

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, ST. JEROME EMILIANI;
ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA**

6:15 AM Communion Service
9:00 AM Mass for Joseph & Helen Blaser

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

6:15 AM Communion Service
8:30 AM NO Confessions
9:00 AM Mass for Jerome & Albertha Reinhart
1:30 PM D of I Meeting (Emmaus Room)
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, FEBRUARY 10, ST. SCHOLASTICA

6:15 AM Communion Service
9:00 AM Mass for Liv./dec. members of Lencses Family
5:00 PM Mass for Helen Wolph
5:45 PM Youth Choir Practice (Choir Room)
6:45 PM Rel. Education Classes (Grades 1 - 8)
7:00 PM Parish Choir (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, OUR LADY OF LOURDES

6:15 AM Communion Service
9:00 AM Mass for Raymond Schmitz
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, Cynthia McNinch,
Bonnie Omlor

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

6:15 AM Communion Service
9:00 AM Mass for Kathryn Yost (Anniv.)
K-6 attending
9:30 AM Eucharistic Exposition (Eucharistic Chapel)
Adoration through the day until 9 PM
2:15 PM No Nursing Home Mass

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

10:00 AM Charismatic Prayer Group (Notre Dame Room)
4:30 PM Mass for Dorothy Filliater (Anniv.); Susan J. Tiell; Lowell Bugner (60-Day); Stephen Hark; Ann Gomez (Anniv.); Robert & Barbara Whitta Family **Servers:** Debbie Miller, James Mortimer, Sophia Volpe, Victoria Volpe
Lector: Megan McNinch
Cantor: Brenda Goshe
Gift Bearers: Norm & Nancy Boes

5:30 PM Action Auction (High School Gym)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Fellowship Host: Rosary Altar Society
Vocation Cup: Steve & Sue Williams
7:30 AM Mass for Vincent & Betty Boes; Bernice & Blanche Frankart; Frank & Agnes Burns; Leroy & Florence Hulderman **Servers:** Sammy Stahl, Mikael Keiffer **Lector:** Allen Gabel
Cantor: Jackie Fry
Gift Bearers: Ken & Vicki Walliser
9:00 AM Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Atrium)

9:00 AM Mass for Liv./dec. members of St. Wendelin Parish **Servers:** Carson Noel, Stephanie Wagner, Jacob Wagner, Jessica Holman
Lector: Therese Clouse
Gift Bearers: Gary & Lisa Holman
PARISH CHOIR

11:00 AM Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Atrium)
11:00 AM Mass for Helen Feasel; Josephine Callen; John Gilliland; Jean Bowman (14-Day); Paul & Mike Frankart **Servers:** Trent Whetzel, Brody Whetzel, Maddie Statham, Katie Statham
Lector: Rhoda McClellan **Gift Bearers:** Arthur & Christina Costilla, Jr. **H.S. CHOIR**
6:30 PM Divorced & Separated (Upper Room)

**Extraordinary Ministers
of Holy Communion**
2/13 & 2/14 A
11:00 AM 2/14 A

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT FOR DECEMBER		
Received 12/1 - 12/31	\$	78,074
Direct Deposit for December	\$	12,978
Budgeted for December	\$	76,324
Over (Under) for December	\$	14,728
Year-to-date received	\$	508,085
Year-to-date budgeted (wk 27)	\$	515,187
Over (under) for fiscal year	\$	(7,102)
Children's Offertory November	\$	223
Make-up	\$	31,471
Christmas	\$	25,243

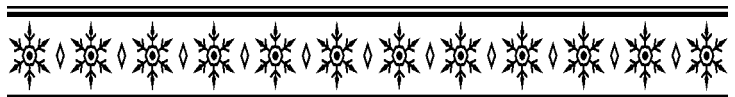
Readings for the Week of February 14, 2010

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20;
Lk 6:17, 20-26
Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51;
2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91; Rom 10:8-13;
Lk 4:1-13



**COMMUNITY WIDE
STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER**

On Friday, February 12, at 12:05 PM, stop and pray that God will bless all married couples and give them the grace to live their lives in joy and peace.



Decisions and Investments!

In Retrouvaille, the experience weekend for couples who are struggling in their marriage, we emphasize that love is a decision not a feeling. That is a hard concept for folks nowadays to understand. It means 'for better, for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health.' It does not mean until I do not feel like it. This is a decision parents make for their children. They love them no matter what and will not let them starve just because they don't feel like feeding them. It means getting up every morning to go to work rather than not going because I do not feel like it. I remember my brother, who belonged to St. Vincent de Paul, reporting on a man he visited. The man was an excellent electrician. He was hired and worked for two weeks and did fine work. Then he stopped going because he felt like fishing. He asked St. Vincent de Paul for help.

I would like to apply the decision process to Catholic Education. It is not a feeling but a decision to decide what to do about the Catholic Formation of our children. The questions I would pose for parents are the following:

1. As you look to the future of your children, how can you make sure that they are formed in the faith? What is your practice of religion at home and on Sundays? Do you pray regularly with your children and encourage them to pray alone? Do you study the truths of our religion with your children?

These are decisions you need to make. It is not something for the future but it is what you need to do today.

2. Do you need the help of others in order to practice your own faith? Do you need to come together on Sunday to be challenged in your faith, or can you challenge yourself alone to grow? We hear people praying in the woods, but I do not hear anyone saying that they are reading the scripture, studying the Catechism in the woods so that they can replace the sermons and readings on Sunday!

3. As you look down the road to your children becoming adults, are you preparing them to face the religious challenges of the future? Education is a lifetime investment and that is also true of Catholic Education.

4. Have you made a deliberate choice on the education of your children? Have you asked what the best choice for their formation is as you look at their future lives in our country? What will make them active, honest, concerned Catholic adults? What is the best preparation for them?

5. What is the best financial investment for them to prepare them? Is it Catholic Education? Is it buying them more electronics and other items? Is it a swimming pool, a new car? Or are other investments needed before their education?

As I mentioned if love is a decision, so is Catholic Education and Moral Formation of children a decision.

Is Catholic Education a good faith investment? Research shows that the more formation in the faith in school, all the way through College, means a lifetime of moral, intellectual formation superior to any other moral formation.

Last year, our graduates, on the average, were offered \$70,000/student in scholarships (\$3.1 million). The average accepted were \$23,700/student (\$950,000). I would say that is a good investment of tuition money. You do not find those returns on the stock market.

We are proud of our faith and intellectual formation in our school. We encourage you to make a sound decision on the education of your children, a decision that is not based on, 'I don't want to take her/him away from the friends she now has', or, 'it is too much of a sacrifice', or, 'I don't want to ask the parish for help.' The decision should be what is best for my sons and daughters future faith and family life. Then, the rest of the decisions will follow.

I remember a young mother who was going to move her daughter to public school after pre-school in a former parish. I asked her why she was switching her. She mentioned that she did not want to separate her from her friends who were going to public school. My comment was, 'you are letting your 5 year old decide the future of her education?' Who is the mother and who is the child?' Her comment: "More people should remind me of that."

Thank you for reading this. I hope it helps. It is not my decision, it is your decision to decide your child's future faith formation. I will certainly support you in that prayerful decision. But, make it a decision, not a feeling.

God bless us all!

Fr. Nicholas Weibl

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PRAYER CORNER

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

Sam Bogner, Paul Chaney, Patsy Conine, Bonifacio DeLaRosa, Frances DeLaRosa, Sr. Virginia Gase, Matthew Geroski, Bernadette Kruszynski, Ellie Lanning, Gus Lopez, Bernadine Nye, Mae Reinhart, Sr. Teresita Richards, Kathy Scherger, Jeff Schilt, Carmen Vargus, and Susie Watkins.



Stand & Pray: Lent 2010

What is your Lenten devotion this year? Why not be a witness to Life!! Join others in peaceful prayer outside Center for Choice, 328 22nd St., Toledo, from Ash Wednesday (2/17) through Good Friday (4/2). This is an invitation to come and **PRAY** any time it's convenient to you, but the most helpful times are: Mon, Tues, & Wed: 8am-5pm; Thurs: 2-10pm; Fri: 8am-1pm For more information, contact Ann at toledoeagle@hotmail.com or (419) 708-9497, or visit www.prolifeconnection.com to sign up!



Please bring the old palms that you no longer want from previous Palm Sundays to the Parish Office this week or to church next weekend. They will be burned for ashes to be used on Ash Wednesday.

FOSTORIA FOOD PANTRY – Charitable Giving for February

Denelda Vaughn of the Food Pantry tells us that 29 families (21 adults and 8 children) were assisted in the month of December, 2009. They received 9 meals 3 days a week (breakfast, lunch and dinner). The Food Pantry receives funds from FEMA, Lima Food Bank and monetary gifts from churches. They need fruit, canned goods, peanut butter and jelly, spaghetti sauce and tuna and noodles.

If you can donate any of these items, please drop them off at the American Red Cross, 115 S. Main St., Fostoria. If you can help this worthwhile cause monetarily, make your checks payable to St. Wendelin Parish, and they will forward donations to us.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Jesus was enjoying a moment of peace when the crowd "pressed in on Him" ending His quiet moment. Just when we think we can enjoy a peaceful moment at home there is a demand for our time and presence. Notice Jesus did not get upset. Finding and enjoying time for self and family is an art worth planning and designing.

The **Lenten K of C Fish Fry Events** are planned for every Friday during Lent, February 19th thru April 2, 2010. They will start at 11:00 a.m. and conclude at 8:00 p.m. (This is one of God's original foods.) Prices are: adults, \$7.00; children, \$4.00; Super Size, \$9.00; or fish sandwich only, \$3.00. *Come and enjoy; open to the public.* Carry-Outs available.



HEALTH NEWS

February Health Happenings

- **Scale Down Program Wed. Feb. 10 at 7pm** FCH Conference Center A, entrance 2. Free information session detailing the range of Scale Down weight loss program options including structured weekly classes to limited quick appointments scheduled at your convenience for 1:1 coaching. Call Promedica Total Wellness 419-436-6688 for more information.
- **Healthy Heart Screening Thurs. Feb. 11 from 6-9am** FCH Conference Center A, entrance 2. Includes FREE blood pressure, FREE blood sugar screening and FREE healthy heart information. \$15 for total cholesterol, HDL & LDL and triglycerides. For best accuracy a 12 hour fast is suggested for the cholesterol screening. No appointment needed.
- **Women's Cancer Survivor Support Group** Tues. Feb. 16 at 6pm FCH Conference Center B, entrance 2. Support group for women who have survived cancer, regardless of diagnosis. Free and open to the public. Call Kim Willford, RN, OCN 419-436-6626 for more information.

February is American Heart Month—"Have a Heart, a Healthy One!"

Heart disease may be the leading cause of death for both men and women, but that doesn't mean you have to accept it as your fate. Although there are some risk factors you cannot change like family history, age and race, you can always control your lifestyle choices. For example:

- Don't smoke or use tobacco products. The most powerful, preventable risk factor for heart disease is to quit smoking. No amount of smoking is safe!
- Exercise! By exercising regularly, you can cut down your risk of heart disease by nearly a quarter.
- Eat a heart-healthy diet. Eating for your heart is not just about cutting back on your fat intake but eating the proper amounts of fruits and vegetables daily. Try and set a personal goal for yourself of 5-10 servings per day.
- Maintain a healthy weight. When weight is gained in the later years of life you gain mostly pure fatty tissues, making you more susceptible to high blood pressure, high cholesterol and diabetes.

Get regular blood pressure and cholesterol checks. If you don't get tested you may never know that you are at risk and need to take action.

Fostoria Community Hospital is holding a "**Healthy Heart Screening**" **Thursday Feb. 11 from 6-9am in FCH Conference Room A.** Includes free blood pressure screenings, free blood sugar screenings and cholesterol checks for a small fee. A fast of 12 hours is recommended for accuracy. No appointment needed, just walk in. For questions, contact Kathy Holman, RN, Parish Nurse 419-435-6692. *"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit...therefore, honor God with your body: (1 Cor.6:15, 19-20).*

Our sincere sympathy and prayers are extended to the families of Duane Schreiner and Marian Boyer who died this past week. May they experience the Peace and Joy of the Risen Lord.



I received word that during the days before and after Pentecost (May 23, 2010), the coffin of St. Wendelin will be opened for public viewing in St. Wendel, Germany.

This year bears the 650th Anniversary of the Consecration of the Wendelin Church in St. Wendel, Germany. Their priest, Father Franciscus, declared the "Wendalinusjahr" - the Year of St. Wendelin - to have started last October.

This will be the first chance to see the body of the Saint in ten years and the last for at least another ten years. There will be an exhibition about the history of the Saint and his parish. If anyone is interested in making the "pilgrimage" and needs more information, please contact me (Fr. Weibl).

"Get to know your Saints" Corner

February 10 – St. Scholastica, Virgin, Religious (480-543)

Scholastica and her twin brother Benedict were born in the year 480. They were brought up together until Benedict left for Rome to continue his studies.

Little is actually known of Scholastica's early life. She founded a religious community for women near Monte Cassino at Plombariola, five miles from where her brother governed a monastery.

The twins visited each other once a year in a farmhouse because Scholastica was not permitted inside the monastery. They spent these times discussing spiritual matters.

According to the *Dialogues of St. Gregory the Great*, the brother and sister spent their last day together in prayer and conversation. Scholastica sensed her death was close at hand and she begged Benedict to stay with her until the next day. He refused her request because he did not want to spend a night outside the monastery, thus breaking his own rule. Scholastica asked God to let her brother remain and a severe thunderstorm broke out, preventing Benedict and his monks from returning to the abbey.

The next day, the brother and sister departed after their long discussion. Three days later, Benedict was praying in his monastery and saw the soul of his sister rising heavenward in the form of a white dove. Benedict then announced the death of his sister to the monks and later buried her in the tomb he had prepared for himself.

Scholastica and Benedict gave themselves totally to God and gave top priority to deepening their friendship with him through prayer. They sacrificed some of the opportunities they would have had to be together as brother and sister in order to better fulfill their vocation to the religious life. In coming closer to Christ, however, they found they were also closer to each other.

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 Press Publications, and Saint of the Day, Lives and Lessons for Saint and Feasts of the New Missal by Leonard Foley, O.F.M., Editor, St. Anthony Messenger Press.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS:

Our Religious Education department will host a meeting on **Monday, February 8th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Upper Room (2nd floor Parish Hall) for Catholic adults and children who may not have had the opportunity to complete their full membership into the Catholic faith since their Baptism or First Eucharist. For more information, please contact Shellie Gabel at the Religious Education office at 419-435-6681.

Parents of all 2nd grade students preparing for First Eucharist: Please mark your calendar for our first meeting on the sacrament of First Eucharist to be held on **Wednesday, February 24 at 6:45 p.m.** Parents will meet in the church and children will meet in the parish hall. **First Eucharist Enrollment** will be the following Sunday, February 28 during the 11:00 mass.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Confirmation Bake Sale last weekend. We raised a total of \$406.45 to be divided and given to the Fostoria Right To Life and the Caring Hands Pregnancy Distress Center. Thank you to our Confirmation students who came in to set-up the bake sale and to work the bake sale after each mass. Hugs to those moms who helped the students prepare the goodies and the moms who helped me over the weekend: Tammy Ogg, Gladys Coburn and Ann Stahl.

Haiti Earthquake

The U.S. Catholic Church Responds

Latest News from CRS/Caritas Haiti

"It may look to many in the rest of the world that those in need are not receiving any aid, but actually thousands here in Port-au-Prince are getting help," said Karel Zelenka, the CRS country representative in Haiti. To date, CRS has:

Provided food to 74,458 people, and non-food items to 15,692 people, distributing an average of 62 metric tons of food per day.

Sent in medical teams that are treating 300 people per day.

Supported 2,500 people at Missionaries of Charity centers.

For up-to-date information visit www.crs.org or crs-blog.org.

Natural Family Planning Classes

Natural Family Planning classes are being held in 3 sessions on Feb. 14, March 14 & Apr 18, 2010 at St. Aloysius Parish (Clare Hall), Bowling Green, OH from 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Teaching couple is Jim & Linda Kettinger. Registrations can be made online at www.ccli.org



WHAT'S GOING ON ...

- ▶ **Tuesday, Feb. 9** -- Gr. 5 & 6 Scoliosis Screening
- ▶ **Wednesday, Feb. 10** -- Kindergarten Visitation– Mohawk for a Day
- ▶ **Friday, Feb. 5** -- K-12 Mass 9:00a

GOLDEN APPLE AWARD 2010

▶ For the fifth consecutive year, we are pleased to announce that, through the generosity and kindness of the Jack and Rhodora Donahue Family Foundation of Pittsburgh Pennsylvania, the "Golden Apple Award" will be given to outstanding individuals who devote their lives to teaching in Catholic schools in our diocese.

Again this spring we will honor seven (7) elementary teachers and two (2) secondary teachers. The award will consist of the following:

- Cash award of \$ 5,000
- Golden Apple with a 24 carat gold cross
- Golden Apple lapel pin

Eligibility requirements:

• The candidate must be a practicing Catholic, a full time teacher and have completed a minimum of three full years in the elementary or secondary school at which he/she is currently employed.

• A teacher, parent or student may nominate a teacher in an elementary school. (If student nominates the teacher, it must be done with a parent.)

• A teacher, parent or student may nominate a teacher in a high school.

• The applicant must have a valid license or certification, both state and diocesan for the position they currently hold.

Important deadlines:

• **February 15, 2010:** Nominations from parents, teachers, or students are due on this date. The form must be given to the principal of the teacher being nominated.

A nomination form to be used by parents, teachers, or students is available in either school office or on our website www.stwendelin.org.

GENEROUS BEQUEST

St. Wendelin Schools Educational Foundation is the beneficiary of a generous bequest from the estate of Evelyn Burns.

St. Wendelin students present and future will benefit from Evelyn's generosity and longtime commitment to the parish and schools.

Please keep Evelyn and her family in your prayers.

WHAT'S GOING ON ...

- ▶ **Saturday, Feb. 6** -- GBK @ Elmwood; 6:00p BBK @ Lake
- ▶ **Sunday, Feb. 7** -- 5:00-7:00p Men's Discernment Group (Common Ground Youth Rm. @ PLC)
- ▶ **Monday, Feb. 8** -- 10:45-11:45a JH Girls Power Up Program; 5:00p JHGBK vs. Hopewell Loudon @ home; 5:00p JHBBK @ Hopewell Loudon
- ▶ **Thursday, Feb. 11** -- 6:00p GBK @ Hopewell Loudon
- ▶ **Friday, Feb. 12** -- 6:00p BBK @ Bettsville
- ▶ **Saturday, Feb. 13** -- (TBA) JHGBK MAL Semi-Finals @ Calvert ; (TBA) JHBBK MAL Semi-Finals @ Carey

LEARN ABOUT NEW SCHOLARSHIPS/GRANTS

▶ **New scholarships and grants have been created for the 2010-11 school year!** We believe that most students will qualify for at least one of these grants or scholarships. Full details will be available during **Priority Registration** dates.

In order for your family to be fully considered for these new scholarships and grants, registration must be completed on **Thursday, February 18 or Sunday, February 21**. In order for registration to be complete, a non-refundable minimum of \$100 of the Activity/ Registration Fee, per family, is required.

▶ **Open House & Priority Registration** will be on **THURSDAY, FEB. 18, from 5:30-7:30 PM**. 7th through 12th grade at SW High School and Pre-K through 6th Grade @ SW Elementary

This night is for returning students and anyone interested in learning more about St. Wendelin Schools.

▶ **Priority Registration** will be on **SUNDAY, FEB. 21, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM**. Pre-K through Grade 12 @ SW Parish Hall



St. Wendelin High School and Jr. High science department was awarded a \$7,000 grant from the Henry Geary Foundation. The grant will provide four Vernier lab quest hand-held computer data collectors, to provide high school and junior high students in-class data collection from experiments. This function is valuable in all science disciplines: biology, chemistry, physics and physical science.

In addition, 7 Mac laptop computers will be purchased for student use.

We are proud to partner with community supporters like Key-Bank and the Henry Geary Foundation in providing the best educational opportunities for St. Wendelin students.