



MASS INTENTIONS



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2010

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Neh 8:2-4, 5-6, 8-10; 1Cor 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

8:00 a.m. The Parish
10:00 a.m. Jerry Cellura
12:00 noon Alfred Ferrara
6:00 p.m. Carl Tyransky

MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2010

Conversion of St. Paul

Acts 22:3-16; Mk 16:15-18

6:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m. Ray Peltz, Sr.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2010

St. Timothy

2 Tim 1:1-8; Mk 3:31-35

6:30 p.m.
9:00 a.m. Int. Alice Germano

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2010

Angela Merici

2 Tim 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20

6:30 a.m. Michael Minnich
9:00 a.m. Fred Sabetto

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2010

Thomas Aquinas

2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Mk 4:21-25

6:30 a.m. Liederbach Family
9:00 a.m. Margaret Guarino

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2010

Weekday

2 Sm 11:1-10, 13-17; Mk 4:26-34

6:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m. Dorothy & Reggie Schuler

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 2010

Weekday

2 Sm 12:1-7, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41

8:15 a.m. Larry Grapo
4:30 p.m. Charles A. Messemer Anniversary

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2010

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Lk 4:21-30

8:00 a.m. The Parish
10:00 a.m. Andrew Randazzo
12:00 noon Linda Trivisonno
6:00 p.m. Carl Tyransky

**LIFE IS CHANGED NOT ENDED
ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD!**

Nancy Nungesser
Edward F. Carlson

Eucharistic Exposition

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, January 22nd, from 12:00 noon until 9:00 p.m. Come and spend some quiet time with the Lord and pray for peace.

WEEKEND COLLECTION
SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2010
\$18,948.50
Catholic University – \$508.00
Haiti Relief – \$6,313.00

MEMORIAL ALTAR FUND

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Haiti Earthquake Relief

You may still contribute to the relief fund by placing your donation in a plain envelope and marking it "Haiti." Checks may be made payable to Catholic Relief Services (CRS) or to St. Francis. Write "Haiti" on the memo line. Drop the envelope in the collection basket. All funds will be sent directly to CRS.

Help the Collection Counters

Please mark the amount of your donation on the face of your envelope. Please do not use glue or tape on your envelope. The eyelet on the back of the envelope is there to help the sorter separate cash from checks. Thank you for your cooperation.

Progressive Insurance Employees

Please request a matching gift form from your HR office, fill it out and return it to the Parish Office for verification. For the past several years, Progressive has matched your church donations dollar for dollar. SFA received about \$40,000.00 in matching funds last year.

PARISH NOTES

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2010

12:30 p.m. DAY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2010

- 8:40 a.m. Rosary/CH
- 7:00 p.m. Novena/CH
- 7:00 p.m. Parish Leaders Meeting/CAF
- 7:15 p.m. Rosary/CH (Behind Altar)
- 7:15 p.m. Confessions
- 7:30 p.m. Prayer & Healing Service/CH (Behind Altar)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2010

- 8:40 a.m. Rosary/CH
- 9:45 a.m. Scripture Study/OMR
- 11:30 a.m. Confessions
- 2:30 p.m. CYO/Gym
- 6:30 p.m. PSR
- 7:00 p.m. RCIA/OMR

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2010

- 8:40 a.m. Rosary/CH
- 12:30 p.m. Rosary/OMR
- 2:30 p.m. CYO/Gym
- 5:45 p.m. Market Day Pick-up/LIB
- 7:00 p.m. AA/CAF
- 9:00 p.m. Men's Basketball/Gym

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2010

- 8:40 a.m. Rosary/CH
- 2:30 p.m. CYO/Gym

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2010

- 2:30 p.m. CYO/Gym
- 7:00 p.m. Jr. High Dance/Gym

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 2010

- 8:40 a.m. Rosary/CH
- 3:30 p.m. Confessions

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2010

- 9:00 a.m. Blood Drive/Gym
- 6:00 p.m. Lifeteen/Gym

AR – Activities Room, **OMR** – Office Meeting Room,
CH – Church, **CAF** – Cafeteria, **MR** – Music Room,
LIB – Library, **REC** – Rectory,
PC – Parish Center, **CHAP** – School Chapel

SERVERS SCHEDULE

JANUARY 30

4:30 p.m. V. Bartram – R. Bartram – D. DiCillo

JANUARY 31

- 8:00 a.m. J. Jackson – K. Jackson – J. Marko
- 10:00 a.m. I. Balderas – P. Balderas – C. Molnar
- 12:00 noon N. Chemali – K. Faint – M. Pannitto
- 6:00 p.m. J. ElHindi – S. Flowers – E. Kennedy

FIRST SIGNS OF SPRING

The first meeting for the 2010 Parish Festival will be on Wednesday, February 10th, at 7:00 p.m. New people with new ideas are ALWAYS welcome and encouraged! Let's all work together to make Festival 2010 the biggest success yet! Can we all agree that if we are talking Festival, spring cannot be far away!

View from the Caddyshack II

Pro-Life Movement in the U.S. (continued): Cardinal Bernardin's effort to place Catholic concern about abortion in a "seamless garment" of life issues has encountered the criticism that this line of argumentation makes abortion appear as one among many life issues, all of them more or less of equal importance. This certainly was not the Cardinal's intention; rather, he wanted Catholics to see that all these issues are related. Abortion is a foundational moral issue, both in terms of Catholic moral theology and in terms of any reasonable configuration of human rights. If a house's foundation is missing (a house built on sand), it will come crashing down. But we don't live in the foundation, we live in the rooms constructed on top of the foundation. The foundation must be there and it must be firm, but it is what the foundation supports that catches the eye. It would seem to me that our Catholic pro-life movement should not ignore the house; that is, not protest against abortion without also protesting on behalf of prenatal care, job security for pregnant women, health insurance to cover the cost of a pregnancy and many other issues that make the Church's social teaching a beautiful house.

How many women turn to abortion out of a sense of despair or helplessness? If our strong opposition to abortion is linked without support for programs that assist and provide medical care for pregnant women and their children, wouldn't the existence of such programs undercut some of the very situations that motivate a person to seek an abortion? Recent polls indicate that Americans are embracing a more pro-life stance. As we plan a pro-life strategy for this decade, we might want to consider the following questions. Would the pro-life movement be more successful in winning over supporters if we took the "seamless garment" approach? Would the linkage of life-related issues make our opposition to abortion more understandable in the eyes of our fellow Americans? Would we be more consistent and convincing if we argued that the welfare of the mother and infant are of paramount importance, not only during pregnancy, but after the birth of the child as well?

Vocation view: The Spirit of God is upon you! Through Baptism and Confirmation, God sends you "to bring glad tidings to the poor and to proclaim liberty to captives; to announce a year of favor from the Lord." Are you being called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister?

Some words to live by: "People become attached to their burdens sometimes more than the burdens are attached to them." (George Bernard Shaw)

Some humor to survive by: Three men were fishing on a lake one day when Jesus walked across the water and joined them in the boat. Once they overcame their astonishment, the first man asked humbly, "Jesus, I have suffered from back pain for many years. Could you help me?" "Of course, my son," Jesus said. When He touched the man's back, the pain disappeared.

The second man, who wore very thick glasses and had a hard time reading and driving, asked if Jesus could help his eyesight. Jesus smiled, removed the man's glasses and threw them into the lake. When the glasses hit the water, he could see clearly.

Then Jesus turned to the third man. "What can I do for you?" he asked. At this, the man raised his hands defensively and pleaded: "Don't touch me! I'm on long-term disability."

Fr. Jim Caddy

Golden Gleanings...



THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

The Gospel begins with a short explanation of why Luke is writing this account to a person whose name means "God-loves" or "God-Lover." Luke is writing more specifically for those of Greek communities who have heard of the preaching from the Apostles.

We hear that Jesus, after His having spent time in the desert, was filled with the "Anointing Spirit" and had been preaching in the synagogues of Galilee. He now appears in His hometown to do more of the same. What we hear is only His reading verses from the prophet Isaiah. We do not hear about His preaching to His hometown neighbors and how, after hearing, they want to drive Him away and kill Him. What we hear is a prophetic statement that He Himself is the fulfillment of the prophesy He reads to them. In a way, Jesus is laying out His platform after having been elected. He is telling all that this is how He intends to live out His calling.

We are in the spirit of the New Year ourselves and a new "liturgical semester." Professors at Creighton University have been beginning their new courses by telling the students exactly what is going to be required; tests and papers, class participation and such are explained very clearly. It can seem a bit overwhelming to know what lies ahead in terms of homework. The professors do not say exactly all that they themselves are going to do. The students know the professors are going to make them work, learn, suffer and eventually grow and deepen.

We are invited to listen to the Divine Professor tell us what He is going to do for us. We will hear Him and of His doings during this year's liturgical course. We will be listening to Luke's Gospel during most of the Sundays in Ordinary Time. What He will be doing and offering us will be intended to deepen us, change us, mold us into our being His Disciples. We will not always like what we hear and what captivities and blindnesses we will be forced to admit and from which to be healed. It is one more year "acceptable to the Lord." These are meant to be "glad tidings," but we can love our prisons, our resistance to seeing and we won't find them "glad tidings" at all.

We are all pupils, learners and we can become so accustomed to what we already know and how we behave, that we do not want anything new and that is why Jesus was driven out of His hometown and eventually out of the city of Jerusalem and why we are tempted to drive Him out of our own little personal temples.

(Larry Gillick, S.J. <http://www.creighton.edu/collaborativeministryonline.html>. Used with permission.)

If we truly listen to our Divine Teacher, we must "learn" new ways of being disciples!

**Blessings and Peace,
Maureen Dowd**

PARISH COMMUNITY LEADERS' MEETING

Just a reminder to all leaders and those interested, that we will be meeting on **Monday, January 25th at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.**

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

St. Francis and St. Anselm are again co-sponsoring a grief support group for persons who have suffered the loss of a loved one. The sessions will be held at St. Anselm Resurrection Meeting Room in the school building and will be facilitated by Jean Fitzgerald, Pastoral Associate at St. Anselm. To register, contact Jean Fitzgerald (440-729-9575) at St. Anselm or Maureen Dowd (440-461-1494) at St. Francis. **Deadline for registrations is January 28th.**

February 2 – The Grief Process
February 9 – Sharing the Grief Process
February 16 – Coping Skills
February 23 – Scripture and Prayer
March 2 – Moving Forward
March 23 – Gathering Again
Sessions are from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Monday Evening Novena

You are invited to attend the Novena to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the church. Need guidance, special favors for self and loved ones, world peace and other special intentions??? Come, pray with us!

Prayers for the Sick

If you are ill or anticipating surgery or a hospital stay, please call Maureen Dowd (461-1494) to have your name added to our prayer list.

Transportation Available

We have a Transportation Committee that is part of our Wellness Ministry and coordinated by parishioner Charlie Castle. If anyone needs a ride to a doctor or hospital appointment or a ride to Mass, please call Maureen Dowd (461-1494) and Charlie will make arrangements to assist you if possible.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Red Cross personnel

will be in the Parish Center Gym on

Sunday, January 31, 2010, from 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

To receive blood donations for a need that is never-ending. While requirements to donate are stringent, many are capable of meeting them. Basically, one must be 17 years of age (there is no upward limit), weigh at least 110 lbs. and be in good health. Bring along a list of medications taken and photo identification. A person may donate every 56 days.





Join us at the Saint Francis of Assisi School Open Houses!

We appreciate your support more than words could ever say and we invite you to come and see our school in action!

All current school families, parishioners, grandparents, etc., as well as any new families interested in attending our school, are invited to the Open Houses on Sunday, January 24th, from 1:00-2:30 p.m., and during the school day on Tuesday, February 2nd, from 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Doughnuts, coffee and juice will be served on Tuesday. Come and see all that Saint Francis of Assisi School has to offer! We look forward to seeing you there.

New families interested in the school are welcome to tour our school anytime. Call the School Office at (440) 442-7450 to make an appointment.

Thank you for your continued support!
Come and rediscover
the Saint Francis of Assisi Tradition!



McDonald's 2-for-1 Cards

The Mayfield McDonald's is once again making the 2-for-1 cards (buy one listed menu item, get a second free) to benefit our school. Cards are \$10.00 and good for the entire year 2010. You may purchase them anytime from the Parish Office, School Office or in the vestibule.

Seeds of Literacy

Give the gift of literacy. Become a tutor. Seeds of Literacy training workshops will be held on February 27th or March 27th. Call Linda for more information (216-661-7950, ext. 15).

Celebrants for the Week of January 30-31, 2010

Saturday, January 30, 2010

4:30 p.m. Fr. Malin

Sunday, January 31, 2010

8:00 a.m. Fr. Malin

10:00 a.m. Fr. Malin

12:00 noon Fr. Caddy

6:00 p.m. Fr. Caddy



CHRIST RENEWS HIS PEOPLE

ONE-DAY RETREAT FOR MEN
WILL BE HELD ON
Saturday, February 20, 2010
at St. Anselm Parish

ONE-DAY RETREAT FOR WOMEN
WILL BE HELD ON
Saturday, March 13, 2010
at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Please pick up a brochure in the vestibule for more information.

XLT at the Center for Pastoral Leadership

The Vocations Office invites ALL young adults, teens and the young-at-heart to an evening of prayer and Eucharistic Adoration with song and praise! Join others on Wednesday, February 3rd, at 7:00 p.m. and listen to a powerful witness followed by prayer with our Eucharistic Lord! The evening will conclude with pizza and refreshments. The evening will take place in the Sacred Heart Chapel, located on the campus of the Center for Pastoral Leadership, 28700 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, Ohio. The Chapel entrance is located off the campus quad (accessible from the field house parking lot). Call Father Gurnick or Edie Gauvin for more details (440-943-7631).



Children long for somebody to accept them, to love them to praise them. Let us bring the child back to the center of our care and concern. This is the ONLY way the world can survive because our children are the only hope of the future

Mother Teresa



SAVE THE DATE

The SFA Booster Club and PTO are hosting the 3rd annual fund raiser, "SFA LIVE," on Saturday, February 27, 2010, from 6:00 p.m.-12:00 midnight, at LaVera Party Center. The cost is \$60.00 per person and includes a formal dinner, dessert, beer/wine/soda. Cash bar available with a full compliment of beverages. The night will also be host to silent auctions, Chinese raffles, \$1,500.00 Grand Prize drawing and live DJ entertainment by Marino Brothers. As always, any prize donations or sponsorships by the parish/school are always welcomed and appreciated. For further questions, donations or ticket purchases, please contact committee members Stacey Mazzurco at 216-978-5519 or Ken DiPippo at 216-509-2611. Visit the SFA web site for further details at www.stfrancismgm.org.

Worship Commission

There will be a meeting of the **Worship Commission** on **Monday, February 8, at 7:15 p.m.**, at the Rectory. We will celebrate "Mardi Gras," as well as review Advent and look to Lent.



PRE-CANA DAY

The parish will hold its annual Pre-Cana Day on Sunday, March 28, 2010, in the Parish Center. Diocesan regulations require any couple getting married in the Catholic Church to attend a Pre-Cana Day prior to their wedding. If you are planning on getting married at St. Francis, please call the Parish Office to sign up. Seating is limited, so please call as soon as possible.

Workshop for Caregivers

Are you caring for a loved one and beginning to feel burned out? Are you helping to care for a friend and finding yourself overwhelmed by the stress? A workshop for caregivers to learn how to better care for themselves while caring for their loved ones is being offered by the Department for Marriage and Family Ministry and the Office for Women in Church and Society. *Care for the Caregiver: Stress Reduction for Family and Friends* will be held on Tuesday, January 26th, from 7:00-9:00 p.m., at St. John of the Cross, 140 Richmond Road (formerly St. Felicitas). Please call Leann at 216-696-6525, ext. 3070, for registration information.

FOOD PICK-UP VOLUNTEERS



January 24	Alyce & Craig Kaspar	Lutheran Church
January 31	Mike & Joanne Grace	St. Auguatine



February 7	David & Joelle Ehrbar	Bishop Cosgrove
February 14	Kellie Carmosino	Bring Food
February 21	Mike Wagner	Lutheran Church
February 28	Mary Moran	St. Augustine
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Food Bin

Only **nonperishable** food items should be placed in the food bin such as canned or bottled goods, cereal or any boxed food product. Perishable items such as meat, baked goods or fresh produce should **not** be left in the food bin. The food is taken to a hunger center once a week. Perishable items will spoil.

Magnificat Subscribers

Magnificat subscribers: The first edition of our SFA bulk subscription will be for the month of March; you may pick it up after the 25th of February during normal business hours. Please bring payment at that time. Subsequent editions will be available after the 25th of each month. Questions? Call Catharine at 440-473-0318.



United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

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URGENT: USCCB NATIONWIDE BULLETIN INSERT Stop Abortion Funding in Health Care Reform! Protect Conscience Ensure Affordable Health Coverage Allow Immigrants to Purchase Private Health Insurance

As long-time advocates of health care reform, the U.S. Catholic bishops continue to make the moral case that genuine health care reform must protect the life, dignity, consciences and health of all, especially the poor and vulnerable. Health care reform should not advance a pro-abortion agenda in our country.

- On November 7, the U.S. House of Representatives passed major health care reform that reaffirms the essential, long-standing and widely supported policy against using federal funds for elective abortions and includes positive measures on affordability and immigrants.
- On December 24, the U.S. Senate rejected this policy and passed health care reform that requires federal funds to help subsidize and promote health plans that cover elective abortions. All purchasers of such plans will be required to pay for other people's abortions through a separate payment solely to pay for abortion.
- Outside the abortion context, neither bill has adequate conscience protection for health care providers, plans or employers.
- These two bills must now be combined into one bill that both the House and Senate will vote on in final form. Provisions against abortion funding and in favor of conscience protection, affordability, and immigrants' access to health care must be part of a fair and just health care reform bill, or the final bill must be opposed.

ACTION: Contact your Representative and Senators today by e-mail, phone or FAX.

- To send a pre-written, instant e-mail to Congress, go to www.usccb.org/action.
- Call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121, or call your Members' local offices. Contact info can be found on Members' web sites at www.house.gov and www.senate.gov.

MESSAGE – HOUSE:

"I am pleased that the House health care bill maintains the long-standing policy against federal funding of abortion. I urge you to work to uphold essential provisions against abortion funding, to include full conscience protection and to assure that health care is accessible and affordable for all. Until and unless these criteria are met, I urge you to oppose the final bill."

MESSAGE – SENATE:

"I am deeply disappointed that the Senate health care bill fails to maintain the long-standing policy against federal funding of abortion and does not include adequate protection for conscience. I urge you to support essential provisions against abortion funding, similar to those in the House bill. Include full conscience protection and assure that health care is accessible and affordable for all. Until and unless these criteria are met, I urge you to oppose the final bill."

WHEN: Votes in the House and Senate on the final bill are expected in January.

Act today! Thank you!