

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6
2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6
Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

1st Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7
2nd Reading: Acts 10:34-38
Gospel: Luke 3:15-16,21-22

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 9-10

5:00 p.m. Fr. Bill Wysong 9:30 a.m. Fr. Len Fecko
8:00 a.m. Fr. Bill Wysong 11:30 a.m. Fr. Len Fecko



Mass Intentions

WEEK OF JANUARY 4, 2010

MONDAY

8:15 a.m. Ervin Poletti - Poletti Family

TUESDAY

8:15 a.m. Agnes Brenner - Seelaus Family

WEDNESDAY

8:15 a.m. Communion Service

THURSDAY

8:15 a.m. Ann Rost - Mrs. Jerry Graham (GR. K-4)

FRIDAY

8:15 a.m. Betty Sicker - J. Reno (GR. 5-8)

SATURDAY

5:00 p.m. Ann Wilp - J.&R. Baldock

SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Mary Sharpshair - Sharpshair Family

9:30 a.m. Gerald Eckstein - J.&V. Ulliman

11:30 a.m. For The Parish

AT A GLANCE - (Rosary is said Monday-Friday 7:45 a.m. and Mon.-Fri. after 8:15 a.m. Mass)

MONDAY

6/7:00 p.m. Exposition/Evensong in Church
7:00 p.m. Rel. Ed. Classes. Classes
8:00 p.m. 11:30 Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY

7:30 p.m. RCIA in School Library

THURSDAY

9:15 a.m. Women Together in Youth Ministries Room
4:30 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Education Commission in P.O. Conf. Room
8:00 p.m. 9:30 Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY

10:00 a.m. Altar Society in Ministries Room
SAT/SUN. Spring Sports Signups in Gathering Space after all Masses

SATURDAY

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study in Gathering Space

SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. Preschool Classes



Regularly Scheduled Meetings & Activities

(Monday evening meetings begin with Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m. with business meeting following.)

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION (REL. ED.) CLASSES

Preschool Sundays 9:30 a.m.
Grades 1-8 Mondays 7-8:15 p.m.
High School (SHARING) Alternating Sundays 6:00 p.m.

OTHER

St. Michael K of C 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 8:00 p.m.
Altar Society 2nd & 4th Fridays 10:00 a.m.
Athletic Boosters--President, Terry Connaughton 563-0673
Meets 2nd Wednesday - 8:00 p.m.
PTO -- President, Mrs. Jennifer Dermody 755-6274
Meets 3rd Tuesday - 7:00 p.m.
Health & Wellness 2nd Thursday 7:15 p.m.
St. Vincent de Paul Society 2nd & 4th Tues. 7:00 p.m.

Council and Commissions

Parish Pastoral Council - President Mr. Jason Sauer
Meets 2nd Monday - 7:30 p.m. 563-1273
Feb./Apr./June/Aug./Oct./Dec.
Worship Comm. - Chairperson - Mr. Jack Hornsberger
Meets 2nd Monday - 7:30 p.m. 769-4233
Jan./Mar./May/July/Sept./Nov.
Education Comm. - Chairperson Mrs. Jane Rotsching
Meets 1st Thursday - 7:00 p.m. 769-7583
Jan./Mar./May/July/Sept./Nov.
Community Outreach - Chairpersons:
Mrs. Kathy Szczur 755-1003
Mr. Harold Marlow 777-3204
Meets every 3rd Monday - 7:30 p.m.
Youth Commission - Chairperson Ms. Lori Anne Fothergill
Meets every 3rd Thursday - 7:00 p.m. 563-6377

**WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED
RELATIVES & FRIENDS**



JANUARY

4 Erma DeBlasio	8 James Mullaney
5 Leo Bleser	Patty Menrath
George F. West	9 Mary Jane Schmitt
6 Aileen Bernard	10 Rev. Robert Braun
7 Carole Burke	Ron Honnerlaw
Clara H. Dyer	

Please Remember In Your Prayers.... parishioners Rosemary Hawk and Bill Puthoff and Ray Flaute (father of parishioner Marge Millenor) who died recently.

FR. JOHN FISCHER IS ON SABBATICAL. HE WILL RETURN ON HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 1. FR. LEN FECKO WILL BE OUR PASTORAL ADMINISTRATOR. IF YOU HAVE ANY EMERGENCY DURING 8:30-4:30 WEEKDAYS, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE. IF IT IS AFTER OFFICE HOURS, PLEASE CALL DEACON KEN DEHANES (886-4440) OR, IF YOU NEED A PRIEST IMMEDIATELY, PLEASE TRY A NEIGHBORING PARISH PRIEST: ST. GABRIEL (771-4700); ST. JOHN WEST CHESTER (777-6433); OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART (733-4950) or STS. PETER & PAUL IN READING (554-1010).

IN THE EVENT SCHOOL IS CANCELLED DUE TO SNOW, THERE WILL BE NO 8:15 A.M.MASS.

Women Together

We are women of all ages who meet monthly to read and reflect on God's presence in our lives. Meetings are the first Thursday of each month, 9:15-11:15 am in the Youth Ministry Room. Join us as we build community and friendships with each other and at various times during the year with the women of Sarah Center in Over-the-Rhine. **Our next meeting is Thursday, January 8.** Babysitting is available. For more info, call Carolyn Hoyt (777-4116.)

**SCHOOL AND RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES
RESUME MONDAY, JANUARY 4.**

Preschool Classes will resume on January 10th.

We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please bring your child to class at 9:20 a.m.



...to Schmidt-Dhonau-Kucner Funeral Home for providing us with our 2010 calendars.

...to all the parishioners who sent cards and "goodies" to the parish office.

...to Linda Hauck and Jennifer Dermody for all their hard work and dedication to the St. Michael Scrip Program and making our Christmas shopping a little easier.

...to Leslie Caulfield, Linda Wessler and all the volunteers who decorated the church and Gathering Space so beautifully.

...to Music Director Brian Bisig and the Music Ministry for providing such beautiful and inspirational music at Christmas.

...to Carol Piepmeier and Vicky Ulland and all the volunteers who did all the extras with the Christmas church cleaning.

**Spring Sports at St. Michael!!
January 9 & 10 after All Masses**

Signups for St. Michael boys baseball and boys/girls spring soccer are upon us! You MUST sign up your child in person. All parishioners and St. Michael students are eligible to play.

St. Michael SpiritWear orders will also be taken at this time! Please bring your check-book and necessary forms (www.stmichaelboosters.org) with you.

Questions? **Soccer**--contact Fred Simonson (simonsen.f@pg.com). **Baseball**--contact Gary Telles (gtelles@fuse.net or 759-6645).



DONATIONS OF STOCK TO ST. MICHAEL CHURCH

Donations of stock made to St. Michael will be processed through our new individual custodial account at Fifth Third Bank. The specific location information and delivery instructions are:

Company Name: Fifth Third Bank DTC Number: 2116

Account Number: 0104471751CI

Account Name: St. Michael Sharonville

Please note that it is imperative that the donor's broker identify the donor name in the delivery instructions.

Until further notice physical stock certificates need to be brought to the Parish Office for Scott Hungler to process.

2009 Contribution Statements. If you received or requested a statement last year, one will be automatically sent to you this year. If not, you may obtain one by sending a self-addressed envelope to the parish office. **(We will pay the postage.)**

Stewardship of Treasure	Operational Funds (White Envelopes)
Last Sunday's Collection + Online (DEC. 20)	\$13,290.77
Income Budgeted for Nov. '09	\$76,000.00
Actual Contributions Received in Nov. '09	75,455.41
Monthly Amount Over/Under Budget	-544.59
Income Budgeted YTD (7/1-11/30/09)	327,000.00
Actual Contributions Received YTD	332,133.19
Amount Over/Under Budget YTD	+5,133.19

ONLINE GIVING THRU THE CHURCH WEBSITE

You can now give your weekly or other donations to St. Michael Church online through PledgeConnect. Go to the St. Michael Church Website, then to the **DONATE** button and follow the instructions.

www.saintmichaelchurch.net

World Day of Peace

*Eternal God, who created the universe and whose presence hovers over all the world,
You promised that our ancestors would dwell in a land of peace and prosperity.
Through the prophets you announced that all nations would find their way to Mount Zion
and stream to Jerusalem, David's city of peace.*

Hear our prayers as the year begins.

Grant peace to your people who honor your name, and prosperity to the nations that observe your law.

May we tend with care the land you have given us,

Protect the waters that make fertile the fields, and guard the air that is the breath of life.

May all creation rejoice in your provident love, and be filled with the peace that comes from you.

Amen.

MARRIED COUPLES

**Come join us here at St. Michael for a
Marriage Encounter "Weekend of Romance & Renewal",
February 6 & 7, 2010.**

A Tale of Two Marriages

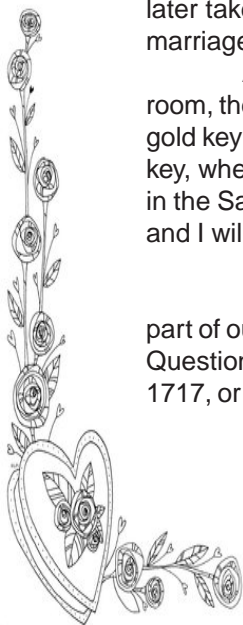
Two couples planned to marry. They were close relatives of the King. On their wedding day, the King gave both couples a small package wrapped in plain paper. They both smiled and placed it on the gift table.

After the reception the one couple left the King's gift behind. Family members packed the gifts, which were later taken to their apartment. The King's gift got misplaced and forgotten. As time went by they experienced a marriage that never came close to their dreams.

As the second couple walked past the gift table, the groom put the King's gift in his pocket. At their hotel room, they sat close to each other, and with anticipation and excitement, opened the King's gift. They gasped at the gold key lying in the little box. The bride gently picked up the key. Lying under the key was a note which read, "This key, when used by the two of you, united in mind, body and soul, will unlock the unfathomable gifts I have for you in the Sacrament of your marriage that you gave to each other today. Join your hearts and souls to my divine will and I will take care of you beyond your wildest dreams."

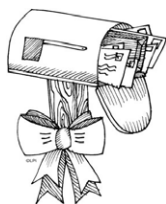
In your opinion, which couple was wiser? Why?

Let's learn more about this wonderful gift from God and how we can keep giving it to each other daily. Be part of our Marriage weekend, February 6 & 7. Cost is \$59 per couple which includes a romantic Sat. night dinner. Questions/reservations/video/gift certificates: Visit www.marriageweekend.org. Or, call Don/Kathy at 513/574-1717, or Rich/Shirley at 513/541-2610.



A GREAT GIFT - For couples you care about, encourage them to attend a Marriage Encounter "Weekend of Romance & Renewal" with a \$25 gift certificate. You fill it out, but don't pay anything until they register. (At that time they pay the balance of just \$34.) For more information visit www.marriageweekend.org, or call Jack/Jane at 513/385-0222.

STOP! Don't throw away those beautiful or funny Christmas cards – The Community Outreach Commission has a plan for them. We would like to donate them to St. Jude's Ranch for Children. It is a non-profit organization that rescues abused, abandoned and neglected children of all races and faiths from the vicious cycle of child abuse. They provide healing and nurturing in a safe home-like environment. (stjudesranch.org)



The children create new cards and the benefits are two-fold: your cards are recycled and not deposited into the landfill and the children receive payment for their work and learn the benefits and importance of "going green" and running a business.

There will be decorated boxes in the lower level of the Gathering Space on the table by the elevator after Christmas. Please bring in your cards and place them in the boxes. If you would like to help in another way, you can take a full box, seal it and send them to St. Jude's Ranch by 2/28/2010 (4th class postage would be the cheapest route).

Thanks for your participation. Any questions, please call Kathy Szczur @ 755-1003.

Can You Spare About 6-7 Hours a Year?

- What?** More volunteers are needed to clean our church. A nice quiet place where you can pray while dusting God's house.
- When?** Only 3 Saturdays a year!
- Why?** We need more help and some replacement help. Some of our volunteers have been cleaning for many years and would like to step aside--as they should. And some have. But, because of their dedication, they find it difficult to stop if there is no one to take their place.
- Commitment?** You would clean on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of an available month--one that would work for you--for about 2 hours each Saturday. All cleaning supplies are provided. Then, once again, usually the 1st Saturday of December, all volunteers are asked to help clean the whole church, including some large jobs that don't get done regularly. That's it! A total of only 6-7 hours a year!
- Goal?** To have at least 3 cleaning volunteers per month. At present we have 28 wonderful volunteers and need 8 more.
- OR?** If you cannot commit to this, how about getting onto a sub list? In the event that one of our regular volunteers cannot make their scheduled Saturday, and are unable to find a cleaner to switch with them, you could be called to help. Possibly once or twice a year. Or not at all.
- How?** To volunteer, please call Carol Piepmeier (733-8276) or Vicky Ulland (563-0227). We hope to hear from you soon!

THANKS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION!



**ST. MICHAEL MUSTANGS
ANNUAL BOOSTERS
ROCKIN' EVENT**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 7-12 MIDNIGHT
TERWILLIGER'S LODGE ON DEERFIELD RD.
\$35/Couple**



- 7-9 PM will include:
- Bingo for baskets (will run until they are gone)
 - Tables for Poker (poker will be kept open as long as people are playing)
 - "Tailgate Recipe" Taste Off for all to judge. We have access to a stove, oven and refrigerator.
 - First Ever "Mustang Derby"--Post Time 8:30
 - We will be selling 6 horses for \$100 each. All donations support Mustang sports. Get your owner/trainer & jockey together.
 - Each horse will be given to the buyers a week before the event.
 - Each team will bring the horse decorated in team colors and a chosen jockey!
 - The course will be laid out at the Lodge! Definitely less than 3 furlongs! The roll of the dice will determine your move.
 - All who attend will be able to make \$2 bets to win! Winnings split among those placing winning bets with half of all bets benefiting the boosters.
- 9-12 Midnight will include: Live Music by American Standard.

Corporate Sponsorship for the following levels:
Homerun level \$500/Triple level \$250
Double level \$100/Single level \$50

Please return all checks made payable to:
St. Michael Boosters via Libby Krumdieck 3R or mail to
Mindy Krumdieck, 6580 Mockingbird Ct. Mason, OH 45040
To purchase a horse contact Mindy Krumdieck via email at
mrkrumdieck@cinci.rr.com.

**No St. Michael Parish General Funds or St. Michael School
PTO Funds are used to help pay sport expenses.**

Because St. Michael does not have a gym or field, we have to pay for all court/field times used. 09/10 Sports that Boosters support: baseball, basketball (boys & girls), golf, soccer (boys & girls) and volleyball.

We desperately need Eucharistic Ministers to be part of our Brookwood Retirement Home Ministry. You would be part of a team that would distribute communion to the residents approximately once every six weeks on Sundays. Please call Deacon Ken DeHanes (563-6377 x302 or dehanes_k@fuse.net) if you can help with this worthwhile ministry.

Parent with Confidence!

The New Year is a great time to renew and think about making changes. Are you looking for some new ways to gain confidence in personal relationships or in parenting?

“Growing Up Again” is a four-week class for adults who are interested in exploring their own growth while parenting. This award-winning class begins Tuesday, January 12, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. If you would like to register or obtain additional information call Sandy Keiser at Catholic Charities (513) 241-7745.

Catholic Charities of Southwestern Ohio is hosting an information meeting for anyone interested in adopting a child. The meeting takes place on Tuesday, January 12, 2010 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the undercroft at Corpus Christi Church, 2014 Springdale Road in Cincinnati. To register or for more information, contact Barbara Wentz at (513) 241-7745 or via email at bwentz@catholiccharitiesswo.org or lvarin@catholiccharitiesswo.org.

Natural Family Planning (NFP) is safe, healthy, morally right, and effective for both achieving and postponing pregnancy. An NFP course that will be taught at St. Lawrence Church in Price Hill starts Wednesday, January 13. This three-meeting course continues on the second Wednesdays of February and March. Perfect timing for 2010 weddings. “Yet another reason for loving our Church” was the reaction of a recent attendee. For further information and registration, call Sheila or John Kipley at 661-7396.

St. Meinrad Theologian Presents the LeBlond Lecture January 13

The Athenaeum Lecture series continues Wednesday, January 13, with the Rev. Guy Mansini, OSB STD, who will give the LeBlond Lecture “In persona Christi and the Legacy of the Second Vatican Council”.

Father Mansini is associate professor of systematic theology at Saint Meinrad School of Theology in Indiana and full-time pastor of St. Isidore Church in Bristow, Ind. and Holy Cross Church in St. Croix, Ind. He is a monk of St. Meinrad Archabbey and received his doctorate in theology from the Gregorian University in 1984. His books include *Promising and the Good* (2005) and *The Word Has Dwelt Among Us: Explorations in Theology* (2008); the latter is a collection of his essays.

Father Mansini’s lecture will recount some of the quite extraordinary and mostly unknown history of the composition of Lumen gentium 21 and Presbyterorum ordinis 2 and the quite unexpected consequence of these texts for priestly identity.

The lecture will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Bartlett Pastoral Center on the Athenaeum campus. It is free and open to the public.



Congratulations to 2009 Great Lakes Scholars

Nominations for Great Lakes Scholars were made in spring of 2009. The following students were named 2009 Great Lakes Scholars:

Fourth Grade: Annie Longo, Julia Harmon, Christine Macke, Ryan Sage, and Taylor Stacherski.

Fifth Grade: Marjorie Alvord, Jonathan Brus, Ashley Reinert, and Riley Smith.

Sixth Grade: Nathaniel Heister, Ryan Minnich, Casey Moore and Ryan Strotman.

Seventh Grade: Taylor Brokamp, Elise Dermody, Logan Heister, and Kelly Welsh.

Eighth Grade: Allison Baker, Mike Dusa, Kevin Herbig, Anna Jonas, Ashley Reinert, and Rich Welsh.

Ninth Grade: Elaina Hammann, Sarah Huster, Eric Scott, Ben Vondenbrink, and Lauren Williams.

The St. Michael Boosters are in need of some new faces/parents of young kids. The following positions will become available after the current school year is complete: **President, and Girls Basketball Coordinator.** Please carefully consider volunteering in continuing the excellence which is St. Michael School. Please call Terry Connaughton (h) 563.0673 if interested. **Go Mustangs!**

COMMUNITY EVENTS OF INTEREST

CYO Night at Roger Bacon. All grade school students are invited to the Roger Bacon vs Purcell Marian basketball game **Friday, January 8.** Game times are: 4:30 Freshmen, 6:00 Junior Varsity and 7:30 Varsity. Wear your school spirit wear, sign in at the door and get free admission. There will be half-time activities and prizes. Mark your calendars and watch the Spartans battle the Cavaliers.

Vespers for the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (Evening Prayer) will be sung on Sunday, January 10, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel of Mount St. Mary’s Seminary, 6616 Beechmont Ave. The service, led by Fr. Earl Fernandes, Dean of the Seminary, will include psalms, hymns and canticles. Seasonal choral music for the feast will be sung by the Athenaeum Chorale. The public is invited to attend.

