

*THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH*

In case of inclement weather please call the office to find out if any activities are cancelled.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 10 - Vigil: Baptism of the Lord**

*Is. 55: 1-11 / 1 Jn. 5: 1-9 / Mk. 1: 7-11*

**3:00--4:00** Sacrament of Reconciliation

**4:30** Mass [Raymond Meizoso]

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 11 - Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

*Is. 55: 1-11 / 1 Jn. 5: 1-9 / Mk. 1: 7-11*

**Vocation Awareness Week**

**8:30** Mass [The Parish Family]

**8:30 - 11:00** Credit Union - Fenmont

**9:00 - 10:45** RCIA - Parish Office Building

**9:45 - 10:45** Choir Rehearsal - Church

**9:45 - 10:45** PREP - Parish Office Building & Fenmont

**9:45** Hispanic Adult Ed - Fenmont

**11:00** Mass [Angelo & Rose Arminio]

**11:30** Hispanic RCIC - Fenmont

**12:00** Outreach Meeting - Fenmont

**1:00** Misa en Español

**MONDAY, JANUARY 12 - Weekday**

*Heb. 1: 1-6 / Mk. 1: 14-20*

**8:00** Mass [Thomas Stewart]

**1:30** Staff Meeting - Parish Office Building

**7:00** Baptismal Prep Class - Parish Office Building

**7:00** Sunday Scripture - Parish Office Building

**7--8:30** Men's Prayer Group - Fenmont

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 13****Weekday / St. Hilary, Bishop-Doctor**

*Heb. 2: 5-12 / Mk. 1: 21-28*

**8:00** Mass [Alberta Stricker]

**10:00 - 11:00** AA Support Group - Fenmont

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14 - Weekday**

*Heb. 2: 14-18 / Mk. 1: 29-39*

**8:00** Holy Communion Service

**7:00** Spiritual Life Meeting - Parish Office Building

**7:15** BINGO - Fenmont

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 15 - Weekday**

*Heb. 3: 7-14 / Mk. 1: 40-45*

**8:00** Mass [Rita Paxton]

**7:00** St. Vincent de Paul Meeting - Parish Office Building

**7:00** Hamilton CYO Meeting - Fenmont

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 16 - Weekday**

*Heb. 4: 1-5, 11 / Mk. 2: 1-12*

**8:00** Mass [Gertrude McGrath]

**6:30** Hispanic Prayer Group - Fenmont

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 17 - Vigil: 2nd Ordinary Sunday**

*1 Sm. 3: 3b-10, 19 / 1 Cor. 6: 13c-15a, 17-20 / Jn. 1: 35-42*

**11:00 - 12:00** AA Support Group - Fenmont

**3:00** Spanish Choir Rehearsal - Fenmont

**3:00 - 4:00** Sacrament of Reconciliation

**4:30** Mass [Eugene Vogel / Lawrence Milillo Families]

**6:30** Spanish Baptism Class - Fenmont

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 18****Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*1 Sm. 3: 3b-10, 19 / 1 Cor. 6: 13c-15a, 17-20 / Jn. 1: 35-42*

**8:30** Mass [The Parish Family]

**8:30 - 11:00** Credit Union - Fenmont

**9:00 - 10:45** RCIA - Parish Office Building

**9:45 - 10:45** Choir Rehearsal - Church

**9:45 - 10:45** PREP - Parish Office Building & Fenmont

**9:45** Spanish Adult Ed - Fenmont

**11:00** Mass [The Parish Family]

**12:00 - 1:15** Election Workshop - Fenmont

**12:30** Spanish Baptisms - Church

**1:00** Misa en Español

**STEWARDSHIP OF THE PARISH FAMILY****Treasure:**

July 2008-June 2009 Weekly Collection Review

**Christmas Collection 12/25/2008**

Adult Envelopes Received 302

Christmas Collection Goal:

\$ 15,000.00

Christmas Collection Received:

\$ 16,177.81

Over/Under Goal: \$ 1,177.81

YTD Regular Collection Goal:

\$293,800.00

YTD Regular Collection Received:

\$273,421.65

YTD Over/Under Goal: \$(20,378.35)

July 2008-June 2009 Weekly Collection Review

**Collection Week of December 28, 2008**

Adult Envelopes Received 274

Regular Collection Goal:

\$ 11,300.00

Regular Collection Received:

\$ 8,121.95

Over/Under Goal: \$ (3,178.05)

YTD Regular Collection Goal:

\$308,800.00

YTD Regular Collection Received:

\$281,543.60

YTD Over/Under Goal: \$(27,256.40)

July 2008-June 2009 Weekly Collection Review

**Collection Week of January 4, 2009**

Adult Envelopes Received 306

Regular Collection Goal:

\$ 11,300.00

Regular Collection Received:

\$ 11,366.01

Over/Under Goal: \$ 66.01

YTD Regular Collection Goal:

\$320,100.00

YTD Regular Collection Received:

\$292,909.61

YTD Over/Under Goal: \$(27,190.39)

**The Make-a-Change Charity for the month of January is Respect Life.** Thank you for your support of this program.

**VOCATION NIGHT FOR MEN** on Wednesday, January 14, 2009, Mount St. Mary's Seminary is hosting a Vocation Night for men, college age and older, who are interested in the priesthood. The evening begins at 5:15 PM with the celebration of the Mass, followed by dinner with the seminarians and a short presentation on life in the seminary. For more information, call Fr. Mike at 863.1040 or Fr. Kyle Schnippel in the Archdiocesan Vocation Office at 421.3131 x 2890; or online: <http://cincinnati vocations.org/frm011409.php>

**Attention: All Teenagers - All Single Men / Women!**

Our new Archbishop Dennis Schnurr wants to talk to you ....personally! Have you ever considered a religious vocation? There will be a panel made up of seminarians, religious sisters, priests, and yes - even Archbishop Schnurr! They will speak on the exciting and meaningful calling of religious life.

St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Church  
John Porter Family Life Center  
Sunday January 11 @ 7 - 9 p.m.  
5720 Hamilton-Mason Rd, Liberty Twp, OH 45011

Don't miss this opportunity to meet the Archbishop and learn how you can hear God's will in your life!

**PARENTS, FEEL LIKE YOU LACK PATIENCE?** Believe it or not, you can learn to parent better, better for you and your child. Catholic Charities just down the street at 140 N. Fifth Street is offering Parenting Education Classes for both parents of pre-schoolers (Thursday evenings from January 15th through March 5th) and for parents of children from 6 to 12 years (Monday evenings from Jan. 12 through March 16). There is no fee for Butler County residents and child care is also free. Call more information call Catholic Charities at 863.6129 ext. 27.

**"How Do Catholics Stay in Good Political Shape after the Campaign Trail Ends"**

Workshop Presenter is the Regional Director of the Archdiocesan Catholic Action Office & an active member of St. Julie Billiart Church.

**Sunday, January 18, 2009  
St. Stephen Hall~ Fenmont Building  
12:00 Noon- 1:15 PM**

As we anticipate the Inauguration of the 44<sup>th</sup> President, we will take a look at Catholic Social Teaching, the Catholic Catechism, and the United States Bishop's documents to guide us in how we are...

- To form our consciences correctly.
- To provide guidance on the moral dimensions of public decisions.

To encourage the faithful to carry out their responsibilities in political life. ( Adapted from *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship ~ United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.*)

This workshop is offered in collaboration with the Outreach Commission of SJB. Refreshments and snacks will be provided. Good Will offering. Questions about the workshop? Call Sister Andre' at the parish office, 863.1040.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Today, coinciding with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we observe "Vocation Awareness Week." I offer a few reflections. First, the purpose of any "vocation effort" is not to *talk* someone into a religious vocation. Rather, it is to do several things:

Remind us all (especially parents, grandparents, teachers etc.) that the Lord's call is nourished by those around us. Faith-filled families and parishes are the "seed bed."

Since many people are making permanent commitments (like marriage) later in life, our contribution is to encourage young people to keep open the "option" of priesthood and religious life.

Religious vocations are essential to the continued health of the Church.

After coming to know oneself and gathering realistic information about "options", a good vocational decision (whether that be to marriage, single life, priesthood, religious life) is one that flows from a willingness to take God into consideration. That is why Vocation Awareness Week is also a time of prayer by, with, and for our young people.

The most concrete thing any of us can do is simply to ask those around us: "Have you considered living your life as a priest, sister, brother, or deacon?" Just as no one can be saved without hearing the Gospel, no one can be called without hearing the question.

I also want to thank all those who have welcomed our "traveling St. Julie Billiart" into their homes for two weeks with the intention of praying specially for vocations.

Our Archdiocesan seminarians have a "blog" at <http://cincinnati vocations.org/blog/>. For those who don't visit the "blogosphere" this is a way for them to make their thoughts and experiences available to anyone who has access to a computer.



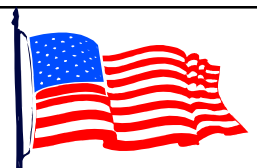
**Do you have a meatless recipe to share?**

St. Julie Billiart Parish is compiling a listing of meatless meal ideas and recipes in preparation for Lent. Please email these to Dawn Creed at [drcreed@zoomtown.com](mailto:drcreed@zoomtown.com), or turn them into

the church office through the collection basket. Please submit your meal suggestions or recipes by Monday, February 2nd. You can contact Dawn Creed at 755.2591 with any questions. Thank you.

**Mark your calendars for FESTIVAL MEETING - Sunday, January 25th, after the 11:00 mass, in the Fenmont Center and Saturday, January 31st for our FAMILY FUN NIGHT from 5:30 to 9:00 PM, in the Fenmont. Look for RSVP form in January Newsletter and next week's bulletin.**

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**Religious****Education**

## PREP NOTES

Perfect Attendance:

The following students in PREP had perfect attendance for the first semester. Congratulations for your faithfulness.

Yasmin Bravo

Andy Martinez

Tyler Ochs

Miguel Peña

Michelle Bravo

Brittney Gorsuch

Ashley Cruz

Rosa Reyes

James Dadabo

Honorable Mention to the following students who only missed once:

Leticia Ochoa

Ana Araujo

Elvis Diaz

Benjamin Hawkins

Marieliz Garcia

Jeff Garcia

Erick Orozco

Fernando Rivera

Jonathan Cruz

Jhoandy Gonzalez

Edward Perez

Keith Albin

Isabel Saylor

Bryant Cuevas

Ariael Jaquez

**"St. Julie Traveling Statue"****Vocation Prayer Project**

We are in need of families to take the statue to their home and pray a special prayer for vocations. Please complete one of the blue cards found in the vestibule. Place it in the collection basket or deliver it to the office as soon as possible. Any questions, please call Millie Kuth at 844.2048 - Coordinator for the Statue Project for Spiritual Life Committee

*You are invited to attend the Sunday Scripture Study of Readings for the following Sundays, on Monday Evenings with Father Mike Pucke in the Parish Office Building at 7:00 PM. Anyone is invited to attend...bring a friend, bring your Bible.*

**OUTSIDE OUR PARISH**

**The Hamilton CYO is hosting a dance/fund raiser on Saturday, January 24th @ Badin High School that will feature live music by "The Rusty Griswolds".**

ALL of the proceeds will be split amongst the individual feeder school's athletic programs to help them pay for uniforms, gym rentals, etc... Beer, pop and appetizers are included in the ticket price which is \$25/person. Please call or email

Karen Browning @ 513.874.3024 or [karen@careydigital.com](mailto:karen@careydigital.com).

Or, you can get tickets at any of the CYO Basketball venues or through your school's Athletic Director between now and the dance. There is a limited number of tickets, so they will only sell them at the door, if there are any left over.

**The Benedictine Monks of St. Andrew Abbey in Cleveland** will be holding "Living with Benedict" vocation discernment weekends for men between ages of 18-45 on the weekend of January 30-February 1, 2009. Contact Fr. Gerard at 216 721.5300 x 210.

**Facing an Unplanned Pregnancy?**

Catholic Charities is there to help. They provide free confidential counseling services and support as you consider your options to parent or make an adoption plan for your baby. Their pregnancy counselors have information and resources to help you make the best decision for you and your baby--and both of your futures. Contact them anytime at 513 241.7745.

**PROJECT RACHEL**

"A while ago, I made the decision to have an abortion. It was, after all, my right to choose. But now, as I look back on it, I realize that something else besides by baby died inside me that day. I made a private choice. But it became a secret burden."

If you feel this way, there's hope. Project Rachel is a post abortive healing ministry of the Archdiocese. The first step is a confidential helpline (513) 784-0531 where you can speak with people who will not condemn you for your decision. The ministry also consists of support groups and retreats. A retreat will be offered the weekend of March 6 through 8, 2009, at the Bergamo Retreat Center, Dayton, Ohio. For more information, please call our confidential help line at 513.784.0531.

**Attention parents of children in the RCIA/C program --** Pictures will be taken January 25<sup>th</sup> during class time. Please refer to the letter you received.

**Sacramental News**

Please return your preference for the First Communion retreat, if you have not done so. You may e-mail the office at [asmith@stjulie.net](mailto:asmith@stjulie.net) or drop your request by the office. You will receive confirmation of your retreat day within a few weeks.

**Outreach Commission**

The next meeting will be held on Sunday, January 11th, at 12:00 to 1:00 PM in the St. Stephen Hall of the Fenmont Center. New and exciting plans are being made by this commission.

If you are interested in sharing ideas come and join us!

**SPIRITUAL LIFE MEETING**

The next meeting for the Spiritual Life Committee will be held January 14, 2009 at 7:00 PM, in the Parish Office Building. Anyone interested is asked to attend. We are continuing plans for the spring Parish Mission, Lenten offerings, new ideas, and other topics. Do you have an idea ... come and share. Questions? Call Mary Richter at 856.7327

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

**Dorothy Mae Durbin**, sister of Patrick (Carole) Durbin and Carolyn (Philip) Ohlinger, died Sunday, December 28th, and was buried Friday, January 2nd.

**Raymond McElfresh**, nephew of Anna Loos, died Tuesday, December 30th.

**Thomas H. Hartman**, brother of James (Carol), died Friday, January 2nd in California where he resided. Our prayers and sympathy are extended to all the families.