

ST. WENDELIN CATHOLIC CHURCH, FOSTORIA, OH March 8, 2009

MONDAY, MARCH 9, ST. FRANCES OF ROME

6:15 AM Communion Service
 *9:00 AM Mass for Cyril Nye, Jr.

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

6:15 AM Communion Service
 *9:00 AM Mass for Robert J. Gase
 1:30 PM D of I Meeting (Emmaus Room)
 2:35 PM Jubilant Ringers (Church)
 5:00 PM Pastoral Council (Notre Dame Room)
 5:30 PM Soup and Bread Lenten Dinner Talk
 7:00 PM AA Men's Mtg. (Upper Room)
 7:00 PM R.C.I.A. (Emmaus Room)
 7:00 PM Lenten Vespers **Cantor:** Matt Emerine
 7:30 PM Handbell Choir (Church)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

6:15 AM Communion Service
 *9:00 AM Mass for Hubert Naderer Family
 *5:00 PM Mass for Mary Alice Saum
 5:45 PM Youth Choir Practice (Choir Room)
 6:45 PM Rel. Ed. Classes
 7:00 PM Parish Choir (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

6:15 AM Communion Service
 *9:00 AM Mass for Edward Joseph Moes (Anniv.)
 9:30 AM Eucharistic Exposition (Eucharistic Chapel)
 Adoration through the day until 9 PM
 7:30 PM Circle of Mercy (Emmaus Room)
 Hostesses: Terri Faeth, Rheyima Kelbley, and Sharon Krupp

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

6:15 AM Communion Service
 *9:00 AM Mass for Thurman Lynch
 Grades K-6 attending
 9:30 AM Eucharistic Exposition (Eucharistic Chapel)
 Adoration through the day until 9 PM
 *2:15 PM Mass at Good Shepherd Home
 7:00 PM Lenten Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

10:00 AM Charismatic Prayer Group (Notre Dame)
 *4:30 PM Mass for Liv./dec. members of St. Wendelin Parish
 Servers: Kevin Eibner, Dan Faber, Colton Feathers, Kaitlyn Fillhart
 Lector: Kyle Gase **Cantor:** Sarah Jones
 Gift Bearers: Mike & Sharon Cool

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Fellowship Host: Guadalupe Society
 Vocation Cup: Brian & Sue Tiell

7:30 AM Mass for Carl Smith; Cleora Hendricks (14-Day)
 Servers: Bayley Heckathorn, Hannah Heckathorn **Lector:** Rose Metzger
 Cantor: Jackie Fry **Gift Bearers:** Joe & Dorie Bouillon
 9:00 AM Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Atrium)

*9:00 AM Mass for Randy Holman (Anniv.); Kenneth & Wanda Holman; Liv./dec. members of Richard Kelbley Family
 Servers: Maddie Hoover, Johnna Hoover, Mikael Keiffer, Alex Kleinfelter
 Lector: Cory Baker **Gift Bearers:** Mike & Ann Stahl **FOLK GROUP**

*11:00 AM Mass for John Reinhart; Kathryn Yost (30-Day); Paul & Mike Frankart
 Servers: Colleen Fondessy, Maddie Frankart, Adam Frederick, Brett Frederick **Lector:** Arlen Lowery
 Gift Bearers: Joe & Rheyima Kelbley
 PARISH CHOIR

6:30 PM Divorced & Separated (Upper Room)



**Extraordinary Ministers
 of Holy Communion**
 3/14 & 3/15 A
 11:00 AM - 3/15 A

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT FOR FEBRUARY			
Received	1/31/09 - 2/27/09	\$	57,549
Direct Deposit for February		\$	12,988
Budgeted for February		\$	76,325
Over (Under) for February		\$	(5,788)
Year-to-date received		\$	621,312
Year-to-date budgeted (wk 31)		\$	657,234
Over (under) for fiscal year		\$	(35,922)
Children's Offertory	February	\$	147

Readings for the Week of March 8, 2009

Sunday Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18;
 Ps 116; Rom 8:31b-34;
 Mk 9:2-10

Monday Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50;
 Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1; Lk 16:19-31

Friday Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105;
 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

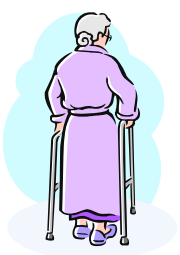
Saturday Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103;
 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; Ps 19;
 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25



**COMMUNITY WIDE
 STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER**

On Friday, March 13, at 12:05 PM, stop and pray that our culture may reflect a respect for life from conception to death.



Dear Parishioners,

I have been reading the biography of Benedict XVI, followed by a number of interviews with Peter Seewald. The excerpt I am quoting is from his book, *God and the World*, a conversation with Peter Seewald.

“Christ once said: Anyone who wants to save his life will lose it. And only the person who loses his life, who is ready to give it up, can manage to see things in true perspective and will thus find his life....I have to be ready to give myself...But a part of every human love is that it is only truly great and enriching if I am ready to deny myself for this other person, to come out of myself, to give of myself. And that is certainly true of our relationship with God, out of which, in the end, all our other relationships must grow.

I MUST BEGIN BY NO LONGER LOOKING AT MYSELF, BUT BY ASKING WHAT HE WANTS. I MUST BEGIN BY LEARNING TO LOVE. That consists precisely in turning my gaze away from myself and toward him. With this attitude I no longer ask, What can I get for myself, but I simply let myself be guided by him, truly lose myself in Christ; when I abandon myself, let go of myself, then I see, yes, life is right at last, because otherwise I am far too narrow for myself. When, so to speak, I go outside, then it truly begins, the life attains its greatness. (p.44)”

I believe this is appropriate as we sacrifice during the season of Lent.

God bless your journey!

Fr. Nicholas Weibl



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- Shellie Gabel, Pastoral Associate for Religious Education shellie.gabel@stwendelin.org
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St. Wendelin Catholic Elementary School
300 N. Wood St. 7:30-3:30 PM
419-435-1809

- Cathy Krupp, Principal cathy.krupp@stwendelin.org
- Deb Kelley, Elementary Secretary deb.kelley@stwendelin.org

St. Wendelin Catholic High School
533 N. Countyline St. 7:30-3:30 PM
419-435-8144 Fax 419-436-4042

- Angela Joseph, Principal angela.joseph@stwendelin.org
- Julie Bulkowski, Secretary julie.bulkowski@stwendelin.org

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533 N. Countyline St. 419-435-8144

- Mary Anne Nopper, Development Dir. maryanne.nopper@stwendelin.org

PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for the following people who are in need of a healing touch:

**Sr. Joyce Bragg, Paul Chaney,
Francis DeLaRosa, Karen Frias,
Mariah Hampton,
Stephen Hark, Amarie Matthews,
Mae Reinhart,
Susie Watkins, Richard Weber and
Elaine Wilson.**



The Forty Days of Lent – Can't the Church count?

There are 46, not 40, days between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday. *So how do we get 40?* Not through mathematics, but through theology! Every Sunday is the memorial of the Passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus – every Sunday, in a sense, is a little Easter, even during the Lenten season. When we subtract the six Sundays of Lent (including Palm Sunday) from the total, we end up with exactly 40 days. Traditionally, these 40 days include two periods of fasting: the Lenten fast, which takes us through Wednesday of Holy Week (which concludes at sunset on Holy Thursday right before the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper); and the more ancient Paschal fast during the Triduum itself (Good Friday – Holy Saturday).

Does this mean the Sundays of Lent don't count – that we should indulge in the things we give up during the rest of Lent on those days? Of course not! The Sundays of Lent are the heart of the Lenten season. Although we don't have to adhere to our Lenten promises on Sunday, it makes sense to continue our Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving on these days. Lent is an exercise in grace – not mathematics!

From *Sourcebook for Sundays, Seasons, and Weekdays 2009: The Almanac for Pastoral Liturgy*, © 2008, Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications.

Isn't Latin out-of-date?

Part I of a four-part series on Latin in the modern liturgy

Some of you may be wondering, "What's up with all the Latin lately? Are we going back in time?" Well, yes and no...

There is a widely-held misconception that Latin was banned in favor of vernacular languages at the Second Vatican Council. In fact, the Vatican II Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, states, in part, "particular law remaining in force, *the use of the Latin language is to be preserved in the Latin rites*" (36.1, emphasis added). The option for use of vernacular languages (the "particular law") comes second in the same document. Put in layman's terms, Latin is *still* the official liturgical language of the Roman (a.k.a. Latin) Rite of the Catholic Church.

Many others oppose its use in the current liturgy of the Church on the grounds that it is unintelligible. While this may be true in the most literal sense, the use of the Latin language retains so much symbolic meaning. This will be explored further next week...

Part II: The symbolism of Latin

Part III: Latin's usefulness in a multi-lingual society

Part IV: "Understanding the Mass"

Married Couples Retreat

The Annual Retreat for Married Couples will be held the weekend of March 20-22, 2009 at the St. Francis Spirituality Center, Tiffin. The theme is "Being Married and Enjoying It". The presenter will be Fr. Dan Fraser, a widower who was married for 35 years, has 9 children, 17 grandchildren and was ordained to the priesthood in 1999 at age 65. For information/registration contact Tim Etue at Catholic Charities 419-244-6711, Ext. 404.



Deacon Kishore Fundraisers

We will be holding a **soup and chili cook-off** on **Saturday, March 21st from 5:30 to 7:30 P.M. in the Parish Hall.**

There will be several different soups and chili recipes that you will be able to sample.

What a good way to enjoy lots of different foods while supporting this fundraising effort. More details will be forthcoming on this event, but mark your calendar now! In addition, we are **raffling off a 50" plasma TV.** **We have about 10 tickets left, you may purchase your ticket in the parish office ASAP and the winning ticket will be drawn at the chili cook-off!**



New Rocking Chairs!

You may have noticed our beautiful new rocking chairs in the gathering space. Some generous parishioners came forward and donated these to the parish to be used in our gathering space. The old ones were not very sturdy and we didn't want anyone to get hurt. We hope these rocking chairs will provide a welcome rest to parents with young children and others who need them!



K of C FISH FRIES ARE BACK **MARK YOUR CALANDARS**

Fish Fries at the Knights of Columbus are back again for Lent. Every Friday, from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm, beginning February 27. Carryout will be available. 435-1197.

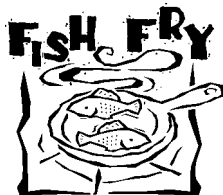
If you care to eat in, your favorite beverage will be available. We will be serving Fish, Coleslaw, Fries and Bread and Butter, price is \$7.50 or you can super-size it for an additional \$2.00.

You may call your order in ahead of time, please allow 20 minutes for pickup. Extra servers will be available to handle your beverage orders.

The Ladies Auxiliary will have a variety of bake sale items available for sale at this time. There will be all sorts of desserts.

We will be closed on Good Friday from 12:00 Noon, to 1:00 pm in observance of Our Lords Death on the Cross.

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL K OF C



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

WHAT'S GOING ON ... Elementary

- ▶ **Monday, March 9 – Final Registration Drawing for \$100 off tuition**
- ▶ **Tuesday, March 10 – Kids on the Block Presentation 12:45 pm**
- ▶ **Thursday, March 12 – Field trip to the Art Museum (Gr. 3)**
- ▶ **Friday, March 13 – Mass 9:00 am (K-6)**

KINDERGARTEN SCREENING

▶ Kindergarten Screening will be on Wednesday, March 18. If your child is not in our pre-school, call our office 419-435-1809 with any questions or to set a screening appointment.

TUITION GRANT & AID

▶ All grant and aid applications must be turned in by **Friday, March 13**, in order to be considered for a tuition grant for the 2009-10 school year. If you have any questions or concerns about tuition grants and aid, please contact **Dave Lang** at 419-435-6692.

Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund Now Accepting Applications for the 2009-2010 School Year.

The Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund, Inc. (NWOSF) is now accepting applications for its annual scholarship lottery. Students from low-income families who reside in Lucas, Wood or Fulton County have an opportunity to be awarded need-based scholarships up to \$1,250 per child so that they can attend private schools for kindergarten through eighth grade. Families can add their name to the waiting list for the program by contacting the NWOSF office. The deadline to apply is Monday, June 1, 2009. For more information about the program and an application, visit www.nosf.org or contact the Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund office at (419) 244-6711 extension 219.



GIRL SCOUT WEEK

IT'S Girl Scout Sunday and Girl Scout Week!! The St. Wendelin Girl Scouts would like to thank the parish for their sponsorship and providing a safe meeting place for 4 Girl Scout troops from kindergarten through 9th grade. We have approximately 43 registered girls who are led by 8 registered adults. Thank you, also, to many who purchased cookies. With your purchase the girls are able to participate in many new experiences. The Girl Scout mission is to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.



HIGH SCHOOL & JUNIOR HIGH NEWS

- ▶ **Sunday, March 8 - NHS Induction Ceremony 6:00 pm at church**
- ▶ **Monday, March 9 - 8th Grade Parent Meeting 6:00 pm in the library**
- ▶ **Thursday, March 12 – Mass 10:30 am (Gr. 7-12)**
- ▶ **Friday, March 13 – Jostens' Grad Orders Pick up 7:30 am in the south gym**
- ▶ **End of the 3rd Quarter**
- ▶ **Sunday, March 15 - Blessing of Spring Athletes @ 11:00 am Mass**

For updated sports schedules please visit our website:
stwendelin.org or highschoolsports.net

WINDING UP THE WINTER SPORTS SEASON

▶ The 8th grade junior high girls' basketball team made it to the championship round this year. The part that makes all parents proud is the support the Jr. High boys gave the girls. A spirit bus took 17-20 people to go and support the girls. It's a good feeling to see that kind of spirit from the younger grades, knowing it can only grow.

Congratulations to all St. Wendelin teams and individuals as they fared well this season, advancing in sectionals and districts. We also had senior **J.J. Hrabak**, who won 2nd in the district and advanced to the state meet this year, wrestling at 171 lbs.

Welcome to a New Deacon!

I would like to introduce to you our new Deacon John Kromer and his wife Veronica 'Ronnie'. John was born in Fostoria and went to school at St. Wendelin for a couple of grade school classes and a couple of high school classes back in the 40's so this is a homecoming for him.



They have 4 children. Mary (died in 2001), Richard, John, Jr., and Elizabeth. They are also blessed with 7 grandchildren.

John was ordained a deacon in August 1993 and has served in the Archdiocese of Louisville, Kentucky and in the Diocese of Owensboro, Kentucky. In his diaconal ministry, he was formation director of the diaconate, was involved in adult education (scripture and social justice), baptism classes, preached at the various churches, was migration and refugee developer with Catholic Charities, did some work in RCIA along with prison ministry.

He has been a teacher, principal of two vocational schools in Kentucky. He lists farming as one of his hobbies. He has experience in banking and was a service manager.

His ministry here at St. Wendelin will develop as he becomes more familiar with the needs of our parish. At the present, he will assist at the altar, preaching during the week, development of volunteers, visitation of prison and hospital. He will also be leading a bible discussion with Shellie Gabel.

Please welcome John and Veronica to active involvement in the parish.

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Our sincere sympathy and prayers are extended to the families of Cleora Hendricks, Marie Beeson, Jack McMeen, and Lucille Hoffbauer who died recently. May they experience the peace and joy of the Risen Lord.



FOSTORIA HOME & OUTDOOR EXPO

At the Fostoria Middle School (1202 HL Ford Dr.)
Saturday, March 14th from 11 am to 6 pm and
Sunday, March 15th from 11 am to 4 pm.
Free admission, Booth drawings and Giveaways,
Food Court, Entertainment,
Craft Show and a Kid's Corner.

FREE MINI CLINIC

Zenobia Shrine, in cooperation with St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center, is sponsoring a free screening for children from infancy to age 18 with burn problems, orthopedic disorders, or spinal cord injuries on **Saturday, April 18th from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.** at St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center—Pediatric Emergency Center, 2213 Cherry St., Toledo OH, to evaluate children with these medical problems for treatment eligibility at a Shrine Hospital. Children who qualify will receive medical treatment at a Shrine hospital in Erie (PA), Cincinnati (OH), or Chicago (IL) at no cost to their parents or guardians, and Zenobia Shrine will provide free transportation to these three hospitals. To schedule an appointment or to obtain further information, call (419) 754-4198.



ST. ROSE PASTOR TO LEAD PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

Father Marv Borger, Pastor of St. Rose Parish, Perrysburg, is leading a pilgrimage to Italy on September 21, 2009 to October 2, 2009. Cities to be visited include Rome, Vatican City, Florence, Assisi, Cascia, Norcia, and Siena. Four star hotels and non-stop flights from Detroit to Rome and return. Mass will be celebrated daily. It will be a beautiful time of the year to see Italy. Members of St. Wendelin Parish are welcome to participate. To obtain a brochure with all the details call or e-mail Fr. Borger at 419-874-4559, mborger@stroseparish.com, or contact Margaret McDaniel, tour director, at 419-874-7683, mm4nd@sbcglobal.net.

Mark Your Calendar - Reverse Raffle is April 25th

Get your tickets now for the St. Wendelin Reverse Raffle to be held on Saturday, April 25th. We will be giving away \$16,000 in prize money and you can enjoy a delicious Harlan's BBQ chicken dinner with all the trimmings. Refreshments are included, Beer, Wine Coolers and Soft Drinks. Tickets are \$100.00 each. You can purchase your tickets in the Parish Office or give Sharon Cool a call at 419-435-6692.



Religious Education

PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

On **March 18th** we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation when we attend our **Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service** beginning at 7:00 p.m. Students are asked once again to be **accompanied by parents or an adult family member**. **Students and family are asked to come to the classroom first** so the teachers may take attendance, then walk together over to the church to the penance service. If the parent or adult feels uncomfortable about receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, they may just come to the priest for a blessing. After the penance service, there will be refreshments **sponsored by our Religious Education classes**. All families are asked to bring in **one dozen cookies** to the Parish Hall. A reminder will be going out to all families before the March 18th event.

RCIA

Our RCIA, since completing the Rite of Sending and Election last weekend, are now entering into the third stage of their journey into the Catholic faith. This is called the period of **Purification and Enlightenment**. In purification, we recognize our sinfulness, and in enlightenment we recognize our call to be open to the light that comes from our baptism.

This period coincides with Lent when the catechumens (now called the Elect) and candidates enter a time of intense prayer, conversion and spiritual recollection "in preparation of the paschal mystery." (RCIA, n. 138) The entire community, along with the elect and candidates are called to transformation throughout the forty days of Lent. We are all called to focus on baptismal spirituality and the significance of the sacraments of initiation, which are Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. The elect and candidates join the assembly in practicing the Lenten disciplines of prayer, almsgiving, fasting and penance. We ask for your continued prayers and support for our elect and candidates.

CRHP - Christ Renews His Parish

Last weekend, we had a very successful sign-up for our **Women's Renewal Weekend** that will be held on March 28th and 29th. Although we are over our twenty-five participants, please do not hesitate to sign up this weekend in case there may be some cancellations at the last moment. There are still openings for our **Men's Renewal Weekend** being held on April 4th and 5th. CRHP team members will again be available to answer any questions you may have regarding the Men's and Women's weekends.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Deacon John Kromer and Shellie Gabel would like to begin a Lenten Bible Study on the book, **Jesus' Journey to the Cross: A Love unto Death**, by Jeanne Kun. This study will allow us to accompany Jesus through the events of his passion, death, and resurrection. If you would be interested in joining us for this study, please contact Shellie Gabel at the Religious Education office (419) 435-6681, or email her at Shellie.gabel@stwendelin.org. Details are to follow on exact dates and times. We are hoping to have a morning session and an evening session if there is great interest shown. Books will be available for purchase at the cost of \$9.00 each.

