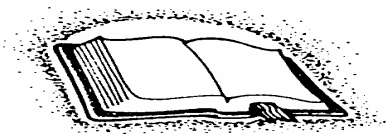


Scripture Readings

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Of Personal Concern . . .



- Mon.:** 1John 1:5-22:2
Ps. 124:2-5,7c-8
Matthew 2:13-18
- Tue.:** 1John 2:3-11
- 12/29** Ps. 96:1-3,5b-6
Luke 2:22-35
- Wed.:** 1John 2:12-17
- 12/30** Ps. 96:7-10
Luke 2:36-40
- Thu.** 1John 2:18-21
- 12/31** Ps. 96:1-2, 11-13
John 1:1-18
- Fri.:** Numbers6:22-27
- 1/1** Ps. 67:2-3, 5-6, 8
Galations 4:4-7
Luke 2:16-21
- Sat.:** 1John 2:22-28
- 1/2** Ps. 98:1-4
John 1:19-28
- Sun.:** Isaiah 60:1-6
- 1/3** Ps. 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

A Family Perspective

Because Jesus did not tell his parents His plans to stay in Jerusalem, Mary and Joseph were distraught and probably felt negligent and guilty. Like the Holy Family, parents today operate with the same deficit because children don't disclose all their plans. Despite the centuries, the problems of parenting are the same.

New Members

We welcome new members, **Debra and Mark Erml** to our parish family.

Baptisms

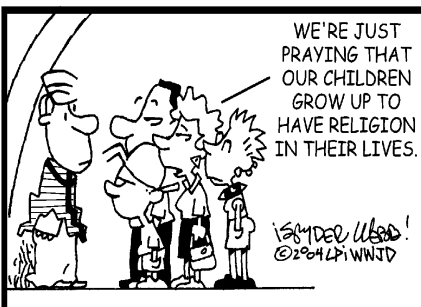
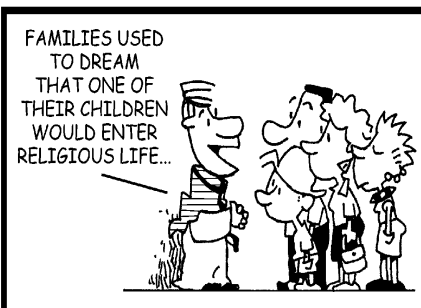
We welcome the following children to our parish family: **Jocelyn and Leighann**, daughters of Michael and Tiffany Motley and **Maycee Marie**, daughter of Brian and Allison Bohn. May God Bless them and their families.

In Special thanks to our bulletin sponsor of the week - Firelands Electric

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

HOLY FAMILY



2009 Contribution Statements

Contributions for the tax year 2009 will be accepted up to and including December 31, 2009. Envelopes postmarked or received after January 1, 2010 will be credited for 2010. Hard copy statements are mailed upon request only. If you received a statement last year, you will automatically receive one this year. If you would like to begin receiving annual statements, please let us know by calling 419-625-7465 or email office@stmarysandusky.org.

Figures were not yet available for Sunday Dec. 20 Collection at time of printing

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!

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

On behalf of Fr. Jason and myself, thank you so very much for your remarkable generosity. The thoughtful cards, encouraging notes, prayerful remembrances, delicious treats and other kind gifts are so deeply appreciated. We are thrilled to be serving you as your priests.



In addition to serving as the associate pastor, Fr. Jason's priestly duties also include the chaplaincy role at our terrific Catholic school. Currently, he is enjoying some well deserved and duly earned time away from the parish and Sandusky Central Catholic school.

Difficulties regarding the health of my father make me ever more aware of the fragility of life and the importance of cherishing that which we have received, most especially our Christian faith and family. For many, these days are marked by challenges some of which can be quite daunting. I think, too, of our brave military men and women who are away from family and country and are in dangerous places to keep us and our nation safe.

Kindly say a prayer for them and their families along with all our police, firefighters and first responders.

May God pour out His choicest blessings upon you, your family and all the members of our parish family throughout this season of grace and the entire New Year.

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Let your New Year's resolutions include growing in your understanding of the Catholic Faith. Several exciting opportunities exist to help make this happen right here in our parish.

- The next session of the THEOLOGY OF THE BODY - ADULT STUDY SERIES will be Saturday, January 9 in the Commons. The 30 minute DVD begins at 8:00 p.m. with doors opening and refreshments served at 7:30 p.m.
- The WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY takes place every Tuesday evening 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the Commons. No previous knowledge of Scripture is required, only an open heart toward encountering Jesus and listening attentively to God's Word.
- The MEN'S BIBLE STUDY occurs every Saturday morning 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. in the Lower Room (rectory basement). The coffee is hot, juice is cold and fraternity is strong.

Mass Intentions**Sun., December 27 - Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

7:30 a.m. Stephen Neubauer
Johnny and Martha Stamm
Marian Sturzinger

9:30 a.m. Brad Rudolph
Don Wagner
George & Eileen Schmidt

11:30 a.m. Clyde and Emily Hofacker
Alice Davie & Michael Davie
Edward & Elizabeth Fitz

5:00 p.m. For The Parish

Mon., December 28 - Holy Innocents

8:15 a.m. Earl Ehrnsberger
Ceceia Mary Strasser
Don Wagner

Tues., December 29

8:15 a.m. Bob & Mary Guendelsberger
Ray Ruffing
Bob Guendelsberger

Wed., December 30

8:15 a.m. Helen Baum
Norbert Wensink
Sandra Gurnick

Thurs., December 31—

4:00 pm.

Fri., January 1—Blessed Virgin Mary,

9:30 am

Sat., January 2—Basil the Great

8:15 a.m.

4:00 p.m.

Sun., January 3—Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

Confessions 1/2 hour before every Mass.



Dec 23-Jan 3: ECC Daycare Closed

Jan 4: Classes resume for Pre-school—Grade 12
All SCCS offices will be closed until January 4, 2010

Merry Christmas and Peace to All from the Faculty, Staff and Students of SCCS

Merry Christmas from Sandusky Life Teen



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Entrance Antiphon: The Shepherds hastened to Bethlehem, where they found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. (Luke 2:16)

December 27th: Sandusky Life Teen will not have our Life Teen Mass, or Life Night on December 27, 2009. Please be with your family today, as it is the Feast of the Holy Family.

January 3rd: Sandusky Life Teen will have our Life Teen Mass on January 3rd, however we will not 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.

Join In!

Other Items of Interest

Do you have a three year old who would benefit from a caring, educational, enriching preschool or day-care? 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.



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

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



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.



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., Dec. 27	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph		
	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., Dec 28	9:00 am	Church Cleaners Team #4	Church
	5:00 pm	Bulletin Deadline	Office
TUE., Dec. 29	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
WED., Dec. 30	4:00 am	Community Supper Team 6	
	5:45 pm	No Parish School of Religion (PSR)	Sandusky Central Catholic School
	6:00 pm	Family Movie Night	Commons
THU., Dec. 31	9:00 am	Church Cleaners Team #6	Church
	4:00 pm	Holy Day of Obligation—Vigil Mass	Church
FRI., Jan. 1	9:30 am	Holy Day of Obligation—Mass	Church
SAT., Jan. 2	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study	Lower Room

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR Jan. 2 & Jan 3.

	4:00 PM	7:30 AM	9:30 AM	11:30 AM	5:00 PM
Servers					
Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion					
Lector					
Mass Coordinator					

Jan. 1 Holy Day Masses: Sign up sheets for all Ministers for all Holy Days are in the Servers Sacristy. Please look at the schedules and see where you can help out. Thank you.

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**Inspiring believers to imitate
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 receive the Holy Sacraments,
 and live in the heart of the
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Community News

Erie County Red Cross Blood Drive—Key Bank

4700 Liberty Ave., Vermilion. Monday, Dec. 28 2:00 pm—6:00 pm Come to donate and receive an American Red Cross long sleeved gray T-shirt

Erie County Red Cross Blood Drive—St. Peter Catholic Church

430 Main St., Huron., Wednesday, Dec. 30 12:00 pm—6:00 pm All donors will receive a coupon for a FREE Pie from Perkins.

Erie County Red Cross Blood Drive—American Red Cross Firelands Chapter

—300 Central Ave., Sandusky Thursday, Dec. 31 10:00 am—2:00 pm All presenting Donors will receive a FREE insulated stainless steel American Red Cross travel Mug!

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.

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).