us of his command to gather as a community and celebrate what the Second Vatican Council called “the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed “(The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, #10). Join Fr. Jim, our catechists, and the catechumens and candidates in a presentation on the Eucharist at the next RCIA session this **Thursday, January 22, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.** The RCIA is for everyone – catechumens, candidates, and you!

AN IMPORTANT STEP FOR THOSE THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC. Some of those inquiring about becoming members of our Catholic Church started coming to our RCIA sessions a little later than others did. They are now prepared to make their first formal declaration of their intentions. It is our privilege to welcome them through the first of the Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults. **The Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming will take place at the 10:30 a.m. Mass next Sunday, January 25, 2009.** Please pray for these inquirers as they prepare for this important step and continue their journey with the Lord.

ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER AVAILABLE:

It’s an easy, convenient and safe way to make your offering or other special donations. Information about setting up funds transfer is on our website, stmmaryfranklin.org or call Karen Kohl at 937-746-5404.



TIME TO GET OUR TAXES IN ORDER: If you would like a statement of the contributions you made to the parish in 2008 please put your name on the list located on the radiator in the back of church or call the office at 937-746-5404. We will need your name, envelope number and direction on how you wish to receive it (mail or personal pick up). Statements will **not** automatically be mailed.

CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP: We are committed Catholic men who recognize our need for God's guidance in our daily life. A new meeting time for men who would like an evening gathering, is 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 27, in the Parish Center. Questions call Ira Fiscus at 937-885-4654 or Dave Potts 937-749-2387.

ANSWER THE CALL: Men of St Mary Church PLEASE SAVE THE DATE 3/21/09. Join us in a day spiritual growth and fellowship. Questions call Scott Flischel at 937-748-2163.

THE FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL. Because of the Year of St. Paul, the Holy See has given permission for parishes to celebrate the Conversion of St. Paul next Sunday, January 25. (Normally, the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time would take precedence.) Accordingly, we will celebrate the feast next Sunday.

ARE YOU STRUGGLING WITH A CHILD DURING THE CELEBRATION OF THE MASS?

Just a reminder that the parish has a nursery for small children during the 9:00 a.m. Mass in the Parish Center. Make your Mass experience more faith-filled and less stressful by taking advantage of the nursery. It is located at the end of the hallway for the Parish School of Religion (PSR) classrooms. For more information, call Mary Leonard at 513-309-3551.

CHILDREN’S BEDTIME PRAYER

Help me, Dear God, to live the way
 you want me to, day by day
 Show me how to please you best
 When I’m at work or play or rest
 And may I often think of You
 And never say what isn’t true
 And never do what isn’t right
 I think that’s all, Dear God, Good Night



The celebration of **1st Reconciliation** has been rescheduled for this Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 7:00 pm. Don’t forget to bring your Sorry Sacks if you have them at home.

Parent/Student/Sponsor class for **Confirmation** is this Sunday, January 18 at 7:15 pm.

CONFIRMATION: – If there are any 8th grade or high school students who attend Catholic schools, that have not been confirmed and who want to participate in our parish celebration on March 22 at the Cathedral in Cincinnati, please call Sister Ann at 937-746-1404.

If there are any adults who have not been confirmed and would like to be, please call Sister Ann at 937-746-1404 for further information.

Q. Why do we begin the Sundays of ordinary time with a Gospel reading from John?

A. Ordinary time (numbered Sundays) begins when the Christmas season ends with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord and continues until Ash Wednesday. It picks up again after Pentecost.

Traditionally, the manifestations of Jesus to the world are encompassed in the epiphany mystery broadly understood. We often think of the epiphany as only being the visit of the magi, included as part of the Christmas story in Matthew. But the manifestation of the Son of God is also celebrated in the baptism at the Jordan. The account of changing water into wine at the wedding feast of Cana-Jesus' first "sign" as recorded in John's Gospel-is also celebrated as part of the epiphany mystery, manifesting Christ to the world.

With the reorganization of the liturgical calendar and the addition of a three-year cycle of readings we now have exposure to a greater portion of the Gospels. The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time continues the focus on the epiphany by proclaiming three different public manifestation accounts from John's Gospel.

Reading from John's Gospel at the beginning or ordinary time extends the celebration of the epiphany beyond the visit of the magi to the initiation of Jesus' public ministry.

In Years A and B the passages focus on John the Baptist's role in pointing out Jesus to his disciples and to the world. Year C proclaims the wedding feast of Cana, Jesus' first openly public miracle as recorded in John's Gospel.

How do you publicly manifest Jesus in your life?

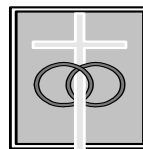
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: The Knights are planning an upcoming fund raising activity called "A Night at the Races" to be held here at the Parish Center on Saturday, February 21. This is a fun night out for our adult parishioners and begins after the 4:00 p.m. Mass. We will only sell 100 tickets and the price will be just \$25 per couple, which includes your meal, and drawing for door prizes. Those interested in purchasing a ticket early, please contact Mark Cable at 937-847-3979 or Wayne Simpson at 937-746-5949 or Charlie Lindon at 937-746-1609. Money from this fundraiser will go towards our Seminarian support (Daniel Hunt at Mount St. Mary Seminary) and Council charities.

The Knights are hosting a youth basketball Free Throw Competition, on Sunday, January 25 at Bishop Fenwick High School. Registration starts at noon, and will likely run for an hour or two, depending on how many sign up. This is open to all girls and boys ages 10 through 14 years. Just come out to the BFHS gymnasium and look for the posters. Any questions, please call our Youth Activity Director, Dion Duckett at 937-743-1358.

Those waiting to join the Father Chuck Mentrup Council, of the Knights of Columbus, we are planning a First Degree on Wednesday, January 28, at St. Leonard's in Centerville. The date is good, but we are still firming up the time and location, so mark your calendars now. Candidates most likely need to arrive at 7:00 pm to get registered. Please contact our Membership Director Dave Potts at 937-748-2387 or our Admissions Committee Director Steve Dungan at 937-885-1688. .



MARRIED 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 OR MORE? Couples celebrating these wedding anniversaries during 2009 should contact Mary Spears at 937-550-4163 no later than

Monday, January 26. The 2009 Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held at St. Mary Church, Saturday, February 14 at 4:00 p.m. A Valentine's dinner reception sponsored by The Knights of Columbus, will follow in the Parish Center. The event is open to all married couples and the dinner is complimentary for those couples celebrating these significant milestones.



ST. MARY KITCHEN GANG hosts a free kitchen on **Wednesdays** 4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m. This is open to seniors, singles, families, anyone in need of a meal and fellowship.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO COOK, SERVE, SET-UP AND CLEAN-UP. All food and supplies will be donated by various local businesses, churches and organizations. There is no monetary support from the parish. Please call one of the following parish members to volunteer: Rocky and Rose Adams 937-743-0226 or Ken and Debbie Fish 937-743-8118.



I would like to thank my very special and talented group of decorators for helping to make the church so beautiful this Christmas. I really appreciate all of you taking the time on Christmas Eve to make the church your first priority before all of your Christmas activities. I am so blessed to have all of you helping me. And to the parishioners, thank you for the generosity to the flower fund; we could not do it without you. You make this ministry a joy. Thanks again, Pat Quigley.

**ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK
January 18-25**

Sunday	PSR AM/PM Confirmation Meeting 7:15 p.m. NO Youth Ministry 7:15 p.m. WINTER RETREAT
Tuesday	Arch Diocesan Worship Commission 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Free Kitchen 4:30-6:00 p.m. Rosary in Church 6:30 p.m. Work Camp Meeting 7:00 p.m. Parish Pastoral Council 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	RCIA 7:00 p.m.
Sunday	Confirmation Enrollment Rite 9:00 a.m. Confirmation Breakfast Rite of Acceptance & Welcoming 10:30 a.m. PSR AM/PM Youth Ministry 7:15 p.m.



WE HAVE SO MANY TO THANK!! Set aside Saturday, January 31 for the Annual Ministry

(Volunteer) Appreciation Dinner as a time to let us serve you and thank you for all the help you give us throughout the year. Our volunteers are what make this parish alive and vibrant. We have limited space in the Parish Center so please put your completed slip in the collection basket or call the office 937-746-5404 as soon as possible to let us know you are coming.

WILL OUR KIDS HAVE FAITH?: A Powerful Presentation on the Religious and Spiritual Lives of Today's Youth will be presented in the St. Mary Parish Center on Sunday, February 8 from 10:00 am until 12 Noon. Child care will be provided after PSR until Noon in the Conference Room. This is a very eye opening presentation and one that all parents of school age children could benefit from. This presentation has been given more than 90 times by the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry.

CELEBRATION OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY. Beginning next Sunday, we join more than 8,000 Catholic Schools nationwide to observe Catholic School Week using the theme, "Catholic Schools Celebrate Service." Let us offer prayers for the continued success of our Catholic schools and their commitment to the education and development of our children.

ANNOUNCING AN EVENING OF REFLECTION FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS. The Worship Commission invites all Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Musicians, Ushers, Greeters, and Gift Bearers to attend a special evening of reflection on **Monday, January 26, from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the church.** Deacon Steve will be our presenter in what we intend to make an annual event. To register, please call the parish office at 937-746-5404 or send an email to stevebermick@stmaryfranklin.org.



MISSION TRIP MEETING THIS WEEK: The St. Mary's Youth Ministry is planning a mission trip to Harlan Co. KY again this year. Our trip is planned for July 12-17, 2009. This trip is open to all high school students and adult volunteers. It is an opportunity to reach out to the larger community in service. There will be an Introductory Meeting for students, parents and adult volunteers on Wednesday, January 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Call Janet Huelsman at 937-746-8709 for more information.

HIGH SCHOOL WINTER RETREAT: The High School group is attending our Annual Winter Retreat this weekend. Please pray for these teens as they spend time in prayer and conversation aimed at deepening their relationship with Jesus Christ.



BRRRING ON THE JANUARY ACTIVITIES!
 January 17-18 – WINTER RETREAT!
 January 18 – No Youth Night due to Retreat
 January 21 – Mission Trip Introduction Meeting 7:00
 January 25 – High School Youth Night 7:15

A REMINDER TO THOSE OF YOU WHO PARK ON THE STREET DURING MASS. The Parish Office has received a complaint from one of our neighbors concerning parishioners who block his driveway during Mass. Please be careful to park legally when coming to church and be respectful of the rights of our fellow citizens. None of us would be pleased to discover we couldn't get out of our own driveways!

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULES:

	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	Arizona Craycraft Brian Fry	Claire Brownfield David Brownfield	Sean Pfeifer Katie Pfeifer	Collette Telatko Amanda Everts	A J Schriml Kate Schriml
Eucharistic Ministers	M Hartsfield P O'Brien N Pfeifer P Monnin	L Brownfield T Cable M Dietsch	G&A Mathes L Harvey D Kapolka	R&T Hobe A Spears J Martin	K&D Fish G Mahle R Onderko
Lectors	Lynn Wurzelbacher	Catherine Fagan	Walter Mauck	Anne Langsdale	Jeff Gross
Gift Bearers	Ambach	Foley	Williams		

BEYOND THE PARISH

BEAT THE WINTER BLAHS... by getting away for a weekend with your spouse. Make your good marriage warmer and happier with a Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next Marriage Encounter Weekends in the area are February 6-8 at the Comfort Inn in Erlanger, KY and March 20-22 at the Dayton Airport Hotel. Weekends fill up quickly, so a prompt response is encouraged to avoid the waiting list.

PROJECT RACHEL RETREAT: Project Rachel is a Post-Abortion Healing Ministry. There will be a retreat held on March 6-8, 2009, at Bergamo Retreat Center, Dayton. For more information, please call our confidential help line at 513-784-0531.

BISHOP LEIBOLD SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: All families considering Catholic education are invited to our West Campus Open House, Sunday, January 25 from Noon to 2:00p.m. The West Campus (Grades Pre-Kindergarten through 3) is located at our Lady of Good Hope Parish in Miamisburg. Stop by for some light refreshments, take a look at the students' work, and join us in celebrating our Catholic Schools! Please visit our website at bishopleiboldschool.com for more information about the Open House and our school.

SONS OF ITALY: Join us for dinner on Saturday, January 24, from 5:00-7:30 p.m. in the John XXIII School Cafeteria. Each dinner consists of meatballs, pasta, salad, garlic bread, dessert and a beverage. Cost is \$7.00(adults) and \$4.00 (children under 12). Advance sale tickets may be purchased from any John XXIII student and carry out is available. All proceeds benefit John XXIII and the Sons of Italy. Stay for the fifth Annual Winter Family Fun Fest, a PTO Fundraiser for John XXIII held in the Gymnasium.

JOHN XXIII a Catholic grade school (K-8, offering full and half-day kindergarten classes) centrally located in Middletown, Ohio is hosting an Open House on January 29 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. for current and prospective families. **We are opening a preschool for 3 and 4 year olds in August 2009.** Information about our preschool program will also be available during the Open House. For more information, please call 513 424-1196 or visit www.john23middletown.org.



MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH

Worship Commission	Mark Fields	937-743-9077
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Knights of Columbus	Jeff Rohde	937-748-0836

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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.