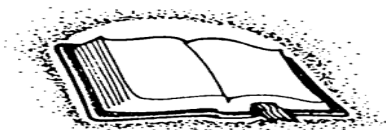


Scripture Readings

The Baptism of the Lord

Of Personal Concern . . .



Mon.: 1Samuel 1:1-8
1/11 Ps. 116:12-19
 Mark 1:14-20

Tue.: 1Samuel 1:9-20
1/12 1Samuel 2:1,4-8
 Mark 1:21-28

Wed.: 1Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20
1/13 Ps. 40:2,5,7-10
 Mark 1:29-39

Thu. 1Samuel 4:1-11
1/14 Ps. 44:10-11,14-15,24-25
 Mark 1:40-45

Fri.: 1Samuel 8:4-7,10-22a
1/15 Ps. 89:16-19
 Mark 2:1-12

Sat.: 1Samuel 9:1-4,17-19,10:1
1/16 Ps. 21:2-7
 Mark 2:13-17

Sun.: Isaiah 62:1-5
1/17 Ps. 96:1-3,7-10
 John 2:1-11

Insights from Fr. Flood



A Family Perspective

Parents can be so busy criticizing that they overlook good behaviors. Like God the Father in today's gospel, tell your children you are "well pleased" with them. Children are never too old for praise. Affirmation goes a long way, but criticism is a short trip.

In Sympathy

Our loving prayers and deepest sympathy are extended to the family of **Robert and Jane Mitchel, Donald Golatka, Richard Cecil**, who was called to their eternal rest last week. Please pray for them and all our departed friends and relatives.

Baptisms

We welcome the following children to our parish family: **Grace Maureen** - daughter of Ben and Shauna Smith, **Stone Thomas** - son of Aaron Link and Kelli Blanton, **Leighann Elizabeth** and **Jocelyn Ryann** - daughters of Michael and Tiffany Motley, **Maycee Marie** - daughter of Brian and Allison Bohn.

Parish School of Religion Reminder

Catholic Coffee House - Speaker Fr. Dave Nuss on "Mary's Message from Me ugorje"
Wednesday, Jan 13, 6-6:55 pm in the SMCC Library
- 1st Reconciliation Wednesday, Jan. 20, 6:30 pm at St. Mary's Church

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we try to fill Mary's shoes. Mary Riesterer has had an injury that has left her homebound and unable to come in and do her job. She is recuperating and hopefully will return to resume her duties soon. While we are trying to do our best, we do have a learning curve and some things are not being done as well as they had been. Please accept our apologies and these corrections:

Christmas Memorials written incorrectly:

Mary L Hohler from Paul R Hohler and Family,
Mary L Hohler from Ken and Marcia Weaver

Mass Intentions not included in the Jan 3rd bulletin:

Sat. Jan. 2 4:00 pm Albert Sinwald
Clifford, Helen and Maryann Russett
Marilyn Snyder.

Ecumenical Prayer Service As the diocese celebrates its 100th year, please join Bishop Blair and other Christian leaders from Ohio for an ecumenical Prayer Service on Sun., Jan 17 at 4:30 pm at St. Francis de Sales Chapel, 501 Cherry St. in Toledo. As we honor our own and other Christian traditions, we will begin the observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. An informal reception open to the public will follow in the chapel, which is the original diocesan cathedral. This is a great opportunity for all ages and many of the visiting representatives from other faiths will wear traditional ceremonial attire. For more information contact the diocesan Communications office at 419-244-6711 ext 148 or communications@toledodiocese.org.

Stewardship Way of Life

Week of 12/27/09

Envelopes 560
Weekly - \$24,534.50
Monthly - \$3,610.00
Total Collection - \$28,144.50
Christmas to Date - \$56,867.80

Team 1 to count on 1/11

Week of 1/03/10

Envelopes 645
Weekly - \$23,226.50
Monthly - \$7,464.00
Solemnity of Mary - \$3774.00
Total Collection - \$34,464.50
Christmas This Week - \$846.00
Christmas To Date - \$57,713.80
Christmas Envelopes 835
Christmas Budgeted - \$62,600.00

Please do not tape or staple your envelopes

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

Fr. Dave Nuss

An Impressive Commitment to Charitable Care

According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, **charity** is the theological virtue by which we love God above all things for His own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God" (1822).

Since our inception as a Catholic church in 1855, *charitable care* has been at the heart of our mission as a family of faith. We earnestly seek to live out our faith by means of a commitment which is Christ-centered rather than self-centered.

Saint Paul teaches that if charity is lacking then we have nothing (cf. 1 Cor. 13:1-4). He goes on to explain that charity is superior to all the virtues and is the first of the theological virtues: "So faith, hope, charity abide, these three. But *the greatest of these is charity*" (1 Cor. 13:13).

Dear friends, you have good reason to be mighty proud of the *charitable care* offered today by St. Mary's.

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The inaugural **SECOND SUNDAY** food collection last month netted 800 bags of groceries for deserving people in our community. For those who viewed our Commons overrun with grocery bags, the sight was deeply moving. Care and Share was the beneficiary of your generosity which computed to over \$20,000 in non-perishable items for those who are less fortunate and in special need. Thanks to all who participated in our new monthly initiative spearheaded by the Pastoral Council members. Here is how Second Sunday works:

Second Sunday – grocery bags with labels attached are distributed to parishioners after all weekend Masses

Third Sunday – grocery bags are collected in the Commons

Third Monday – grocery bags are distributed to the beneficiaries

I wish to thank the fine supportive people at **Mark Advertising** and **Firelands Packaging** whose generous donations have helped our newest charitable care ministry.

Please contact the parish office if you are interested and able to help with any aspect of this monthly ministry.

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The **CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SUPPER** provides a free, warm and delicious meal on Wednesdays 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. We are closed on the first Wednesday of the month. We currently offer this meal at the First Congregational UCC on the corner of Jefferson and Columbus. Later this spring we will be moving this ministry to Holy Angels Parish. Currently we have seven preparation and serving teams. Members from all parishes are welcome to participate in preparing and serving food.

Please contact our parish office if you feel called by Christ to assist in some manner.

I wish to thank especially the following organizations whose generosity helps us to provide needed food for so many: **Routh Packing** donates meat, **Toft's Dairy** donates milk, **Kroger** gives us milk and sweets. Kindly support these generous local companies as you are able.

This wonderful social ministry now has been serving people in need for over 20 years.

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PARISH OUTREACH provides direct assistance to members of our parish family facing financial difficulties. In 2009 over 100 parishioners received assistance. All referrals made by parishioners are considered and strict confidentiality is kept. Parish Outreach request forms are available in the parish office. Further inquiries will be answered gladly by Deacon Bill Burch bburch@stmarysandusky.org or 419-625-7465 ext. 15.

**Mass Intentions****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

Mon., January 11 -

8:15 a.m. Gladys Young

Keith Patty

Sr. Terisita & Amelia Manner

Tues., January 12

8:15 a.m. Frank Elliott

Kowmes Wilson

Lenora Wheeler

Wed., January 13

8:15 a.m. Kathy Rank

The Living and

Deceased members of the

Pfanning Family

Thurs., January 14

8:15 a.m. Margaret Connell

Anne Stimmel

Fri., January 15

8:15 a.m. Barbara and William Lang

Keith Petty

Sat., January 16

8:15 a.m. William Hahler

4:00 p.m. Charles M. Smith

Wayne C. Riegel

Elaine E. Fischer

Sun., January 17

7:30 a.m. Paul Manner

Ted Mann

LaVerna Harkness

9:30 a.m. Brad Rudolph

Sally Voltz Roesch

Florence Koelsch

11:30 a.m. George Stein

Virginia Bodner

5:00 p.m. For the Parish

Confessions 1/2 hour before every Mass.



Sandusky Life Teen

Saint Quote of the Week: "We can't have full knowledge all at once. We must start by believing; then afterwards we may be led on to master the evidence for ourselves."
--St. Thomas Aquinas



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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.

January 17th: "Mirror, Mirror on the wall who is the fairest of them all?" Ever curious how God sees you? Do you truly believe in your heart that you are "made in the image of God?" Join us for **our "Mirror Image"** Life Night and really explore the fact that YOU ARE WONDERFULLY AND AWESOMELY MADE (psalm 139.14).

Note: We will be leaving on January 21st for our Trip to Washington DC for the Right to Life March. Please join us in Praying a Hail Mary everyday for our Trip.

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

Dates to remember

- Jan. 13-15 SMCC Exams
- Jan. 13: Mass Grades 7-8, 2:00; St. Mary's Church
- Jan. 14: Mass Grades K-6, 8:15; St. Mary's Church
- Jan. 15: End of 2nd Quarter
- Jan. 17: Hall of Fame Banquet, 2:00; Sandusky Yacht Club
- Jan. 18: No School—Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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 if you can help out.

-Many hands make light work.-



More Help Needed: A parish family is in need of a babysitter for an infant and toddler 3 - 4 days a week for 2 hours a day. Please call the rectory office at 419-625-7465 or email jclaar@stmarysandusky.org if you or someone you know might be interested.

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

SUN., Jan 10	Baptism 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	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
	12:30 pm	Reception for RCIA	Rectory
	3:00 pm	2nd Grade Family Retreat Day	Commons
	5:00 pm	Sandusky Life Teen Mass	Holy Angels Church
	6:00 pm	Parish School of Religion 8th Grade	Holy Angels School
MON., Jan 11	5:00 pm	Church Cleaners Team #1	Church
TUE., Jan 12	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	Parish Outreach	Upper Room
WED., Jan 13	4:00 pm	Community Supper - Team # 7	First Congregtional 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 14	7:30 pm	Parish Choir	Church
FRI., Jan 15			
SAT., Jan 16	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study	Lower Room

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR Jan. 16 & Jan. 17

	4:00 PM	7:30 AM	9:30 AM	11:30 AM	5:00 PM
Servers	D. Ritzenthaler	A Kromer	A Grant	A Colavincenzo	M Dorski
	C Widman	Z Kromer	B Kistler	N Colavincenzo	A Opfer
	P Young		S May	A McCabe	
Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	D Gerold*	Deacon Bill or Jeff	Deacon Bill or Jeff	Deacon Bill or Jeff	T Biehl
	L Kaman*	L Brown	A Grant	K Bush	Deacon Bill or Jeff
	D Kennedy	R Fox	L Grant	J Gennari	R Dorski
	C Miros	P Killingsworth	D Henry	B Kromer	J Lawrence
	L Smith	C McGuire	R Iscman	A Sennish	M Maltese
	B Smith	K Schmiesing	G Jeffrey	E Sennish	
	Deacon Bill or Jeff	K Schmiesing	J Stookey	R Wahl	
			C Stookey		
			J Windisch		
Lector	G Lippert	C Wellington	C Mielke	M Chimera	J Matthews
Mass Coordinator	G Fitzthum	L Ulery	M Eiselstein	J Kustec	D Wiesler
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You can also access the Ministry Schedule at our Parish Website: <http://stmarysandusky.org/ministryschedule.htm>

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**Inspiring believers to imitate
Jesus Christ,
receive the Holy Sacraments,
and live in the heart of the
Catholic Faith.**

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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).

Fall Cruise to New England and Canada 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.

The January WOW Social for widow/widowers will be held on January 15th at 6pm at St. Paul Catholic Church in Norwalk in the gathering space. The fare for the evening will be potluck. Please bring a dish to share and maybe even a friend to share the evening with. Come see what we are all about. Food, fun and fellowship will take place. For info call Rose Riedy at 419-668-4540. Start the New Year off right by joining us on the third Friday of each month.

Catholic Cruise to the Western Caribbean Come and sail away on a 7 night Catholic Western Caribbean Cruise with Fr. Louis Olive, May 9, 2010 on the Carnival Valor out of Miami, FL. Ports of Call: Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, Isla Roatan, Belize and Cozumel (Mexico). Prices begin at \$1043 for two passengers which includes all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass and Rosary offered. Deposits of only \$50 per person will reserve your cabin. Space is limited. For further info or to register, contact Doug or Eileen at 860-399-1785/dpayttc@aol.com Deadline is Feb. 20, 2010.