

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

1st Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20
Gospel: Luke 6:17,20-26



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10
2nd Reading: Romans 10:8-13
Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 20-21

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



Mass Intentions

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15, 2010

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

8:15 a.m. Communion Service

WEDNESDAY

(ASHWEDNESDAY)

8:15 a.m. Dick Noonan - St. Michael Faculty
(ALL SCHOOL)

12:00 Noon

Edward Heenan - L. Chester & Family

7:00 p.m.

William Puthoff, Sr. - B.&M. Haines

THURSDAY

8:15 a.m. Shirley Neu - B.&A. Rasch

FRIDAY

8:15 a.m. Walter Nahrup - C. Hudak

SATURDAY

5:00 p.m. Dick & Pat Wysong 55th Wedding Anniv.

SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Enrollees in Memorial Endowment Fund

9:30 a.m. Special Intention - The Reising Family

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

PRESIDENT'S DAY
NO School/Rel. Ed. Classes.
Parish Office Closed.

6:00 p.m. Exposition in Church/**NO EVENSONG**
8:00 p.m. 11:30 Choir Rehearsal

TUESDAY

8:00 p.m. PTO Meeting/Social in Cafeteria

WEDNESDAY

ASH WEDNESDAY
RCIA in School Library

THURSDAY

4:30 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Youth Commission in Youth Ministries Rm.
8:00 p.m. 9:30 Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY

5:00 p.m. Fish Fry in Cafeteria
7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross in Church

SATURDAY

7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study in Gathering Space

SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. Preschool Classes

NO EVENSONG ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15.

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.

Parish Pastoral Council meetings are open to all parishioners. Please call in advance if you would like to attend.

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**



FEBRUARY

16 John Roche **17** Jeannette Finley
Tom Johnson Joan Prenger
Clarence Gutzwiller
Robert Duvelius
George Selzer

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.



February 17

Masses w/distribution of ashes
8:15 a.m., Noon, 7:00 p.m.

The 2010 Ash Wednesday Collection will aid the Church in Central and Eastern Europe to support seminaries, social service programs, youth ministry, pastoral centers, schools, church construction and renovation and the spreading of the Gospel message through Catholic mass media.

Please place your donation in the special collection boxes in the Gathering Space.

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.

The Lenten "Little Black Book" with daily meditations for Lent is now available in the Gathering Space. 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. See flyer in this week's bulletin for complete menu and pricing.



Lenten Reminders - Fast and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday, February 17, and Good Friday, April 2, 2010 are days of abstinence from meat and also days of fast, that is, limited to a single full meal. With regard to Good Friday, the teaching of the Second Vatican Council should be recalled.

Let the paschal fast be kept sacred. Let it be celebrated everywhere on Good Friday, and, where possible, prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the Resurrection may be attained with uplifted and clear mind (Constitution on the Liturgy, No. 110).

The other Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years and older. The law of fasting binds all Catholics from their 18th birthday until their 59th birthday (Canons 97 and 1252).

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Stewardship of Treasure	Operational Funds (White Envelopes)
Last Sunday's Collection + Online (February 7)	\$18,075.37
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

Fasting During Lent

In the fifth century, St. Peter Chrysologus wrote: "Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. So if you pray, fast; if you fast, show mercy; if you want your petition to be heard, hear the petition of others. If you do not close your ear to others, you open God's ear to yourself." We take the initiative during Lent to curb our desires and exercise an opportunity to put aside what we may want so that we can be reminded of God. Every time we desire that from which we are fasting, we are reminded of why we chose to give it up: to think about God. And, when we give something up, we have more to give away, to help a brother or sister in need because we are not using something for ourselves. Our Lenten fast is intimately connected to our Lenten sharing.

Prayer for Lent

Good and loving God, each year you give us this season of Lent to turn our hearts and minds back to you. May the prayer we offer during this season draw us closer to you in love as we seek forgiveness for our sins. May our fasting help us see that even as this world is a gift from you it is still passing away and will not endure. May our almsgiving honor you as we care for our brothers and sisters whose need is great and whose hope is in you. Help us in this holy season to be reconciled with you and with any whom we have harmed so that we may celebrate an Easter of eternal joy. Amen.



**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.

Need a Family Activity for this Lenten Season?

Do we have what you're looking for! Each week during Lent, you will find in the bulletin a series of activities that include opportunities for both silent reflection and group discussion – ideal for any family! These activities will focus on seven different topics: courage, promises, growth, gratitude, possibilities, sacrifice, and witness. Included will be questions for family discussion, prayer, and suggested scripture readings. Included in this week's bulletin you will find a print of a large flower with its petals below. Each week as you complete an activity, add one more petal with the topic discussed and keep a countdown to Easter. Be sure to look every week in the bulletin for the next topic and prepare your family for the great celebration of Easter!

Week One:

Courage

Discussion:

Each family member shares some new accessory, convenience, toy, or other possession that you decided you wanted. Who made you aware of it – who “tempted” you? What would it require for you to have it? Did you pursue it until you got it, or did you decide against it? If you got it, did it make you closer to God or draw you any further away from God?

Scripture:

Luke 4: 1 – 13

Sharing:

What was Jesus tempted with in this story? Who tempted Him? Why might these temptations be attractive to Jesus? Why did He resist? What did it require of Him to resist? What will it require of you to resist temptations to put other things before your Lenten promises?

Prayer:

“Good and loving God, as we begin this season of Lent, awaken us to the possibilities for change and growth. Help us to model our journey to Holy Week and Easter after the example of Jesus. May we resist every temptation to falter and come to the celebration of His Resurrection with new hearts. All this we pray through Christ Jesus, Our Lord and Savior, forever and ever. Amen.”

Conclusion:

Write “courage” on one petal of the flower to count down to Easter.



“In the Gospel today we hear the Beatitudes and we find the blessing of Jesus standing with those who are poor, hungry and weeping.

By your gift to our parish's St. Vincent de Paul Society, you indeed put your faith into action as you stand with the poor, hungry and weeping. Thank you all.”

St. Michael's St Vincent de Paul Conference

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

The weekend of March 6-7 will be Catholic Ministries Appeal Commitment Weekend here at St. Michael. The theme for the 2010 CMA is “Always and Everywhere, Give Thanks”. As the parish offertory collection is the lifeline of our parish, the CMA is the lifeline of the Archdiocese--so your support is critical. The Archbishop is inviting every Catholic household to participate. Every gift matters. For more information, please visit CatholicAppeal.info.

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!



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.)

Answer the Call

The *Answer The Call* Catholic Men's Conference will be on Saturday **March 20**, at Music Hall. Prayerful, spirit-filled, life changing! The day begins at 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. in the afternoon, following Mass with our local bishops and priests concelebrating. A dynamic line-up of speakers is scheduled, including former Cincinnati Reds coach Jack McKeon and retired Marine captain, national champion college football player Brian Rooney.

Tickets are \$40 for adults, and \$20 for students. For ticket information for *Answer The Call*, please call Barry Neyer at 513-607-9116.

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.

A BIG THANK YOU from Youth Ministry & SCRIP!

Our first ever Barnes & Noble Book Fair Fundraiser on Dec 11-12-13 netted \$375.27 with an additional \$73.80 earned for SCRIP plus our Youth elves were tipped \$54 by customers for gift wrapping at the Union Centre store on that Saturday afternoon/evening. We are so thankful for your support—parishoners, families and friends! We received a 15% donation on retail sales of \$2,501.80; the 15% level begins at the \$2,000 mark. Forty B&N SCRIP cards worth a total value of \$820 were purchased; B&N currently donates 9% with SCRIP. We have contracted with Barnes & Noble to run a 2010 holiday bookfair on Dec 10-11-12 AND a late Spring one on June 4-5-6 (think—graduation, Father's Day, summer reading lists). Youth Ministry expects to use this money to reduce the per person cost of a summer mission trip. Thanks again for all you do and please participate in our two 2010 B&N bookfair fundraisers!

COMMUNITY EVENTS OF INTEREST

Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner, St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Tuesday, February 16, 5-8 p.m. \$5 adults/\$3 children/\$20 family maximum. Bring a non-perishable item for REACH OUT LAKOTA and receive \$1 off your meal. RSVP online at www.saint-max.org or call parish office at 777-4322.

Mount Notre Dame H.S. Grande Gala "Pearl of the Orient," Saturday, March 6, 2010. Visit website www.mndhs.org for more info or call Jackie Siders at 821-3044 x125.

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 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 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.