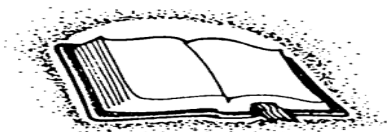


Scripture Readings

1st Sunday of Lent
Of Personal Concern . . .



Mon.: 1 Peter 5:1-4
2/22 Ps. 23:1-3a,4-6
 Matthew 16:13-19

Tue.: James 1:12-18
2/23 Ps 34:4-7,16-19
 Matthew 6:7-15

Wed.: Jonah 3:1-10
2/24 Ps 51:3-4,12-13,18-19
 Luke 11:29-32

Thu. Esther C:12,14-16,23-25
2/25 Ps. 138:1-3,7c-8
 Matthew 7:7-12

Fri.: Ezra 18:21-28
2/26 Ps. 130:1-8
 Matthew 5:20-26

Sat.: Deuteronomy 26:16-19,
2/27 Ps. 119:1-2,4-5,7-8
 Matthew 5:43-48

Sun.: Genesis 15:5-12,17-18
2/28 Ps. 27:1,7-9,13-14
 Philippians 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1
 Luke 9:28b-36

Insights from Fr. Flood

1st SUNDAY OF LENT



A Family Perspective

Jesus was led by the Spirit into "the wilderness." What is the wilderness to which the Holy Spirit is leading you this Lent? Are there uncharted areas in your marriage or family you avoid? Lent is not about working on our agenda, but letting God work His agenda in us.

In Sympathy

Our loving prayers and deepest sympathy are extended to the families of **Mary Bradford and James Roe** who were called to their eternal rest last week. Please pray for them and all our departed friends and relatives.

Congratulations to our Candidates and Catechumens

We are excited by all of the people who are preparing to become Catholic through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Please welcome and pray for the following Candidates and Catechumens as Easter draws near: **Ronald Michael Blake, Carlee Maye Calderon, Emileo Cruz Calderon, Tralee Cruz Calderon, Kye Benjamin Dixon, Joshua Robert Kreimes, Heather Marie Lambert, Terry James Martin, Tiffany Ann McCord, Riley Keith McCord, Tiffany Ann Motley, Alyssa Marie Corwin, Krista Marie Grosswiler, Laura Sue Martin and Mandy Marie White.**

Stations of the Cross

Please join us every Friday during Lent at 5:30 p.m. for Stations of the Cross in the Church with cheese pizza and fellowship following in the Commons. This will run from Feb. 19th – March 26th.

Lenten Lecture Series

Join Dr. Brett Kuns Monday evenings for a series of lectures on the meaning of the Mass. All lectures are at HOLY ANGELS CHURCH 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. and are free.

- February 22 The Mass: Typology As the Secret to Salvation
- March 1 The Mass and the Bible
- March 15 The Mass and The Book of Revelation
- March 22 The Mass: God's Healing Mercy
- March 29 The Mass: The Cup of Consummation

Tri Parish Men's Lenten Day of Reflection

Attention Catholic Men! Make plans now to attend the **Tri-Parish Men's Lenten Day of Reflection on Saturday, February 27, 7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** Hosted at Sts. Peter and Paul Church, this remarkable Lenten opportunity will be marked by a delicious breakfast and stirring presentations of the Faith that, most assuredly, will inspire men to become stronger Catholic Christians. In addition, ample opportunities will be available for the Sacrament of Confession from a variety of priests. Last year over 80 men participated in this event so please RSVP ASAP: 419.625.6655.

Parish Owned Property for Rent

412 Fulton Street

1 Bedroom, Second floor, Newly renovated, \$395 includes all utilities, Security, no pets, Quiet

1 Bedroom, Third floor, Newly renovated, \$349 includes all utilities, Security, no pets, Quiet

604 West Adams Street rear

1 Bedroom, First floor, Freshly renovated, \$300 plus gas and electric, Security, no pets, Quiet.

All immediately available. Call Mark at 419-656-1456 to tour or for information.

Stewardship Way of Life

Week of 2/14/10

Envelopes 516

Weekly - \$ 15,483.20

Monthly - \$ 3,778.00

Total Collection - \$ 19,261.20

Team 2 to count on 2/22

Please do not tape or staple your envelopes

RUN SO AS TO WIN! (1 Cor 9:25)*The Temptations of Jesus*

The devil never ceases to exploit the weakness of our human nature.

After having fasted for 40 days and 40 nights in the desert, Our Lord must have been exceedingly weak and very vulnerable. This is no acting job. Jesus' hunger pangs are as intense as they would be in every person. He is frail and famished. Precisely then – when vulnerability is the greatest - the tempter appears, slyly suggesting to Jesus that He ought to turn the stones lying around Him into the bread He needs and craves to eat.

In saying “no” to the tempter's scheme, Jesus does much more than decline the food His body requires and wants. Jesus refuses to unleash His divine power to solve a “human” problem. How amazing Our Lord is in humbling Himself and accepting fully His human condition all-the-while remaining fully divine!

Today's Gospel (Luke 4:1-13) teaches us to be watchful and vigilant, keeping lookout over ourselves as well as remaining on alert over those whom we have a special duty to help. The importance of this in moments of weakness and tiredness – when vulnerability is the greatest - cannot be overstated. Attentiveness gives us a fighting chance to do what is right when we find ourselves in a tough patch. Certain circumstances can be so overwhelming that in our exhaustion we may feel as though we possibly cannot take another step.

Friends, it is precisely at such moments that the devil tempts us most fiercely, aiming to turn us away from God's plan so that we hurl ourselves down a different path.

In the second temptation, the devil takes Jesus to the Holy City and dares Him to throw Himself off the top of the temple. Once again, Jesus' humility provides Him with the strength to refuse the request of the devil. Jesus will have nothing to do with performing pointless miracles which are nothing more than demonstrations of vanity. As we grow in the virtue of humility, we become stronger interiorly. The key to rejecting similar temptations of the devil that arise in our own lives is to become increasingly humble. As we rely more on God, more of His strength and power is at play in our daily living.

In the final temptation, the devil tries to seduce Jesus with all the worldly glory and power that any person could desire. Not so fast, my friend! Recall that the devil is the father of lies. Never forget that the devil always promises more than he can deliver - always.

Every temptation is nothing more than a miserable deception.

Here, the devil preys on our ambitions. The worst of all human ambitions may be the desire to get what we want at all costs. Avoid falling down also in worship of material things. When items are valued improperly, we eventually become their slave. Stated differently, material goods cease to be good if they separate us from God and others.

The longing for human power and glory is a relentless struggle. This Lent let us resolve to keep a constant watch against such temptations. Availing ourselves of the traditional Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, may we imitate Jesus and come to serve God more obediently and joyfully.

Mass Intentions**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

Mon., February 22

8:15 a.m. David and Margaret Hacker

Tues., February 23

8:15 a.m. Jeff McKenna

Wed., February 24

8:15 a.m. Doug Sartor

Don Wagner

Thurs., February 25

8:15 a.m. Cheryl Stamm Bakewell

Fri., February 26

8:15 a.m. Anthony Dinovo, Sr.

Sat., February 27

8:15 a.m. Eileen Michel Barry

Carl & Frances Michel

4:00 p.m. Clarence & Hildegard Stockdale

Mary Louise Hohler

Ray Ruffing

Sun., February 28

7:30 a.m. Anna Zlasney

9:30 a.m. Ted Mann

11:30 a.m. Cheryl Bakewell

Evangeline & Mary Bonchi

5:00 p.m. For the Parish

Confessions 1/2 hour before every Mass.**Special Lenten opportunities:**

- Men's Bible Study (Saturday mornings 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.)
- Women's Bible Study (Tuesday evenings 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)
- Holy Hour for Life (Tuesday evenings 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.)
- Rosary and Benediction (Tuesday evenings 6:30 p.m.)
- Stations of the Cross (Friday evenings 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.).

Sandusky Life Teen



“If you are what you should be, you will set the whole world on fire. Let the truth be your delight...proclaim it...but with a certain congeniality.”

-St. Catherine of Siena

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.

February 28th: Are you spending 5 minutes a day in prayer? Don't even know what to say? Don't know even where to begin? Join in for our “CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW” Life Night. Learn about different forms of prayer and what your personality says about your prayer life.

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



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Dates to remember

Feb. 25: Mass Grades 7-12, 8:15; Sts. Peter & Paul Church
Feb. 25: Mass Grades K-6, 8:15; St. Mary's Church
Feb. 26: Interims issued

SMCC Varsity Sports

Boys Basketball Feb. 26, Perkins - Away
Swimming Week of Feb. 24-26, State - Canton
Wrestling Feb. 26-27, Districts - Owens Community

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

SCCS Jr high students organize donations brought in by students to benefit Heartbeat of Sandusky. Students were asked to bring in: diapers, baby wipes, toiletries, baby toys, formula, etc. This was one of the service based activities that took place during Catholic Schools Week.

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. 21	First Sunday of Lent		
	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	Baptisms	Church
	3:00 pm	RCIA Rite of Election	Rosary Cathedral
	5:00 pm	Sandusky Life Teen Mass	Holy Angels Church
	6:00 pm	Parish School of Religion 8th Grade	Holy Angels School
MON., Feb. 22	5:00 pm	Church Cleaners Team #4	Church
	6:00 pm	CORE Team Mtg	Lower Room
TUE., Feb. 23	6:00 pm	Holy Hour	Church
	6:30 pm	Rosary and Benediction	Church
	7:00 pm	RCIA	Sts Peter and Paul Faith Formation Center
	7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study	Living Room
WED., Feb. 24	4:00 pm	Community Supper - Closed due to Lenten Luncheon	First Congregational Church
	5:45 pm	Parish School of Religion (PSR)	Sandusky Central Catholic School
	5:45 pm	Fit-N-Faith	Sandusky Central Catholic School Cafeteria
	7:00 pm	Contemporary Choir Practice	Church
THU., Feb. 25	7:30 pm	Parish Choir	Church
FRI., Feb. 26	1:00 pm	Church Cleaners Team #6	Church
	5:30 pm	Stations of the Cross and Supper	St Mary's Church and Commons
SAT., Feb. 27	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study	Lower Room

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR Feb. 27 & 28

	4:00 PM	7:30 AM	9:30 AM	11:30 AM	5:00 PM
Servers	G Puckrin D Ritzenthaler M Ritzenthaler	M Coulter K Market	E Sennish B Vargas A Vargas	R London P Lopez A Lopez	B Kistler A Opfer
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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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Knights of Columbus All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast

Feb. 21st, Sunday 8:30am to 1:00pm
Knights of Columbus Scholarship Pancake Breakfast.
ALL YOU CAN EAT.

Scrambled eggs, bacon, french toast, pancakes, sausage gravy with buttermilk biscuits, coffee, hot tea and juice.

Adults \$6.00, children 12 and under \$5.00.
All proceeds 100% towards Scholarship Fund.

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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