

Something to think about!

As we begin this Lenten season we are reminded of the everlasting covenant God made with us. Renew the promise you made with God. Believe in the Good News! (Psalm 25)

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 8

28 Sat:	5:00 p.m.	Donna Armstrong—17th Anniversary
1 Sun:	7:30 a.m.	Raymond & Eva Marchal
	9:00 a.m.	Heuing, Monnin & Dapore families
	11:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
2 Mon:	8:15 a.m.	Jerome Schafer
3 Tues:	8:15 a.m.	Robert Peltier
4 Wed:	8:15 a.m.	Emma Pour
5 Thurs:	8:15 a.m.	For Vocations
6 Fri:	7:15 a.m.	Rita Timmerman
	8:15 a.m.	Lester & Sarah Monnier
	7:30 p.m.	Latin Mass
7 Sat:	8:15 a.m.	Joseph Overholser
	5:00 p.m.	Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
8 Sun:	7:30 a.m.	Mary Jane Sturwold
	9:00 a.m.	Elizabeth Lehmkuhl
	11:00 a.m.	Ruth Grogean & Elaine Guillozet

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH COMMUNION SERVICE will be held Mondays-Fridays during Lent, at 7:30 am.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES FOR THE WEEKEND OF MARCH 7-8

SERVERS

5:00 p.m.	Austin Tebbe & Brandon Colby
7:30 a.m.	Jack & Dean Langenkamp
9:00 a.m.	Luke Pohlman & Jeff Simon
11:00 a.m.	Curtis Stueve & Josh Meyer

LECTORS

5:00 p.m.	Bill Francis
7:30 a.m.	Kathy Pinchot
9:00 a.m.	Doug Hoying
11:00 a.m.	Pam DeLoye

DISTRIBUTORS

5:00 p.m.	Stacey Grieshop, Carrie Heuing, Linda Monnin
7:30 a.m.	Jim Marchal, Charlie Voisard, Janice Tebbe
9:00 a.m.	Dave York, Jeff Prenger, Tom & Karen Doseck, Bruce Borchers
11:00 a.m.	Kent & Heather Borchers, Josh Pleiman, Ron & Kay Borchers

GIFT PRESENTERS

5:00 p.m.	Keith & Barb Paulus
7:30 a.m.	Jerry & Judy Goubeau
9:00 a.m.	Randy & Deb Marchal
11:00 a.m.	Mike & Janice Hoying

COLLECTION COUNTERS: Mary Larger & Kathy Muhlenkamp

UPCOMING EVENTS**MARCH****4 Wednesday:**

7:00—8:00 p.m. JH & HS CCD

5 Thursday

9:00 am-7:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration
3:00—3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
7:00-7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
7:30 p.m. Benediction—church
7:45—8:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

7 Saturday

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

8 Sunday

10:30—10:50 am Sacrament of Reconciliation

THE ANNUAL RTL GARAGE SALE

- The sale will be held Thursday-Saturday, March 26-28, at St. Remy Hall in Russia. Hours will be 9 am-7 pm on Thursday & Friday, and 9 am-12 pm on Saturday.
- To donate **good, clean, salable** clothing and/or small items please drop items off Wednesday, March 25 to St. Remy Hall between 9 am-6 pm.
- Please donate only clean and salable items. Our volunteers take a lot of time organizing the sale items and it adds a lot of work having to throw out clothes that are stained, as they do not sell. It would also be extremely helpful if clothes were sorted by size and bagged/boxed accordingly.
- If you would like to donate large items, such as furniture, and are not able to store them until the sale, please contact Maria Hoehne at 937-295-2627.
- There is a bake sale and raffle held in conjunction with the garage sale. Baked items may be brought to the garage sale on Wednesday, March 25, from 9 am-6 pm. Additional baked goods will be accepted throughout Thursday of the sale.

Volunteers are needed to help work at the sale, Wednesday-Saturday. If you are willing to help a phone call to Karen Rosenbeck, 937-526-5814, would be greatly appreciated!

TO TEACH AS JESUS DID: WITH CONFIDENCE AND CREATIVITY

is a workshop offered March 9, 16, 23 and 30, from 6:30 – 9:00 pm, here at St. Remy's. The instructor is Carolyn Stucke. Participants will learn what it means to be a teacher of the Catholic Faith, how faith develops in young people and how they learn. Catechists will receive credit for 4 workshops of the Introduction to Catechetical Ministry requirement upon successful completion of this course. To pre-register for this course contact the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis, 119 East Water Street, Sidney, OH 45365, 937-498-1192 or sidneymediacenter@catholiccincinnati.org.

PROJECT RACHEL RETREAT - Project Rachel is a Post-Abortive Healing Ministry. There will be a retreat held March 6-8, at the Bergamo Retreat Center, Dayton, Ohio. For more information, please call our confidential help line at 513-784-0531.

LAST WEEKEND'S OFFERING: (including ACH payments)	3,913.00
BUDGETED COLLECTION AMOUNT:	4,090.00
YTD SURPLUS/(DEFICIT):	\$1,096.00

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: Imagine the transformation God could accomplish in the Greater Dayton area if individuals from our churches united together for 40 days of prayer and fasting, visibly standing up for **the sanctity of human life!** 40 days for Life began February 25, Ash Wednesday, and goes through April 5, Palm Sunday. Please consider fasting and praying each day. Fasting can be eliminating a meal, eating smaller meals, or fasting from a certain food, drink, or activity. The goal is to have people praying outside the abortion clinic each of the 40 days. The clinic is called the Women's Medical Center, and is located at 1404 Stroop Rd., Kettering OH 45429. Although individuals are encouraged to pray outside the abortion clinic often, some churches have been assigned a specific day to fill prayer slots. **St. Remy's has been assigned March 25.** Closer to that date a sign up sheet will be available in the back of church. Also, please consider joining **Archbishop Schnurr** on Wednesday, March 4 at 1:30 p.m. for a peaceful prayer vigil at the clinic. Directions when traveling southbound on I-75: Exit at Springboro Rd./Route 741 exit (exit 50B). Turn left off ramp. Take 741 south to the 6th light. Turn left onto W. Stroop Rd. The Women's Med Center is down 5-6 miles on the left. More info at www.40daysforlife.com/dayton.

A PATRIOTIC ROSARY will be held on Tuesday, March 3, from 6-6:30 pm, at St. Remy Church. Please sit up front on the Mary side of church.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS will be held on Sunday, March 8, at 10 am in the Rectory Basement. Parents are required to attend one class before the baptism of their first child. Please call the church office at 526-3437 to register. Other dates for 2009 include May 10, July 12, September 13, & November 8.

LENTEN PRAYER GROUP - This is a new prayer group which will meet during the Sundays of Lent, beginning March 8 from 1-2:30 pm. The Lenten Prayer Group will focus on Scripture readings, discussion, and praying for an increase in vocations within our archdiocese. The first and third sessions (March 8 & 22) will be held at Gene & Vicky Cordonnier's home (2855 Russia Rd.). The second session (March 15) will be held at Dan & Sally Monnin's home (510 Saint Remy St.) Check the bulletin for information on subsequent sessions. Any questions call 526-4091 or 526-9985. Come & join us as we grow in our Catholic faith. Please bring your Bibles.

- Youth Ministry News -

- March 9: SOS 7:00 in the rectory basement! Come learn about the saints and play games!
- Sunday, March 22: Movie Matinee of the Passion-Say a rosary as we watch the movie! This is a great thing to view during Lent. Movie will begin around 2:30.

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS BENEDICT XVI FOR LENT 2009

(This is the fourth and final part of the message.)

An Arm in Spiritual Combat

From what I have said thus far, it seems abundantly clear that fasting represents an important ascetical practice, a spiritual arm to do battle against every possible disordered attachment to ourselves. Freely chosen detachment from the pleasure of food and other material goods helps the disciple of Christ to control the appetites of nature, weakened by original sin, whose negative effects impact the entire human person. Quite opportunely, an ancient hymn of the Lenten liturgy exhorts: "*Utamur ergo parcius, / verbis cibis et potibus, / somno, iocis et arctius / perstemus in custodia* - Let us use sparingly words, food and drink, sleep and amusements. May we be more alert in the custody of our senses."

With Mary, the Cause of Our Joy

Dear brothers and sisters, it is good to see how the ultimate goal of fasting is to help each one of us, as the Servant of God Pope John Paul II wrote, to make the complete gift of self to God (cf. Encyclical *Veritatis splendor*, 21). May every family and Christian community use well this time of Lent, therefore, in order to cast aside all that distracts the spirit and grow in whatever nourishes the soul, moving it to love of God and neighbor. I am thinking especially of a greater commitment to prayer, *lectio divina*, recourse to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and active participation in the Eucharist, especially the Holy Sunday Mass. With this interior disposition, let us enter the penitential spirit of Lent. May the Blessed Virgin Mary, *Causa nostrae laetitiae*, accompany and support us in the effort to free our heart from slavery to sin, making it evermore a "living tabernacle of God." With these wishes, while assuring every believer and ecclesial community of my prayer for a fruitful Lenten journey, I cordially impart to all of you my Apostolic Blessing.

From the Vatican, 11 December 2008.

Fr. Amberger's **APOLOGETICS CLASS** (how to explain and defend the Catholic faith) will be Monday, March 2, from 7-8:30, in the Rectory Basement. This class is held the first Monday of every month.

LENTEN ECUMENICAL SERVICES

Once again we will be participating in the area Ecumenical Services. The following is the schedule and location. All services begin at 7:00 pm.

March 1	Hardin New Hope	Rev. Jim Wheeler
March 8	Houston	Rev. John Leighty
March 15	Oran	Rev. Bob Fenner
March 22	Hardin	Rev. Steve Shoup
March 29	Lockington	Rev. Jim Manuel
April 2	Russia, Stations	Rev. Frank Amberger
April 5	Sts. Peter & Paul	Rev. Dale Ritts

SENIOR CITIZEN BINGO will be held at the Gathering Place on the first Wednesday of each month through April. The March date is March 4 at 1:00 p.m.