

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

Parents can be so busy criticizing that they overlook good behaviors. Like God the Father in today's gospel, tell your children you are "well pleased" with them. Children are never too old for praise. Affirmation goes a long way, but criticism is a short trip.

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday, Jan. 11

8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 12

8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 13

8:30 a.m.

Thursday, Jan. 14

8:30 a.m.

Friday, Jan. 15

8:30 a.m. Deceased of the Zink,
Warnement & Warner
Families +

Saturday, Jan. 16

8:30 a.m.

5:30 p.m. Prison Mass - People of
the Parish

5:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of the
Wagner & Lackey Families

Sunday, Jan. 17

8:30 a.m. Thomas From +

11:00 a.m. Joseph Diomede +

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday, Jan. 10

Masses at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m. - 10:50 a.m. - Parish School of Religion

9:30 a.m. - Noon - Coffee & donuts in the cafeteria

Tuesday, Jan. 12

6:30 p.m. - Parish Council Mtg. in the Parish Hall

7:00 p.m. - Bell Choir Practice in Church

Wednesday, Jan. 13 - Donuts with Dad following 8:30 Mass

2:00 p.m. - OLPH Novena

Thursday, Jan. 14

2:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Eucharistic Adoration

7:15 - 8:45 p.m. - Vocal Choir Practice in Church

Friday, Jan 15 - Muffins with Mom following 8:30 Mass

Saturday, Jan. 16

5:00 p.m. - Mass

Sunday, Jan. 17

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PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT:

Budgeted Year to Date: \$305,000.00

Actual Year to Date: \$297,848.74

Under Budget: \$ 7,151.26

Last Sunday's Collection (12/20/09): \$ 10,131.36

Budgeted Year to Date: \$317,200.00

Actual Year to Date: \$309,017.51

Under Budget: \$ 8,182.49

Last Sunday's Collection (12/27/09): \$ 11,168.77

Budgeted Year to Date: \$329,400.00

Actual Year to Date: \$319,810.32

Under Budget: \$ 9,589.68

Last Sunday's Collection (01/03/10): \$ 10,792.81

Parish Support for Christmas: \$ 18,215.83

Amount Budgeted for Christmas: \$ 20,000.00

Christmas Flowers: \$ 887.65

New Year's Day Collection: \$ 2,566.96

St. Vincent DePaul Collection (December): \$ 2,372.05

Parish Improvement (December): \$ 826.45

Retirement for Religious Collection: \$ 961.04

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:

We will be preparing our year-end contribution statements soon. If you would like a copy of your 2009 contributions, please call the parish office at 419-222-0431 and we will be happy to mail it to you. Thank you.

A MESSAGE FROM FR. JIM:

OPEN HOUSE:

We had a wonderful response to the Open House ~

between 250-300 people visited the house over the two day period. One gentlemen told me, "I was born the same year this place was built and I have always wondered what it



looked like inside? I'm glad I lived long enough to see it." Well... so are we!

The positive response from so many in the community was very affirming, especially regarding the 3rd floor

Redemptorist Spirituality Center. Several groups are already planning on coming

Welcome to the Redemptorist Spirituality Center

for a Day of Recollection and several others are hoping to come for a longer period for retreat.

The Center is still "a work in progress." We need furnishings for the beds, linens, bedspreads and towels.

Several rooms need a comfortable chair, a nightstand and lamp. A few others need crucifixes. I would like to place Bibles in each room. A number of people have approached me and have asked to donate financially to help support this



new ministry endeavor, especially by dedicating one of the spaces

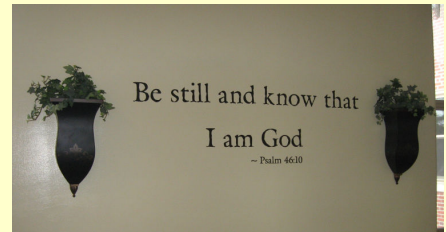


in honor of or in the memory of a loved one. If you would like to discuss this wonderful opportunity of remembering or honoring a loved one, please call me at the rectory and I will be happy to speak with you.

If, for some reason, you were unable to attend the Open House and would like to visit the Spirituality Center, please let me know.

Wishing to all a Blessed and Holy New Year!

Fr. Jim, C.Ss.R.



PIZZA SALE:

Fr. Joy is once again organizing the annual pizza sale on Super Bowl Sunday weekend to raise money to purchase bibles for our graduating high school seniors. With this purpose, we will be selling pizzas on January 30th and 31st following the Masses. Please patronize the sale and join the parish to congratulate our graduating seniors.



SPANISH MASS:

A Spanish Mass will be held today (Sunday), at St. John Church, Lima at 3:00 p.m.

SCHOOL NEWS:

The preschoolers through third graders will have donuts with dad on January 13 ~ Dads (grandpas, uncles, etc.) are invited to attend the 8:30 Mass and then join us for donuts in the parish hall. The fourth through eighth graders will have muffins with mom on January 15 ~ Moms (grandmas, aunts, etc.) are invited to attend 8:30 Mass and then join us for muffins in the parish hall.

The second quarter ends January 15. The awards assembly is January 22 following the 8:30 Mass ~ all are welcome to attend!

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:

Saturday, Jan. 16:

5:00 p.m. T. Place, J. Place, B. Muskus, R. Moyer,
M.J. Krause, B. Peebles, M. DeVita,
J. Brennan

Sunday, Jan. 17:

8:30 a.m. D. Coon, L. Lammers, S. Lammers,
N. Jenkins, R. Jenkins, M. King, M. Meyer,
S. Ellinger

11:00 a.m. E. Pina, J. Landwehr, S. Morrissey, C. Diaz,
M. Sauer, J. Neville, N. Banaticla, S. Dew

LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:

Jan. 16: 5:00 p.m. - Katherine Kleffner

Jan. 17: 8:30 a.m. - Nicole Thomas

11:00 a.m. - John Christoff

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:

Jan. 16: 5:00 p.m. - D. Kesner, J. Kesner, I. Friesner

Jan. 17: 8:30 a.m. - J. Merkel, M. Merkel, T. Coon

11:00 a.m. - D. Rohan, G. Rohan, M. Rohan

Readings for the Week of January 10, 2010

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29; Acts 10:34-38;
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8;
Mk 1:21-28

Wed.: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21;
Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96; 1 Cor 12:4-11;
Jn 2:1-11

ST. GERARD BOY SCOUT NEWS:

The Boy Scouts (Troop 47) of St. Gerard are in need of an old pair of snow skies for our Klondike Derby sled. The Klondike Derby is the troop's main Boy Scout Winter event. The skies are used as the runners for the sled and our current pair is in need of replacement. If you are able to help us out, please contact Tyler Rigg at 419-339-9810 or by email at tyrrigg29@yahoo.com.

ST. GERARD PRAYER CHAIN:

For prayer requests, please call Barbara at 419-229-2110 or Sis at 419-228-6971.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TODAY!

We will be taking down our Christmas decorations today following the 11:00 Mass. Any extra hands to help would be greatly appreciated! No experience needed!!!



HOLY NAME SOCIETY NEWS:

January 30th - Holy Name Men's Retreat for men age 18 or older.

February 14th - Father/Son Breakfast. Speaker will be Mr. Ron Niekamp, head basketball coach of The University of Findlay.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR:



Are you ready for a change in your life? Are you longing to know God and to let God know you? "Come Holy Spirit", a seminar sponsored by the Delphos St. John's Prayer Group will be presented on Friday, Jan. 29th, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and Saturday, Jan. 30th from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the St. John's High School Chapel. There is no charge for the seminar. Lunch and dinner will be provided on Saturday. Register by calling Bernie Schnipke at 419-695-6825 or 419-303-0555. Please join us for what we pray will be a life-changing experience.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING:

The Couple to Couple League will start a new series of Natural Family Planning classes on Sunday, January 10th. If you would like to learn the most comprehensive and up-to-date information on fertility awareness, contact Jeff and Bridget Bockey at delphosnfp@gmail.com or 419-233-1600.

THEOLOGY ON TAP:

When: (Tonight) - January 10th, 2009

Where: Westgate Bowling Alley, Private Room

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Speaker: Andrew Hoover who will speak on Sexual Spirituality. This program is geared towards the 20's & 30's age group.

Pizza buffet, salad & pop - suggested price of \$6.00, other drinks extra.

Hope to see you there!

LIMA ENGAGED COUPLES CONFERENCE:

The next Engaged Couples Conference is scheduled for Sunday, January 31st at St. Gerard. Please contact Mary & Jeff Camp at 419-224-3080 or Deanna & Paul Cira at 419-224-2211 by January 11th if you would like to register. It is recommended that you attend the conference at least 6 months prior to your wedding. The cost is \$20.00 per couple.

DIVORCECARE SEMINAR:

St. John the Evangelist, Delphos, will begin the next DivorceCare Seminar and Support Group on January 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the Ministry Center. Please call 419-695-4050 to register. There is a \$20.00 fee for materials. The group will meet for ten weeks to move from the pain of divorce and separation, to forgiveness and healing.

BREAKFAST AT ST. ROSE:

Breakfast is being offered at St. Rose today (Jan. 10th) from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. All are invited!

SCRIP NEWS:

You can enroll in Scrip and purchase cards on-line at: www.shopwithscrip.com. After registering, you can set up your account with the following code:

2B5AAFAD3563. Orders placed by noon on Monday's will be available for pick-up on Friday mornings (7:30 a.m.- 9:00 a.m.) and after Sunday Masses. There will also be paper order forms available in the cafeteria at these times. Please help St. Gerard by purchasing Scrip for your everyday needs. Thank you.



LCC THANK YOU:

Thank you for your participation in the LCC Holiday Raffle drawing. James Goes of Lima won \$3,000; Madison Butts of Lima won \$2,000 and Christine Bradley of Tennessee won \$1,000. Everyone at LCC appreciates the great participation of the entire Lima community.