



MASS INTENTIONS

From the Pastor's Desk



Lent is a time of preparation for those who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. It is also a time for those of us who are already baptized to reflect upon our Baptismal Commitment in preparation for renewing this commitment at Easter.

In the Spirit of Lent the obligation to do penance is a serious one. The obligation to observe the penitential days specified by the Church is serious. People should seek to do more, rather than less. Fast and abstinence on the days prescribed should be considered a minimal response to the Lord's call to penance and conversion.

Fast & Abstinence

Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

Abstinence from meat binds all Catholic in good health, 14 years and older.

Fasting- Catholics between 18-59 years of age, who are in good health, are limited to one full meal and two light meals.

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are days of Abstinence & Fast.

2010 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal

"...trust in the Lord; hope in the Lord."

Jeremiah 17:7

This weekend an in-pew 2010 Catholic Charities commitment will take place. All who have not received the mailing, or have not had a chance to respond to it, will be asked to consider making a pledge to support the ministries and services provided by Catholic Charities. If you have received the mailing, please respond to it. There is a box on the envelope where you can indicate that you responded by mail.

This is not a "special collection." As the requests for the services of Catholic Charities increase and government funding of their programs decrease, it is necessary for each of us to do what we can to assure the needs of those who depend on Catholic Charities are met. We are encouraged to consider a pledge of support that will be billed over several months.

Sunday, February 14th

9:00 am Michael & Helen Grabowski

11:00 am The Kowalec Family

Walter, Albina & Tim

Monday, February 15th

NO MORNING MASS

Tuesday, February 16th

8:30 am Karl Petkoff "Anniversary"



February 17th

8:30 am Benefactors & Friends of
SJN School

12:00 Noon Service

7:00 pm James Kara

Thursday, February 18th

No Morning Mass

Friday, February 19th

8:30 am Living & Deceased Members of
the Kocab & Tallarovic Families

Saturday, February 20th

4:00 pm St. John Nepomucene Parish

Sunday, February 21st

9:00 am Roger L. Fouts "14th Anniversary"

11:00 am Barbara Vlasek

Thank you for the following collections:

Sunday, February 7, 2010 \$3661.92

Students \$.50

The total Haiti collection was \$1,673.00

Thank you for your generous support for the parish and the needy.

Sick Calls – Please notify the rectory office to bring the Sacraments when a member of your family is hospitalized. Call the parish office or our Pastoral Minister, Heidi Madsen

Rosary – Rosary is held at 8:00 AM on weekdays when morning Masses are celebrated.

Baptisms – The 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month at 12:00 pm. Parents are required to attend Pre-Baptism Class. Arrangements must be made a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the date of baptism.

Baptism Class- Before you baptize your child, parish and diocesan policy require you to complete a **Baptism Preparation Class**. The next class will be held on **March 7, 2010** at St. John Nepomucene Church at 12:30 pm. Call 641-8444 to register.

Godparent and Sponsor Certificate – Sponsors for Baptism or Confirmation must be **registered** and practicing members of the Church, attending weekly and Holy Day Masses for a minimum of 3 months prior to the celebration of the Sacraments for which they have requested the certificate. If you attend mass, but are not registered, please contact our parish office so that you can be registered here.

Pre -Cana Program for couples anticipating the Sacrament of Marriage will be held at the Jesuit Retreat House on **March 7, 2010 at 12:45 pm**. This program satisfies the requirement for marriage preparation as stipulated by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. Call 440-884-9300 to register.

Weddings – Parishioners are to contact the rectory office at least 6 months in advance of the wedding to schedule an appointment.



The sick or hospitalized that through our prayers they will receive comfort and strength remembering: Deacon Bill Donlin, Pat Bunn, Michelle Hill and Tom Pawelecki.

Sunday, February 14th

Holy Name Mass 9am with meeting to follow



As part of our community's observance of Lent, we ask all families to participate in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, a program of prayer, fasting, learning, and giving. Rice bowls will be distributed this weekend. Please be sure to take home a Rice Bowl packet and follow this simple yet powerful Lenten practice.

Visit orb.crs.org for more information.

Additional bowls will be placed in the back of the church for anyone else interested. Won't you please consider participating in this program?

Little Black Lenten Books will also be distributed this weekend.



Attention all Youths Grades 8 and up:

If you are interested in participating in Good Friday Stations of the Cross we will have a meeting on Sunday February 21st at noon.

Any questions please call Marge Lanzola at 216-544-9623 or Retta Kalcik 216-883-4438

Tax Letter

Parishioners who would like a letter to verify their church contributions for their 2009 tax returns are asked to drop a note in the collection basket or **call Anastasia at the rectory Ex 12.**

A letter will be prepared and mailed to you.

Monday, February 15th President's Day

No School for SJN

Boys Basketball Practice 4-6 pm

No PSR

RCIA 6:30 pm

Stewardship Meeting 7pm (rectory basement)

Tuesday, February 16th

No Rosary Making

Fish Fry set up 5:30 pm

Ash Wednesday, February 17th

Collection for our St. Vincent de Paul Society



Ashes are an external sign of an internal commitment to enter deeply into the Lenten-Easter Season. For those prepared to make this public statement of intention, ashes will be distributed at our 8:30 am & 7 pm Masses and Prayer Service at 12:00 noon

Sunday, February 21st

Altar & Rosary Society Meeting 12:30 pm

NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!

A&R Members are invited to warm up with a bowl of soup.

We will start serving at noon.



Practice for Youth Stations 12 noon in Church

Tetelestai

Tetelestai is coming to St. John Nepomucene Parish March 12th -14th 2010.

Tetelestai is a contemporary musical portrayal of the last week in Jesus' life performed by the Cleveland Performing Arts Ministries.

Please plan to attend this performance!

Anyone interested in helping in any capacity during this weekend please contact the rectory 641-8444.

Ash Wednesday



Sponsored by SJN Altar & Rosary Society

11:00 am-6: 30pm

Call ahead for take out orders at
641-8444 from 9am-3pm



Attn: Altar & Rosary Members and anyone else willing to bake. Bakery is needed for the Fish Fry. Please bake a 9x13 frosted cake. (Disposable pan please)

Cakes may be brought to the social hall Tuesday February 16th between 5:30-6:30 pm
(That is when set up for the fish fry is scheduled, if anyone is interested in helping!)
Cakes may also be dropped off at the school hall on Ash Wednesday after 9am.

Thursday, February 18th

Pastoral Council Meeting 7pm

Practice for 9am Choir 7pm

Friday, February 19th

Stations of Cross following 8:30 am Mass

BINGO

Early Bird 6:45 pm Regular Games 7:00 pm

Doors open 4:45 pm

Saturday, February 20th

Daughters of St. John's Dance 6:30-10pm



The next drawing will be February 26, 2010. A book of raffle tickets is \$5.00 with **all proceeds going to our grade school.** Anyone interested in receiving or selling a book(s) of tickets is asked to call the rectory at 641-8444.

We are in need of book purchasers & sellers!



The following Parishioners and SJN Alumni Achieved Honors in High School & College

St. Joseph Academy

Abbie Graora

Emilee Armbruster

College of Wooster

Emily Lanzola

SJN Garden Information



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's unlikely that anyone has wished you "Happy Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time!" And I doubt that any Hallmark store carries fancy cards celebrating the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. It is Valentine's Day, and many cards and chocolates will be proffered to loved ones on this day named after a martyred Roman priest whose feast has become synonymous with the celebration of love.

While St. Valentine's Day is in full swing, this is also the last Sunday before Lent begins. We'll celebrate Ash Wednesday in just a few days and renew our traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Sunday's Gospel can get us ready for that.

We're used to hearing Matthew's version of the Eight Beatitudes. Luke does things a little differently. He gives us only four beatitudes, paralleled by "woes." And Luke is very concrete. If you're poor, you'll be rich. If you're rich, you'll be poor. If you're hungry, you'll be filled, and vice versa. Luke's blessings and woes provide a good challenge for us as we enter into Lent. Our fasting and almsgiving are directed at balancing out that equation of emptying ourselves to help the poor and the hungry. In doing that, we can become a blessing to others, and at the same time, bring about less woe in this suffering world.

So maybe it is appropriate that we celebrate Valentine's Day (and the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time) with a Gospel about blessings and woes. After all, true love isn't always easy; it demands some sacrifice. We'll be asked to sacrifice during Lent, placing a demand on our love. May we be as faithful as that martyred Roman priest, whose name has come to symbolize love, who imitated his Master, by giving up all.

Sanctuary Guild Volunteer

February 17th thru March 2nd

Jackie Hejl & Elaine Smith

Please Note- We are collecting Old Palms. There is a box placed at the West side exit door of the church (school side).

This summer we will install Paver bricks in the walkway at the Garden at St. John Nepomucene, to commemorate the seven Pastors who have led our congregation

since the parish was established in 1902.

These "Founders" bricks will be included with the second Parishioner/Friends paver installation, and as before, work is expected to be completed by the Parish Picnic.

We are asking current and former parishioners, parish organizations and friends of St. John Nepomucene Parish to help us meet our goal of \$5,000, which will defray the cost of the original walkway construction and the installation of the Founders bricks.

Donations may be made at the rectory or placed in the collection baskets at Mass.

Please designate Paver Brick Donation on the envelope.

Thank you for your assistance with this project.

St. John Nepomucene Parish Pastors

Monsignor Francis J. Hroch 1902-1937

Reverend Albert Masat 1937-1941

Reverend Clarence Dik 1941-1962

Reverend Clarence Liederbach 1962-1966

Reverend Paul Plafcan 1966-1975

Reverend William Tezie 1975-2000

Reverend Robert Jasany 2000- present

In a band? Want to play at the FEST?

The FEST's Real Music program is seeking 'up and coming' Christian musicians and bands. Five bands will be selected to compete at the Rock and Roll Hall of fame. The winner will open for the Newsboys at the FEST 2010.

Visit www.theFEST.us and click on Real Music.

Catholic Radio is Here

Radio station WILB AM 1060...Living Bread Radio...is now available to be heard in most parts of the Diocese. Broadcasting each day from sunrise to sunset...AM 1060 broadcast Catholic teaching and preaching along with the Mass and devotions.
