

# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

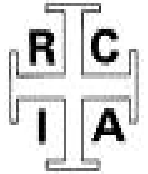
## Schedule of Liturgies February 28 ~ March 8

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| <b>Saturday, February 28, Lenten Weekday</b>  |  |
| 4:30 PM                                       | Dec'd Members of Bernard & Walk Families                             |
| 6:30 PM                                       | Becky Krupp  |
| <b>Sunday, March 1, First Sunday of Lent</b>  |  |
| 8:00 AM                                       | St. Mary Parish Family   |
| 10:00 AM                                      | Catherine Lapczenski; Marilyn Wurm;                                  |
| 11:30 AM                                      | Lois Traunero  |
| <b>Monday, March 2, Lenten Weekday</b>        |  |
| 8:30 AM                                       | Clement Wurm   |
| 12:00 AM                                      | Eucharistic Adoration Begins   |
| <b>Tuesday, March 3, Lenten Weekday</b>       |  |
| 6:30 AM                                       | Communion Service  |
| 8:30 AM                                       | Dick Theis   |
| 12:00 AM                                      | Eucharistic Adoration Ends   |
| <b>Wednesday, March 4, Lenten Weekday,</b>    |  |
| <b>All School Mass</b>                        |  |
| 8:30 AM                                       | Francis & Bea Breidenbach  |
| <b>7:00 PM</b>                                | <b>Stations</b>  |
| <b>Thursday, March 5, Lenten Weekday</b>      |  |
| 6:30 AM                                       | Communion Service  |
| 8:30 AM                                       | Mary & Ellen Thomas  |
| <b>Friday, March 6, Lenten Weekday</b>        |  |
| 8:30 AM                                       | Paul Wank & Jeanne Wank Rothenberger                                 |
| <b>Saturday, March 7, Lenten Weekday</b>      |  |
| 4:30 PM                                       | George Steinmetz; Margaret Fleck; Eulalia Company; Robert Sendelbach |
| 6:30 PM                                       | Irma Hill  |
| <b>Sunday, March 8, Second Sunday of Lent</b> |  |
| 8:00 AM                                       | Suzanne Simmons  |
| 10:00 AM                                      | Mary Hossler   |
| 11:30 AM                                      | St. Mary Parish Family   |



**THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 1,** our Catechumens and Candidates will go to St. Michael the Archangel in Findlay for a service where they will be recognized by Bishop Leonard Blair called the Rite of Election.

The Rite of Election is designed as part of the Liturgy for the first Sunday of Lent. The RCIA members have class each week in which they are studying our Faith. This Rite of Election is of great importance to our parish family. Nine people from St. Mary and one from St. Pius X are saying "We want to be part of you and through prayer we believe we are called to the Catholic Faith." They need your support as they continue their journey to the Lord.



Our Catechumens (those preparing for the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist) are: Isaac Kunze and Robert Mathias. Our Candidates (those preparing for Confirmation, Holy Eucharist and reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church) are: Craig Ardner, Shawn Correll, Lady Francis Einsel, Sandra Fitzpatrick, Barbara Brock, Nadea Traxler, Loren Weingart, and Kevin Gottfried. Please keep our Catechumens and Candidates in your prayers as they grow in faith so at the Easter Vigil, they will embrace the Catholic Faith with their whole heart and soul.

**AS ST. PATRICK'S DAY APPROACHES,** Fr. Gary is reminded of a statue of St. Patrick that was once in the church years ago. If anyone knows what happened to St. Patrick, please call the parish office.

**ALL WOMEN OF THE TOLEDO DIOCESE** are invited to a breakfast at the Old Barn Out Back, Lima, with speaker Brooke Taylor, 15 year radio veteran. Cost is \$10.00 and begins at 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. She will share her fast-paced journey of life that left her empty until she came back to the Catholic Church and found true peace. RSVP by March 4 to Judy Brennan, 5498 River Ridge St, Elida, OH 45807

**"COFFEE AND CONVERSATION"** is after the 8:30 a.m. Tuesday Mass in room 22 in the school. Everyone is welcome for coffee, rolls and socializing after Mass.

**SOUP AND SANDWICH AND STATIONS** begins March 4 and each Wednesday following during Lent. Soup and Sandwich starts at 6:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria and Stations follow in the church at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to join us during this Lenten journey.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY** baptized: *Alaina Lynn Nye and Robert Scott Nye* ~ parents are Scott and Amber Nye. We welcome them into our parish family and the Catholic faith community.

### GOD SQUAD UPCOMING EVENTS:

- March 1, Parish Mission at St. Joseph at 7:00 p.m.
  - March 8, Gathering, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in the school basement.
  - March 15, Music and Adoration, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
  - March 22, 11:30 a.m. Youth Mass with brunch.
  - March 29, Movies, games, and Easter egg decorating from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
- Jr. God Squad** is open to 6 - 8 graders and meets on the first Sunday of the month in the extended day area of St. Mary Campus from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.



**CORRECTION:** The Mass for the Confirmation Prayer Partners is April 22 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church.

**WE EXPRESS OUR SINCEREST SYMPATHY** and prayers for the family and friends of *Theresa N. Martorana (77) and Rita M. Seipp (83)* during this difficult time. May God place them in the shelter of His arms.

### Offering **February 21 & 22, 2009**

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|----------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Total</b>                     |                     |                    |
| <b>Amount Needed Each Sunday</b> | <b>\$ 13,000.00</b> | <b>Env</b>         |
| <b>Sunday Offering</b>           | <b>\$ 7,641.74</b>  | <b>307</b>         |
| Difference                       | -                   | <b>\$ 5,358.26</b> |
| Repair and Maintenance           | \$ 25.00            | 2                  |
| Youth Offering                   | \$ 38.25            | 35                 |
| <b>Total Sunday, 2009</b>        | <b>\$ 7,704.99</b>  |                    |
| <b>Total Sunday, 2008</b>        | <b>\$ 9,966.04</b>  |                    |



**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:** Today's gospel tells us "the Spirit DROVE Jesus into the desert." Evidently, Jesus was reluctant to go! We all have areas in family relationships which we avoid. During this Lent, let the Spirit lead you into those areas you have been avoiding. The gospel promises us: "This is the time of fulfillment." Don't miss the opportunity.

**ST. MARY'S 18TH ANNUAL IRISH REVERSE RAFFLE** will be held March 14 at the Community Civic Center. Tickets are still available and are \$100.00 and can be obtained by calling Juli or Nick Huston at 455-9783 or in the parish office.

**SPRING FORWARD NEXT WEEKEND.** Set your clocks ahead one hour, according to the calendars.

**SCAT DRIVERS** for March 7 are Ken and Ann Jones.

**IN AN EFFORT TO SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITIES,** Seneca County EMS is searching for new people to serve as volunteer Emergency Medical Technicians. All training costs will be covered by Seneca County EMS through training grants. Interested individuals may contact the Seneca County EMS office at 447-0266.

**CALVERT CATHOLIC SCHOOL HAPPENINGS:**

**PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE** will be March 5 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Come meet the teachers, visit the classrooms and pick up a registration packet. Packets are also available in St. Mary and St. Joseph Campus' offices.

**OPEN HOUSE, PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND REGISTRATION RAFFLE** will be March 8, at St. Joseph and St. Mary's Campuses from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.. To facilitate early registration at all three CCS campuses, those who are already registered and those who register by March 6, 2009 will be eligible for a drawing for a \$100.00 voucher toward their child's education. CCS is offering two \$100.00 vouchers for each of their three campuses. Pre-school and Kindergarten Registration will take place on the St. Mary's campus that day. All classrooms will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., displaying student's work. All are welcome to stop in and see what Calvert Catholic Schools are all about.



**SPIRITSPACE GALLERY AND GIFTS** features gifts and cards for RCIA candidates, First Communion and Confirmation. Located inside St. Francis Spirituality Center. Open daily and Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRIES** at Republic's Town Hall will be March 13 & 27 at 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$8.50 per meal and drive - thru carry-outs will be available.

**RENEWABLE \$500 SCHOLARSHIP** is available for those entering the healthcare profession at Mercy College of North-west Ohio. Contact the parish office if you are interested.

**SUNDAY NIGHT BINGO**

Doors open at 5:00 p.m.; Early birds at 6:05 p.m.  
Bingo begins at 6:30 p.m.



**BINGO WORKERS** for today, March 1; **Coordinator:** Jan Betz, **Gate:** Jan Betz; **Instants:** Annette Everhart, Chris Granata; **Floor:** Lori Weinger, Regina Runion, Anthony Siebenaller, Tom Ritzler; **Concessions:** ??????

**52 CLUB**

- "52" CLUB WINNERS 2-24-2009**  
**1st** Elizabeth Conn      **2nd** Norma Schumm  
**3rd** Dr. Tom Burkart  
**4th** Mr. & Mrs. Roger Brubaker  
**5th** Dr. & Mrs. William Carrigan

To have & to laugh  
**Men, Women & Other Mysteries of Marriage**

Enjoy humorous observations about our differences and celebrate what joins us together with

**Kevin Anderson, Ph.D.**

Psychologist, author, husband, father and humorist  
 Sponsored by St. Joseph and St. Mary Parishes

When: Saturday, March 21

Where: Elizabeth Schaefer Apartment gymnasium,

Doors open: 5:30pm

Buffet Dinner: 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm

Kevin's first presentation: 6:45 pm - 7:30 pm

Dessert/Break: 7:30 - 7:50 pm

Kevin's second presentation: 7:50 pm - 8:35 pm

Free to socialize until 9:30 pm

Cost: \$50/couple includes dinner for 2 and Kevin's presentation

Catering provided by Greenbriar of Carey

Please complete the information below and submit by March 14

Couple's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail or phone contact to confirm reservation : \_\_\_\_\_

On a first come basis of paid RSVP's, seating may be reserved for 2, 3, or 4 couples/table. Please include name of other couple(s):

Submit completed RSVP with \$50/couple fee to:

St. Mary Parish, 85 S. Sandusky St.

Contact Rose Gaietto 447-2087 ext 33      rgaietto@earthlink.net

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY FOR AGES 5 - 10** is held every 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sunday of the month at the 10:00 Mass in the basement of church.

**☘☘☘ March 7 & 8 ☘☘☘**

**Mass Coordinators:**

- 4:30 p.m. M. Bernard
- 6:30 p.m. Sheila Jeffery
- 8:00 a.m. Ruth Bowman
- 10:00 a.m. Mark Zimmerman
- 11:30 a.m. Ruthann Stultz

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

- 4:30 p.m. Mike Durso, Joyce Hart, Ann Jones, Kim Lucius, Patti Roland.
- 6:30 p.m. Matthew Gaietto, John Ink, Al Ubri, Kelly & Ron Witte.
- 8:00 a.m. Dave & Marge Fisher, Juanita Magers, Alvin & Carol Ringlein, Don Schalk.
- 10:00 a.m. Chris Hafley, Bernard & Martha Hohman, Paul Lapczenski, Chris Rubeck, Nancy & Ron Ruffing, Bernie Steinmetz.
- 11:30 a.m. Bev Martin, Helen Mullins, Tracey Sherman, Mary Shultz, Howie Stultz.

**Servers:**

- 4:30 p.m. Team C
- 6:30 p.m. Team E
- 8:00 a.m. Team K
- 10:00 a.m. Team T
- 11:30 a.m. Team CC

**Student Lectors:**

- 4:30 p.m. Eric Rochester
- 6:30 p.m. Kelli Weinger
- 8:00 a.m. Amanda Traxler
- 10:00 a.m. Shyann Allen
- 11:30 a.m. Erica Shultz

**Lectors:**

- 4:30 p.m. Lester Huth
- 6:30 p.m. Sheila Jeffery
- 8:00 a.m. Juanita Magers
- 10:00 a.m. Louise Ducsay
- 11:30 a.m. Ruthann Stultz

Thank you to our Sponsor of the Week!

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: In family squabbles, truce is better than friction.