

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, ST. CLEMENT I

6:15 AM Communion Service
 9:00 AM Mass for Clyde Hammer;
 Albert Hammer (Anniv.) - All School Mass

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, ST. ANDREW DUNG-LAC

6:15 AM Communion Service
 8:30 AM Confessions
 9:00 AM Mass for The Van Arsdale Family
 1:30 PM D of I meeting (Emmaus Room)
 2:45 PM **NO** Jubilant Ringers (Church)
 6:30 PM Adult Ringers (Church)
 7:00 PM R.C.I.A. (Emmaus Room)
 7:00 PM AA Men's Meeting (Upper Room)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA

6:15 AM Communion Service
 9:00 AM Mass for Paul Vande Kerkhoff
 5:00 PM Mass for Sr. Joyce Bragg
 5:45 PM **NO** Youth Choir Practice (Church)
 6:45 PM **NO** Rel. Ed. Classes (Grades 1 - 8)
 7:00 PM **NO** Parish Choir (Church)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, THANKSGIVING DAY

6:15 AM Communion Service
 9:00 AM Mass for Margaret Whipple, Leo & Celeste Reiter; Hugh & Leona Boyd; Lester & Helen Nye; Liv./dec. members of Joe Gehring Family
Cantor: Matt Emerine
 9:30 AM Eucharistic Exposition (Eucharistic Chapel)
 Adoration through the day until 9 PM
 6:00 PM Crown Biblical Financial Meeting (St. Luke)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

6:15 AM Communion Service
 9:00 AM Mass for Clarence & Hilda Kelbley
 9:30 AM Eucharistic Exposition (Eucharistic Chapel)
 Adoration through the day until 9 PM
 2:15 PM No Nursing Home Mass

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

10:00 AM Charismatic Prayer Group (Notre Dame Room)
 1:00 PM 15 Anos Simona Salcedo
 4:30 PM Mass for Ruth Coughlin; Ruth Volkmer; Dolores Parks; Evelyn Burns; Malcolm Holman; Thomas Hoening; Mary Lou Luman (30-Day)
Servers: Lauren Meyers, Colton Feathers, Kaitlyn Fillhart, Zach Kruszynski
Lector: Norm Steyer **Cantor:** Sarah Jones
Gift Bearers: Elden & Millie Fox

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NO Fellowship
 Vocation Cup: Mary Anne Nopper
 7:30 AM Mass for Liv./dec. members of St. Wendelin Parish
Servers: Jack Altwies, Don Crawford
Lector: Rose Metzger **Cantor:** Jackie Fry
Gift Bearers: Gene & Rosie Holman
 9:00 AM **NO** Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

9:00 AM Mass for Dick and Vicki Mann; James Kinn; Evelyn Burns; Delores Tiell (30-Day); Dick Mann (14-Day); Liv./dec. members of Arthur & Marcella Burns Family
Servers: Lucas Kitchin, Dylan Kitchin, Georgia Kitchin, Noah Kitchin
Lector: Leon Purkey
Gift Bearers: Duane & Mary Jo Hammer
PARISH CHOIR

11:00 AM **NO** Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Atrium)
 11:00 AM Mass for Doyle Baker; Susan J. Tiell; Don Wire; Lupe Lopez Family
Servers: Aquiles Estrada, Cameron Hunter, Denny Maag, Tim Meyers
Lector: Arlen Lowery
Gift Bearers: Joe & Rheyima Kelbley
CONTEMPORARY ENSEMBLE
 6:30 PM Divorced & Separated (Upper Room)

**Extraordinary Ministers
 of Holy Communion**
 11/28 & 11/29 B
 11:00 AM 11/29 B

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER		
Received 9/01/09 - 9/30/09	\$	57,453
Direct Deposit for September	\$	13,008
Budgeted for September	\$	76,324
Over (Under) for September	\$	(5,863)
Year-to-date received	\$	223,266
Year-to-date budgeted (wk 13)	\$	248,053
Over (under) for fiscal year	\$	(24,787)
Children's Offertory September	\$	148

Readings for the Week of November 22, 2009

Sunday Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93; Rv 1:5-8;
 Jn 18:33b-37
 Monday Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-26;
 Lk 21:1-4
 Tuesday Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61;
 Lk 21:5-11
 Wednesday Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28;
 Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19
 Thursday Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:20-28
 Friday Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33
 Saturday Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36
 Sunday Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25; 1 Thes 3:12—4:2;
 Lk 21:25-28, 34-36



**COMMUNITY WIDE
 STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER**

On Friday, November 27, at 12:05 PM, stop and pray for a just and lasting peace between the Israeli and Palestinian peoples.

Because you numbered your people.....!

In the Scriptures, David was condemned by the prophet because he numbered his people. I never knew why, except it had to do with trusting in God and for David not inflating his own importance. Joseph and Mary had to return to his native place in order to be counted. That time, it was for tax purposes.

We, too, did our counting in the month of October. This is part of the Church's attempt to keep track of the number of folks attending mass and is used with the national picture of mass attendance. For the pastor, it becomes a barometer to see how well he is doing. The number is then divided into the number of parishioners to find the percentage. I remember when I went to Fremont St. Joseph, we computerized our census and found out that the guess of 5,000, which had been used for a number of years, was actually 4,000 in real count. I lost 1,000 parishioners my first year as pastor.

Our count in October 06 was 1280, in October 07, it was 1,253, in October of 08, it was 1161 (it was a warm fall and many folks were still going to the lake), in October 09, it was 1228. Since last year, we have gained 67 parishioners in average October church attendance. As you look at the picture in the last few years, we have not varied much, but the trend is downward.

I will have a more complete report on the home visitation in a future article, but one fact has emerged, a number of folks have moved out of town. One family moved their trailer and only left the house number behind. Our census will be revised based on those results.

Our infant and child baptisms are down 17, we had 10 less deaths and 6 more marriages. We list 4,043 registered parishioners at this time, this is down 57 from last year.

We have a vital, active parish, as I mentioned in my state of the union address a couple of Sundays ago. May we continue to invite other folks to join us and for parishioners to be active in our community.

God bless

Fr. Nicholas Weibl



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419-435-1809

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ST. WENDELIN PARISH MISSION



TEACH US TO PRAY

“Lord, Teach Us to Pray” is the focus of our St. Wendelin Parish Mission taking place Monday, November 30, Tuesday, December 1st and Wednesday, December 2nd. For three days Sr. Edna and Fr. Bob will demonstrate, discuss, teach and explain the various aspects of prayer. The Mission will start each night at 7:00 in the church with a reception and fellowship to follow in the parish hall at 8:30. Don't pass up this great opportunity to learn how to develop, grow and enhance your prayer life.

SALVATION ARMY KETTLE BELL RINGING

We have several time slots open for volunteers to sign up to ring the bell for donations. If you would have a little extra time to help us out...We have times open for K Mart, Sat.



Dec. 5th and Kroger, Sat. Dec. 5th. Sign up card is in the Parish Office or feel free to call us at 435-6692.

PRAYER CORNER


Please pray for the following people who are in need of a healing touch: Sam Bogner, Jean Bowman, Lowell Bugner, Paul Chaney, Patsy Conine, Thelma Crawford, Bonifacio DeLaRosa, Frances DeLaRosa, Matt Fox, Sr. Virginia Gase, Phyllis Hulderman, Maria Lencses, Gus Lopez, Mae Reinhart, Kathy Scherger, Dan Seibert, Jerry Ulm, Carmen Vargas, Susie Watkins, Lee Willer, and Mary Ziegman.



Our sincere sympathy and prayers are extended to the family of Maximo Mendoza who died this past week. May he experience the Peace and Joy of the Risen Lord.



MARK YOUR CALANDAR
 St. Wendelin Parish
 Celebrating 100 years of high school education
 Presents
The Toledo Symphony
Christmas Concert
 Saturday, December 19th, 2009 7:30 p.m.
 St. Wendelin
 Catholic Church
 N Wood St. & College Ave.
 Doors open at 7:00 p.m.
Tickets are available at the Parish Office
Adults \$10.00
Students/Seniors \$5.00



CRAFT SHOW
 The Kentucky Mission Volunteers will be hosting the David Appalachian Craft Show on December 5th and 6th in the PLC. Hours for the event are Saturday 10 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. and Sunday from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. We will be serving soups, sandwiches, pie and beverages all day on Saturday and a hearty breakfast of scrambled eggs, breakfast meats and hash browns on Sunday. Please join us in welcoming Sr. Kathleen and Sr. Ruth Ann again this year. Your purchases are a wonderful way to help the men and women in Eastern Appalachia earn a living. 2 Cor. 9:11 “You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.”



DAVID APPALACHIAN CRAFT SHOW

Dear St. Wendelin Parishioners,
 Thank you for your obedience to Jesus Christ in giving of your resources to help "His Little Ones".
 The words "Thank You" just doesn't seem enough to say. But that is all I can say. The words come from my heart because your gift of love (\$985.00) came from yours.
 May God bless you all as you continue to bless others. Please keep us in you prayer.
 Barb Rice, Director
 Caring Hand Pregnancy Distress

Fostoria Theology on Tap will be hosting Fr. Doug Garand on Thursday December 3, 2009 at 7 pm as he speaks on the topic “*Jesus, Is that you?*” – *The presence of Christ at the Mass. The evening will begin at 6:30 pm with a chance to gather and take advantage of food and drink specials. Fostoria Theology on Tap is located at the R Place, 324 S. Main St. Fostoria, Ohio 44830. All are welcome. Questions can be directed to Phil Smith (419-435-6692 or phil.smith@stwendelin.org).*

ELEMENTARY NEWS

WHAT'S GOING ON ...

- ▶ **Monday, Nov. 23** -- All School Mass 9:00 am @ parish
- ▶ **Wednesday-Friday, Nov. 25-27** – NO SCHOOL, Thanksgiving Holiday

ST. WENDELIN CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SEEKING A "DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE"

▶ Know a "Distinguished Graduate" of St. Wendelin Elementary School? We are seeking nominations for the National Catholic Education Association's Distinguished Graduate Award. The winner will receive a gold lapel pin and be honored at a Mass during Catholic Schools Week held the last week of January.

To be eligible, the nominee should be a practicing Catholic and an eighth grade graduate of St. Wendelin Elementary School at least 10 years ago. The award recipient will be selected based on his or her contribution to the American society and the Catholic Church.

Mrs. Krupp will accept nominations that are received by December 11, 2009. Nominations from previous years will be considered as well as the nominations received by the December deadline.

Please mail information to St. Wendelin Catholic Elementary School, c/o Cathy Krupp, 300 North Wood St., Fostoria, Ohio 44830 or email cathy.krupp@stwendelin.org Include the following details with your nomination: (1) Year of graduation, (2) additional education, (3) present occupation, (4) achievements of the graduate that reflect the characteristics of education received in a Catholic elementary school, (5) the person's beliefs about Catholic education, (6) and your name, address and phone number as well the candidate's.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- ▶ The Christmas Program for grades K-3 will take place Thursday, Dec. 3 at 7:00 pm, in the small gym at the high school. Mark your calendars for this holiday event.

ADVENTures for Fours, an evening of fun activities to prepare for the celebration of Christmas. This is open for all 4 and 5 years-olds (and parents) who will enter Kindergarten in the fall, 2010. This will be held at St. Wendelin Elementary School on Tuesday, December 1st from 6:00 to 8 pm. To register call St. Wendelin Elementary School Office, 419-435-1809 by Monday, November 30, 2009.

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If you have bypassed the recent envelope for the Sharing Kitchen, please reconsider. Just this one meal can make a difference to those feeling the strains of this economy. The Sharing Kitchen not only provides meals, but a sense of belonging. A message from a recent homily told us to go out of our way to make everyone who walks in our church feel overly welcomed. Well, in this case, make those who are less fortunate feel the concern of the community, knowing that our support is there for them. If you would like to give the gift of your time, St. Wendelin's week to serve at the kitchen is 11/23, 11/25 and 11/27 from 8:00 a.m. to Noon. If interested, call Phyllis at 435-6976 after 4:00 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL & JUNIOR HIGH NEWS

WHAT'S GOING ON ...

- ▶ **Saturday, Nov. 21** -- GBK Scrimmage 9:00 am @ Liberty Benton; GBK MAL Preview 6:00 pm @ New Riegel
- ▶ **Monday, Nov. 23** -- All School Mass 9:00 am @ parish
- ▶ **Wed, Nov. 25-Fri., Nov. 27** -- NO SCHOOL, Thanksgiving Break

COATS FOR CHRISTMAS

▶ Hancock County Leadership again this year is sponsoring "Coats for Christmas." There will be a box in the high school main lobby for one week (**Nov. 30-Dec. 4**) for new or gently used coat donations. This organization has a real need for infant and men's extra large coats this year. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

TRIP NEWS

No TRIP next week due to the holiday. Our next order date will be Nov. 30. Pick up dates will be Fridays throughout the holiday season.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING MADE EASY!

Stop in the Parish Hall following all masses December 5 and 6. Shop with the gift cards and certificates or use them for gifts!

The St. Wendelin T.R.I.P. program will be selling gift cards and certificates ranging from \$5 to \$100 from 75 vendors. You will find an order form with the bulletin today.

Call the High School at 419-435-8144 on Thursday or Friday and we can have your order ready for pickup after the Mass of your choice. Cash or check will be accepted.



Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service

Fostoria Community Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service will be at Wesley United Methodist Church on Tuesday, November 24th at 7:00 pm. Please plan to attend.

LITURGICAL ARTS COMMITTEE

The Liturgical Arts Committee is in need of a French Horn, Trumpet and Violin. We would like to borrow them and use them as part of this year's Christmas decorations. If you can help, please call Glenda Corcoran at 419-435-4873.



Save the Date! There will be an informational session on the teaching of the Catholic Church on divorce, annulments, remarriage, civil marriage, and related topics on Thursday January 14, 2010 at 7 pm in the St. Wendelin Parish Hall. Fr. Chris Vasko will give a presentation that will answer practical questions related to these issues. There will also be an opportunity to personally speak with Fr. Vasko or an annulment advocate regarding these issues.

The St. Wendelin Parish Choir, the flagship musical ensemble of the parish, is in dire need of more members, **especially men**, as we rapidly approach Advent and Christmas. Rehearsals are held on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the St. Cecilia Music Room in the Parish Office. The Parish Choir sings three to four times per month at the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass as well as holy days and other special occasions. The choir will present a brand new cantata, *Emmanuel* by Eugene Butler, before the Christmas Mid-night Mass this year. They also regularly sing music from a wide variety of times and styles, including Gregorian chant, Renaissance motets, classical works from the masters, modern-day choral anthems, and spirituals - and has a ton of fun doing it!



If you think you might be interested in joining, or would like more information, please see Cal Leferink after any Mass, or contact him at the Parish Office 419-435-6692; e-mail: cal.leferink@stwendelin.org, or talk to any current choir member!

"He who sings prays twice." - St. Augustine

Custom Corner Day After Thanksgiving Sale
106 N. Main St. Fostoria

Thanksgiving week hours: Monday 10-4, Tuesday 10-5, Wednesday 10-2, Closed Thanksgiving Day, Friday opening at 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., Saturday 10-3.

All high school spirit wear and collegiate: 35% off and includes already marked down items.

Uniforms: Buy 3 get 1 free on all shirts. Buy 1 get 1 half price on pants, shorts, skirts and jumpers. 25% off all uniform accessories and sweaters.

TNT and TRIP will not be accepted during this sale.

All school jackets: 25% off. Discount not offered on embroidery, patches or tackle twill letters.

Children's/Clearance Items: additional 50% off already marked down items.

Jewelry and Christmas items: 60% off and includes marked down items.

Men's: additional 50% off already marked down items.

Throws: 30% off and includes already marked down throws.

Please note: *No longer accepting checks.*

All Saints Church, New Riegel is hosting the "All Saints Market"

on Saturday, December 5th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. If you have items to sell or a business to promote, please contact Jenny Theis at (419) 595-2706 or sjtheis@att.net. Set up cost is \$20 per table. All the proceeds from the table cost will benefit the Sharing God's Gifts Fund at All Saints Church.

Religious Education News

There will be **no** Religious Education classes on Wednesday, November 25th. Happy Thanksgiving to the students and their families!

There will be **no** Catechesis of the Good Shepherd sessions on Sunday, November 29th at the 9:00 and 11:00 am masses.

Special thanks to the parents who donated snacks and those who drove our eighth grade students to their leaf-raking sites on November 7th. We had such a beautiful day to go out and help our community! God bless you!

Thank you to all who made our "Spirit Day" Confirmation Retreat a big success. To all of the parents, parishioners, musicians, and students who shared their time and many talents for the students from our parish and area parishes. God bless you!

Special recognition and thanks goes to our Jon Hay, who organized this retreat and really put his heart and love of God into it.

"Get to know your Saints" Corner

November 22 - St. Cecilia, virgin and martyr (second or third century)

Legends portray Cecilia as a young woman of a noble Christian family in Rome. Against her wishes, she was given in marriage to a young pagan named Valerius, who later became a Christian. It was said that on her wedding day, while the musicians played, she "sang in her heart to Christ" in prayer. Perhaps this is why for centuries she has been considered the patron saint of musicians. Since the time of the Renaissance period, she has usually been portrayed with a viola or a small organ.

Valerius and his brother were arrested while burying martyrs, and then they, too, were martyred. Cecilia was also caught burying martyrs, but because she was noble, the authorities put her under house arrest instead of throwing her into prison. The legend about Cecilia's death says that after being struck three times on the neck by an executioner who came into her home, she lived for three days, and asked the pope to convert her home into a church.

Like any good Christian, Cecilia sang in her heart, and sometimes with her voice. She has become a symbol of the conviction that good music is an integral part of the liturgy, of greater value to the Church than any other art.

When the Academy of Music was founded in Rome in the sixteenth century, it was named for her. To this day, many choirs and music societies bear St. Cecilia's name. Her remembrance day has become a celebration of music and song.

Taken from the books *Companion to the Calendar, A Guide to the Saints and Mysteries of the Christian Calendar*, by Mary Ellen Hynes, Liturgy Training Publications, Chicago, IL and *Saint of the Day, Lives and Lessons for Saints and Feasts of the New Missal*, by Leonard Foley, O.F.M., Editor, Saint Anthony Messenger Press, Cincinnati, OH.



Happy Thanksgiving