

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 New Members... Kimberly & Michael Quade, Lori Hoffman & Jeremy Christman, Melanie, James, Sydney & Christian Steinau and Jacqueline Montemagno.

CURRENT PARISH ACTIVITIES

COUPLES CELEBRATING THEIR GOLDEN OR SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES during 2010 should contact the parish office by **March 5, 2010**. Please call the St. Michael Reservation Line (563-6377, Option #7) and leave your names and anniversary date.



The Archdiocesan Anniversary Mass for couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary during 2010 will be held on Saturday, May 1, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral, downtown Cincinnati.

The St. Michael parish celebration for 25th/50th anniversaries during 2010 will be held here in the early fall.

(PLEASE NOTE: Invitations to both events will only be sent to those responding to this announcement.)



Ash Wednesday - February 17
Masses w/distribution of ashes:
8:15 a.m., Noon, 7:00 p.m.

The Lenten "Little Black Book" with daily meditations for Lent will be available in the Gathering Space next weekend. Cost is \$2.

Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday in Lent (except First Friday, March 5 and Good Friday, April 2) at 7:30 p.m. in Church.

Lenten Dinners, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and St. Michael PTO, begin Fridays, February 19--March 26, 5-7 p.m. in the cafeteria. Flyer with complete info will be included in next week's bulletin.

YOUTH MINISTRY ANNUAL FLOWER SALE

Tired of the cold weather? Want a glimmer of spring? Then we have an idea for you! The St. Michael Youth Group is holding their annual Spring Flower Sale! All proceeds from this sale will help support our mission trip to the Appalachian Mountains this summer. Order forms are available in the lower level Gathering Space. **We will be accepting orders through 2/22/10.** If you have any questions, please contact Mary Doyle at mb0302@live.com or Lori Anne in the parish office. Thanks for your continued support!



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.

Stewardship of Treasure	Operational Funds (White Envelopes)
Last Sunday's Collection + Online (January 31)	\$ 13,584.00
St. Vincent de Paul	4,589.42
Income Budgeted for Jan. '10	77,000.00
Actual Contributions Received in Jan. '10	78,101.60
Monthly Amount Over/Under Budget	+ 1,101.60
Income Budgeted YTD (7/1-1/31/10)	514,000.00
Actual Contributions Received YTD	517,753.07
Amount Over/Under Budget YTD	+ 3,753.07

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



Young Families Upcoming Events!



Moms' Night Out... Dad's Night Out!

Moms: Dinner with the Ladies at Wildflower Café and Coffeehouse in downtown Mason, Tuesday, February 23, 7:30 p.m. Check out their menu at www.wildflowercafeandcoffeehouse.com. RSVP to Katie Collins at 759-0463 or katiecollins2@yahoo.com by Friday, February 19.

Dads: Introducing the first Young Families DADS' Night out! Look for information from Rich Diemar about getting together at the Blue Goose. Call Katie or Rich if you have questions: Katie: 759-0463, Rich: 755-1656.

Young Families is a group for parishioner families who have a child who is 5 years old or younger. We hold monthly events (when possible) and are always happy to meet new faces! If you have any questions and/or are interested in joining, contact Katie Collins.

SCRIP \$EN\$E

Because of you, the parish has earned over \$109,000 in just over 4 years!

DO YOU NEED A KROGER CARD?

Has your current one not been used in a while? Stop in at the parish office for a FREE card with \$1 on it. Call Linda or Jen – we will send you one through school or church office. Thank you to everyone who continues to reload their Kroger cards. Thank you to all the businesses who place orders for the Scrip Program for customer perks and employee gifts. What a difference you make!

Kroger Neighborhood Rewards Earnings

<u>Period</u>	<u>Number of Cards Reloaded</u>	<u>Amount Reloaded & Card Purchases</u>	<u>Check from Kroger</u>
10/04/2009 – 10/31/2009	139	\$ 40,020.59	\$ 1,600.82
11/01/2009 – 11/28/2009	150	\$ 42,996.78	\$ 1,719.87
11/29/2009 – 12/26/2009	154	\$ 60,597.11	\$ 2,423.88

BIGG'S

We have Bigg's \$100, \$50 and \$25 cards in stock with 6% going to the parish! We can set up a weekly or monthly delivery for you. These cards cannot be reloaded like the Kroger cards. However, any number of gift cards can be used in one transaction. Any unused balance will remain on the gift card. Thank you to those of you who are contacting us for your monthly and weekly need for Bigg's cards!

KOHL'S GIFT CARDS CAN BE USED TO PAY THE BALANCE OF A KOHL'S CHARGE.

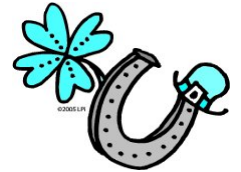
If you have a Kohl's charge, please consider purchasing Kohl's gift cards through the Scrip Program to pay off your balance. Payments can be made at any Kohl's store. St. Michael earns 5% on Kohl's cards purchased through the Scrip Program. Kohl's cards are in stock in \$100, \$50, \$25 and \$10 denominations.

Scrip order forms can be downloaded from the parish website (www.saintmichaelchurch.net) or from the school website (www.stmichaelsharonville.org under Scrip). You can place online orders through the Shop with Scrip Program. All details are on the school website. Order forms can be turned in to the parish office or the school office. Still have questions? Contact Linda Hauck (769-3231 or lhauck@cinci.rr.com) or Jen Dermody (755-6274 or jendermody@gmail.com).

We are placing orders as needed, so please let us know when you need your order delivered.



FATHER LAY GENERATION
ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION



MARCH 10, 2010 - CLADDAGH IRISH PUB, DEERFIELD COMMONS

On March 10, the Father Lay Generation will host a St. Patrick's Day luncheon at the Claddagh Irish Pub in Deerfield Commons. The celebration will begin at 11:30 AM with a social hour (cash bar), followed at 12:00 PM by lunch with four grand entrée choices.

The entrée choices are: (1) Corned beef topped with Swiss cheese and coleslaw on toasted marble rye; (2) Fish and Chips – ale-battered cod with pub chips, coleslaw, and tartar sauce; (3) Smokey BBQ ribs with crispy fries and coleslaw; and (4) Dublin salad – char-grilled chicken served on field greens, candied walnuts, sun-dried tomatoes, diced tomatoes and goat cheese with choice of dressing.

The cost per person is \$16 which includes coffee or tea, soft drink, and tip, plus chocolate cake for dessert. Reservations can be made by calling the parish office at 563-6377, Option #7. Payment can be dropped off or sent to the parish office by March 1. Please include your choice of entrée with your reservation. Call Mary Ellen Cassinelli (563-1456) or Suzanne White (777-3611) with any questions.

Wear your shamrocks and green and join the celebration!

The Father Lay Generation is open to all parishioners age 60+ and their spouses.



LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD PEOPLE!!

Our RCIA is looking for individuals who are interested in sharing their faith with others interested in becoming Catholic Christians. This is a time commitment of once a week (Oct.-Easter Vigil) with some additional time during Holy Week.

Please contact Deacon Ken DeHanes (563-6377, ext. 302) for further information and to sign up.

PERSONAL/EDUCATION/SPIRITUALGROWTH

Is God Calling You To Something More? Classes are now forming at the Athenaeum of Ohio's Lay Pastoral Ministry Program for the Fall of 2010. Come and see what lay ministry formation can do for you. Education that is geared for busy adult learners! For more information call 513.231.1200 or email us at kboss@athenaeum.edu

Answer the Call

Catholic Men's Conference
March 20, 2010

See flyer in this week's bulletin with complete information.



SAVE THE DATE!!

St. Michael Golf Outing
A PTO/Booster Event
MAY 21, 2010

More information in upcoming bulletins!

Fall 2010 Golden Bears Football Signups
Due February 14



If you have not completed your forms, please do so. Final signups may be turned in after Masses on February 13-14. Direct any questions to Matt Guye @ 563-5909 or 7guyes@fuse.net.

Congratulations...

...to parishioner Mark Dalga who received his Eagle Scout Award last weekend.

The Next Issue of the Messenger Will Arrive at Homes around March 1. If you have something to submit, please do so by February 8 to bisig_b@fuse.net or contact Brian Bisig at 563-6377 x 301.

Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. - Lk 5:5-6

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HEALTH AND WELLNESS

REFRESH YOUR SOUL CONFERENCE 2010

Theme: Medicine, Religion and Health: Where Science and Spirituality Meet

Date: March 12 & 13

Where: Crowne Plaza in Blue Ash

Keynote Presenters: Harold G. Koenig MD
Rev. Maggie Sebastian

Brochures are available in the lower Gathering Space.

For more information, call Ellen Schneider at (800) 835-5768, ext 4545 or visit www.episcopalretirement.com.

Busy Person's Retreat - March 14-27

A Busy Person's Retreat is designed for people who cannot get away for a weekend or longer retreat. Retreatants commit to daily prayer at home and a meeting twice a week with a spiritual guide at Mt. Notre Dame Spirituality Center. This two-week retreat begins with an introductory meeting on Sunday afternoon, March 14, and ends with Mass and a Continental Breakfast on Saturday morning, March 27. The person goes about her/his daily life incorporating daily prayer, keeping a journal and meeting with a Spiritual Guide twice a week at a mutually agreed upon time. Call or email Sr. Ruth Kettman for a registration form: rkettman@ohsnd.org or 513-679-8191.

Biblical Conversations will be presented by Fr. Tim Schehr, professor of Biblical Studies at the Athenaeum of Ohio, on four Thursday evenings during Lent from 7-8:30 PM (Feb. 25; March 4, 11, 18) at the Sisters of Charity Motherhouse in Delhi. Fee is \$15 for all four sessions; \$5 a session. Call to register at 347-5449.

Great Volunteer Opportunity. Catholic Charities is looking for several dependable part-time volunteers to serve as receptionists in the downtown Cincinnati office. Duties include answering the phone and greeting visitors. Three to four hour shifts, two or three days per week. Pleasant, comfortable atmosphere. Convenient to Metro Bus. Travel reimbursement and free parking available. Contact the RSVP program at (513) 241-7745 or email rsvp@CatholicCharitiesSWO.org

Forgiveness: the Gateway to Peace. The Lenten Season is a good time for us to reflect on how we relate to ourselves and others. We all have times in our lives when we need to forgive others – family members, friends, neighbors, or co-workers. Learning about the process of forgiveness, getting beyond the hurt, and moving forward with life is one way to create peace within ourselves. One program will be offered February 25, in the Corpus Christi Parish Center on Springdale Road; another will be on March 4 in the undercroft of Holy Trinity Parish from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The fee is \$15 per person. For further information or to register, call Sandy Keiser at Catholic Charities at 241-7745.

APOP (Adoptive Parents Outreach Program) Group for Catholic Charities of Southwestern Ohio is hosting a CHILI COOKOFF on Sunday, March 14, from 3-7 p.m. at the Purcell Knights of Columbus Banquet Hall, 3621 Glenmore Ave. in Cheviot. Admission is \$10 at the door and children under 10 are free. All proceeds benefit CCSWO APOP.

The purpose of this group is to provide support for other adopting couples as well as spread adoption awareness around the city. Contact Chas Eddingfield at chas@fuse.net for more information.

The Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) is an organization of men and women in their 50's to 70's who want to use their talents and life experiences to help others. While living at home, IVC volunteers commit 2 days a week to work directly with people who are poor or with organizations that pursue the structural issues and concerns that affect them. Informational meetings will be held on March 25 and 30. For additional info, please call Sam Schloemer, 513-608-5551 or sschloemer@ivcusa.org. Visit the website at IVC@ivcusa.org.

COMMUNITY EVENTS OF INTEREST

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Mardi Carlo Night, February 13. OLSH Activity Center, 177 Siebenthaler Ave., Reading. Buy tickets: contact Bob Luther (563-7727) or Eric Fortner (563-4040), Mardi Carlo Chairman.

Tatiana, internationally known singer/songwriter, is coming to St. Maximilian Kolbe Church, Liberty Twp, on Thursday, February 25, at 7 p.m. You will experience her powerful concert event "I Thirst" the Crucifixion Story, Christ's walk on Calvary. There is no charge for the event. Donations will be accepted.

30+ Catholic Singles Hoedown & Square Dance, Saturday, February 20, at Immaculate Heart of Mary, 7-9:30 p.m. (followed by regular dancing until 11:30). \$10/person. Please visit <http://www.thirtypluscs.catholicweb.com/>.

St. Al's Bridgetown is hosting a Monte Carlo on Saturday, February 20, from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. in their gym. Admission is \$10/person or \$15/couple. All proceeds will benefit the school. For more information, please visit our website at www.saintals.org/athletics.

La Salle High School will be holding its 23rd Annual Camelot Auction — "Rockin' the Night Away" on Saturday, February 27. Come and enjoy the evening with your friends and help support our co-curricular programs. Enjoy a lavish dinner, open bar, split-the-pot, raffles, oral auction and silent bidding on over 700 items. This year we are excited to announce that we will have live entertainment provided by "Mr. Entertainment" Mike Davis.

Tickets cost \$160 per couple. Plan to join us for an evening of fun and entertainment. For additional information, please contact Patty Trotta at 741-2385 or ptrotta@lasallehs.net.