

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... Marjorie & James Donnelly; Lisa, Dan & Olivia Woods; John Schneder & Erin, Drake & Brianne Blaney; and Andee, Duane, Dean & Jack Meyer.



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. Dinners include baked/fried fish \$6.50; fried shrimp \$7.50; personal cheese pizza \$4.50; grilled cheese \$3. Includes 2 sides and drink. Weekly dessert sales.

Rosary For Life. Our monthly Rosary for Life will be prayed in church on Tuesday evening, February 23, at 7:00 p.m. Please join us as we ask Our Blessed Mother to intercede for us with her Divine Son to move the hearts of our people so that once again our country will respect all life from conception to natural death.



Shared Food Weekend Will Be February 27-28

Friends,
Our February request is aimed at your heart. Your food donation is the gift that will be given to those who would not otherwise get a gift of love!

Here is this month's list of items: body lotion and cereal.

Mercy Neighborhood Ministries



LAST CHANCE!!!!

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 (February 14)	\$12,985.77
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



REMINDER! Young Families Event!

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. Check out their menu at www.wildflowercafeandcoffeehouse.com. If you haven't RSVP'd but would like to still join us, call Katie Collins at 759-0463 ASAP.

Dads: DADS' Night out! Look for an email 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.

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.)

A Lenten Spiritual Journey With Deacon Ken DeHanes

Come spend some time during Lent reflecting on the "Everyday Encounters with God", a book written by Fr. Benedict Groeschel, the author of many books, founder of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal and his weekly TV program airs every Sunday evening on EWTN.

The meetings will be once a week for five weeks the entire month of March. Deacon Ken will have two sessions, a morning session and an evening session. The evening session will meet on Mondays after Exposition/Evening Song at 7:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. starting March 1, 2010 in the School Library. The morning session will meet on Tuesdays after the Communion Service at 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. starting March 2, 2010 in the Ministries Room next to the Sacristy.

All materials will be provided (No cost, No sign-ups and No homework). You do not need to commit to all 5 weeks. Come when you can. Let the Holy Spirit be your guide. Any questions call Deacon Ken at 563-6377 x302 or email to dehanes_k@fuse.net.

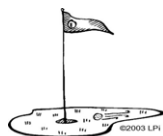
The hope is that each witness will open you to the numerous and the diverse Ways God is trying to get your attention. For as St. Paul declared to the Athenians, "In him we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28). God give us all that we have. He joins with us, not only in the beautiful aspects of life, but also in our trials and troubles. His coming to us is called grace. This book is about how to recognize the call of God's grace in our lives.

St. Michael PTO Easter Honeybaked Ham Sale

Order forms will be available in the church Gathering Space and parish office beginning March 13. Order forms will also be sent out through school. Return orders to school or parish offices.

Pickup is on Good Friday, April 2, 10:00-11:00 a.m. on the Library/Science Building porch.

Questions or phone orders, please call Maria DeVita at 530-9655.



St Michael Golf Outing, May 21, 2010

If you are interested in being on the golf outing committee, please contact Jeff Olinger at 617-3569.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

The weekend of March 6-7 will be Catholic Ministries Appeal Commitment Weekend here at St. Michael. God calls each of us to share our gifts with others for the building up of His Kingdom. The theme for the 2010 CMA is "Always and Everywhere, Give Thanks". The Archbishop is asking every Catholic household to participate in this year's 2010 Catholic Ministries Appeal, which funds six vital ministries of our Archdiocese. The 2010 Catholic Ministries Appeal is to the ministries funded by the Archdiocese as the weekly offertory is to our parish--so your participation and support is critical!

February 27-28 is the 2010 Catholic Ministries Appeal Announcement Weekend. We will be playing an audio message from the Archbishop detailing the appeal and asking every Catholic household to make a pledge. Please begin to consider prayerfully how you will participate. Every gift matters. For more information, please visit CatholicAppeal.info.



DON'T MISS OUT!

FATHER LAY GENERATION

ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION - MARCH 10, 2010

CLADDAGH IRISH PUB, 5075 DEERFIELD BLVD. 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.

FAMILY LENTEN ACTIVITY

Week Two:

Discussion:

Promise

Each family member shares a promise someone made to you that they did not keep – then a promise someone made and kept, even when it might have required sacrifice on their part. And what about you – what promises have you made and failed to keep? When did you keep a promise even though it was difficult?

Scripture:

Genesis 15: 5 - 21

Sharing:

What did God give to Abraham? What promises did God make to him? How would Abraham respond to the gift? What has God given to you that no one else has or could? What has God promised you? What will you promise to God in return? What promises are you making to God during this Lenten season? What will you do to make sure you keep those promises?

Prayer:

"O God, You have blessed us with your promise of salvation through Our Lord Jesus Christ. Help us to respond by keeping our promises of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during this time of Lent. Unite us to Christ as we pray to You in the words he taught us: " (pray together the Our Father)

Blessing:

"May God bless us and keep us faithful, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

Conclusion:

Write "promise" on one petal of the flower to count down to Easter.

Ministries at Mass

Recently, we have been reminding liturgical ministers that the Church desires each minister to perform only one ministry per Mass. As the General Instruction of the Roman Missal says, they should fulfill "solely but completely" their duty in that ministry. The reasoning for this is to allow each minister to focus on his or her important responsibility in the Mass, whether as a lector, altar server, music minister, usher, greeter or extraordinary minister of holy communion. This also allows more people in the community to take part in the ministries, rather than relying on a limited number of people. Although we have a large community, we are still in need of ministers at each Mass. Perhaps you have considered helping in one of these liturgical ministries. The parish can use your help!

If you are interested or would like some information on how to be involved, contact Brian Bisig, our director of music & worship, at bisig_b@fuse.net or 563-6377 x301.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

St. Michael
Caregivers Support Group
Thursday, February 25
7-8:30 p.m.

Ministries Room (behind sanctuary)

Are you caring for an elderly or disabled loved one? Are you managing a job, raising a family and handling caregiving responsibilities? By talking to others who share similar experiences, those who care for their loved ones with physical and mental challenges can receive helpful tips and information in a relaxed setting.

Sponsored by St. Michael Church and the Caregiver Assistance Network, a program of Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio, and funded in part by the Ohio Dept. of Aging.

Why A Support Group?

"At first dreams seem impossible, then improbable, then inevitable."

- Christopher Reeves

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.

RSVP is a program of Catholic Charities and is part of Senior Corps, a network of national service programs that provides Americans age 55 and older the opportunity to apply their life experience to meeting community needs. RSVP volunteers serve in a diverse range of nonprofit organizations, public agencies, and faith-based groups. Among other activities, they mentor at-risk youth, tutor elementary school age children, teach English to immigrants, and lend their business skills to community groups that provide critical social services. To begin volunteering or to learn more about RSVP call Mike Dutle or John Wolfenden at 241-7745, or email rsvp@catholiccharitiesswo.org.

Do You Know Someone Who Is Facing an Unplanned Pregnancy? If so, Catholic Charities provides free, confidential, supportive counseling. Discover positive options, including information and assistance with parenting or adoption planning. Please call Emily at 513-241-7745 or 513-470-8083 for more information.

*Thank***YOU**

St. Michael Boosters would like to thank Mindy Krumdieck and her committee--Shelaugh O'Bryan, Ted Richter, Jill Bumiller, the Weeks Family, the Huster Family, Mandy Martin, the Bailey Family, the DeVita Family--for the recent, extremely successful "Rockin' Event".

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.

COMMUNITY EVENTS OF INTEREST

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati Archbishop Karl J. Alter Scholarship Award was established in 1964 to promote African American Catholic leadership. Its purpose is to assist graduating senior high school students in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati who are African American and Catholic to attend a college or university.

The Scholarship is a four-year renewable grant (paid twice a year). Scholarship candidates are urged to attend a four-year college/university. Candidates who choose to attend a two-year college or university will be considered.

For a copy of the application, please visit www.catholiccincinnati.org/africanamericanministries or call Rev. Mr. Royce Winters, Director, at 513-421-3131, ext. 2640.

Calling All Runners! Catholics United for the Poor (CUP) needs runners for Team CUP in this year's Flying Pig! Run in the full, half or relay marathon with a purpose and help us support those in need in our community. Please contact Maria for more information at 513-417-1716 or cup!cupcincy.org.

Praying With Bread, Holy Saturday, April 3, 1-4 p.m., Mount Notre Dame Spirituality Center, 701 E. Columbia Ave., Reading. Led by Mary Evelyn Jegen, SNDdeN. Spend a quiet, reflective afternoon praying over the mystery of our redemption while making festive bread. Take a loaf home for Easter morning. Open to the first ten adults who register. No experience required. To register contact Sr. Ruth Kettman, CSJ, 513-679-8191 or register online at www.sndohio.org/spiritschedule.htm