

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

"Isn't this the son of Joseph?"

In this Sunday's gospel people didn't recognize Jesus as any one more than just a Nazarean like them. He was merely the Son of Joseph.

Like Jesus, some people don't get recognized. Recently, more than one thousand folks hurried past the world-famous violinist Joshua Bell without even looking up. Bell was participating in an experiment where he played as a street musician during the commuter rush at the entrance to a Washington subway station.

The cheap seats at his concerts can cost \$100, and his forty-five minute subway performance could have commanded \$75,000 in a concert hall. He got \$32.00 in donations. At the end of Bell's subway performance, he took the money out of his instrument case and replaced it with his \$3.5 million Stradivarius violin.

Yours in Christ,
Father Dave

PRAY FOR OUR SICK / DECEASED



We remember in prayer those who are ill. We commend to our Divine Lord all of our aged people and those residing in nursing homes.

Sick: *Tina Dixon, Margie Glunz, Carolyn Foster, Maryann Wychunas, Edward Wychunas, John Woznicki, Faye Cuchara, Scott Rhoades, Ben Roeder, Roxanne Tutko, James Gombola, Bill Zaharis, Mary Ellen Viduszynski, George Smith, Dorothy Connor, Elizabeth McAlonis, Andrea Hahner, Mary Sitcoske.*

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning - 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Mass Schedule (in chapel)

Monday thru Friday - 9:00 a.m.

Cemetery Information

George Smith 544-3294

Frances Mickey 544-6089

C.C.D.

All children preparing to receive any sacrament must be in a Religious Education Program for two consecutive years immediately prior to receiving a sacrament. The child must also be a practicing Catholic

New Parishioners

If you are interested in joining our parish family we invite you to do so by calling the Rectory 622-5470.

Sick Calls

Please notify the parish office

Bulletin Deadline - Tuesday prior to publication

MASS INTENTIONS

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday, February 1 to Friday, February 5
NO MASS

Saturday – February 6 – 5:00 p.m.

BOB & BABE BECKER (Bob & Mary Porter)

Sunday – February 7 – 8:15 a.m.

SOPHIA KAPSHA (Catholic Women's Union)

Sunday – February 7 – 10:30 a.m.

JOHN D. DALTON (Dalton & Joy Family)

CANDLE INTENTIONS

B.V.M. – IMO R.J. Post by George Post

St. Joseph – Health of Maryann Wychunas
by Helen Heimbaugh

Tabernacle – IMO Ed Deiter by Dave & Joan Deiter
Sanctuary

1. IMO Living & Deceased Members of
St. John's Catholic Women's Union

2. Special Intention by Eleanore Forney

3&4. Special Intention by Dr.&Mrs. Arturo DiNicola

Guardian Angels

1. Health of Maryann Wychunas by Helen Heimbaugh

2. Special Intention by Jule Quandel

PRAYER FOR OUR TROOPS AROUND THE WORLD

"Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior."

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday afternoon – 4:15 to 4:45 p.m.

Sunday 7:45 to 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 to 10:15 a.m.

or by appointment

Sacrament of Marriage

Please call the Rectory at least 6 months in advance

Sacrament of Baptism

First Sunday of each month at 11:30 a.m.

Second Sunday during 10:30 a.m. Mass

Baptismal Preparation for Parents and Godparents
MUST precede the Baptism.

Please contact Sister Maryanne for an appointment

CERTIFICATES OF ELIGIBILITY

Certificates to act as sponsors, Godparents, etc. will only be issued to parishioners who are formally registered with the church and attend Mass on a regular basis.

Outreach Program

Margaret Glunz 622-3067 / Rectory 622-5470

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Where do you hear God's voice
most clearly in your daily life?

READINGS

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (January 30/31)

Reading I: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (February 6/7)

Reading I: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Living the Word

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (January 30/31)

Jeremiah...Stand up and tell them all that I command you. Be not crushed on their account...

Luke: ...They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away.

Obstinate people present themselves to Jeremiah and Jesus this Sunday. Why do people resist a prophet's radical call to peace and justice? Do you always accept "radical messages" right away? Prophets incite people to action. Is there some injustice about which you can no longer remain silent? What would you like to rouse people to do?

1 Corinthians 13: Love... bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

February 2nd

Forty days after the birth of a child, the people of Israel presented the newborn to the Temple. The gospels say that the parents of Jesus obeyed this law. Forty days after our celebration of the birth of Jesus, the Church remembers His Presentation in the Temple.

Sunday Pre-School Sessions continue ...

We lost some of our pre-schooler friends and we would love to have them back.

We are preparing the Pre-School children for a Lenten/Easter Journey. Sunday lessons will focus on growth, and becoming, change and transformation ending in a post-Easter liturgy performance. We look forward to working with you and your children.

Pre-School sessions are held every Sunday in Longinus Hall during the 10:30 Liturgy, *except* for the 3rd Sunday of the Month when the Children's Liturgy is held in Church and the Ensemble plays.



REMINDER

First Eucharist
Parent Meeting
has been rescheduled
Monday, February 8
6:30 to 7:30 – School Building
Children receiving First
Eucharist and Parents are
required to attend.

HOLY HOUR OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Bishop Barres will conduct a Holy Hour to pray for an increase of vocations on **Sunday, January 31st at 3 p.m. in St. Patrick's Church.** Please come and join our Bishop in prayer this year for priests. Together let us ask God for an increase in vocations so that we will have many priests to serve our diocese.



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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you interested in deepening your own faith? Or do you know anyone who has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic? Please invite them to join us. Have them call St. John's Rectory, 622-5470, to register for the RCIA sessions. All are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions!

RCIA Schedule

February 4th at St. John's

Specific Topics in CMT – Karen Powers & Bill Gianfagna

February 11th at St. John's

Reconciliation & Lent – Fr. Dave, S. Catherine

February 18th at St. Michael's

Eucharist, A Closer Look – Fr. Adam

February 25th at St. John's

Anointing of the Sick – Deacon Luis R. Visot

Have you ever wondered...

How to comfort someone who is sick, or hurting because of a loss or trauma?

If so fill out the form below and return to the rectory or put in the collection basket

We want to gather a group of people interested in making prayer shawls.

Name _____

Phone _____

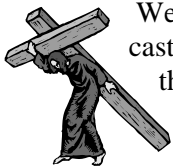


DRAMATIC STATIONS

Organizational Meeting

Wednesday, February 10th – 7 p.m. – Church

St. John's Dramatic Stations of the Cross recreates on stage and through song, the final days of the life of Jesus Christ.



We need men, women and children for the cast. There are many non-speaking parts for those who do not wish to assume a speaking role. People are also needed for the stage crew (props, lighting, sound, etc.) or to help distribute the costumes, etc.. If you are a veteran of the Dramatic Stations Presentations, we are looking forward to your return and we ask that you please invite someone new to join you for this year's presentation. If you are new to the parish, we invite you to join us. In addition, it is a great way to meet new people. Many veterans tell us that their participation in the Dramatic Stations is a very meaningful and spiritual way for them to observe the Lenten Season. It is a wonderful family activity as well.

We look forward to seeing you at the Organization Meeting on Wednesday, February 10th – 7 p.m. in Church.

If you cannot attend the meeting but wish to participate, please call Sister Maryanne at the Rectory 622-5470 x 5.

GENESIS I YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

Attention High School Youth

Franciscan University Weekend Conference
In Steubenville, Ohio

Friday, June 18th to Sunday, 20th

<http://www.franciscanyouth.com/>

Mark your calendars and join us for the best summer event of your life! We are running two buses to Steubenville, Ohio for an awesome Catholic teen retreat. This is beyond any retreat you have ever experienced. You must be entering 9th grade by Fall 2010 to attend. Friends are welcome! Spots fill up quickly because about 2,000 teens from all over the U.S. sign-up for this conference (p.s. there are a total of 36,000 teens attending this retreat during the entire summer). It is a great way to meet other Christians from all over the country. You'll only regret it if you don't take the plunge with us, so sign-up and pass the word on. Parents and students --- encourage others to join us!

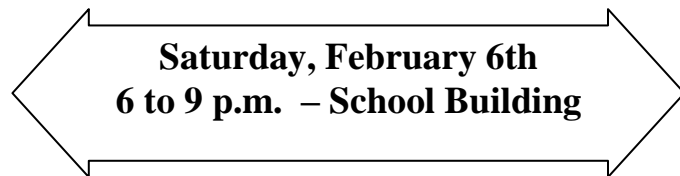
Reserve your spot by Thursday, February 18th (limited seating available) ... by contacting Rachael at 570-581-6109 or genesis1yg@aim.com.

St. Gonzaga – Pray for Us

MARDI GRAS

"Come Together as a Family"

Mark your calendar for a relaxing, fun-filled evening by planning to attend St. John's



Everyone is welcome and we especially invite new parishioners. This is not a fund-raiser, it is a "mixer", a wonderful time for our new parishioners and present parishioners to meet.

Tickets will be available after all Masses or at the Rectory during the week. Tickets are **\$5.00 per person, \$15.00 per family**; Children under age 10 are free.



In the spirit of the evening, we invite everyone to "dress-up" in Mardi Gras attire. Prizes will be given to adults and children for the prettiest costumes, etc. You may contact **Rectory 622-5470** for further information.

Help Needed

We need help with set-up, take-down, also Food and Bar Stations, please call the Rectory.

Decorating

Please help us decorate for Mardi Gras on Friday, February 5th at 6 p.m.

ATTENTION

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S UNION

MEMBERS

The Mardi Gras Committee requested that the Catholic Women's Union donate desserts for Mardi Gras. Since the CWU will not meet until after Mardi Gras, I am requesting that any member who would like to make a dessert for the Mardi Gras, please contact Sharon Miller 622-0516. If you need your donation picked up, please let me know. Thank you in advance for your help.

Sharon R. Miller, President of CWU



LONGABERGER BASKET & POTTERY CALENDARS

Calendars are available for purchase in the back of church on weekends or at the Rectory during the week. Calendars are **\$5.00 each** and a drawing will take place each day for the month of **March**. Each participant will have 31 chances to win because all winner's tickets are returned to the drawing.

This is a great fund-raiser that the Family Guild hopes will elicit your participation and enthusiasm.

SCHEDULE

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 p.m. – Saturday – February 6th

Reader: Lucilla Kochol

Euch.Min.: Pat Lombel, Leeann Smith

Servers: Sarah Lombel, Paige Vandermeer, Andrew Vidusazynski

Cantor: Mary Bound

8:15 a.m. – Sunday – February 7th

Reader: Paul Gombola

Euch.Min.: Carol Lasco, Mary Modesto, Justina Majestic

Servers: Nathaniel & Christian Yingling, Maecada Herring

Cantor: Debbie Purcell

10:30 a.m. – Sunday – February 7th

Reader: Susan Hahner

Euch.Min.: Bill Schlitzer, John Ventura, Sharon Snyder

Servers: Christopher Hunt, Maeve Stoudt, Mary Beth Rissinger

Cantor: Suzette Joy

ATTENTION

All **Readers, Servers, and Eucharistic Ministers** ... your help is needed ... please let us know your plans for **March** and **April** so that we can get started on the schedule for those months. **Please call Father Dave by Monday, February 15th** to let him know when you are **NOT** available during these months. We appreciate your cooperation. Thank you.

FOOD COLLECTION

St. John's 7th & 8th grade CCD students will continue throughout the year to collect food donations from our parishioners. This will be an ongoing service project. Please help us reach out to the needy in our area.

Items Needed:

Stuffing Mix	Canned Fruit
Broth	Packaged Cookies
Coffee/Tea (instant)	Jelly
Hot Chocolate	Hot Cereal packages
Apple Sauce	Canned Sweet Potatoes
Peanut Butter	Beef Stew
Soups	Spaghetti
Spaghetti Sauce	Macaroni & Cheese

Kindly place your donations in the baskets either at the rear or side entrance of church or donations can be brought to CCD. Thank you.

PLEASE – NO OUTDATED ITEMS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

30/31 Feast of St. Blasé – Blessing of Throats

February

2 Choir Practice – 7 p.m. - Church
4 RCIA – 7 p.m. – at St. Pat's
5 Mardi Gras Decorating – 6 p.m.
6 Mardi Gras – 6 to 9 p.m. – School Building
8 First Eucharist Parent Mtg. 6:30 p.m.-School
9 Family Guild Mtg. – 7 p.m.-Fellowship Room
9 Choir Practice – 7 p.m. - Church
10 Catholic Women's Union Mtg.-7 p.m. – LH
10 Dramatic Stations Mtg. – 7 p.m. - Church
11 RCIA – 7 p.m. – Fellowship Room
15 Rectory Office closed
16 Choir Practice – 7 p.m. - Church
17 Ash Wednesday
18 RCIA – 7 p.m. at St. Michael's
19 Lenten Fish Dinner 4 to 7 p.m. – Russell Bldg.
23 Choir Practice – 7 p.m. - Church
25 RCIA – 7 p.m. – Fellowship Room

CHURCH CLEANING CLUB

We are looking for folks who would be interested in helping to keep the Church clean... **on your time**,



The time spent in Church cleaning the area where the congregation sits can be a time of work and prayer in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

The church is usually open for meetings and choir rehearsal on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Bring a friend.

In the boys' sacristy there is a diagram of the pew floor plan with a list of tasks that need to be done. Bring a few friends and a bucket or two.

Call S. Maryanne for a brief orientation. Call the rectory with your time and we will open the Church.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

January 24th: \$6,404.75; **Haiti update:** \$ 3,217.00

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

BREAKFAST BUFFET sponsored by St. Clare of Assisi Parish on **Sunday, February 7th** from 8 to 11:30 a.m. at the Immaculate Conception Social Hall, Caroline Ave., St. Clair. Adults: \$5.00; Children under 8 \$3.00. Take-outs available.
