

LITURGIES AND DEVOTIONS

Tuesday, February 21

2:00 pm Fairhaven: Liturgy – Sick & Elderly

Ash Wednesday, February 22 (Distribution of Ashes)

8:00 am Chapel: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

8:30 am Church: **Liturgy** –Geraldine “Peg” Orians

11:00 am Chapel: **Liturgy** – Linus & Bernice Riedlinger

7:00 pm Church: **Liturgy** – Edward B. Weaver

Thursday, February 23

11:00 am Chapel: Liturgy – Living & Deceased of the Dale & Miriam Vent Family

Friday, February 24

10:30 am Church: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

11:00 am Church: Liturgy –Michael Frisch

7:00 pm **Church:** Way of the Cross

Saturday, February 25

4:00 pm Church: Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00 pm Church: Liturgy – Mary Lou Wieging

Sunday, February 26 *First Sunday of Lent*

8:30 am Chapel: Liturgy – For the Parish

10:30 am Church: Liturgy – Michael J. Kinley+

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Saturday, February 25 – 5:00 pm (Upper)

Cant – Dodie Rowe

Euch – * Claude & * Marge Beitler

Kathy & Tom Creger / Gerald Elchert

Hosp – Donna Taylor / Sandy Taylor / Helen Vent / Jackie Vent

Lect – Maury Logsdon

Serv – Hunter Rhoden / Emily Thiel / Abigail Thiel

Sunday, February 26 – 8:30 am (Kirby)

Euch – * Lou Ann Boes / * Paulette Boes

Darrell Frey / Julia Massara / Matthew Parsell

Hosp – Donald & Janice Stark

Lect – Dennis Jaqueth / John Riedlinger

Serv – Anna Massara / Angela Massara / James Massara

Sunday, February 26 - 10:30 am (Upper)

Cant – Michelle Burch-Morehart

Euch – * Barry & * Mary Alice Wines / Becky Droll / Terry

Hartle / Flavel Heyman / Tanya Kurtz / Jacie Lehman

Deb Mullholand / Barb Stickel

Hosp – Deb & George Rellinger / Nick Hensel / Jacob Herring

Lect – Catherine Gillen

Serv – Anna Johnson / Kalene Johnson / Keith Stuckey

Scripture Readings

February 19, 2012 – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Isaiah 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 1:18-22

Gospel Mark 2:1-12

Readings for next weekend: Cycle A

February 26, 2012 – First Sunday of Lent

First Reading Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

Second Reading Romans 5:12-19

Gospel Matt 4:1-11

After Jesus fasted for forty days and nights in the desert, the devil tempted him in three ways. Through all these, Jesus resisted temptation and remained faithful to the Lord God. When the devil left, angels came and ministered to Jesus.

Living Liturgy, 2012

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, February 20 *Presidents' Day*
No School

Tuesday, February 21

7:00 pm RCIA (Community Room)

Thursday, February 23

7:00 pm Finance Meeting (Community Room)

Sunday, February 25

3:00 pm Rite of Election, St. Michael, Findlay

7:00 pm Parish Mission begins (Church/Upper)

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

	Feb. 12, 2012	Year to Date
Offertory Envelopes	5,505.00	188,664.70
Loose Cash/Visitors	568.09	19,866.82
Total	6,073.09	208,531.52
Budget	6,800.00	224,400.00
<i>Sunday Collection Deficit</i>	<i>-\$726.91</i>	<i>-\$15,868.48</i>
Envelope Count	160	
School Endowment	50.00	
Outreach	15.00	
School Support	100.00	

Saint Peter School – Kathy White, principal

This week student council sold singing telegrams for Valentine's Day. Student council has fund-raisers during the year, then decides how to use their funds to help the school. The students have fun with these extra activities as part of their school days, and the student council members learn valuable leadership skills. After Ash Wednesday, the classes will take turns preparing the Way of the Cross for every Monday morning of Lent at 8:15 am in the church. Please join us. Don't forget our spaghetti dinner coming up on March 4th from 11:30 – 1:30 in the school gym. Drive-thru is available at the parish house across from the school. Thank You!

Come back to me with all your heart!

Parish Mission: Please save the dates for the Parish Mission which will begin Sunday, February 26th and go through Wednesday February 29th. The evening sessions will begin each night at 7:00 pm at the Church in Upper. On the last evening, we will have a time for fellowship and food after our prayer. *We need a group to organize a simple social on that evening. Please call Sister Jeanette to volunteer your services. If we have no volunteers, we will forego the social.*

The Theme of the Mission is: **“Come back to me with all your heart”**. We will be reflecting on the **Parable of the Prodigal Son** as told to the Scribes and Pharisees.

Sunday: *The Younger Son*

Monday: *The Elder Son*

Tuesday: *The Forgiving Father*

Wednesday: *The Parable (through the eyes of the servants)*

The Story of Hosea the Prophet

Call of the prophets to Repentance

Give yourself a gift of “feeding your soul” on your Lenten Journey!

The K of C will serve fish sandwiches and French fries on Ash Wednesday, February 22, from 6:00-8:30 PM at the K of C Hall. The cost is \$3.00.

Lenten Observances and Obligations:

- Ash Wednesday, February 22nd and Good Friday, April 6th are days of abstinence from meat and also days of fast, that is, limited to a single full meal.
- In regard to Good Friday, the teaching of the Second Vatican Council should be recalled: *"Let the Pascal 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, #110.
- 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).
- All Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.
- The degree of seriousness regarding these obligatory days are addressed in the teaching of the Holy Father. *The obligation to do penance is a serious one; the obligation to observe, as a whole or substantially, the penitential days specified by the Church is also serious. People should seek to do more rather than less. Fast and abstinence on the days prescribed should be considered a minimum response to the Lords' call to penance and conversion.*
- NOTE: If a person is unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, they are urged to practice other forms of self denial that are suitable for their condition.

Stations of the Cross: In our parish we will have the opportunity to make the Way of the Cross during Lent as follows:

- On Mondays at 8:15 **am** at Upper beginning with Monday, February 27th led by the school children.
- On Wednesday, March 14th, at 6:30 pm at Upper, and on March 28th at 7:00 pm at Kirby, our Religious Education students will pray the stations with Father J.R.
- Friday Stations in Upper, will be at 7:00 pm every other week: February 24th March 9, and 23rd.
- Friday Stations in Kirby, will be at 7:00 pm every other week: March 2, 16, and 30th.

During Lent this devotion is especially meaningful. Please join us in prayer at any or all of these times. May this special devotion help us to "walk with the Lord."

Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion: After prayerful discernment, the RCIA Team determined that our catechumens are ready to receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, & Eucharist), and our candidates are prepared for full communion with the Catholic Church. They have been engaged in learning the basics of what it means to live as a Disciple of Christ. They have spent time praying, studying, asking questions, and living the Gospel message.

Next Sunday, February 26th we will have the rite of Enrollment of Names and the Rite of Sending for our catechumens and candidates. In the afternoon, they will attend the Rite of Election at St. Michael Church in Findlay where Bishop Blair will encourage them to ask the Holy Spirit to enlighten their minds about what in their own lives is in need of conversion.

Please continue to keep our catechumens and candidates in your prayers as they enter into the next phase of their faith formation.

The School Spaghetti dinner is March 4th! Meal and raffle tickets will be on sale after Masses on Feb.25 and Feb.26 in Upper and Kirby. Adult dinner ticket is \$7.00; child dinner ticket is \$4.00; and raffle tickets are 50 cents each or 3 for \$1. Please HELP!

Scripture Readings during Lent: This Lent, we will be using the Sunday readings from Cycle A instead of those from Cycle B. These readings will NOT be found in our Missals. We encourage you to listen very carefully to the lector as he or she proclaims God's WORD! The lectors will make a special effort to speak clearly into the microphone so you can hear God's message even without the printed text!

Religious Education – Yvonne Baldwin

Reminder for Grades 7 & 8 – The Toledo Diocese's Middle School Rally: Know, Love, Serve! Where you will enjoy Music, Faith, Fun, Food and Friends will be held Saturday, March 24, from 11 am – 6 pm, St. Michael Catholic Church, 750 Bright Road, Findlay.

Registration forms must be received by your RE teacher by February 29.

The cost is \$20/person (includes lunch, Mass and t-shirt). For more information, contact Yvonne Baldwin at 419-294-5590; Nicki Frey at 419-273-3435; Deb Mullholand at 419-294-5346.

Altar Server Training: Are you interested in becoming an altar server? Will you turn ten by July 1, 2012? We have had the problem lately of altar servers not showing up for their assigned times. Thankfully, most of the time, other servers at those Masses were willing to substitute at the last minute. However, a few of our servers have been substituting every other week or even more often. As we train our new group of servers, I would extend the invitation to any adults who would like to serve. Did any of you ladies ever want to serve when you were children and never had the opportunity? Well, here's your chance. In another parish where I used to be stationed, several parents served with their children.

Server training will take place on Sunday February 26 after the 8:30 a.m. Mass in Kirby and after the 10:30 a.m. Mass in Upper Sandusky. Please come and join us. Fr. JR

Small Groups: Parishioners have been asking about Part IV of our Small Groups. We will be having these sessions after Easter for six weeks. Parishioners out of high school and all generations older are encouraged to participate in a Small Group. This is open to all parishioners, however a spouse who is not Catholic, but has been attending Mass regularly, is welcome to join. Registration for these small group studies will be held the week-ends of March 3/4 and March 10/11. Once again a variety of days and times will be offered. There will be six successive sessions of 90 minutes each, beginning with the week of April 15. A booklet on the Gospel of Matthew (Chapters 26-28), Jesus' Life-giving Death, will be followed. If you wish to sign up watch for the opportunity in March. If you are already with a group, we are asking you to RE-REGISTER because we are anticipating some changes. Indicate if you wish to remain with your same group on the registration form. We'll remind you again!

School Cancellations & Delays: *When school is delayed or cancelled on a Wednesday, the 8:30 am Liturgy will be celebrated, at 1:00 pm unless there is a level three snow emergency. For inclement weather, unless there is a level three snow emergency, the Thursday and Friday 11:00 am Mass is celebrated as usual. If there is a level three snow emergency, the Mass is cancelled for that day. Please stay off the roads! When there is a morning funeral on Thursday or Friday, the morning Liturgy is cancelled.*

For The Love of Pete: The grand prize drawing will take place **March 4th at the spaghetti dinner.** The first prize is \$10,000, second prize is \$3,000, and third prize is \$2,000. Parishioners and St. Peter's School students have received 2012-2013 raffle tickets. The first of the ten monthly drawings for the 2012-2013 raffle will be held May 2. If you purchase your ticket before March 4, you will be entered in an early bird drawing at the spaghetti dinner to win a free raffle ticket a \$200 value! If you have any questions, please contact Jerry or Heidi Vent 419-294-3419, Jon Rieser 740-496-3895 or Amy Hinesman 740-496-1311.

OTHER EVENTS

Lenten Luncheons for women of Wyandot County will be held Wednesdays during the season of Lent at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 12:00-1:00 pm. A donation of \$3.50 is suggested. A nursery will be provided. Mothers are asked to feed their children before they come.

February 22 – St. Paul Lutheran Church
Entrée: Rich & Cheesey Macaroni
Speaker: Pastor Brad McKibben