

ST. MARY CHURCH VERMILION, OHIO

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January 22, 2012

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 21 St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

4:00 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Nelson Moes

Sunday, January 22 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Edward Kelly

10:30 a.m. For the Parish Family

Monday, January 23 Weekday

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Tuesday, January 24 Saint Francis de Sales

8:30 a.m. For the Parish Family

Wednesday, January 25 Conversion of Saint Paul

8:30 a.m. For the Parish Family

Thursday, January 26 Saints Timothy & Titus

8:30 a.m. For the Parish Family

Friday, January 27 Weekday

9:00 a.m. Harlan Bronsing

Saturday, January 28 Saint Thomas Aquinas

4:00 p.m. Paul Dunegan

Sunday, January 29 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. For the Parish Family

10:30 a.m. Albert Tyson

Parish Events for the Week

Sunday, January 22

9:00 a.m. Coffee & Donuts (After Masses-PLCC)

9:00 a.m. RCIA (PO)

9:15 a.m. PSR for Grades 1-6

10:15 a.m. Pre School Sunday School

11:45 a.m. Baptismal Preparation Class (PO)

12:00 noon K of C Free Throw Contest (PLC)

7:00 p.m. OutBreak

Monday, January 23

9:00 a.m. Adoration (Church)

4:00 p.m. 5th Grade Girls Basketball (PLCC)

7:00 p.m. OutBreak Youth Group (Depot)

7:00 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy (Church)

7:15 p.m. Rosary & Reposition of Blessed Sacrament

8:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus (PLCC)

Tuesday, January 24

9:15 a.m. Scripture Study (PO)

3:15 p.m. 6th Grade Girls Basketball (PLCC)

7:00 p.m. Evening Scripture Class (PO)

7:00 p.m. Joyful Noise (Stumphauzers')

8:00 p.m. AA (PLCC)

Wednesday, January 25

6:30 p.m. Adult Education Class (PLCC)

Thursday, January 26

3:15 p.m. 6th Grade Girls Basketball (PLC)

4:00 p.m. 5th Grade Girls Basketball (PLC)

WEEKEND COLLECTION

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING SUMMARY

Sunday Collection Jan. 14/15 \$ 6,232.75

SAVE THE DATE: Men's Retreat, Saturday, March 3, 2012, here at St. Mary's.

PRAYER LINE: 967-9818 OR 967-0400

BULLETIN DEADLINE IS TUESDAY NOON

BULLETIN IS AVAILABLE ON THE ST. MARY

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From the Desk of Sister Claudia

Have you ever played football? I remember trying a few times with the boys in the neighborhood...never quite got the hang of it but I knew that there were essentials needed to be a good player. First you had to have the ability to fool your opponents keeping them guessing which way you are going. Secondly, you went for the legs. If you were successful, you got your opponent down or YOU laid on the ground, arms outstretched with nothing in your hands to prove you could do it. It was an "all or nothing" game as far as I was concerned. Your fate of being able to succeed in this game depended on your concentration and definitely your courage. Maybe a good motto would be "fling yourself at what you are doing, point yourself in the right direction, aim at where you want to be and dive in." That takes total commitment.

That same kind of total, wholehearted, fearless abandonment is demanded of anyone who would be an authentic disciple of Jesus. To settle for less, to hold back out of fear, to hesitate to embrace the values of Jesus for fear of how society might judge us is to squander the opportunity to make the reign of God a reality here and now. Only in daring to be disappointed will we find fulfillment; only in risking hurt and pain will we come to experience joy. Discipleship means to center ourselves in the things of God, to forget ourselves and ignore our fears, and to "dive" headlong into living the life and love of God. In "tackling" the call to discipleship, we discover that the good we can realize for ourselves and others far outdistances the hard knocks and hurts.

Speaking of hard knocks and hurts, this Thursday evening we will have a speaker from Lake Pointe Health Center (Terri Durkin-Williams) sharing with us on "How to Identify Depression." One does not have to have the symptoms of depression to attend, but it is a good topic for all of us to learn more about. It will be in the cafeteria from 6:30-8 P.M. and refreshments will be served. Hope you see you there and bring a friend!!!

ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

You are invited to attend the 2012



LOVE RETREAT: A vitalizing exposition of the virtues and tools teens need to help live a pure life in the midst of today's moral cloudiness.

WHEN: Sat. 2/25 @ noon until Sun., 2/26 @ noon

WHERE: OurGuest Inn & Suites, Port Clinton

Sponsored by St. Joseph Church Youth Ministry

COST: \$25 per person + a donation of food/drink

Contact Sandy Smith if interested.

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
COMING EVENTS**

THE 2012 CHURCH ENVELOPES AND CALENDARS are available in the **Gathering Space** this weekend. If you do not find a box of envelopes for yourself please sign the paper on the table with your name, address and phone number and we will have a box of envelopes for you the following weekend.

COFFEE & DONUTS will be served after the 8 A.M. and 10:30 A.M. Masses today (Sunday) in the cafeteria.

THE NEXT BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS takes place today, (Sunday) @ **11:45 A.M. in the parish office.** There is a \$10 fee for the book used in the class.

THE 2011 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS will be available upon request only beginning this week. Call the parish office (967-8711) to request your copy

RUMMAGE SALE ITEMS: We will be taking items for our April Rummage Sale any week day during normal business hours or if daytime is not good for you, you can call to set up an appointment. We are not accepting any large items until April 20th as we are limited on space. Not accepting clothes!

ALL CUB SCOUTS, BOY SCOUTS OR CREW SCOUTS who wish to participate in Cub Scout Sunday, **February 5th @ the 10:30 A.M. Mass** is asked to please contact **Beth Schaefer @ 949-9282 by January 29th.**

K OF C WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE AND POTLUCK DINNER: Return with us to the Paper Moon Winery for our third White Elephant Gift Exchange/Potluck Dinner to be held at the winery. It will be a fun evening for all Knights and friends of the Knights. Bring a dish to share and a wrapped gift for each adult in your party to go into the mad cap gift exchange, buy a bottle of your favorite wine for each guest and watch for Billy Bass and his country cousin Bertha Bass. They both have made appearances in the past! Join us from **6 till 9 P.M. on Monday, January 23, 2012** and have a great time with great friends. It's the last gasp of Christmas!

AN ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY: Terri Durkin-Williams from Lake Pointe Health Center will present "How to Identify Depression" on **Wednesday, January 25th from 6:30 - 8:00 P.M. in the Parish Life Center Cafeteria.** Refreshments will be served.

CD OF THE WEEK: Rebuilding the Christian Civilization - Dr. Scott Hahn - Is it too late to reverse our "culture of death"? Pope John Paul II didn't think so. That is why he devised a grand strategy called the New Evangelization with the ultimate goal of building a "civilization of love." Dr. Scott Hahn, lay theologian, presents the biblical blueprint for the Holy Father's building project, along with practical steps we can use to implement this plan in our own homes. The CD's are available in the CD rack in the lower Gathering Space at a cost of \$3.50 each.

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THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 4539 will be holding the annual Basketball Free Throw Contest **today (Sunday, January 22nd) @ 12 noon in the Parish Life Center.** This free event is open to all girls and boys ages 10 to 14. All participants receive a t-shirt, with winners in each age/gender bracket advancing to district competition. Registration will be that day and a parent signature is required. Call **Tom Ward (440-574-1359)** for more info.

ANNUAL K OF C "YOUR HEARTS IN THE RIGHT PLACE VALENTINE REVERSE RAFFLE AND DINNER" CHARITY EVENT: Bring your valentine out for a night of fine dining, great fun and a chance to win \$1,500.00 and other valuable prizes! Join us at **German's Villa February 11, 2012 at 6:00 P.M.** for a great evening with good friends and your ticket costs on \$85.00. Your ticket admits two and includes dinner and drinks for both in our most romantic location yet and a chance at the \$1,500.00 grand prize and other cash prizes. There will also be side boards, 50/50 raffles, door prizes and other games available. Only 100 tickets are sold to this fantastic event! Last year was a complete sell out! Tickets are available for this year's extravaganza. Contact **John Burich @ 440-967-7886.** Don't miss out on this fantastic evening of fun and games! Contact John Burich soon!

IT'S NOT THAT FAR AWAY: Mardi Gras is just around the corner. Want to help plan? Call the parish office (967-8711) and leave your name.

REST IN PEACE: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of **Robert Kosik** the husband of Carol Kosik and father of Marilou Suszko, **Gregory Schneiders** the son of Margaret and Herman Schneiders and brother of Mark Schneiders, and **Walter Bobrowicz** all who died this past week.

FRIENDS OF RITTER PUBLIC LIBRARY are sponsoring a **CHOCOLATE FEST, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1-3 P.M.** during Vermilion's Ice-A-Fair. Enter your best chocolate recipe. Four dozen of each entry is needed by 12:30 on Feb. 4th. Sample delicious chocolate dishes prepared by the very best local cooks for 50 cents a taste, then cast your vote for the next Chocolate Champion. Questions? Call **Sereta @ 967-2224** or ritterpubliclibrary.org for more info.

A QUICK JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE OPPORTUNITIES: St. Peter Church, Lorain, Monday evenings 7 PM in the cafeteria, Tuesday matinee @ 1 PM in cafeteria, Feb. 7-Mar. 27. \$17 per person. Call to register: Tina Bodnar (440-960-0165) or Fr. Eric Orzech @ 440-282-9103; **St. Mary Church, Wakeman,** Wednesdays 10-11-30 AM beginning Feb 1-Mar. 21, registration ends Jan. 25. Call to register St. Mary Church-440-839-2023 or Susan Hanko @ 440-965-7281 or Marty Tansey @ 419-929-5325.