

**READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY**

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



**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

1st Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5  
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11  
Gospel: John 2:1-11

**CELEBRANT SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 16-17**

5:00 p.m. Fr. Len Fecko 9:30 a.m. Fr. Norm Langenbrunner  
8:00 a.m. Fr. Len Fecko 11:30 a.m. Fr. Norm Lengenbrunner



Mass Intentions

**WEEK OF JANUARY 11, 2010**

**MONDAY**

8:15 a.m. Enrollees in Memorial Endowment Fund

**TUESDAY**

8:15 a.m. Communion Service

**WEDNESDAY**

8:15 a.m. Flo Roelker - D.&L. Elsbrock

**THURSDAY**

8:15 a.m. Special Intention for Katelyn Tracey -  
M.&C. Sharpshair (Godparents)

**FRIDAY**

8:15 a.m. Betty Sicker - J. Reno (ALL SCHOOL)

**SATURDAY**

5:00 p.m. For the Parish

**SUNDAY**

8:00 a.m. Aileen Bernard - S. Bernard & Sons  
9:30 a.m. Sandy Sharpshair - J. Sharpshair  
11:30 a.m. Robert Richter - Family

**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  
7:30 p.m. Worship Commission in P.O. Conf. Room  
8:00 p.m. 11:30 Choir Rehearsal

**TUESDAY**

7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul in School Library  
8:00 p.m. K of C in Cafeteria

**WEDNESDAY**

7:00 p.m. Parish Vocation Comm. in Ministries Room  
7:30 p.m. RCIA in School Library  
8:00 p.m. Boosters in Cafeteria

**THURSDAY**

4:30 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal  
7:15 p.m. Health & Wellness in Ministries Room  
8:00 p.m. 9:30 Choir Rehearsal

**SATURDAY**

7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study in Gathering Space  
8:30 a.m. Market Day Pickup in Assembly Hall

**SUNDAY**

9:30 a.m. Preschool Classes  
6:00 p.m. Sharing Classes  
7:00 p.m. Baptism Prep I Class

**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**

11 Michael Botsford	12 Maureen Shaffery
Edward J. Fitzgerald	13 Richard W. Noll
14 George Mussman	Rizalina Oteyza
Wilma Theis	Lenora McCormack
15 Mary Calacci	17 Ambrose Calacci

**Please Remember In Your Prayers...** parishioner Geneva Jaent and Richard Eagan (father of parishioner Rick Eagan) 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.**

**Please Welcome Into Our Christian Community....**

Addison Marie Carrigan, daughter of Casey & Angela Carrigan; Aaliyah Lynn Creech, daughter of Jay & Mary Jacobs; Ava Elizabeth Glynn, daughter of Michael & Amanda Glynn; and Makayla Rose Ronnebaum, daughter of Brad Ronnebaum & Rachel Hostiuck, all of whom were baptized here recently.



**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.



**Please Welcome New Parishioners...**

Katie, Joe & J.J. Currens and Becky & Brad Mueller; and welcome back to Laura McMullen and Brenda Wilkey.



**Retirement Fund For Religious**

"The Archdiocesan Financial Services informed my office that St. Michael Parish has contributed \$9,898 to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Thank you for promoting this appeal. The people of the Archdiocese have given generously in the past. They do Share in the Care. Today many parishioners have little or no contact with men and women religious. Older parishioners remember the Sisters and Brothers and their presence and ministry in the schools and hospitals. Many know that the leadership and service that is now given by the laity is a result of the influence of the Religious.

The infirmed and elderly serve all of us through their prayer and suffering. These members often show us how to live and how to die. In our society, there is real value to the witness of our care of the aged members.

Again, thank you for your support of this appeal."  
 Sr. Mary Garke, CPPS  
 Archdiocesan Coordinator

**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.)**

<b>Stewardship of Treasure</b>	<b>Operational Funds (White Envelopes)</b>
Last Sunday's Collection + Online (DEC. 27)	\$16,633.50
Christmas 2009	36,450.50
Income Budgeted for Dec. '09	\$110,000.00
Actual Contributions Received in Dec. '09	107,154.78
Monthly Amount Over/Under Budget	- 2,845.22
Income Budgeted YTD (7/1-12/31/09)	437,000.00
Actual Contributions Received YTD	439,735.89
Amount Over/Under Budget YTD	+ 2,735.89

**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](http://www.saintmichaelchurch.net)

## MARRIED COUPLES

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



In scripture we read: "I became very angry with her (his wife) over this." -- Tobit 2:14. Tobit became blind and disabled (Tb 2:10). In those days, there was no provision for Tobit to be employed, so his wife Anna took a job as a weaver (Tb 2:11). This put a strain on their marriage. Finally, they had a big fight (Tb 2: 13-14).

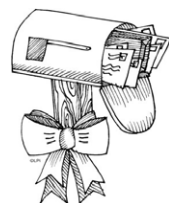
Tobit failed to look inside himself to see the real problem - PRIDE. He failed to recognize that he and Anna were a team. She was taking on the "bread winner" role that he could no longer do. Had he taken the time to understand himself and his wife, he would have thanked her profusely for the sacrifice she was making for THEM. And their love for each other would have grown stronger.

All of us miss opportunities to make our love stronger. That's why this upcoming "Weekend of Romance & Renewal" is so important. It's an opportunity to better understand what's going on inside us and turn potential conflict into a time to grow in love and understanding for each other. Don't be a Tobit, be like Mary & Joseph.

Cost is \$59 per couple which includes a romantic Saturday night dinner. Questions/reservations/video/gift certificates: Visit [www.marriageweekend.org](http://www.marriageweekend.org). Or, call Don/Kathy at 513/574-1717, or Rich/Shirley at 513/541-2610.

**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](http://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 (**FRONTS ONLY**) 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 (4<sup>th</sup> class postage would be the cheapest route).

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

**From Parishioners Cliff & Mary Ann Lowe:** "Thank you for all your prayers and cards during Cliff's recent surgery and recuperation. The caring and concern of St. Michael parishioners is very much appreciated by our family."

**The Benedictine Monks of Saint Andrew Abbey in Cleveland** welcome men between the ages of 18-45 who wish to discern a monastic vocation to attend "Living with Benedict" weekend retreat February 12-14. Contact Fr. Gerard, OSB at [gerard@cbhs.net](mailto:gerard@cbhs.net).

### The Church in Cyberspace

Good Catholic Sites

**Official church sites:**

[www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va) (Holy See)

[www.nccbuscc.org](http://www.nccbuscc.org) (National Conf. of Catholic Bishops/United States Catholic Conference)

[www.CatholicCincinnati.org](http://www.CatholicCincinnati.org) (Archdiocese of Cincinnati)

*"After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a"*

*Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.*



**Baptism  
of the Lord**

## SCRIP \$EN\$E

### **KROGER FUEL REWARDS NOW ACCEPTED AT SHELL STATIONS**

The Kroger Fuel Rewards are now being accepted at select Shell locations (I-275 & Route 42, 7555 Fields Ertel Road, 9210 Cincinnati-Columbus Road, etc.). Please check at your Kroger store to find the Shell location nearest you. Another way to save YOU money while earning FREE money for our parish!

Please consider purchasing gift cards for your business or personal use throughout the year. Thanks to everyone for using the Scrip Program this Christmas season. We wish you continued blessings in the new year!

Bigg's cards are available for your grocery shopping (6% rebate). Kohl's cards can be used to pay off your Kohl's charge at any area store (5% rebate). Please consider helping the parish! It is a great way to give back!

### **ORDERING**

Visit the school website at [www.stmichaelsharonville.org](http://www.stmichaelsharonville.org) to place orders on line or to download an order form. Order forms can also be found on the parish website at [www.saintmichaelchurch.net](http://www.saintmichaelchurch.net). It's quick and easy! Paper forms can be found in the lower level of the Gathering Space on the table or the Spinner Street entrance on the wall.

Please contact Linda Hauck (769-3231 or [lhauck@cinci.rr.com](mailto:lhauck@cinci.rr.com)) or Jennifer Dermody (755-6274 or [jendermody@gmail.com](mailto:jendermody@gmail.com)) for any questions regarding the Scrip Program.

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## **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**.

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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](mailto:mrkrumdieck@cinci.rr.com).

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**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.

## **HEALTH & WELLNESS**

### **Healthy Living**

What a gift we have been given in the body that is ours. Whether we are fully active or somewhat limited in our mobility, we have this physical presence to express ourselves in this world. Even if we find that we are somehow constrained by the methods of expression, we find a way to make our body work. The deaf "hear" through sign language; the blind "see" through Braille; and the lame "walk" through the assistance of artificial limbs. Our body is a treasure given by God, and even when it may not function as perfectly as we may desire, we still care for this gift through the stewardship we exercise. Yes, exercise, healthy nourishment, appropriate sleep, good hygiene are all ways we care for our gift, and honor the One who gave us the body we have.

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**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.

***A Teaching Moment: Moral Lessons from the Re-cession:*** The Community of the Good Shepherd in Montgomery will present speakers for two evenings - Wednesday, January 20 and Thursday, January 21 at 7:00 p.m. - on the subject of the economy and Christian morality. As reports of unemployment, market fluctuations, and companies and countries in economic peril dominate the news, it is important to get information and understand the teachings of the Church.

Dr. John Sniegocki (Wednesday & Thursday) and Dr. Nancy Bertaux (Thursday) will discuss the basic moral principles and the actions that we must take as individuals to address the issues for ourselves and our families.

The Community of the Good Shepherd, 8815 East Kemper Rd., Cincinnati OH 45249. All are welcome. No fee. No registration. Light refreshments.

For more information, check [www.good-shepherd.org](http://www.good-shepherd.org) or contact: Mark Westendorf at 513-489-8815, ext. 718 or [m.westendorf@good-shepherd.org](mailto:m.westendorf@good-shepherd.org) or Donna Krabbe at 513-489-8815, ext. 737 or [donna.krabbe@good-shepherd.org](mailto:donna.krabbe@good-shepherd.org).

***Facing an Unplanned Pregnancy?*** Catholic Charities is here to help. We provide free, confidential counseling services and support as you consider your options to parent or make an adoption plan for your baby. Our pregnancy counselor has information and resources to help you make the best decision for you and your baby - and both of your futures. Please call anytime at 241-7745. There is also a new Catholic Charities web site for adoption you can visit at [Catholiccharitiesadoption.org](http://Catholiccharitiesadoption.org).



### ***PTO Newsflash!!***

**Used Cell Phone Fundraiser  
January 2nd - January 30th**

St. Michael School PTO is having a Used Cell Phone Fundraiser. If you, a family member, co-worker or neighbor have recently gotten a new cell phone, we would like your old one! Not only will we receive money for each phone we collect, but the phones are then donated to low income senior citizens and abused women shelters so they can make 911 calls when necessary. You can send any phones in with your children. There are collection boxes in the Gathering Space, Undercroft near cafeteria, Main School building and the Library/Science building. Any questions, please contact Kim Hoog ([kmhoog@fuse.net](mailto:kmhoog@fuse.net)).

Thanks for continuing to support our school!

***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!***

### **2010 Track Team Registration**

St. Michael Parish participates with All Saints Parish for track. Signups for 2010 track teams (K-8) will take place on Sundays, January 10 and 17, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., in the Jubilee Room of the All Saints Parish Center. Any athlete who is in grades K-8 for the 2009-10 school year is eligible to participate.

If you cannot attend the in-person signup sessions, please contact Marie McMasters at [mmcmasters@cinci.rr.com](mailto:mmcmasters@cinci.rr.com) and the forms will be sent to you.

***Choose Life.*** A Speaker from Project Rachel and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Family Life Office will speak on Sunday, January 17, 6:00 p.m. in the St. Saviour Church Undercroft. This is a program for junior high and high school men and women, parents, brothers and sisters.

***FRIENDS OF JESUS*** is a group for adults with developmental disabilities (18 years of age +). This group's focus is primarily for support, prayer and socializing. The parishes of All Saints, St. Columban, Good Shepherd, St. Margaret of York, St. Philip the Apostle and St. Vincent Ferrer extend an invitation to our neighboring parishes who would like to join us for our January gathering on Saturday, January 23rd from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at All Saints Parish Center, 8939 Montgomery Road.

At this gathering, we will have an instructor from the A-Marika Dance Studio teaching some fun but simple dance moves. We come together in prayer, have entertainment, do some craft-making and enjoy refreshments. New members are always welcome but need to register first with Jane Callan prior to attending. Also, please RSVP to Jane at 793-3546.