

Mass Schedule for the Week March 8th to March 14th

March	8	Monday	6:00 p.m.	Weekday (Robert & Alice Kanz)
March	9	Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Communion Service
March	10	Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Weekday (Mary Valerio)
March	11	Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Weekday (Lucy Koehler)
March	12	Friday	8:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Communion Service Stations of the Cross
March	13	Saturday	8:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m.	Communion Service Fourth Sunday of Lent (Margaret Schopp)
March	14	Sunday	8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Fourth Sunday of Lent (John Cangemi) Fourth Sunday of Lent (William Linkenbach)

Ministers Schedule for March 13-14, 2010

		4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Lector		Ron Simon	Elizabeth Cooney	CCD Student
Servers		Sara Kempf Susan Kempf	Jacob Bishop Alex Bishop	Elizabeth Sutter Andrew Dekrell

SUNDAY COLLECTION, Sunday, February 28, 2010

Weekly Collection Needs	\$8,340.00
Received This Week:	
Envelopes	\$5,608.00
Loose	1,809.96
Green Envelopes	35.00
School Envelopes	147.00
Total	\$ 6,897.96
UNDER	1,460.04

<i>Pray for the Sick</i>			
<i>Andrew Urban</i>	<i>Deb Rufer</i>	<i>Charlotte Peerenboom</i>	<i>Traci Norri</i>
<i>Veronica Kurtz</i>	<i>Mary Lou Yeager</i>	<i>Dick Stewart</i>	<i>Patrick Burns</i>
<i>Barb Freund</i>	<i>Kristine Morris</i>	<i>Katie Marie Holzworth</i>	<i>Lisa Hackney</i>
<i>Randi Nogosek</i>	<i>Peyton Julian</i>	<i>Peter Zimmerman</i>	<i>Virginia Andolino</i>
<i>Jim Lloyd</i>	<i>Erica Oberlin</i>	<i>Joseph Krebs</i>	<i>Allison Berger</i>
<i>Rick Schag</i>	<i>Helen Meadows</i>	<i>John Manocchio</i>	<i>Teresa Lloyd</i>
<i>Jaclyn Martin</i>	<i>Trichel Hallabrin</i>	<i>Maureen Simmons</i>	<i>Lisa Gandee</i>
<i>Cindy McDaniels</i>	<i>John Ute</i>	<i>Alice Ferguson</i>	<i>Christina Chereson</i>
<i>Cindy Rich</i>	<i>Fran Lavender</i>	<i>Ken Kreiger</i>	<i>Ruth Perry</i>
<i>Judy Peters</i>	<i>Harold Yeager</i>	<i>Jeanne Lawson</i>	<i>Danny Bradshaw</i>
<i>Jane French</i>	<i>Diane Tschantz</i>	<i>Nathaniel (Chub) Sipe</i>	<i>Leah Yetzer</i>
<i>Don Martin</i>	<i>Jimmye Martin</i>	<i>Suzanne Hockman</i>	<i>Werner Schneiders</i>
<i>Cindy Michelone</i>	<i>Breann Stout</i>	<i>Hadley Shuck</i>	<i>Katie Hussey</i>
<i>Jeff Spohn</i>	<i>John & Kate Festge</i>	<i>Tom Price</i>	<i>Tom Ellis, Jr.</i>
<i>Herb Hart</i>	<i>Donna Whitt</i>	<i>Peg McClure</i>	<i>Theresa Moffett</i>
<i>Ronnie Michelone</i>	<i>Janiece Yosick</i>	<i>Emily Sensmeier</i>	<i>Julius Nemeth</i>
<i>Gary Pollard</i>	<i>John Kramer</i>	<i>Louise Steggall</i>	<i>Darlene Sweitzer</i>
<i>Paul Louden</i>	<i>Todd Gandee</i>	<i>Ross Becker</i>	<i>Linda Morris</i>
<i>Emory Conn</i>			

HELP!! HELP!! We are still in need of soup makers for our Monday evening Soup Supper. Winter is a great time to make a large pot of soup and share it. If you are willing to make soup for a Soup Supper, call Judy Hess Pompei at 589-3585 as soon as possible.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Tuesday (9)	Choir Practice – 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday (10)	RCIA - 7:00 p.m. – Teacher: Fr. Keith Lenten Luncheon – First Church of the Brethern PSP Board Meeting – 4:30 p.m. Mothers' Group 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Thursday (11)	Holy Hour prior to 6:00 p.m. Mass Tri-Parish Penance – 4:00 & 7:00 p.m. – Resurrection Parish Samaritan Seminar Botox Cosmetics – 6:30 p.m.
Friday (12)	Fish Fry – serving at 5:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross – 7:00 p.m.
Saturday (13)	Confirmation Retreat
Sunday (14)	Grade School CCD; Early Childhood; RCIA -Sunday at 8:30 a.m. – Teacher: Mary Maxey; Children's Liturgy of the Word;

NEXT FOOD COLLECTION WILL BE MARCH 27-28, 2010. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE The owner of the orchard in today's gospel was disappointed with the fig tree and ordered it cut down. When others disappoint us, today's gospel tells us to imitate the gardener. Don't cut them out of your life by silence or ignoring them. Rather give them more time and assistance. Families don't give up on each other. When others reject, family accepts!

CHOIR BAKE SALE The choir bake sale will be held the weekend of April 17-18. The form for pre-orders of kiffles will be forthcoming. Kiffles will be \$5.00 a dozen .

ATTENTION Would you like to have an evening set aside where you could get together and play some games, have a few snacks and make some new friends? On Friday, March 12th at 6:00 p.m. in Fr. Nardecchia Hall, Willard, Ohio, we will be starting up a "Game Night" for those who are single, divorced or widowed. All you need to do is show up! You can bring a favorite game of yours to share, a small food item and a friend (if you want to) and plan on having an evening of fun.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY St. Joseph Catholic Church in Crestline will be the host Church for Divine Mercy Sunday Services, April 11th, from 12:00-3:30 p.m. There will be Adoration, Rosary, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Mass, Chaplet and Benediction. Any questions, call Deacon Joseph Burkhart at 419-683-1457.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA , Joan of Arc Circle #380 will have a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Assisi Hall, St. Peter's Parish Center. Social to follow.

CCD NEWS Confirmation Students: Our last class is this weekend, Sunday, March 7 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. We'll provide the pizza, you bring your own drink. **Due at this time** is the Saint Essay, Sponsor Form, Candidate Form and your letter to Fr. Keith. Please bring these if you haven't already turned them in.

Confirmation Retreat: The retreat for the Confirmation Candidates of St. Mary and Resurrection, will be here at St. Mary on Saturday, March 13 from 9:00-2:30. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

CCD Mass and Pot Luck: This will be next weekend, March 14 at the 10:30 Mass. CCD students will go to their normal class time and then sit together for Mass. Parents, please return the reservation form for the pot luck.

CCD Penance Service: This is scheduled for Wednesday, March 24 at 4:15 p.m. Students in grades 3-8 are required to attend. Family members are also welcome to receive the Sacrament.

First Penance Service for our second graders will be on Thursday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m. Parents and older siblings are welcome to receive the Sacrament at that time also.

K OF C ST. PATRICK DAY CELEBRATION Wednesday, March 17, Lounge opens at 5:00 p.m.. Corned beef and cabbage dinner, Reservations in advance. Price: \$6.00 419-529-5532

Young Men's Retreats: This may seem early but Fr. Adam Hertzfeld, our Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Toledo wanted to get out that he and the seminarians of the diocese will be offering two retreats this summer for the purpose of helping young men get away for some solid prayer time and spiritual direction. These retreats are not necessarily for those who think they might be called to the priesthood. The retreats will include Mass and confessions, as well as plenty of food and fun. The retreat for those going into grades 9 through 12 will be from June 11-13 (Friday eve through Sunday morning) at All Saints Parish in New Riegel. The retreat for those going into grades 7 and 8 will be from July 9-11 (Friday eve through Sunday morning) at St. Joseph Parish in Ft. Jennings. Please contact the Vocations Office at 1-800-926-8277 to sign up or for more details. Reservations on a first come, first serve basis.

Help Our Diocese Of Toledo: It's soon time for the **Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign**. This year's theme is "A Century of Service to God and Neighbor." The overall goal for the Campaign is \$2,250,000.00, a 5% increase over the funds raised in the 2009 Appeal. **A rebate program has been initiated for this year's Campaign!** Parishioners will receive a letter before Easter (April 4th) for our in-church solicitation the weekend of April 17-18, 2010. Last year St. Mary's met our goal! Exceeded our goal by 1.2%! We were one of the few parishes in the diocese to do that! Can we do it again? Stay tuned for more information.....

Our ABC Awards Got Snowed Out: What are these? Each month our school teachers notice and nominate three students from their classes who have excelled in Academics, Behavior and Christian Attitude. They are given a certificate and a special printed pen or pencil at the third Friday-of-the-month school Mass. The FEBRUARY ABC WINNERS ARE: In Academics: *Nakyrh Williams (K)...Anthony Brazil (1st)...Adrianna Russell (2nd)...Robby Maurer (3rd)...Cameron Shifflet (4th)...Rachel Bishop (5th)...Alexandria Borden (6th)...Naya Pender (7th & 8th)*. In Behavior: *Laura Bishop (K)...Jake Bever (1st)...Lucy Mancha (2nd)...Mark Hackney (3rd)...Nadia Stewart (4th)...Trinitee Jones (5th)...Christian Duncan (6th)...Nick Rall (7th & 8th)*. In Christian Attitude: *Litzky Zaragoza (K)...Blake Sykes (1st)...Matthew Savick (2nd)...Jack Hatfield (3rd)...Aubrey Daughtery (4th)...James Rall (5th)...Nick Stewart (6th)...Sean Stockmaster (7th & 8th)*. Congratulations kids!

The Bishop James Hoffman Parish Scholarship To Mercy College: A scholarship is available through each pastor of the parishes of the Diocese of Toledo. Recipients must be 1.) A practicing Catholic 2.) Have demonstrated Christian leadership in the parish or community 3.) Express a willingness to actively participate in Mercy College Campus Ministry Learning program. 4.) Be a new admission to Mercy College and to a health care program of study. 5.) Be enrolled full time (12 credit hours or more) 6.) Must apply for financial aid. The scholarship is for a maximum of \$2000 for associates degree programs and \$4000 for bachelor's degree programs. Scholarships are issued a rate of \$500 per semester (excluding summer) based upon meeting the following criteria: 1.) Maintain a grade point average of 3.0 2.) Remain in good standing in their program of study 3.) Continuously be enrolled full-time until degree completion (excluding summer) and 4.) Participate in the Campus Ministry/Service program. Mercy College is located at 2221 Madison Ave. in Toledo and is geared for degrees in nursing and Health Care Administration. See Fr. Keith for more information.

Venite Adoremus ("O Come Let Us Adore Him"): Continues to grow as an organization of men from St. Mary's who desire to honor Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. This very Saturday in fact, March 6th, will see more than several of them at the 13th Catholic Men's Conference at the Ohio State Expo Center in Columbus, where they will hear how to be the fathers God wants them to be, how to find more strength in their faith. Interested in being a part of this new venture by the men of St. Mary's? Call Patrick Rall (419-207-1040) or jot him a note (1616 County Road 1095 – Ashland 44805) and tell him of your interest and he will be happy to accommodate your wishes. How about some college age members of the parish considering being a part of Venite Adoremus? Spend an hour on the First Friday of the month at Eucharistic Adoration and perhaps the 3rd Sunday of the month, where we hope to soon begin a second day of Eucharistic Adoration. Love our Lord Jesus more and he will change your life!

The National Retirement Fund For Religious: Sr. Nancy Mathias, OSU, Vicar for Religious, has sent St. Mary's a thank you note for our generous giving to the Sisters' Retirement Fund. Bless you St. Mary's!

Generous Donation: Special parish thanks to Bill & Cindy Zirzow who donated a flat screen TV for our cafeteria use. We are currently breaking it in with the showing of “The 13th Day” at our Monday evening Mass/Soup/Suppers. May God bless the Zirzow family!

The Family Digest: That appears on the ushers’ tables from time-to-time is made possible by several business friends of St. Mary’s. Perhaps it would be nice to stop in at any of the following and do some business there or even just to say “thanks” for their sponsorship: Johnny’s Mattress & Furniture (1534 Ashland Rd.).....Hall’s Auto Sales (1657 Ashland Rd.).....Angelini Sunoco (382 Lexington Ave.).....J.C. Home Improvement Remodeling & Repair (419-295-1924 for Free Estimates).....Comfort Inn.....Washington’s Carpet One (1790 Ashland Rd.).....Aluminum & Metal Exchange (515 Ashland Rd.)..... and Wappner Funeral Directors. Thank you, for your kind support of St. Mary’s!

The Altar Rosary Society Of St. Mary’s: Continues to share it’s hard-earned money for the parish needs, only a few weeks ago donating \$500.00 to help cover the cost of hosts and wine for Masses. Thank you, dear ladies, for truly recognizing your major role in the support of our sanctuary and church needs.

Are You Aware: That St. Mary’s subsidizes all her parish kids who attend St. Peter’s High School to the tune of \$1,000.00 per student each school year? We are happy to do this and we usually have a dozen or more students per year from the parish who are enrolled at the high school level. Let’s do everything to help keep this marvelous program well-established and strong for our kids. Go St. Peter’s!

For Whatever It’s Worth: Have you been receiving these e-mails about NEVER dialing area codes 809, 284 and 876? Apparently if you do, you will be charged \$2,425.00 per minute!/? Not sure about that, but ATT does verify that there is truth to this warning. Go to <http://www.att.com/gen/press-room?pid=6045> to verify.

Health Tips For The Week: Sleep! It’s non-negotiable! If you get the 7 to 9 hours experts advise, you can expect these added benefits: **1.)** Fewer sniffles. Sleep boosts immunity. Fewer than 7 to 9 hours sleep will leave you 3 times likelier to catch a cold. **2.)** A trimmer waistline. With the proper sleep you will have an average 24.8 BMI, lower than those who slept less. Too little sleep may throw off hormones that regulate appetite. **3.)** Lack of sleep is associated with higher levels of stress hormones that may raise blood pressure and affect glucose metabolism. A new study found that the risk of those who slept less than 5 hours per night was 500 times greater to get diabetes than those who logged more than 6 hours. **And.....**here’s three bits of news that’s sweet. You’re most likely to be happy if you have a sister! People with at least one female sibling reported better social support, more optimism and greater coping abilities. Sisters seem to encourage cohesion in families, according to the British Psychological Society. **And.....**Adults with the biggest grins in their college yearbook were up to five times less likely to be divorced decades later than those who looked less happy, according to a new DePauw University study. A smiler’s positivity may rub off on a spouse. **And.....**The happiest people spend 30% less time watching TV, preferring to socialize, read, or attend religious services – habits that are linked to better moods and health!

Red Cross Wants Your Blood: Come to Resurrection Parish (2600 Lexington Ave.) on Thursday, March 18th, to donate blood in the Fellowship Hall from noon to 6:00 p.m. There is a critical need. Volunteers are also needed to help with registration and in the canteen area. Contact Brenda Starr-Jude at 419-884-8287 or bstarr1116@aol.com to help. Please...give the give of life!

Senior Citizen Prom: Sunday, March 21st, at Shelby St. Mary’s. Free admission. Anyone over the age of 60 and a guest! If you are a son/daughter driving your parent, you are welcome to stay. Arrive at 3:00 p.m. 3:15-4:30 p.m. Entertainment. Door Prizes! 4:30 p.m. Supper (Rigatoni, salad, bread, dessert, punch/coffee). 5:30-6:00 p.m. Departure. Call Sheila Hershiser (419-524-2572 **by March 15th** to register or by going to www.hershiser@stpeters.tld.pvt.k12.oh.us.

Hospice Thrift Shoppe: Monday to Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (113 N. Main St.). Stop in and see what we have! New & used clothing, books, furniture, household goods, accessories and more! Donations also accepted.

Eastside Council Of Churches Lenten Luncheon: This Wednesday, March 10th, at the Church of the Brethren (889 Grace St.). Lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Lenten Meditation 12:30-1:00 p.m. by Rev. John Dodds. 50% of the collection we take up goes to relief efforts in Haiti and the other 50% stays here in Mansfield to help our local poor. We collected \$186.00 on February 24th and \$259.91 last Wednesday, March 3rd. Everyone is welcome to attend from our area churches.

Special Open Knights Of Columbus Meeting: This Wednesday, March 10th at the Council 687 Hall (1114 Park Ave. W.) to discuss how we can raise money to reduce our Home Company mortgage. Everyone who comes will get a chance to speak. Open to members of all councils, social members, Ka-Cets and their spouses.

Welcome To Fr. Harry Brown At Next Weekend's Masses: A Precious Blood priest, Fr. Harry will be here to celebrate our Masses on this "Super Marriage Weekend." How to make good marriages better ones and after Mass, Father will meet for a brief session in the cafeteria with those who might want to know more about making a Marriage Encounter Weekend, sponsored by the Diocese of Toledo. Fr. Keith will have the joy of conducting the Children's Liturgy of the Word in the library during the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Mass/Soup Supper & Video: Tomorrow, Monday March 8th, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the church. Last week we had 50+ people here! Come and share in the DVD close ("The 13th Day") of the beautiful plan for the world Our Blessed Lady of Fatima gave us in 1914 in Portugal. Deb Angelus will be our hostess; Fr. Keith will direct.

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults will be held this Wednesday, March 10th, from 7-8:45 p.m. in the library. The topic will be "Conscience and Sin," presented by Fr. Keith. Were you aware that on the First Sunday of Lent (February 21st), the Diocese of Toledo **welcomed 554 people from across the 19 county diocese into the final act of preparation** before they become new members of the Catholic Church on Saturday, April 3rd. Our two, JERRY WRIGHT and ILA BRYANT, will become members here.

Our Hospital Ministers For The Week: Roger and Ann Harraman, will be visiting Med-Central this Friday, March 12th, to offer our parish prayers and comfort, along with the invitation to receive Holy Communion, for all the Catholic patients. Remember, the Pastoral Care Dept. no longer notifies us that you or a loved one is in the hospital. Please notify the Parish Office to keep us informed. Bless you, Roger and Ann for doing this Corporal Work of Mercy.

TRI-PARISH PENANCE SERVICE THIS THURSDAY, MARCH 11TH 4:00 & 7:00 P.M.: Come and see our loving Jesus in this wonderful sacrament of compassion and forgiveness at Resurrection Parish in Lexington. This is a Penance Service especially for the three parishes: St. Mary's, St. Peter's and Resurrection. Several priests will be on hand to ease your time waiting and to act for the power of Jesus crucified to forgive you all your sins in readiness for the great Holy Week and Eastertide celebrations. The choice is yours. There is no limousine service to Calvary; you must drive yourself there.

Mother's Group: Meets this Wednesday, March 10th, from 7-9 p.m. in the cafeteria. This is a group of moms and grandmothers who meet to offer each other a spiritual lift, support, service, and social benefits. They always welcome new members. If you need more information, call Jennifer Ewing (419-289-0263 – Ashland local) or Cindy Rall (419-524-2831).

Yikes! No School This Friday, March 12th: Because it's a "Waiver Day" and we can't use it for a make-up day. Boooooo.

Angel Food Ministries At St. Timothy Lutheran Church: Last day to order is Monday, March 15th (419-589-5252) or by going to www.StTimLutheran.org. \$60 worth of first class food, fresh and frozen for \$30 (\$28 for seniors). Pick-up date is Saturday, March 20th, from 8:00-9:30 a.m.

Marriage Moments: Humor is the oil of relationships. It can bring a squeaky problem into perspective, If things are tense between you, sometimes making a funny comment can lighten the situation.

March 7, 2010

Dear Richard,

It's been a busy week and I discovered last Wednesday, at 3:00 p.m. I was overdoing it. I had met in the morning for the Confirmation Mass planning, cleaned up and gave the Lenten Meditation at Mayflower Congregational Church, "The Dark Night of the Soul," came back and kicked some butt in school, about a dozen or so kids who had less than sterling Interim Reports, who just seemed to "give up" this past 3rd Quarter. All the kids know what size shoe I wear (13 www) and some feel it from time to time. I take pride in knowing what every student in the school is doing and not doing. Heh, heh. So after that, I collapsed and Mr. Harraman had to come in and wake me in my chair for the 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting, which I was late in getting over for.

Got a lot of the routines down, fussing with cartridges, sterile environs, tubing that tangles and constantly fights with other lines, oxygen stuff, bandage changes, keeping things dry, performing medical procedures on the speaker phone, sleeping correctly (lines and tubing), fighting Jobst support hose. You want to hear more? I didn't think so. At least I trimmed about 45 minutes off prep time to ready myself and leave the house (was over 2 hours previously). Also began driving again and that feels good!

Next Saturday, March 13th, is our Confirmation Retreat here for our 54 kids, conducted and led by Louis and Mary Mancha. They relate so well to the kids and run our high school CCD Program on Sunday evenings. As I looked out over our St. Mary candidates last Sunday at the Enrollment Ceremony, I felt relieved. These are good kids and on March 25th they will receive grace to live up to their promises and to the commitment that their parents made for them at Baptism. Those promises are primarily to: believe in God, to be a member of the Church, to avoid sin and to lead a moral life. Those are tall orders for an 8th and 9th grade student. If these kids take their Confirmation seriously, these are heavy demands at their age. That's why the Holy Spirit is so powerful! **Wind and fire!** That's courage and strength. There's nothing mild about either element. Importantly, this sacrament will complete their full initiation into the Church. Now they are totally, completely Catholic Christians. Kudos to those adults who will be receiving the sacrament as well. May the Holy Spirit power up and fire your re-energized journey to full initiation into the Church!

Some kids flatly said they didn't want to be confirmed and that's o.k. It's their call, not ours, but I must say, someone didn't do their job to maintain the level of interest and participation of that kid while he/she was growing up and I stand by that conviction, no matter who thinks ill of me. Special thanks to those who are sponsors and who will stand in as proxy too. We appreciate your witness to the faith.

I'll be speaking to the kids tonight about going to confession before they are confirmed. We have a Penance Service the day before Confirmation, on Wednesday, March 24th, at 4:15 p.m., and we're asking the kids to be there, along with the 9th grade students to come in for the Service. Fr. Charles Singer, Rector of the Cathedral of the Most Holy Rosary will preside at the Confirmation. He has been delegated by Bishop Blair to act in his place and he's a peach of guy. The kids should like him.

We have received 296 Survey/Updates in return from the 490 we mailed out and this is good. They are being processed now, confidentially, by the Pastoral Council members, who put the thing together. Can we PLEASE HAVE THE OTHER 194 RETURNED IN YOUR STAMPED ENVELOPES? PLEEEAAASE????? If there are no issues, comments, needed help, special conditions, we are marking them "Clear" and will give them to Elizabeth to begin updating our software. If there are issues or needs, we are marking them "Attention" and will deal with those separately before summer begins. It will, in all likelihood, not be until the autumn that we will have the infrastructure in place to begin the needed assistance and make the necessary contacts, so everyone, please be patient! There is a good deal of data to first process and only about 10 or so people specially entrusted with this processing.

Get em while they're hot! They're the new **200 Club Tickets** and we have to sell them (\$50/ticket) before the May 1st drawing for \$75.00. Each ticket brings \$6,500.00 into the school and gives you weekly chances to win \$3,150.00 in cash prizes until the end of December! Look for them after the weekend Masses in the lobby.

Easter Flowers. We will buy only what we get in the envelopes you will find on the ushers tables and we thank you ever so much for your kindness and generosity. That's why Christmas was so beautiful! It was because of what you gave!

Our New Water Filtration System Has Been Added (\$3,500.00) and previously we were using 200 lbs of salt a week to treat our water. Now we will be using 100 lbs a month!! Can you see the savings? We can! It's just all good business. With all my love to everyone in both my families.

FATHER KEITH