

MONDAY, JANUARY 4, ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

6:15 AM Communion Service
 9:00 AM Mass for Ruth Crawford

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, ST. JOHN NEUMANN

6:15 AM Communion Service
 9:00 AM Mass for Paul Wangler
 2:45 PM 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, JANUARY 6, BLESSED ANDRE BESSETTE

6:15 AM Communion Service
 9:00 AM Mass for Deceased Souls in Purgatory
 1:00 PM **NO LOW VISION**
 5:00 PM Mass for Francis M. Marley, Sr. (Anniv.)
 5:45 PM Youth Choir Practice (Choir Room)
 6:45 PM Rel. Ed.: Practice/First Reconciliation/Church
 6:45 PM Rel. Ed. Classes (Grades 1, 3-8)
 7:00 PM Parish Choir (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, ST. RAYMOND PENAFORT

6:15 AM Communion Service
 9:00 AM Mass for Joseph & Helen Blaser
 9:30 AM Eucharistic Exposition (Eucharistic Chapel)
 Adoration through the day until 9 PM
 9:45 AM Memorial Choir Practice
 6:00 PM Crown Biblical Financial Meeting (St. Luke)
 7:00 PM **NO CL of C**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

6:15 AM **Communion Service**
 9:00 AM Mass for Alma Barchus; Grades 1 - 6 attending
 9:30 AM Eucharistic Exposition (Eucharistic Chapel)
 Adoration through the day until 9 PM
 2:15 PM Mass at St. Catherine's

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

10:00 AM Charismatic Prayer Group
 4:30 PM Mass for Dolores Parks; Betty Howard; Lucille Hoffbauer; Leonard Vaughn-Lahman; Thelma Kaye Cervantes **Servers:** Matti Burns, Jacque Burns, Courtney Burns, L Ray Burns **Lector:** Megan McNinch **Cantor:** Sarah Jones **Gift Bearers:** Mike & Sharon Cool

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Fellowship Host: St. Wendelin Band
 Vocation Cup: Leo & Catherine Reinhart
 7:30 AM Mass for Jerome & Albertha Reinhart; Liv./dec. members of Zeyen Family **Servers:** Morgan Brandt, Jackie Herman **Lector:** Leon Purkey **Cantor:** Karrie Ward **Gift Bearers:** Joe & Dorie Bouillon
 9:00 AM Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Atrium)

9:00 AM Mass for Liv./dec. members of St. Wendelin Parish **Servers:** Ben Bodart, Ethan Droll, Alex Galvan, Megan Ziegman **Lector:** Bob Baker **Gift Bearers:** Al & Clara Brickner **PARISH CHOIR**

11:00 AM Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Atrium)

11:00 AM Mass for Helen Lynch (Anniv.); Lowell Bugner (30-Day); Liv./dec. members of Bill & Mae Miller Families **Servers:** Cookie Geroski, Alex Hill, Olivia Hill, Caleb Colburn **Lector:** Allen Gabel **Gift Bearers:** Larry & Louise Steyer **H.S. CHOIR**

6:30 PM Divorced & Separated (Upper Room)

**Extraordinary Ministers
 of Holy Communion**
 1/9 & 1/10 B
 11:00 AM 1/10 B

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT FOR NOVEMBER			
Received 11/1 - 11/30	\$		74,476
Direct Deposit for November	\$		12,999
Budgeted for November	\$		95,405
Over (Under) for November	\$		(7,930)
Year-to-date received	\$		385,569
Year-to-date budgeted (wk 22)	\$		419,782
Over (under) for fiscal year	\$		(34,213)
Children's Offertory November	\$		223

Readings for the Week of January 3, 2010

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
 Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6; Ps 98; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 100; Mk 6:34-44
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72; Mk 6:45-52
 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4; Ps 2; Lk 4:14-22a
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 72; Lk 5:12-16
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 72; Jn 3:22-30
 Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



COMMUNITY WIDE

STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

On Friday, January 8, at 12:05 PM, stop and pray for the safety of our service men and women and for the end of the wars in which they are involved.



MASS FOR SHUT-INS

Sun., Jan. 10, on WBVI at 10:30 AM
 Sponsored by Hoening Funeral Home



A new way of looking at the New Year!

In the book of Genesis, God said, "Let us make man in our image and likeness." And, so he did. This image and likeness is enhanced through baptism when God makes His dwelling within us.

What a privilege! What a gift!

What have we done to this gift? Someone suggested that we have returned God's favor by making God to our image and likeness. We speak of 'God will understand' when we want to do things our way. I recall the comment by President Lincoln. One of his advisors mentioned that we should ask God to be on our side. "Rather," said the President, "let us make sure that we are on God's side."

That is our ongoing challenge this New Year, to make sure that we are on God's side.

God bless all of us as we begin this year of 2010.

Fr. Nicholas Weibl



**Pastor's
Message**



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Dear Parishioners!

Candy, cookies, oranges, grapefruits, cards, gifts of various kinds poured into the rectory during this holy season! On behalf of Fr. Eric (more to love), Phil (able to run it off), myself (a little rounder), I would like to thank all of you for your generosity and good will. It is another indication why we like it here, your support and good wishes urge us on to greater service. What great parishioners we have.

God bless you 100fold.
Fr. Nick for the three of us.

P.S. I celebrate the Christmas season by starting my cards after Christmas. No one has complained yet about this practice of many years.

January Health Happenings

- **New Life Journey: Divorced/Separated Support Program Sundays beginning Jan. 3 from 6:30pm-8:30pm Parish Life Center "Upper Room".**

13 week series of information and support for divorced or separated persons. Contact Bonnie & Dave Valenti 419-937-1015 or Mary K. & Steve Gillig 419-435-6050 for more information.

- **Diabetes Refresher Course Wed. Jan 6, 1pm.**
- FCH Diabetes Education Dept Entrance 1. Pre-registration is required. Physician referral required. Contact Shirley Conley, RN, BSN, CDE 419-436-6629 for details.

- **Scale Down Weight Loss Blitz Wed. Jan. 6, 6pm.**
FREE orientation detailing the 4 week Scale Down Weight Loss Blitz. Contact Promedica Total Wellness 419-436-6688 for details.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

We have received additional money for flowers to honor the memory of loved ones during this blessed season.

Frank & Alvira Dibling
Florence Calmes-Foltz
Edward J. Moes
Mary Lou Reinhart

The Catholic Annulment Mission of Justice – Ministry of Healing

Many Catholics, and most non-Catholics, often think of the annulment as little more than a Catholic Divorce. Nothing could be farther from the truth! Our Church truly believes that a valid marriage, which it defines for the young couple on their wedding day as "sign and symbol of God's ever faithful love for his people," cannot be destroyed by any force on earth, not by the civil state, not by the Church, not by the couple who is facing some difficulty.

On the other hand, the Church also recognizes that human beings have been weakened by the effects of original sin and often make rash decisions, quick judgments and foolish choices that can lead to invalid marital consent and all the consequences of being in a place we never should have gone. What do we do in a situation where consent itself lacked any of the necessary binding force Jesus would want for something as sacred as any of the seven sacraments?

That's where justice comes in. Since its earliest days, the Church has had a Mission to provide justice for the People of God. Church Tribunals have existed at least since the time of St. Paul to settle disputes, as when any person believes that for some specific reason the consent he or she gave to marriage was flawed. Why courts to determine anything at all about marriage? Because marriage is a public celebration of a sacrament, and all seven have been entrusted to the Church for their proper and valid celebration, not to any of us as individuals. Since the initial consent was to a sacrament, only the custodian of the sacraments can examine the facts and render a decision as to the validity of consent to the sacrament.

So where does healing come in? In fact, when we humans make mistakes the consequences can cause huge rifts between persons, between people and family, between individuals and the larger community of faith. Jesus gave the Church vast powers to begin to effect healing, as when we Celebrate the Sacraments of Healing, Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation. But there are other ways to bring about healing in the mind and soul, and among these is the process involved in self-examination of what led to a particular act of consent, where it went astray and how then are we to return to the wholeness Jesus seeks for each of us?

Want to know more? Why not plan now to attend a special evening of information on the process of the Catholic Annulment right here at the parish, **January 14 at 7 p.m. in the St. Wendelin Parish Hall.** Come hear Fr. Chris Vasko, our diocesan expert in the Catholic Annulment, as well as the testimony of those who have used this process to effect healing and renewal in their own lives.

The K of C Ladies Auxiliary

SAVE THE DATE: The K of C Ladies Auxiliary is planning a "Girls Poker Night & MORE" at the club, Friday, Jan 22. Public will be invited. More details to follow.

WHAT'S GOING ON ...

- ▶ **Sunday, Jan. 3**
SWPA Pizza & Bowling Party Noon-2:00p
@ Seneca Lanes
- ▶ **Monday, Jan. 4**
SCHOOL RESUMES
- ▶ **Friday, Jan. 8**
Spelling Bee



MISSION UPDATE

▶ Thank you to all who purchased St. Wendelin Elementary Spirit Shirts. We were able to send \$309.85 to support our mission program.

We still have 16 shirts that can be printed and purchased. If interested please contact Mrs. Tiell.

YOU'RE INVITED

▶ Parents and friends are invited to the elementary school Spelling Bee on **Friday, January 8, at 10:00 AM** for grades 3 & 4 and 12:30 PM for grades 5 & 6. To be held in the Parish Life Center. We hope you can attend!

Religious Education News

Religious Education classes will resume on Wednesday, January 6th for grades 1-8.

Our **2nd Grade** students **will meet in their classroom first** before going over to the church to practice for their First Reconciliation.

First Reconciliation for our second grade class will be on Wednesday evening, January 20th at 6:45 p.m. in the church.

Reminder to Religious Education

Catechists: Mark your calendars for our next **Catholic Basics seminar class** which will be held on Saturday, **February 20, 2010** from 9:00 until 4:00 in the St. Wendelin Parish Hall.

PRAYER CORNER

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

- Sam Bogner, Jean Bowman,
- Paul Chaney, Patsy Conine, Thelma Crawford, Bonifacio DeLaRosa,
- Frances DeLaRosa, Matt Fox,
- Sr. Virginia Gase, Phyllis Hulderman,
- Bernadette Kruszynski, Maria Lencses, Gus Lpez, Mae Reinhart,
- Kathy Scherger, Jeff Schilt, Carmen Vargas,
- Susie Watkins, Lee Willer and Mary Ziegman.



WHAT'S GOING ON ...

- ▶ **Monday, Jan. 4**
SCHOOL RESUMES—Odd day
6:00p BBK vs. Lakota @ home
Music Booster Mtg. 6-7:00p
- ▶ **Tuesday, Jan. 5**
1:30p EARLY DISMISSAL, Teacher's Meeting
6:00p GBK @ McComb
- ▶ **Wednesday, Jan. 6**
5:00p FRGBK vs. Eastwood @ home
- ▶ **Thursday, Jan. 7**
Mass 10:30 am (Gr. 7-12) in the South gym
- ▶ **Friday, Jan. 8**
6:00p BBK vs. Tiffin Calvert @ home
- ▶ **Saturday, Jan. 9**
9:30a SW @ Norwalk St. Paul
10:00a JHWR @ MAL @ Seneca East
6:00p GBK vs. Arcadia @ home

A special thank you is extended to Mr. Terry Hoening for donating the 2010 calendars to the National Honor Society! *Thank You!* The proceeds from the sale of these calendars goes towards helping with clothing items, food and toys for families in need at Christmas.

Caring For Kids Project

Thank you to all who helped with the Caring for Kids Project at the Jr. High and High School this holiday season. We were able to help ten (10) Fostoria area families prepare for Christmas by supplying baskets which included toys for the children and food, toiletries and cleaning supplies for the family. Enough was supplied to our adopted families to help them through the holidays. Thank you for your kind and generous donations.



BAPTISMAL POLICY OF ST. WENDELIN PARISH

Make initial contact with the Parish Office:

It is advised that you finish the baptismal preparation before your child is born.

Participate in the first session

This will be given one on one by a priest or our Religious Education Director, and deals with the Theology behind the Sacrament of Baptism.

Participate in the second session

At the end of the first session, you will need to register for the second session.

These sessions are held 5 times a year. The next date is **January 10, 2010.**

Each session will begin with reserved seating at the 9 a.m. Mass and finish by noon.

Informational Session on the Annulment Process

Fr. Chris Vasko will be giving a presentation on the teaching of the Catholic Church on divorce, annulments, remarriage and civil marriage on January 14, 2010 at 7pm in the St. Wendelin Parish Hall (323 N. Wood St., Fostoria). Fr. Vasko and local annulment advocates will be available following the presentation to answer questions related to the annulment process. All are welcome to this free presentation. Questions regarding this event can be directed to Phil Smith (phil.smith@stwendelin.org or 419-435-6692).

Are You Going Through a Divorce?

There is help...

As you know, divorce is a very painful and confusing experience to go through, leaving you with many questions such as:

- What's happening to me?
- Why does divorce hurt so much?
- Does God understand how angry I am?
- Does anyone understand how lonely I am?
- How will I make it on my own?
- Why do I have to forgive my ex?

These are just some of the questions you can get answers for at "New Life Journey", a DivorceCare, Inc. program. St. Wendelin Parish will be offering this 13-week series beginning Sunday **January 3rd from 6:30pm to 8:30pm in the Upper Room of the St. Wendelin Parish Life Center at 323 N. Wood St., Fostoria.** The cost is \$20 to cover the expense of workbook and materials. This program is ecumenical and open to people of all faiths. Contact Bonnie Valenti, facilitator at 419-937-1015 or Mary Gillig, facilitator at 419-435-6050 if you have questions, need more information, or to register by phone. You may also register at the door or pick up a form in the business office. *"For I know the plans I have for you" declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."* Jeremiah 29:11

"Get to know your Saints" Corner

January 5 – The (U.S.A.) Memorial of John Neumann, Bishop (1811-1860)

Blessed John Neumann was born in what is now Czechoslovakia. He studied Latin, Greek, Hebrew and eight modern languages in Prague. He wanted to become an ordained priest but had been told that new priests were not needed. He decided in 1836 to take a boat from Europe to New York City in the hope that he could be of use in America. All he owned when he came over on the boat was the clothes on his back and a heavy suitcase full of books.

The Bishop of New York was delighted to put John to work. He assigned John to the mission parishes of Buffalo. John visited his German, French, Irish and Scottish parishioners on horseback. Many of them were immigrants like himself, and he spoke to them in their own languages. He visited the sick, taught catechism and trained teachers.

John served faithfully for four years, but it was a lonely life. Eventually he decided to enter the Redemptorist order so that he could live in a community. Soon he became the head of all the Redemptorist priests in America.

In 1852, John was appointed bishop of Philadelphia, which was at that time the biggest diocese in the United States. Many wealthy and influential Catholics lived there. Most of them didn't want John Neumann to be their bishop. They wanted someone more polished. John also faced opposition from the "Know-Nothings," a political group that tried to keep immigrants from coming to America.

John worked hard and was an excellent bishop. He set up Catholic schools for thousands of children. He visited every parish and mission in the huge diocese at least once every two years. He wrote articles for newspapers and magazines as a way to teach the faith. He even prepared catechisms and a Bible history for immigrants who spoke German. John died at the age of 50. He is buried in St. Peter's Church in Philadelphia.

Well-known for holiness and learning, spiritual writing and preaching, on October 13, 1963, he became the first American bishop to be beatified. He was canonized June 19, 1977. John Neumann took seriously our Lord's words, "Go and teach all nations." Today our Church is in dire need of men and women just like John and many others who continue in our times the teaching of the Good News.



ST. WENDELIN PICTORAL DIRECTORIES

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Our Picture Directory is here. You may pick them up in the Parish Office during the hours of 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday - Friday. If your picture is in the directory, it does not cost you; if you did not have your picture taken for the directory, you may purchase a book for \$10.00.#

TACOS AFTER THE GAME AT THE K of C

Join us at the K of C for Taco night on Friday January 8th beginning at 7:00 until after the basketball game. Bring a group of friends and enjoy the food and friendship!

