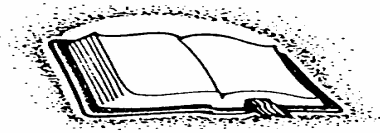


Weekly Scripture
Readings

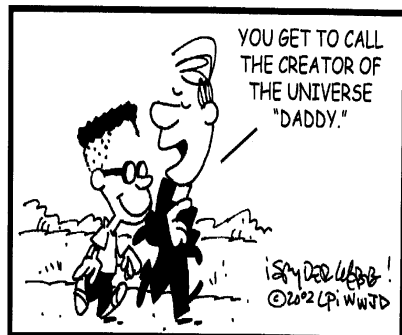
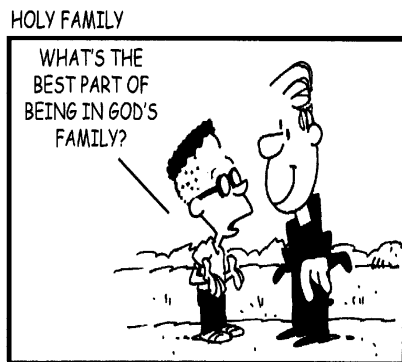
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Of Personal Concern . . .



- Mon.:** 1 John 2:3-11
Ps. 96:1-3,5b-6
Luke 2:22-35
- Tues.:** 1 John 2:12-17
Ps. 96:7-10
Luke 2:36-40
- Wed.:** 1 John 2:18-21
Ps. 96:1-2,11-13
John 1:1-18
- Thurs.** Numbers 6:22-27
Ps. 67:2-3,5-6,8
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:16-21
- Fri.:** 1 John 2:22-28
Ps. 98:1-4
John 1:19-28
- Sat.:** 1 John 2:29-3:6
Ps. 98:1-3,6
John 1:29-34
- Sun.:** Isaiah 60:1-6
Ps. 72:2,7-8,10-13
Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

Insights from Fr. Flood



WELCOME to our parish community! We are happy to have you! A *special welcome* to any guests who may be visiting. May your visit be blessed!

A Family Perspective

Holy Family Sunday is not just about Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Your family too is called to be a "sign" to the world of a way of life modeled after the Holy Family. Like Mary and Joseph, you will be "a sign opposed" by others. For being different a "sword will pierce your heart". If we are doing it right, pain and Christianity go together!

In Sympathy

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

Sunday Morning Mass: Channel 11 has Mass at 11 a.m. For Mass times and locations, call 1-800-627-7846 or www.masstimes.org.

March for Life 2009: January 21-23, Washington, DC. Put your faith into action. Join thousands of youth and adults from across the country to support LIFE! See bulletin board for details.

2008 Contribution Statements

Contributions for the tax year 2008 will be accepted up to and including December 31, 2008. Envelopes postmarked or received after Jan. 1, 2009 will be credited for 2009. 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. Call Mary at 419-625-7465 x 10, or email office@stmarysandusky.org.

Special thanks to our bulletin sponsor of the week - Access Orthopaedics

Stewardship Way of Life

Week of 12/21/08 - Due to the early bulletin deadline, figures are not available. Team 2 to count on 12/29

Thank You from the Diocese of Toledo, Office of Global Concerns:

You are intimately involved in the Church's response to Our Lord Jesus when He sends us to reach all nations with the Good News. Your donation of \$430.00 for the St. Vincent de Paul Society is received with prayerful thanks. Your donation has been sent to the local St. Vincent de Paul Office.

Yours truly,
Deacon Paul J. white
Director - Office of Global Concerns

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of the Staff, Fr. Dave, Deacon Kishore and I, thank you for the kindnesses shown to us during these Christmas Holy Days. The gifts, cookies and fruit will be forever on our hips. It has provided us with the incentive for making our New Year's resolution. We do appreciate your thoughtfulness and we thank you.

It happened again! The great singing of the choir, the cleaning and preparation of the buildings, the festive decorations of our Church, the many hours of ministry for our celebrations helped our parish to be a warm, welcoming and inviting family for those who came from afar and for returning for the Christmas celebrations. For all the hours and care that went into making this happen, I truly thank you.

While I am thanking you for being here and caring for St. Mary, I would also like to lead you into thanking our God with a prayer of gratitude.

Prayer of Gratitude

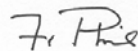
We praise and thank You, O God
for the beauty and bounty of Your earth.
At every moment of our existence, You are present to us
in gentle compassion.
Everything we are and everything we have
is a gift from You.

In Your mercy, God, You have removed our sins
which have the power to destroy us.
You have kept us mindful that alone
we are unable to save ourselves.
Thank You for teaching me to extend my hand to others
as I give of my time, treasury and talent.

Thank You for being with me each day.
Thank You for touching my soul and sparking my spirit
to receive Your gift of love and helping me to share it.
May I never take You for granted.

Amen.

May the Child of peace extend to you His gift of peace, both now and in the year to come.



Community News

Dec. 31 - Community Supper Program will be closed at First Congregational Church. It will resume Jan. 7, Team 5.

Dec. 29 - Back to Heartland - Castaway Party, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Castaway Bay, 2001 Cleveland Rd.. High School Youth, \$25/person. <http://www.castawaybay.com/>

You can help your marriage: Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue...or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their

- Sun., December 28**
7:30 a.m. Earl Ehrnsberger
Johnny & Martha Stamm
9:30 a.m. Samuel Ulery
Alice Davie
Edward & Elizabeth Fitz
11:30 a.m. Joseph Faber
Evelyn Bennett
Bob Koelsch
5:00 p.m. For the Parish
- Mon., Dec. 29 - St. Thomas Becket**
8:15 a.m. Marian Sturzinger
Pierre Amburn - 30 days
Special Intention
- Tues., December 30**
8:15 a.m. Emerson, Helen & Wayne
Baum
Ray Bush
Shirley Kreimes - 30 days
Special Intention
- Wed., December 31 - St. Sylvester I**
8:15 a.m. **NO Mass Today**
Vigil for the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God
4:00 p.m. For the Parish
- Thurs., Jan. 1 - Mary, Mother of God**
9:00 a.m. For the Parish
11:00 a.m. For the Parish
- Fri., January 2 - Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen**
8:15 a.m. Clifford (Ann.), Helen & Maryann Russett
(Exposition after Mass until 4:15 p.m.)
- Sat., January 3 - The Most Holy Name of Jesus**
7:30 a.m. Rosary - First Saturday
8:15 a.m. Bill & Betty Lehner
4:00 p.m. Gerald Clay
Norm Koelsch
Jim Wahl
- Sun., January 4**
7:30 a.m. Walter H. Ulmer
Elizabeth Nath
Virginia Fleming
9:30 a.m. For the Parish
11:30 a.m. Leo & Caroline (Ann.) Sartor
Alvin (Ann.) & Teresa Beverick
5:00 p.m. Vera Gallam - 30 days
Shirley Kreimes

marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the January program beginning with a weekend on January 23-25, 2009, call 419-690-0083 or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

Faith is never overdrawn in God's bank account!

School News

Dec. 22-Jan. 4 - Christmas Vacation
Jan. 5 & 6 - Uniform Exchange,
2-6 p.m. SPP Campus Cafeteria



A Christmas Wish List has been posted on the school website homepage for anyone wishing to donate a needed item to benefit our faculty and students. Please contact the Development Office at 419-626-1892 x 266 for more information on purchasing that special gift. www.sanduskycentralcatholic.org



Sandusky Life Teen

Sandusky Life Teen is creating excitement among teens and adults alike throughout our local Catholic parishes. Since the launch of SLT in September 2008, over 130 unique high school teens have checked out Life Teen Masses and Life Nights. The vast majority of teen participants found it cool and returned to celebrate again dynamic Masses which are relevant and reverent in style of worship along with awesome Life Nights that inspire faith as much as they teach faith. Save the date! Sandusky Life Teen Mass & Life Nights are back beginning Sunday, January 11 at Holy Angels Church at 5 p.m. Join In!

www.sanduskylifeteen.org

Parish Happenings. . .

Parish Office closed 12:30 - 1:30 for the lunch hour.
Join us for the rosary every Tues., 7 p.m. in Church.

Dec. 31 - NO 8:15 a.m. Mass; Mass 4:00 p.m. Vigil for the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God
Jan. 1 - Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, Holy Day of Obligation, Masses at 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. **Parish Office Closed**

Jan. 3 - First Saturday Devotions: Rosary 7:30 a.m., Mass 8:15 a.m. here. Rosary at the Commons Chapel 9 a.m., Mass 9:30 a.m.

Jan. 4 - Donut Sunday after morning Masses.

ADVENTURES IN FAITH



Small Group Leader Training. This training is for anyone interested in leading a small faith sharing group or Bible Study. Jan. 13 from 9:30-11 OR 7-8:30 in St. Mary's Commons. Please call Linda Pedoli 419-625-6655 for more information.

Catholics Returning Home Series. Sunday evenings (Jan. 4, 11, 18, 15, Feb. 1, 8) at St. Mary's Commons with Deacon Jeff Claar. **Call Deacon Jeff for more information at 419-625-7465.**

Little Rock Scripture Study: Introductory meeting on Monday, January 5 at 7 p.m. OR Tuesday, January 6 at 1 p.m. Both sessions will be held at Holy Angels Gathering Space. Call Sr. Joyce Bates at 419-625-3698 for more information.

Home improvement - Bring your family to Church!



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

On April 24, 2009, the St. Mary Central Catholic High School building will be 100 years old. A committee of teachers and members of our parishes have been meeting to plan a celebration. The committee needs your assistance. They are looking for: memorabilia which will be displayed (a brief description would be helpful), interesting things and stories that occurred during the years you attended SMCCHS. Please send the information to briesterer@sanduskycentralcatholic.org or to 410 W. Jefferson St., Sandusky 44870. Attn: 100th Birthday Committee

Pro-Life Message: Let us not forget the great example left by Mother Teresa, and let us not commemorate it in "words alone". Let us always have the courage to give priority to the human person and his fundamental rights.

John Paul II

Help Needed: Interested in helping to keep our beautiful Church clean? Helpers needed on Thursday mornings at 9 a.m. and Friday afternoons at 1 p.m. You will be scheduled about once a month. Please call the parish office if you would like to help. Thanks!



Parish Information . . .

Mass & Reconciliation Schedules

Sat. : 4:00 p.m., Sun.: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Monday thru Saturday 8:15 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat. 3:00 p.m.

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Rev. David Nuss, Associate Pastor/Faculty SMCC

Deacon Bill Burch, Parish Outreach

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Deacon Kishore Kottana

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Ruth Guendelsberger, Bookkeeper

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Bulletin Deadline - Monday - 5:00 p.m.

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Superintendent: Dr. Judy Monaghan

Early Childhood Center

Holy Angels Campus

1603 W. Jefferson St.

419-626-3075

Elementary-Jr. High (4-6)

St. Mary Campus

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419-626-1648

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