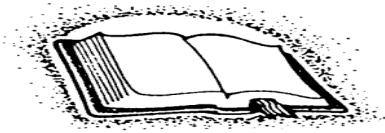


Scripture Readings

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Of Personal Concern . . .



- Mon.:** James 1:1-11
2/15 Ps. 119:67-68,71-72,75-76
 Mark 8:11-13
- Tue.:** James 1:12-18
2/9 Ps 94:12-13a,14-15,18-19
 Mark 8:14-21
- Wed.:** Joel 2:12-18
2/10 Ps 51:3-6b, 12-14,17
 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2
 Matthew 6:1-6,16-18
- Thu.** Deuteronomy 30:15-20
2/11 Ps. 1:1-4,6
 Luke 9:22-25
- Fri.:** Isaiah 58:1-9a
2/12 Ps. 51:3-6b,18-19
 Matthew 9:14-15
- Sat.:** Isaiah 58:9b-14
2/12 Ps. 86:1-6
 Luke 5:27-32
- Sun.:** Deuteronomy 26:4-10
2/14 Ps. 91:1-2,10-15
 Romans 10:8-13
 Luke 4:1-13

Insights from Fr. Flood

6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



A Family Perspective

In order to be with the people, today's gospel tells us "Jesus came down the mountain and stood on level ground." World Marriage Day reminds us marriage is not lived on the lofty mountain tops but in the nitty-gritty of everyday life.

In Sympathy

Our loving prayers and deepest sympathy are extended to the family of **Johanna Ryan**, who was called to her eternal rest last week. Please pray for her and all our departed friends and relatives.

Save The Date!

Men's Lenten Day of Recollection-Saturday, Feb. 27, 2010-7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.-Begin Lent Strong!

Ash Wednesday Masses

February 17, 2010

- 7:00 a.m. St. Mary's Church (no music)
- 8:15 a.m. St. Mary's Church – SCCS Grades 7-12
- 6:00 p.m. St. Mary's Church
- 8:15 a.m. Sts. Peter and Paul Church – SCCS Grades K-6
- 8:15 a.m. Holy Angels Church
- 12:00 p.m. Sts. Peter and Paul Church
- 7:00 p.m. Sts. Peter and Paul Church
- 7:00 p.m. Holy Angels Church

Lent 2010

Ash Wednesday (February 17) and **Good Friday** (April 2) are days of *fasting* (a single full meal) and *abstinence* from meat. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years of age and older. The law of fasting binds all Catholics who are between the ages of 18 – 59.

All other Fridays during the season of Lent are days of abstinence of meat.

Let our parish family seek to do more than less. Towards accomplishing this end, fast and abstinence on the days prescribed ought to be considered a *minimum* response to the call of Christ.

In addition to fasting and abstaining from meat, we all will do well to be especially mindful of persons in need. Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy will provide us with plenty of terrific opportunities to deepen our commitment to Christ by helping our brothers and sisters in special need.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will begin Friday, Feb. 19th at 5:30 p.m. with cheese pizza and fellowship following in the Commons. It will run from Feb. 19th – March 26th.

Stewardship Way of Life

Week of 2/7/10

- Envelopes 484
- Weekly - \$15,708.92
- Monthly - \$ 8,805.00
- Total Collection - \$24,513.92

Team 1 to count on 2/16

Please do not tape or staple your envelopes

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

Fr. Dave Nuss

*Preparing Well to Receive God's Grace*

The season of **LENT** begins on Ash Wednesday – February 17 – with the ancient practice of marking the baptized with ashes as a public and communal sign of penance.

Q. What do the ashes symbolize?

A. The ashes symbolize *repentance* and *mortality*. Accordingly, they also serve to remind us of God's gracious mercy which is given freely to all those who call out to Him with sincere hearts.

Q. From where do the ashes come?

A. Ashes are created from the burned palm branches distributed on the Palm Sunday of the previous year. The priest blesses the ashes and imposes them on the foreheads of the faithful, making the sign of the cross and saying, "Remember, man you are dust and to dust you shall return," or "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel."

Q. Upon whose forehead can ashes be imposed on Ash Wednesday? What about those people who are not Catholic – can they receive ashes too?

A. Any baptized Christian may receive ashes. Throughout my 17 years as a priest, I have spoken with many people who are unable to receive Holy Communion for a variety of reasons. Their inability to receive Holy Communion is a source of great suffering. It is important for them to have occasions to go forward along with everyone else toward the altar to receive precisely what everyone else receives.

Q. Does it make sense to impose ashes on infants or toddlers (i.e. those who do not yet have an awareness of sin)? Aren't the ashes an exterior sign that implies an interior desire for repentance?

A. From a child's perspective, I think it is good for them to receive the ashes simply because they want to participate and belong. For sure, this disposition in young children should be enjoyed as long as lasts, because it doesn't last that long. Being included really does mean something to a child. I especially notice this when a child reaches to receive the Holy Eucharist during Communion – and sometimes are disappointed deeply when they do not receive the Sacred Host. Very recently, my cousin explained it in this way during a conversation we shared. "I bless my infant with holy water and make my toddler cross herself when entering a church, as well as bow before the altar and kneel before the tabernacle. Likely, she doesn't understand these practices much more or less than she would the reception of ashes. But you have to start somewhere."

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In our culture we prepare to "give up something" during Lent. We might wonder what value there is for us in depriving ourselves of something that in itself is good and useful. We "give up something" that is good so as to make sure that no good thing in our lives somehow becomes more important than God.

Becoming more aware of others and their needs helps us to find God in our everyday life. The Church helps us to grow in this way each Lent by asking us also to "do something."

Mass Intentions**Sun., February 14**

7:30 a.m. Karl Martin
LaVerna Harkness
David Hermes Sr.
9:30 a.m. Tom & Eloise Blake
Bob & Mary Guendelsberger
Charles & Dorothea Herzog
11:30 a.m. Ellen Green
Rose & Bill Beverick
Ted Mann

5:00 p.m. For the Parish

Mon., February 15

8:15 a.m. James Rupp

Tues., February 16

8:15 a.m. Monica Amburn

Wed., February 17

8:15 a.m. Ruth & Chester Sinwald

6:00 p.m. Parish

Thurs., February 18

8:15 a.m. Anne Stimmel

Fri., February 19

8:15 a.m. Wayne Fairfield

Robert Grohs

Marriane Barry

Sat., February 20

8:15 a.m. Monty Keech

4:00 p.m. Chester Sinwald

Norman Koelsch

Eileen, Darr & Donald Jr White

Sun., February 21

7:30 a.m. Frances Galloway

9:30 a.m. Brad Rudolph

Kenneth & Ruth Polta

Elaine E. Fischer

11:30 a.m. Lynda Iceman

Patricia & James Biehl

Rosemary Kaman

5:00 p.m. For the Parish

Confessions 1/2 hour before every Mass.

WHY A MISSION? A Parish Mission is a MUST! Why? Because nothing less than miracles happen! Miracles of the heart! A Tri-parish Mission draws us all together and recharges our whole community. Everyone takes time for the truly important things, like wonder, mystery and prayer. People reconcile. Faith is awakened. Vocations are discovered. Families are healed and lives are forever changed. Please join us for this year's Tri-Parish Mission at **Sts. Peter & Paul Parish**, 510 Columbus Avenue **February 14th – 16th** at **7pm**. There will also be two morning sessions **February 15th & 16th** at **10:00 – 11:15am**. The presenters are nationally acclaimed Deacons **Robert Hermann & Eddie Ensley**. We look forward to seeing **you** there. Expect a miracle of the heart!

Sandusky Life Teen

**“Love is born of ardent prayer; be therefore first of all a soul of prayer.”
-St. Peter Julian Eymard**



February 14th - Join in for a date with the one who loves you so much He died for you. This Valentine's day learn about the difference between true love and what the world tells you is love.

February 14th -15th: Sandusky Life Teen will be hosting a Lock-in from 10:00pm to 6:00am on Sunday, February 14th to Monday, February 15th. If you are interested in joining us for this all-nighter of fun, friends and prayer please call Brittany at 419-625-7465.

February 21st: As we begin this season of Lent it is essential to understand why the Church calls us out of the garden into the desert for 40 days of prayer, preparation and purification with Christ. Join in as we journey into the Desert to better understand this Liturgical Season.

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



"My Catholic education has been a part of me since kindergarten and leads me everyday to be who I am and who I will become, like the values I've learned and how to use them."

Claire Christman,
SMCC Senior

Dates to remember

Feb. 15: No School – Presidents' Day
Feb. 17: Mass Grades 7-12, 8:15; St. Mary's Church
Feb. 17: Mass Grades K-6, 8:15; Sts. Peter & Paul Church
Feb. 18: PSEOP/College Night, 6:00; SMCC Library

SMCC Varsity Sports

Boys Basketball Feb. 19, Oak Harbor - Home
Girls Basketball Feb. 20, Perkins - Away
Swimming Week of Feb. 15, Districts - BGSU
Wrestling Feb. 19-20, Sectional - Plymouth

CELEBRATING SUCCESS *THREE CHEERS TO*

- The children at the Early Childhood Center who collected \$100.00 for the children in Haiti.
- Fr. Marty and Sr. Fredricka who shared wonderful stories with our K-6 students of how God called them to their religious vocations.
- Matthew Ritzenthaler, the winner of the SCCS Geography Bee. Way to go.
- Miss Rita Dominick for planning an awesome Catholic Schools Week Mass.

Reminder: Please fill out the Sandusky Central Catholic School Strategic Plan Survey on the school website: www.sanduskycentralcatholic.org

From Our Catechetical Leader-

Stations of the Cross - any child in grades 3-8 interested in reading for the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings during Lent, please contact Mrs. Geason @ 625-7465 ext.24 or dgeason@stmarysandusky.org.

"Rice Bowl" containers will be in the church for you to pick up and participate in this Lenten season. Please drop off in the church office by March 31st. Any questions or concerns contact Debbie at 625-7465 ext.24.

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

SUN., Feb. 14	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	9:30 am	Children's 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	Children's Choir Practice	Choir Room
	11:30 am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Parish Commons
	11:30 am	Good Shepherd Program (program FULL)	(Atrium) Parish Center
	1:00 pm	Sandusky Central Catholic School Open House	Sandusky Central Catholic School
	5:00 pm	Sandusky Life Teen Mass	Holy Angels Church
	6:00 pm	Parish School of Religion 8th Grade	Holy Angels School
	7:00 pm	Tri Parish Mission	Sts. Peter and Paul Church
MON., Feb. 15	10:00 am	Tri Parish Mission Morning Session	Sts. Peter and Paul Church
	5:00 pm	Church Cleaners Team #3	Church
	7:00 pm	Tri Parish Mission	Sts Peter and Paul Church
TUE., Feb. 16	6:00 pm	Holy Hour	Church
	7:00 pm	RCIA	Sts Peter and Paul Faith Formation Center
	7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study	Living Room
	7:00 pm	Tri Parish Mission	Sts. Peter and Paul Church
WED., Feb. 17	7:00 am	Ash Wednesday Mass	Church
	4:00 pm	Community Supper - Team #4	First Congregational Church
	5:45 pm	NO Parish School of Religion (PSR)	Sandusky Central Catholic School
	6:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Mass	Church
	7:00 pm	Contemporary Choir Practice	Church
THU., Feb. 18	7:30 pm	Parish Choir	Church
FRI., Feb. 19	1:00 pm	Church Cleaners Team #5	Church
	5:00 pm	Stations of the Cross and Supper	St Mary's Church and Commons
SAT., Feb. 20	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study	Lower Room
	4:00 pm	Mass RCIA Rite of Sending Forth	Church

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR Feb. 20 & 21

	4:00 PM	7:30 AM	9:30 AM	11:30 AM	5:00 PM
Servers	M Dorski N Lewis A Opfer	A Kromer T Kromer	M Gallagher C Gallagher A Walsh	A Colavincenzo N Colavincenzo A McCabe	S Kallumkal A Oltman
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You can also access the Ministry Schedule at our Parish Website: <http://stmarysandusky.org/ministryschedule.htm>

St. Mary's Parish Outreach Program

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

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receive the Holy Sacraments,
and live in the heart of the
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Other Items of Interest

Give Blood this Winter and warm someone's heart. Blood Drive Sandusky Knights of Columbus Main Hall 614 Columbus Ave. Tuesday, February 16, 2010, 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. American Red Cross 1-800-Give-Life. Givelife.org

Natural Family Planning will be taught by the Couple to Couple League at a series of three classes beginning at 7:00 pm on Feb. 18, 2010 in Norwalk. For information, registration or other classes in area call Paul or Monica Depinet 419-660-0534

The February WOW SOCIAL for widow/widowers will be held on February 19th at 6pm in the Gathering Space at St. Paul Church in Norwalk. The fare for the evening will be Soup and please bring a dessert or salad to share. Come enjoy an evening of food, fun and fellowship. For info contact Rose Riedy at 419-668-4540.

St. Meinrad Archabbey Limited spaces are available for parishioners interested in traveling together to **Saint Meinrad Archabbey** in Southern Indiana (www.saintmeinrad.edu) the following weekends: February 27-28, March 20-21, March 27-28, May 15-16 and June 12-13. The new Archabbey Guest House and Retreat Center offers overnight accommodations for visitors. Reservations for Friday and Saturday night must be made through the Guest House (\$55/single, \$77/double) by calling (800) 581-6905. For more information, contact Fr. Dave.

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