

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... Tracy, Mark & Gabe Walriven & Bailey Matzet; Melissa, Jim, Megan & Brody Barr; Julie & Corbin Ausman; Helena Twardonska; Amy, Ed, Jacob, Alyssa, Ethan & Jared Merk; and welcome back to Jane Ries.



LENTEN FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION
March 5, 2010

- Evening Prayer with Benediction will be held at 7:30 p.m. instead of 5:15 p.m. on this First Friday only.
- Exposition will still begin after 8:15 a.m. Mass and will continue until 7:30 p.m. **There will be NO Stations of the Cross on this Friday.** Adoration will still be held from 9 p.m. until Midnight.

Thank you to all who signed up in advance last month for all-day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on First Fridays. **Please sign-up in the Gathering Space this month for one or more 30-minute periods of prayer for you and your family on March 5 (from 9 a.m. until 7:30 p.m.).** Consider bringing a friend who may not have experienced this prayer. Remember, we must have two people present at all times when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed. To sign up or for more information, contact Brian Bisig at bisig_b@fuse.net or 563-6377 x301.

Lenten Dinners, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and St. Michael PTO, are now available on Fridays through 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.



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, March 4.** Babysitting is available. For more info, call Carolyn Hoyt (777-4116.)

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.

<i>Stewardship of Treasure</i>	<i>Operational Funds (White Envelopes)</i>
Last Sunday's Collection + Online (February 21)	\$14,600.00
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

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
MARCH 6-7

God calls us to share what we have to help others. The Catholic Ministries Appeal is an opportunity to share our love for the Lord by sharing our treasure to help neighbors near and far throughout the 19 counties of our Archdiocese. Please plan to participate on Appeal Commitment Weekend on March 6 and 7. Every registered parish household should receive a letter this week from the Archbishop. Please bring your completed pledge card and pledge envelope to St. Michael next week or mail them to the Archdiocese in the envelope provided. Thank you!

If you do not receive a letter in the mail this week, we invite you to pick up a pledge packet on the table in the lower level Gathering Space.

LAST CHANCE!!!

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 gives 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.



FAMILY LENTEN ACTIVITY

Week Three:

Growth

Discussion:

Recall times when you planted something (tree, shrub, flowers, vegetables, etc.). Identify times when the seed or plant flourished and bloomed and bore fruit ~ then, other times when the plant withered or died. What are the elements that contributed to healthy, vibrant plants? What were the causes when plants failed to take root and bloom? Have you ever seen a dying plant come back to life? What happened?

Scripture:

Luke 13: 1 - 9

Sharing:

Why do you think Jesus is comparing us to the barren fig tree? Think of things God has given us to help us grow and bloom in our faith (Sacraments, commandments, teachers, Bible, prayer, our families). How is our relationship with God and the Church less than it could be when we neglect these helps? Name one or two things you will do individually and as a family to "water your faith" during the days of Lent.

Prayer:

"O God of life and love, You have given us countless helps to keep our faith alive and growing. May we embrace your gifts that keep our relationship with you strong. We praise and glorify you always as we pray: Glory Be..."

Blessing:

"Bless us always, O Lord, with your life and love. Amen."

Conclusion:

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

LAST CHANCE!!

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 by March 1.** Payment can be dropped off or sent to the parish office. 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.

SCRIP \$EN\$E

Because of you, the parish has earned over \$111,000 in just over 4 years!

DO YOU NEED A KROGER CARD?

Thank you to all the families who have contacted us to get a new Kroger card. If you need a new or replacement card, please stop by the parish office for a new one. If that is not convenient, call or email Linda or Jen – we will send you one through the mail or through your child at school. 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>
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
12/27/2009 – 01/23/2010	145	\$ 38,966.53	\$ 1,558.66

MEIJER NOW AVAILABLE!

Meijer \$25 & \$100 gift cards are now available with 3% going to the parish! If you shop at Meijer, please consider purchasing gift cards through the Scrip Program to use for your weekly shopping needs!

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. 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.

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

BLOOD PRESSURE/DIABETIC SCREENINGS



NEXT WEEKEND - MARCH 6-7
After All Masses
(in Ministries Room)

FRIENDS OF JESUS is a group for adults with developmental challenges (18 years of age or older). 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 would like to extend an invitation to our neighboring parishes who would like to join us for our March Gathering on Saturday, March 13th from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at All Saints Parish Center, 8939 Montgomery Road. At this gathering, we will look at our faith through stories from the Bible. 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.

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 by Friday, March 26.

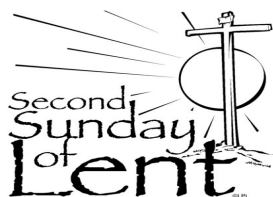
Pickup is on Good Friday, April 2, 10:00-11:00 a.m. on the Library/Science Building porch.

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.



USED UNIFORM SALE

TUESDAY, MARCH 16
6-7 P.M.
MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM
(next to cafeteria)

Any questions, call Stephanie Sage (284-2533) or Amy Sharpshair (733-0031).

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.

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.

COMMUNITY EVENTS OF INTEREST

Lenten Vespers (Evening Prayer) will be sung on Sunday, March 7, 7:30 p.m., in the chapel of Mount St. Mary's Seminary, 6616 Beechmont Ave. The public is invited to attend.

Kent State Men's Chorus Free Concert, Thursday, March 18, 7:00 p.m., St. Saviour Church (corner of Plainfield Rd. & Myrtle Ave.)

The Moeller Band Boosters are hosting their semi-annual Antique Show and Sale at Moeller High School, 9001 Montgomery Rd. on Saturday, March 6, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM and Sunday, March 7, from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM. The Antique Show has been a tradition for over 25 years and is the most important fundraiser for the band. Over 100 dealers will be in attendance with a wide variety of antiques and collectibles. Admission is \$4 and the Boosters will be selling their famous baked potato soup and other delicious food items. The band is made up of students from Moeller, Mount Notre Dame and Ursuline Academy. For more information see www.moeller.org or call the band director at 513-791-1680.