

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22 - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is. 43: 18-19, 21-22, 24b-25 / 2 Cor. 1: 18-22 / Mk. 2: 1-12

8:30 Mass [The Parish Family]

8:30 – 11:00 Credit Union – Fenmont

9:00 – 10:45 RCIA – Parish Office Building

9:30 Baptisms

9:45 - 10:45 Choir Rehearsal

9:45 – 10:45 PREP – Parish Office Building & Fenmont

9:45 Spanish Adult Ed - Fenmont

11:00 Mass [Catherine Frederick-90th Birthday-S]

1:00 Misa en Español / Baptisms

2:00 Secular Franciscan Meeting - Fenmont

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23 - St. Polycarp, Bishop-Martyr

Sir. 2: 1-10 / Mk. 9: 14-29

8:00 Mass [Louise Schroer]

7:00 "Will Our Children Have Faith?" -- Fenmont

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24 - Weekday

Sir. 2: 1-11 / Mk. 9: 30-37

8:00 Mass [Jeanne Reimer]

10:00 – 11:00 AA Support Group – Fenmont

1:30 Staff Meeting - Parish Office Building

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25 - Ash Wednesday

Jl 2: 12-18 / 2 Cor. 5: 20--6:2 / Mt. 6: 1-6, 16-18

A Day of Fast and Abstinence

12:05 Mass [The Parish Family]

7:00 Mass [The Parish Family]

7:15 BINGO - Fenmont

8:30 Misa en Español

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Dt. 30: 15-20 / Lk. 9: 22-25

8:00 Mass [Eugene Vogel/Lawrence Milillo Families]

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27 - Lenten Weekday

Is. 58: 1-9a / Mt. 9: 14-15

Day of Abstinence

8:00 Mass [Laverne Preston]

12:10 Way of the Cross

6:30 Hispanic Prayer Group

7:00 Way of the Cross

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28 - Vigil: First Sunday of Lent

Gn. 9: 8-15 / 1 Pt. 3: 18-22 / Mk. 1: 12-15

11:00 – 12:00 AA Support Group – Fenmont

3:00 – 4:00 Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:30 Mass [Agnes Farmer]

SUNDAY, MARCH 1 - First Sunday of Lent

Gn. 9: 8-15 / 1 Pt. 3: 18-22 / Mk. 1: 12-15

8:30 Mass [Altar Rosary Members-S]

8:30 - 11:00 Credit Union - Fenmont

9:45 - 10:45 Choir Practice

9:45 – 10:45 PREP – Parish Office Building & Fenmont

9:45 – 10:45 RCIA – Parish Office Building

9:45 Hispanic Adult Ed - Fenmont

11:00 Mass [The Parish Family]

11:30 Hispanic RCIC - Fenmont

12:00 "Salt & Light" workshop - F

1:00 Misa en Español

3:00 Practice for Stations - Church

7:00 Practice for Stations - Church

PASTOR'S CORNER

It is that time of the year. Lent begins on Wednesday. Sometimes we do things on a regular basis because they were handed down to us, but we don't really understand why. They've lost the connection with their roots, and, therefore, with their meaning. Ash Wednesday may be one of these things.

The origin of this practice is found in the early Church's practice of what is today called the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Penance. In the earliest centuries of the Church, if a baptized person committed serious sin (Apostasy, Adultery, or Murder), there was no way he or she could be sacramentally reconciled to God and the Church. As a result, people began to delay baptism till their deathbed. Since Baptism is also a relationship meant to be lived out, this delay was contradictory to the meaning of the sacrament. A

renewal of Baptism emerged. This developed into our modern day Sacrament of Reconciliation.

At that time, then, the sinner approached to Bishop to confess his sin. After a period of prayer, the person was given a public penance: stand at the doors of the church in sackcloth and ashes. The community would know then that the person was seeking reconciliation with God and the community. They could also pray for the person. It was quite clear that the early Church understood that sin was not just against God, but also against the community. It was only after this period of public penance that the penitent returned to the Bishop for forgiveness.

Lent has traditionally been "the home stretch" for catechumens as they prepared for Baptism at the Easter Vigil.

Those of us already baptized join in solidarity with them by renewing our own Baptism. We are marked with ashes as a sign of repentance. All of us so marked are in solidarity with the catechumens and with each other in mutual prayer.

Receiving ashes, then, naturally leads to the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. **Publicly accepting ashes as a sinner is a public expression of an intention to seek reconciliation later in Lent.**

The Ash Wednesday collection is to support the Churches of Central and Eastern Europe as they continue to emerge from long years of Communist oppression.

Religious Education PREP NEWS**“Will Our Children Have Faith?”**

February 23rd, Monday evening, 7:00 PM, in St. Mary Hall, at the Fenmont. You are invited to attend.

Stations of the Cross Practice will be Sunday, March 1st, at 7:00 PM, in the Church.



RCIA NOTES - Topic: Sunday, March 1st - Rite of Sending and Rite of Election and Continuing Conversion - 11:00 AM Mass. Session at 9:45 AM, complete the study of Lent and its practices.

**“ACES” & Friends**

MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION! - Thanks to all who helped make our celebration a time of joy, laughter, dance, and good eats! Congratulations to King Gene & Queen Rita! Next gathering: March 12 at 1:00 PM sharp!

“And Baby Makes Three”...Happy Birthday! Bring a picture of yourself as a young child to be placed on the birthday table and bring a baby donation for St. Raphael's Center (needs: any size diapers, baby wipes & bibs!).

MONDAY EVENING SCRIPTURE STUDY will be discontinued until after the Parish Mission in April. The Parish is offering a number of renewal activities throughout Lent and we look forward to getting ready for the Parish Mission.

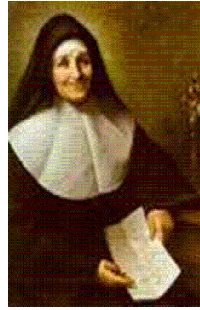
“Salt and Light” ~ 5-week Enrichment Series presented by Pam Long. This is a wonderful Lenten project for you and a friend! Sundays, March 8th thru April 5th ~ 12:00 noon to 2:30 PM, in St. Stephen Hall of the Fenmont. Refreshments will be provided.

“Salt and Light” aims to provide a group of parishioners a basic groundwork to the Roman Catholic Church's rich tradition of Social teaching. It will encourage participants to read the Gospels through the unique eyes of the poor and to consider acting in new, creative ways to stand in solidarity with “the least among us”. Although the program is brief, it is designed to lead participants towards a desire to engage concretely in God's divine plan to empower the poor to overcome social injustices. Call Pam Long, 867.8150 for more details. This workshop is offered in collaboration with the Outreach Commission of St. Julie Billiart.

OUTSIDE OUR PARISH

The Mad Anthony Writers Conference, April 17-18, is presenting 30 workshops (all genres), editor/agents appointments, Writers Digest personnel, manuscript reviews, book auction, Writers Police Academy (the first in Ohio), and in partnership with the Colligan History Project, Dr. Roger Launius, Senior Curator of the Smithsonian's National Air & Space Museum. Early Bird registration ends March 1st. Visit www.madanthonycbf.org for details. The Mad Anthony committee includes founder Vickie Ryan, St. Peter's, Jane Biddenger, St. John Newman, and Nancy Schwab. St. Julie's and volunteers include Carla and Larry Fiehrer and Pat Moeller of St. Peter's. Mad Anthony is presented for the benefit of the Butler County Family Literacy Council for which it has raised over \$10,000 to date.

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 info, please call our confidential help line at 513.784.0531.

**“St. Julie Traveling Statue”
Vocation Prayer Project**

We are greatly in need of volunteers to take the statue during 2009! We hope you will consider taking a turn with this ministry. Please complete one of the blue cards found at the end of the pews. Place it in the collection basket or deliver to the office as soon as possible. Questions, call 863.1040.

Stop by the information table in the vestibule this weekend to pick up your Lenten Spiritual Calendar, Rice Bowl and a Little Black Book. The Spiritual Calendar indicates special events at St. Julie Billiart during the Season of Lent. The Little Black Book is available for a donation of \$2 and has 6 minute meditations on the daily Gospels. Operation Rice Bowl is the Lenten solidarity program of Catholic Relief Services. Just as we celebrate the Eucharist on Sundays, we can use the rice bowl as a way to “break bread” together with family and loved ones. You may return your rice bowl to the church anytime before Holy Thursday. God Bless you!

Spiritual Life Committee

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 11th! If you have any ideas on how to help with the mission projects, or ideas for something you would like to see here at St. Julie's please call Mary Richter, 856.7327.

STEWARDSHIP OF THE PARISH FAMILY**Treasure:**

July 2008-June 2009 Weekly Collection Review

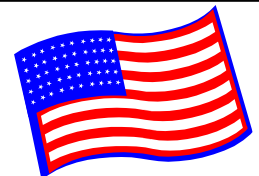
Collection Week of February 15, 2009

Adult Envelopes Received:	314
Regular Collection Goal:	\$ 11,300.00
Regular Collection Received:	9,981.05
Over/Under Goal:	(1,318.95)
YTD Regular Collection Goal	387,900.00
YTD Regular Collection Received:	355,235.45
YTD Over/Under Goal:	\$ (32,664.55)

Make-a-Change Charity for the month of February is ServeCity. Thank you for your support of this project.

The weekend of March 14-15 will be Catholic Ministries Appeal Weekend here at St. Julie Billiart. The theme for the 2009 CMA is “**Do Gratitude... Say Thanks by Giving.**” As the parish offertory collection is the lifeline of our parish, the CMA is the lifeline of our regional ministries. The Appeal is to the ministries funded by the Archdiocese what the weekly offertory is to our parish - so your support is critical. Archbishop Pilarczyk is inviting every Catholic household to participate. Every gift matters. For more information, please visit www.CatholicAppeal.info.

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MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Gladys (Grace) Kettman, aunt of Carl (Charlotte), died Friday, February 13th, and was buried Tuesday, February 17th.

Terry Lee Smith, husband of Joyce, father of Angie (Michael) Shafer and grandfather of Cody, Amber, Mia and Brayden, and son-in-law of Mark & Bea Renneker, died Sunday, February 15th, and was buried Thursday, February 19th.

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to the families.



Tom Shaver of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is again asking parishioners for help. Tom needs 200 dozen homemade cookies for the Kairos Prison Ministries, the weekend of March 7-8. Cookies should be approximately 2 inches in diameter (no raisins or powdered sugar allowed). The SVdP Society will provide sealable bags in the vestibule of church beginning Sunday, February 22nd. Please fill with 2 dozen cookies in each bag you donate. All cookies need to be at the church no later than 4 PM on Thursday, March 5th. Thank you for your help!

The Outreach Commission invites all children and their families to grab an egg from the Change-of-Heart Tree.

Our hope is that through this activity, children and families will be able to understand the season of Lent as a time to turn away from sin and to be reconciled with God. Each egg will include inside a specific commitment to perform, an act of prayer, or a specific act of kindness, etc. The goal is to have the tree stripped of eggs by willing families at the beginning of Lent, and covered with the returned and completed eggs before Easter. Look for the tree in the back of church the weekend of February 21 and 22. Please encourage your children to pick one up. And as we approach Easter, just hang the egg back on the tree.

~ Sharon Noelker

Badin High School Celebration Auction

Auction will take place on Saturday, April 25, 2009. Make your reservations today as price goes up after March 6th.

\$225/couple, \$125/single - Patron status includes: private reception - auction preview, cocktails & appetizers, gourmet dinner; recognition in catalog, name entered for Waterford crystal plate.

\$145/couple, \$85/single - Cocktails, appetizers & gourmet dinner. For more info or to make your reservation, please contact Linda Keating at 868.6173 now.

If you are interested in donating a new item to be auctioned please contact Jane Schlichter in the Badin Development office at 513 863.3993. Please keep in mind all donations are tax deductible. Thank you in advance for your consideration of a donation. Visit our website for more info at www.badinhs.org/celebration/index.asp.

Don't miss Badin High School's musical production of 'Cinderella', March 19 – 22nd. Performances are 7:30 PM on Thurs, Fri and Saturday. Matinee performance on Sunday – 2:30 PM. Buy your tickets through the school office – 863.3993; \$10 per ticket. Value priced tickets of \$8 each are available when you purchase six or more tickets for the same performance.

"We are Called... We are Sent...!" ANNUAL PARISH MISSION

Mark your calendars for the Parish Mission to be held from April 19 to 23. Two Redemptist Mission Priests will conduct the week of spiritual renewal! If someone calls you to volunteer by helping in some way, please say "yes!" Questions, please call Mary Richter at 856.7327 or Frances Janz at 894.7426.

Below are two of the submitted meatless recipes for your enjoyment. (Unfortunately I misplaced one of the recipes I was going to enter, and it is so good - a feta & asparagus frittata recipe). If this is your recipe please send again.

Thanks,

Dawn Creed

Lenten Linguine (with red clam sauce)

Submitted by: Rick LoBuono

Easy and quick. It tastes even better reheated, so you may want to make it on Thursday.

1 medium onion, chopped
 5 garlic cloves, chopped
 1/2 cup dry red wine
 1/4 tsp. crushed red pepper (or more if desired)
 1 – 2oz. can of flat anchovy fillets, DRAINED (you don't really taste them)
 2 – 10 oz. cans of WHOLE baby clams (leave the juice in one and FULLY drain the other) If you love clams, add another can.
 1 – 28oz. can crushed tomatoes
 1 tsp. dry thyme
 Pinch oregano (to taste)
 Salt and pepper
 3 Tbsp., or so, olive oil.
 1 lb. linguine

Fill the pot with water for the pasta and turn up heat. In a large skillet over medium to low heat, sauté the anchovies in the olive oil until there's almost nothing left. I like to remove any large visible pieces (if any) after about 4-5 minutes. Add, in this order, crushed red pepper, thyme, oregano and garlic. Stir about a minute and add the onion. Raise the heat to medium-high and stir gently until onion softens (~3 minutes) then add the wine. Stir a little to mix and add the can of clams WITH juice. Stir again; add the drained clams. Mix thoroughly and add the tomatoes. Mix again and reduce the heat. By now your pasta pan water should be boiling so "throw" the pasta and cook as desired. Drain the pasta; mix with the clam sauce and enjoy!

Layered Potatoes with Kale

Submitted by: Bev McGuire

2 Tbsp. oil
 8 medium kale leaves, chopped
 1 large onion
 4 medium potatoes, sliced 1/8" thick
 3 medium sweet potatoes, sliced 1/8" thick
 1 cup grated cheddar cheese
 1 tsp. basil
 1 tsp. rosemary
 ¼ tsp. black pepper
 1 tsp. salt

Saute onions in oil until soft. Add kale and toss 1 minute until limp. Arrange potatoes in a greased 9X13 pan. Sprinkle with ½ herbs; arrange kale on top of this. Sprinkle with remaining herbs. Put sweet potatoes on top. Cover with foil and bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes. Uncover, add cheddar and bake another 10 minutes or until potatoes finish cooking.