

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Friends,

A college freshman was proudly showing off his new apartment to his buddies very early one morning. When they got into the living room one of his friends noticed a large brass gong and hammer in the corner and inquired, "What's that for?"

"That's my new talking clock," The fellow replied.

"A clock?" the friends retorted, "there's no numbers or hands on it. How does it work?"

"Watch," said the frosh and he proceeded to pick up the gong and hammer and bang it so loud that everyone's ears were ready to burst.

Suddenly from the other side of the wall somebody screamed, "Knock it off, you idiot. It's seven o'clock in the morning!"

In the ancient Greek culture, there were two notions of time. The first was *chronos*; the second was *kairos*. The former referred to chronological time: the measurement of the intervals between temporal events. The latter referred to what we might call the "right time, and dealt with matters intangible.

All of us are familiar with the right time to speak or refrain from speaking; to act or not do so. As every teenager knows, there's a good and not so good time to ask dad for the car. Right?

When it comes to assessing our relationship with God and acting accordingly, a lot of us will defer the experience to chronological moment of crisis and pain. At the time the words "divorce" or "disease" are heard or depression - be it economic or emotional - is felt, many will then storm heaven and dedicate themselves to change. God who created the human heart understands why we may wait. After most of us experience a painful moment in our lives, we naturally may want to separate ourselves from it as quickly as possible and purge our memory of the pain. Yet, the very recollection can be cathartic if we use the time to appreciate how grace kept us strong and what we learned from the experience.

When we gather to celebrate Eucharist, the gospel is proclaimed and interpreted for us. It is my hope that when I preach, an experience one is having at that time - be it painful or joyous - or the recollection of an experience may be viewed in light of the word of God. When the word combines with the occurrence the *kairos* moment happens and we can grow not only in faith, but hope and love as well.

In these days when nature forces us to slow down a bit, perhaps this might be the right time to take the time to sit alone, open that Bible, and let God move us. I'll bet we'll be surprised.



Love,

Fr. Dave

MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR Eucharistic Adoration beginning at midnight Monday through midnight Tuesday. It lasts for one hour and is a beautiful way to begin your spiritual new year. The hours needed are 2:00 a.m., 6:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., and 12:00 noon. Call the parish office to begin.

MASS FOR SHUT-INS will be aired on channel 21 at 11:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. every Sunday.

FUNERAL LUNCH CAPTAIN for February is Betty Booth, co-captain is Julie Kerschner

Schedule of Liturgies

January 28 - February 5

SATURDAY , January 28, Vigil: 4th Ordinary Sunday	
4:30 PM	Francis Theis; Kay Lyn Petrosino; Terry Gaietto & Rose Ann Gaietto Lewis; Loraine & Clyde Cannon
6:30 PM	Rose Wilhelm; Right to Life of the Unborn
SUNDAY , January 29, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8:00 AM	St. Mary Parish Family
10:00 AM	Clyde H. & Clyde F. Roszman; Cathy Margraf & Mary Lou Huss; Betty Bell; Lucinda Parkins Schultz
11:30 AM	Robert K. Bernard; Rosemary Hess
MONDAY , January 30, Weekday	
7:00 AM	Mass at St. Francis Convent
8:30 AM	Hubert & Dorothy Elchert; Sandra Mary Ferris
TUESDAY , January 31, John Bosco, priest	
6:30 AM	Communion Service
8:30 AM	Jim Focht
4:00 PM	Mass at St. Francis Convent
WEDNESDAY , February 1, Weekday	
7:00 AM	Mass at St. Francis Convent
8:30 AM	All School Mass Adam Michul; Frank Longo
THURSDAY , February 2, Presentation of the Lord	
6:30 AM	Communion Service
8:30 AM	Mary C. Miller; Eugene & Mary Elchert
FRIDAY , February 3, Weekday	
7:30 AM	Mass at St. Francis Convent
8:30 AM	Harold Shaver; Charles E. Smith
SATURDAY , February 4, Vigil: 5th Ordinary Sunday	
4:30 PM	Earl Rack; George Harvan; John & Joe Panuto; Paul & Amabilis Huss 60th Anniv.
6:30 PM	John U. Lucius; Evelyn Heil
SUNDAY , February 5, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8:00 AM	Joseph Keefe; Loretta Goshe
10:00 AM	Shawn Weber; Mary Ruehle; Frank & Sara Ambrose; Charlie Bistner
11:30 AM	St. Mary Parish Family



PARISH NEWS

IRISH REVERSE RAFFLE WILL BE MARCH 11. Mark your calendars! Watch the bulletin for more details.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS to the family and friends of *Charles Bistner (67) and Charles Brandt (61)*. We pray the bereaved may find comfort at this difficult time.

SCAT DRIVERS for February 5 are Larry & Diane Wadsworth.

THE NEXT BLOOD PRESSURE WEEKEND is February 4 and 5. Nurses will take blood pressure readings before Masses in the vestibule and after Masses in the front pews.

ATTENTION ADULT BELL RINGERS: Practice will be on February 9 & 16 at 6:30 p.m. We will play for the 10:00 Mass on February 19. Come ready to learn some new music.

PARISH STUDENTS IN THE 5TH - 8TH GRADE are needed to participate in the children's bell choir. Practices are on the 2nd and 3rd Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. Please leave your name at the parish office or contact Mr. Fretz





Sunday Night BINGO

Held in the Recreation Room of St. Mary School
Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Early birds at 6:30 p.m.

BINGO WORKERS for today, January 29; Coordinator: Scott Swartz; Gate: Scott Swartz, Dick Gaietto; Instants: Dan Scherger, Franz Dutro, Mike Fabrizio; Floor: Pete Reinhart, Jim Buchman; Concessions: Jim Weaver.

GOD SQUAD

Next God Squad Youth Mass is today, January 29 at 6:00 p.m.

*General meeting to follow Mass.
Join us in praising our Lord!*



STEUBENVILLE 2006

Please join us for a spirit-filled weekend at Franciscan University of Steubenville this June. The cost is \$180 which covers bus transportation, conference cost, all meals, and lodging. All students entering 9th grade through 2006 high school graduates are eligible. Adult chaperones are welcome. (Protecting the Youth Course is required by March.) Call Jane at 448-8841, Kim at 447-1129, or Lea at 448-4913 with any questions.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER weekend is 44 hours where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones, and focus only on each other. The next weekend is February 17 - 19 at the Holiday Inn in Fremont. A quick response is encouraged. For more information or to register, contact John & Marge Greve at 692-1106.

ST. MARY PRESCHOOL will begin accepting applications from St. Mary Parish members beginning February 6 - 17. After that time it will be open the general public. A \$20 registration fee is needed to hold your child's spot. School forms and handbooks will be available in the school and parish offices. Feel free to call the school office at 447-5202 with any questions you may have.



ATTICA K OF C FISH FRY will be held February 3, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Adults are \$7.00 and children are \$4.00.

OLC RETREAT HOUSE, Carey, is sponsoring a retreat for divorced or separated persons on February 24, 25, & 26. Contact Brother Randy Kin at 396-7970 for more information.

<i>Offering</i>		January 21 & 22, 2006	
<i>Total</i>		<u>Total \$</u>	<u>Env.</u>
Amount Needed Each Sunday		\$ 13,000.00	
Sunday Offering		\$ 10,301.17	484
Difference	-	\$ 2,698.83	
(Includes loose money & checks)		\$ 1,182.73	
Christmas		\$ 375.00	4
New Year's Day		\$ 19.00	4
Repair and Maintenance		\$ 80.00	4
Deposit		\$ 10,775.17	
Tuition Assistance		\$ 53.00	3
High School Sunday Offering		\$ 20.49	14
Children's Offering		\$ 81.93	77
Total Sunday, 2006		\$ 10,930.59	
Total Sunday, 2005		\$ 7,676.24	
Total Christmas to date, 2005		\$ 26,216.00	
Total Christmas, 2004		\$ 28,402.65	

FEBRUARY 4 & 5 MASS SCHEDULES

To help with scheduling conflicts, please be sure to get a replacement if you cannot attend on your day. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Mass Coordinators:

4:30 p.m. Marguerite Bernard
6:30 p.m. Sheila Jeffrey
8:00 a.m. Cindy Kin
10:00 a.m. Mark Zimmerman
11:30 a.m. Jeanne Tackett

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:30 p.m., Kate & Mike Durso, M. Angela Patuto, Joyce Hart, Jamie Hohman, Birdie Zimmerman, Anne Steinmetz, Ann Jones, Wanda Mills, Sr. Rosemarie Golembewski.
6:30 p.m. Janice & Steven Panuto, Theresa Martorana, Rose Gaietto, Robert Bland, Matthew Gaietto, Len Illig, Chris Rubeck, Allison Jones.
8:00 a.m., Shaun Daly, Pat Schilling Pat Depinet, Matt Coleman, Margaret Hoyda, Joanne Brickner, Jim Peer, Jack Houck, LeRoy Coleman.

Lectors:

4:30 p.m., Sr. Rosemarie
6:30 p.m., Carol Keefe
8:00 a.m., Merv Wilhelm
10:00 a.m. Cindy Bogner
11:30 a.m. Joe Hartzell

Student Lectors:

4:30 p.m. Mason McCool
6:30 p.m. Kristina Gaietto
8:00 a.m. Vincent Anway
10:00 a.m. Clay Magers
11:30 a.m. Zachary Dutro

10:00 a.m., Nancy & Ron Ruffing, Ken & Sue Ritzler, Dave & Marge Fisher, Karen Behm, Donna Good, Denny Fooks, Deb Gerschutz.
11:30 a.m., Meg Smith Mary Shultz, Linda Bell, Laura Kommick, Kelly Webster, Julie Willman, Julie Brickner, Helen Mullins, Connie Saxton, Carolyn Price.

DID YOU KNOW THAT WE HAVE A COLLEGE outreach program? Tiffin Catholic Students Association meets at 11:30 a.m. on Thursdays in room 22 of St. Mary School. You can get more information at www.tiffin-catholics.org.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: St. Mary, midnight Monday through midnight Tuesday; St. Joseph, midnight Tuesday through midnight Wednesday.

TIFFIN PRAYER GROUP: Thursdays, 7:45 p.m., in private homes. Call Deacon Walter Beat at 447-1174 with your prayer intentions or more information.

MINISTERS OF CARE TO THE SICK will meet February 13 at 7:00 p.m. on the ground floor conference room at Mercy Hospital. For more information, contact Ellie Amann at 447-3193.

CENTURY FARM AWARDS 2006

Applications are now being accepted. Please submit copies of old deeds, titles, or parish or family religious records indicating exact date to support claims. The information must show family residence or ownership for at least 100 years. The deadline is March 3. Send applications to Rural Life Office, 1021 W. State St., Fremont, Oh. 43420.

2006 FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: We can learn a parenting tip from Jesus in today's gospel and "speak as one having authority." Your children may resist and think you want to "destroy" them. They may even "cry out with a loud voice," but they will "know who you are," what you stand for and what is expected of them.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL SCHOOL TUITION RAFFLE ticket sale is underway. Tickets are \$10 each and only 300 tickets will be sold. The winner receives free tuition for the 2006-2007 school year at your choice of St. Mary, St. Joseph, or Calvert. The drawing will be held April 8. You can purchase your tickets at any of the three schools or St. Joseph Guardian House

"52" Club Winners

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| 1. Virginia LaFontaine | 2. Rose Stritt |
| 3. Dave Ehrenfried | 4. Clarence L. Smith |
| 5. Bridget Willman | |