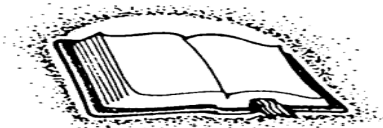


Scripture Readings

The Epiphany of the Lord

Of Personal Concern . . .



- Mon.:** 1John 3:22-4:6
- 1/4** Ps. 2:7-8, 10-12a
Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tue.:** 1John 4:7-10
- 1/5** Ps. 72:1-4, 7-8
Mark 6:34-44
- Wed.:** 1John 4:11-18
- 1/6** Ps. 72:1-2, 10-13
Mark 6:45-52
- Thu.** 1John 4:19:5:4
- 1/7** Ps. 72:1-2, 14, 15bc,17
Luke 4:14-22a
- Fri.:** 1John 5:5-13
- 1/8** Ps. 147:12-15, 19-20
Luke 5:12-16
- Sat.:** 1John 5:14-21
- 1/9** Ps. 149:1-6a, 9b
John 3:22-30
- Sun.:** Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
- 1/10** Ps. 29:1-4, 9-10
Acts 10:34-38
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Parish School of Religion Reminder:

- 1st Reconciliation Family Retreat will be held in the Commons Sunday, Jan. 10th from 3-4:30pm.
- Catholic Coffee House - Speaker Fr. Dave Nuss on "Mary's Message from Medjugorje" Wednesday, Jan 13, 6-6:55 pm in the SMCC Library
- 1st Reconciliation Wednesday, Jan. 20, 6:30 pm at St. Mary's Church

Banns III—Jason Scroggy and LaVonda Napka

In Special thanks to our bulletin sponsor of the week - NOMS Urgent Care

St. Mary's Parish Outreach Program: helps parishioners who find themselves in need of some financial assistance during difficult times. If this is you or a family member, contact us at 419-625-7465 or bburch@stmarysandusky.org

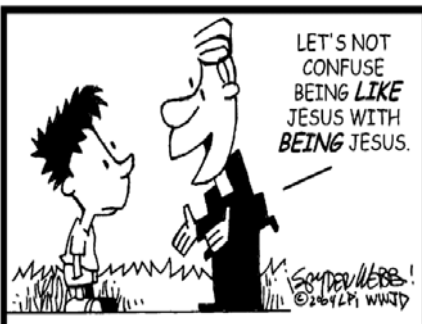
Please pray for the safety and protection of our policemen and women, area firefighters and all our parishioners serving in the military.



Letters went out to children in grades 5 through 8 to inform them of an opportunity to serve the Lord and the Church. If your child did not receive a letter and is interested in becoming an Altar server please contact the parish office.

Insights from Fr. Flood

EPIPHANY



MISSIONARY THANKS



Thank you St. Mary's Parish for your support as I am a full-time FOCUS Catholic Missionary at the University of Kentucky. Contact me at 419-341-7348 or lgifford@focusonline.org if you are interested in joining my mission partner support team or learning more about FOCUS' outreach to college students. It was a such a delight to join you at all five weekend

Masses just before Christmas. I pray that God will pour out His blessings upon your amazing parish family of faith throughout the New Year.
~Laura Gifford

Stewardship Way of Life

Week of 12/20/09

- Envelopes 540
- Weekly - \$17,276.35
- Monthly - \$6005.00
- Holy Days - \$303.00
- Total Collection - \$23,584.35

Team 1 to count on 1/4

RUN SO AS TO WIN! (1 Cor 9:25)

Fr. Dave Nuss

*An Open Letter to Tiger Woods*

Dear Tiger:

I've been working on this letter to you for quite some time. There are certain people I just do not want to disappoint me and you were one of them. When I first heard the reports about your numerous unspeakable acts I felt betrayed. Then I imagined the wave of anger and disappointment that must have engulfed your wife, children and other family members. Those thoughts made my stomach hurt. Our actions *always* impact others - especially those who are closest to us.

Ratings suggest far too many people are smitten by the morally depravity of soap operas like "Desperate Housewives." Yet, the vast majority of people still hold long-term commitments to be essential for families as well as for maintaining the fabric of our nation. Being faithful is good. And being unfaithful is not, no matter who you are. Stories of your lewd and selfish actions strike at the very foundations of the sacred trust of married love and fatherhood. Maybe that's why it hurt so much.

It will take heroic efforts to rebuild the trust you have lost. To make this happen drink the cup of humility. A good father and a loving husband do not act in the manner in which you have been accused. Unfortunately, you do not stand alone. Our debased culture is all too eager to encourage us to do whatever we want for no other reason than we can do it. In fact, one of your very own sponsors tells us to, "Just Do It." Self-indulgent living does not lead to a life of fullness but only guarantees a desert of regret and restlessness.

You have the chance to reclaim the person you are or, perhaps, discover for the first time the person who you truly are – or rather, to Whom you truly belong. Though a fallen and faulted child of God, you always remain His child, precious and beloved in His sight.

You are not the first person who had so much of this world and found all you had to be not enough. Throughout human history original sin has fueled the urge in us all to be gods. Many people are horribly misled to believe that human fulfillment lies in gaining *more sex, more power and more money*. When we seek more of this world that *more*, however much the more is, will never be enough. Things of this world will never satisfy our deepest desires. Never. There is a yearning, hunger, desire deep within us that only can be filled by God. Why? Because every human person is *both spiritual and physical*. The fulfillment of all human desire only is found with God, never apart from Him.

You have been the topic of conversations everywhere. Indeed, your wealth, fame and achievement have fed monstrous gossip. And no better are those people who delight in learning that someone else is worse than them. "Comparative Christianity" is neither of God nor about Him. Spreading harmful and damaging gossip about others is a twisted way for some to boost their own deflated egos.

There is no denying that gossip harms people, destroys trust and injures friendships. It is no wonder that gossip has been condemned consistently in religious and ethical writings.

As a New Year dawns you have the chance to begin anew, to seek God whom all people need more than most people realize. Dare to do this with the same fiery passion which made you a golf champion. Allow the power of Christ to shape you into the man God created you to be. Indeed, this is the perfect resolution for us all to make.

Mass Intentions**Sun., January 3**

7:30 a.m. LaVerna Harkness

Bertille Gleich

James Malahy

9:30 a.m. Joseph, Leola, Rita & Joey

Arnold

Ted Mann

William Scherer

11:30 a.m. Tucker James Carr

Alvin & Teresa Beverick

Charlotte Beverick

5:00 p.m. For the Parish

Mon., January 4 -

8:15 a.m. David & Margaret Hacker

Tues., January 5

8:15 a.m. Henry Sartor

Wed., January 6

8:15 a.m. Barney Lauby (30 days)

Thurs., January 7

8:15 a.m. Kay Brengartner.

Fri., January 8

8:15 a.m. Charles Higgins

Sat., January 9

8:15 a.m. Marjorie Vaccaro

4:00 p.m. Doug Wieber

Gerald Clay

Jack Sr. & Jack Jr. Etherington

Sun., January 10

7:30 a.m. Fred A Strasser

Walter Ulmer

9:30 a.m. Bob & Mary Guendelsberger

Paula Marie Cammalleri

11:30 a.m. For the Parish

5:00 p.m. Mamie & Harold Riedy

Frank & Martha Riedy

Confessions 1/2 hour before every Mass.



Sandusky Life Teen

Saint Quote of the Week: Above all the grace and the gifts that Christ gives to his beloved is that of overcoming self.



January 3rd: Sandusky Life Teen will have our Life Teen Mass on January 3rd, however, we have a Life Night.

January 10th: SECOND SEMESTER KICK-OFF!!! Join us for our first Life Night of 2010 as we venture back in time to the days of Kings, Princesses and Court Jesters. We will be exploring what Christ meant when He prayed “Thy Kingdom Come,” and what type of kingdom Christ is calling us to build here on earth.

If you are interested in receiving the Sandusky Life Teen Weekly Updates, please email Brittany at btaylor@sanduskylifeteen.org

Join In!

Sandusky Central Catholic School

www.sanduskycentralcatholic.org

Jan. 4: Classes Resume for Pre-School—Grade 12
 Jan. 6: Mass Grades 7-12, 2:00; Sts. Peter and Paul Church
 Jan. 7: Mass Grades K-6, 8:15; Sts. Peter and Paul Church
 Jan. 7: College Financial Aid Night, 6:30 pm; SMCC Library
 Jan. 13-15 SMCC Exams
 Jan. 15: End of 2nd Quarter

SMCC Hall of Fame Tickets on Sale: Tickets are on sale for the 10th Annual SMCC Athletic & Achievement Hall of Fame banquet in January. The Class of 2009 will be honored at the 2 p.m. ceremony on Jan. 17 at the Sandusky Yacht Club. Tickets, \$25, can be obtained by calling Dave Mehling 419-625-4768 or Gary Erney 419-626-5389. The inductees are Julie Cairelli, Glenn Fairfield, Bob Hart, Ed Naufel, Jared Opfer, Kevin Roth, Ron Weyer and the 1959 golf team of Ron Loeffler, Bob Orshoski, Arnold Schuessler and Paul Windisch

Do you have a three year old who would benefit from a caring, educational, enriching preschool or daycare? The Early Childhood Center at Holy Angels Campus will be enrolling students beginning in January. Call today at 419-626-3075 for more information. Also, we do have a few openings for four and five year olds.

Other Items of Interest

Help Needed: We are in desperate need for teams of Church cleaners on Thursday afternoons and Friday mornings. Gather a team and call the Parish Office in you can help out.

-Many hands make light work.-



Parish Owned Property for Rent

Efficiency apartment, second floor, completely remodeled. Available immediately. \$450 per month including all utilities. 412 Fulton Street.

One bedroom apartment, third floor, clean and updated. Available immediately. \$395 per month including all utilities. 412 Fulton Street.

Call Mark at 419-656-1456 for information.

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

SUN., Jan 3	Epiphany of the Lord		
	9:30 am	Childrens Liturgy of the Word (Grades K-2)	Parish Commons
	9:30 am	Good Shepherd Program (program FULL)	(Atrium) Parish Center
	10:30 am	NO Parish School of Religion 7th Grade	Lower Room
	10:45 am	Childrens Choir Practice	Choir Room
	11:30 am	Childrens Liturgy of the Word	Parish Commons
	11:30 am	Good Shepherd Program (program FULL)	(Atrium) Parish Center
	5:00 pm	Sandusky Life Teen Mass	Holy Angels Church
	6:00 pm	NO Parish School of Religion 8th Grade	Holy Angels School
MON., Jan 4	5:00 pm	Church Cleaners Team #1	Church
TUE., Jan 5	5:30 pm	Carmelites	Lower Room
	6:00 pm	Holy Hour	Church
	7:00 pm	RCIA	St Peter and Paul Faith Formation Center
	7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study	Lower Room
	7:00 pm	Pastoral Council	Upper Room
WED., Jan 6	7:30 am	Finance Council	Lower Room
	4:00 pm	Community Supper - CLOSED	First Congregational Church
	5:45 pm	Parish School of Religion (PSR)	Sandusky Central Catholic School
	5:45 pm	Coffee House with Fr. Dave	Sandusky Central Catholic School Library
	5:45 pm	Fit and Faith	Sandusky Central Catholic School Cafeteria
	7:00 pm	Contemporary Choir Practice	Church
THU., Jan 7	7:30 pm	Parish Choir	Church
FRI., Jan 8			
SAT., Jan 9	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study	Lower Room
	9:00 am	Server Training	Commons
	2:00 pm	Scroggy and Napka Wedding	Church
	7:30 pm	Theology of the Body Adult Study	Commons

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR Jan. 9 & Jan. 10

	4:00 PM	7:30 AM	9:30 AM	11:30 AM	5:00 PM
Servers	T Fitzthum A Hurlburt A Walsh	S. Lochotzki A Lynn	E Sennish A Vargas B Vargas	A DeRiso C DeRiso N DeRiso	S Kallumkal A Oltman
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receive the Holy Sacraments,
and live in the heart of the
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Community News

LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY ADULT GROUP:

An adult group of parishioners from all three Catholic parishes have been meeting about once a week for almost a year now, using the Little Rock Scripture Study series. They will be starting a new study called "Introduction to the Bible" on January 19th (They meet Tuesday nights from 7:00 pm to approx. 8:45 pm), and they are open to having new members join the group. If anyone is interested in joining, please call Sr. Joyce Bates at Holy Angels (419-625-3698).

The Vermilion Knights of Columbus invite you to join them on a Fall Cruise to New England & Canada. Sail on Sept. 18, 2010 on the Holland America Maasdam. Call Rob Skladan of Choose to Cruise Now at 440-967-5833 for details and pricing. A refundable deposit of \$350 per person holds your cabin.

St. Mary's Movie Night

Double Feature

***6:00 P.M. The Little Drummer Boy (30 min) *6:45 PM The Nativity Story (1 hr 45 min)**

St. Mary's Commons Wednesday Dec. 30th

FREE ADMISSION *FREE POPCORN *FREE DRINKS

Bring your sleeping bag and pillows. Spend time with your family and fellow parish families this holiday season!