

Something to think about!

Proclaiming the gospel is our Christian mission. Jesus proclaimed the Good News and healed because he was rooted in prayer. Take Jesus' lead - pray!

**MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS
FOR FEBRUARY 7-15**

7 Sat:	5:00 p.m.	Gavin Quinter—5th Anniversary
8 Sun:	7:30 a.m.	Emma Pour
	9:00 a.m.	Frank & Anna Arling family
	11:00 a.m.	Wayne Groff—birthday
9 Mon:	8:15 a.m.	Bernard & Rosa Fullenkamp
10 Tues:	8:15 a.m.	Leroy & Mary Francis family / Jill York
11 Wed:	8:15 a.m.	Robert Tebbe
12 Thurs:	8:15 a.m.	For Vocations
13 Fri:	8:15 a.m.	Anthony Broering—Wedding Anniversary
	7:30 p.m.	Latin Mass
14 Sat:	8:15 a.m.	Joe & Betty Marchal
	5:00 p.m.	Lloyd Turner
15 Sun:	7:30 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
	9:00 a.m.	Urban Borchers—1st Anniversary
	11:00 a.m.	Mary & Lawrence Davidson—b-days

**MINISTRY SCHEDULES
FOR THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 14-15****SERVERS**

5:00 p.m.	Brandon Colby & Zach Borchers
7:30 a.m.	John & Eric Magoto
9:00 a.m.	Ethan Schafer & Kyle Muhlenkamp
11:00 a.m.	Kyle Francis & Nick Cordonnier

LECTORS

5:00 p.m.	Ryan Francis
7:30 a.m.	Kathy Pinchot
9:00 a.m.	Deanna Ball
11:00 a.m.	Adam Andrejcio

DISTRIBUTORS

5:00 p.m.	Linda Monnin, Stacey Grieshop, Carrie Heuing
7:30 a.m.	Dick & Cindy Goubeaux, Janice Tebbe
9:00 a.m.	Tom & Karen Doseck, Jana Francis, Joyce Bremigan, Aaron Schmitmeyer
11:00 a.m.	Dan Monnin, Josh Pleiman, Ron & Kay Borchers, Julie Heuing

GIFT PRESENTERS

5:00 p.m.	Linus & Rita Monnin
7:30 a.m.	Dottie Monnier
9:00 a.m.	Mary Freisthler
11:00 a.m.	Tim & Jill York

COLLECTION COUNTERS: Janice Tebbe & Deanna Adams

UPCOMING EVENTS**FEBRUARY****11 Wednesday**

7:00—8:00 p.m. JH & HS CCD

12 Thursday

9:00 am—8:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration
3:00—3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
7:30—8:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
8:30 p.m. Benediction

14 Saturday

9:15—10:00 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
3:30—4:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

15 Sunday

10:30—10:50 am Sacrament of Reconciliation

Volunteers are needed to help with **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**. If you are willing to sign up for 1 hour of prayer every Thursday please see the sign-up sheet in the back of church. If you are not able to help every week, but would consider being a sub, there is a sign-up sheet for this too. This is a one-year commitment and subs are available for the times you need them.

The Newport Sportsmen Club is delighted to sponsor the 17th annual **SPAGHETTI DINNER TO BENEFIT THE HOSPICE UNIT** at Wilson Memorial Hospital on February 8. Serving time will be 11 am-1:30 pm at the sportsmen club grounds.

The **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MISSION BREAKFAST**, sponsored by Russia & Versailles Councils, will be held February 15 at St Remy Hall after all Sunday Masses.

COLLEGE DAY - Monday, February 16, 2009, the Pontifical College Josephinum is hosting their annual 'College Day.' It provides high school men who are interested in pursuing the priesthood as a college seminarian an opportunity to visit the seminary program, meet current seminarians, and have their questions answered about college seminary programs. To register online, visit: <http://cincinnati.vocations.org/frm021609.php>, or call the Vocation Office at 513.421.3131x2890.

THE COUPLE TO COUPLE LEAGUE is beginning a new series of natural family planning classes at St. Remy's in the rectory basement, on Saturday's, February 14, March 7, and April 4, from 9-11 am. Couples can register with Sean & Jen Gallivan at 937-431-3936 or Eric & Nicki Voisard at 526-3305. For more information go to www.learn-nfp.org.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING (NFP) is healthy, safe, and effective. Come learn an effective and inexpensive way of postponing or achieving pregnancy. St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Troy will hold classes this Spring to teach the Ovulation Method of NFP. The classes will meet on Saturdays, February 28, March 28 and April 18 from 1:30pm to 4:00pm in Rooms 1, 2, 3 in the Parish Center. The cost is \$35 per couple. Contact Scott & Laura Schulze at 937-339-5851 for registration.

PASTOR'S POINT

- FYI: if you are wondering why we are singing more of the Mass parts, especially at the 9:00 Mass, it's because the church has always recommended that more of the Mass parts be chanted, especially on Sundays. More information on that to come.
- During the transitional time of finding a new organist Michele Pax has generously offered to continue to play for the weekends only. Previously she had been playing weekdays Masses and working in the office.

Fr. Frank Amberger

LAST WEEKEND'S OFFERING:	3,698.00
(including ACH payments)	
BUDGETED COLLECTION AMOUNT:	4,090.00
YTD SURPLUS/(DEFICIT):	\$1,848.00

RUSSIA LIBRARY after school Valentine party for 1st and 2nd graders will be held, Wed. Feb. 11, 3:15-4:30 pm. Come for fun, games and crafts. Please register by calling the library at 526-4300.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS TO AGE 30 are invited to "COFFEE HOUSE" to hear Fr. Angelo Anthony, CPPS, speak about making LIFE CHOICES. There will also be a panel of married, single, ordained and consecrated persons. This will be Sunday, February 15, from 6-8:30 pm at the Maria Stein Center/Shrine. Contact Sr. Mary Ellen at 419-925-4532 or programs@mariasteincenter.org.

GRIEF SHARE, a support group for people grieving the death of someone close to them, will begin on Tues., Feb. 17, from 7-8:30 pm, for 8 weeks at St. Michael's Hall in Ft. Loramie. The cost of this series is \$25.00. To register, please call Rose Meyer @ 937-295-2891 or e-mail to rosem@nflregion.org.

GRIEF SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN: Death affects everyone... even children. Children ages 5-18 and adults can attend an 8-week session of "Flight of Hope" Children's Grief Support Group. The next session begins February 19. For more info and to register call 498-9335.

CWV CHICKEN FRY will be held on Friday, Feb. 13 at the CWV Hall. It begins at 4:30 and ends when sold out.

- Youth Ministry News -

- February 9: SOS in the rectory basement at 7:00
- February 15th: CHANGE OF PLANS! On this date there will be a skiing trip with Ft. Loramie youth group.
- February 22: Movie Matinee - come watch the movie, FIREPROOF at St. Remy Hall at 2:30 pm. All High School Youth are welcome! Bring a friend and enjoy snacks and a movie!

Call Paul Fullenkamp at 937-489-3053 for more info.

**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS BENEDICT XVI
FOR LENT 2009**

(This is the first part of a four part message, the remaining parts will be included in the bulletin in the weeks to come.)

Means to the Restoration of a Lost Innocence

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

At the beginning of Lent, which constitutes an itinerary of more intense spiritual training, the Liturgy sets before us again three penitential practices that are very dear to the biblical and Christian tradition - prayer, almsgiving, fasting - to prepare us to better celebrate Easter and thus experience God's power that, as we shall hear in the Paschal Vigil, "dispels all evil, washes guilt away, restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy, casts out hatred, brings us peace and humbles earthly pride" (Paschal *Præconium*).

Fasting

For this year's Lenten Message, I wish to focus my reflections especially on the value and meaning of fasting. Indeed, Lent recalls the forty days of our Lord's fasting in the desert, which He undertook before entering into His public ministry. We read in the Gospel: "Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry" (Mt 4,1-2). Like Moses, who fasted before receiving the tablets of the Law (cf. Ex 34,28) and Elijah's fast before meeting the Lord on Mount Horeb (cf. 1 Kings 19,8), Jesus, too, through prayer and fasting, prepared Himself for the mission that lay before Him, marked at the start by a serious battle with the tempter.

Fasting in the Old Testament

We might wonder what value and meaning there is for us Christians in depriving ourselves of something that in itself is good and useful for our bodily sustenance. The Sacred Scriptures and the entire Christian tradition teach that fasting is a great help to avoid sin and all that leads to it. For this reason, the history of salvation is replete with occasions that invite fasting. In the very first pages of Sacred Scripture, the Lord commands man to abstain from partaking of the prohibited fruit: "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die" (Gn 2, 16-17). Commenting on the divine injunction, Saint Basil observes that "fasting was ordained in Paradise," and "the first commandment in this sense was delivered to Adam." He thus concludes: " 'You shall not eat' is a law of fasting and abstinence" (cf. *Sermo de jejuniis*: PG 31, 163, 98). Since all of us are weighed down by sin and its consequences, fasting is proposed to us as an instrument to restore friendship with God. Such was the case with Ezra, who, in preparation for the journey from exile back to the Promised Land, calls upon the assembled people to fast so that "we might humble ourselves before our God" (8,21). The Almighty heard their prayer and assured them of His favor and protection. In the same way, the people of Nineveh, responding to Jonah's call to repentance, proclaimed a fast, as a sign of their sincerity, saying: "Who knows, God may yet repent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we perish not?" (3,9). In this instance, too, God saw their works and spared them.