

April 10, 2011

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION Catholic Church

601 Jennings Road ~
Van Wert, Ohio 45891

Pastor

Rev. Michael Zacharias

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Deacon Norbert Reinhart

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Angie Renner

Masses:

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Weekday: Tuesday 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:45 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. & Saturday, 3:00 - 3:30 pm. or by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated the 2nd Sunday of each month immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Instructions for parents having their first child baptized are held the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Please contact Cherie Freewalt to schedule a date.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Please contact Fr. Mike AT LEAST SIX MONTHS prior to your proposed wedding date to begin preparation for your marriage and to schedule a date.

New to the Parish?

We are glad to welcome you as a member of our Parish Family. Please stop by or call the Parish Office to register. Welcome!

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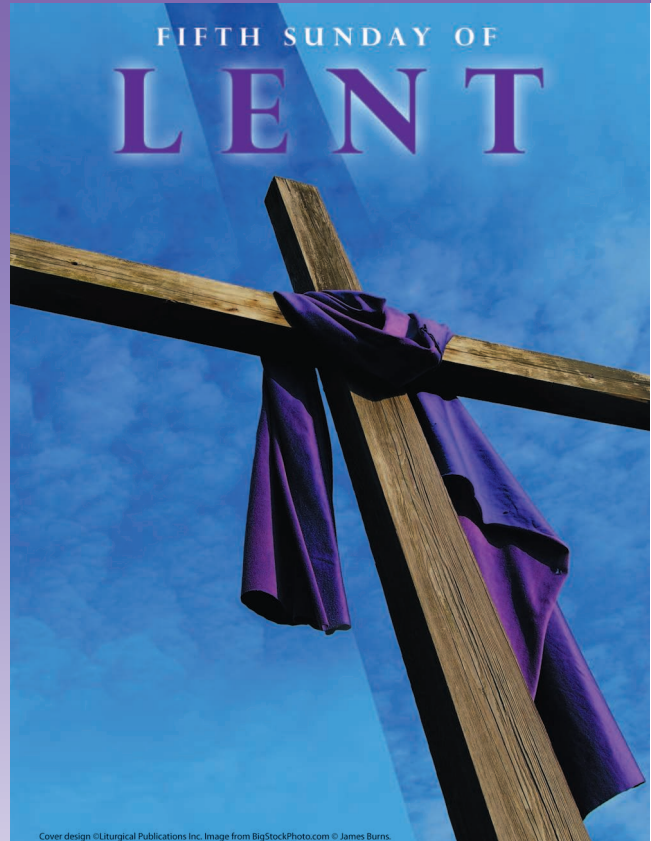
Monday through Friday:

8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline:

Monday at NOON, in writing

Fifth Sunday of Lent



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This Week in Our Parish

<u>Sun April 10:</u>	Confirmation	2:00 pm
	Bible Study (HFR)	6:00 pm
	Bingo (K of C Hall)	6:15 pm
<u>Mon April 11:</u>	PTO	6:00 pm
<u>Tue April 12:</u>	Stations of the Cross	5:30 pm
	Awakening Faith (HFR)	6:30 pm
	St. Vincent de Paul	6:30 pm
	C L of C (Music Room)	6:45 pm
<u>Wed April 13:</u>	SOR	6:45-8:00 pm
	Youth Group	6:45-8:00 pm
<u>Thu April 14:</u>	Bible Study (HFR)	9:30 am
	Bingo (K of C Hall)	6:15 pm
	Pastoral Council (HFR)	6:30 pm
<u>Fri April 15:</u>	Fish Fry (K of C Hall)	5:00—7:00 pm

Liturgical Schedule

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

8:30 AM John Staten, Sr.

10:30 AM Mass for Parish

2:00 PM Confirmation

MONDAY, APRIL 11 + ST. STANISLAUS

NO SERVICES

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

8:00 AM—5:30 PM Adoration in Church

5:30 PM Stations of the Cross

6:00 PM Pat Lahmon

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13 + ST. MARTIN I

8:45 AM John Zacharias

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

8:45 AM Mass for Vocations

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

8:45 AM Mass for the Sick of St. Mary's

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

4:00 PM Miguel Sebastian

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

8:30 AM Jim Kesler

10:30 AM Mass for Parish



Servers, Eucharistic Ministers

Lector & Usher Schedule for April 16 & 17

SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 4:00 PM

Servers: Kara Doseck, Drake Knapke, LeAndryce Miller

E. M.: Shirley Grunden, E Brincefield, T Heckler,
C Mowry, T Reinhart, A Renner, L VonderwellUshers: Terry Johnson, J Basinger, B Fenton, D Heckler

Lector David Mathew

SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 8:30 AM

Servers: Courtney Gorman, Carter Gorman, Olivia Gorman

E. M.: John Greve, G Jenkins, A Laurent, S Laurent,
J Plas, D Pollock, B WolkeUshers: Jim Brickner, R Knueve, S Thomas, D Krizay,
B Wolke, E Fox

Lector Tony Campbell

SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 10:30 AM

Servers: S Linser, A Reichart, M Reichert

E. M.: Jean Gemmer, M Dickman, B Fuerst, L Kill,
M Klosterman, B Laing, K Laing, L Lawson,
P Pollock, A Schaufelberger, D ShultzUshers: Charles Brickner, M Keber, D Allmandinger,
B Keber, D Keber, J Meyers

Lector: Trina Shultz

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Please come forward immediately when the prayers for extending Peace are offered. This will help substitutes know they are needed and allow sufficient time to be ready at the altar. Also, please watch for a total of 8 with Father, Deacons and yourselves and 12 at 10:30 Mass.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

New Pastor: Last weekend it was announced that Fr. Stan Szybka would be our new pastor beginning July 1. For the past six years Fr. Stan has served as pastor at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Willard and St. Joseph Parish in Plymouth. Prior to this he served as pastor of Resurrection Parish in Lexington for twelve years. Let's keep Fr. Stan in our prayers as he readies himself for his move to the "big city" – which Van Wert certainly is when compared to Willard and Plymouth.

Confirmation: Please join me in congratulating our seventh and eighth graders who are being confirmed this Sunday at 2:00p.m. We are excited to have Bishop Blair with us to preside at this year's confirmation. May the gifts of the Holy Spirit be received with open hearts by our students – and may God continue to bless them in all that they do.

Spring Clean-up: Mark your calendars! This year's Spring Clean-up Day will be Saturday, May 21, beginning at 9:00a.m. This year we will begin where we left off last year as we remove bushes next to the gym and put in new landscaping that will extend what we did last year. We will also be planting flowers in and around the Prayer Garden, painting the rectory fence and, if we receive enough donations, landscaping around our new sign as well. Last year we had over 70 people come out and lend a hand – hopefully we will have even more this year! Remember, many hands make light work!

Landscaping Fund: Currently we have just over \$600 in our Landscaping Fund. In order to complete the current phase (including around the sign) we will need to raise about \$1,400 more in donations. If we decide we need to add mulch to the Prayer Garden this year, there will be an additional cost of a few hundred dollars. If you are pleased with last year's efforts and would like to see our landscaping project completed, please feel free to drop an envelope in the collection marked "Landscaping Fund" or stop by the Parish Office.

May God continue to bless our parish family and the good work we do!

In Christ,

FR. MIKE



Terry Amstutz, Cindy Hirzel, Jason Hoffman, June Klinger, David Lewis, Deacon Norbert Reinhart, Monica Richey, Dorothy Stahl, Susie Stripe, Tom Tate

Please call the Parish Office at the beginning of each month to continue the above name(s) on the prayer list. The sick person or a close relative are the only ones who should call to add or remove name(s) to this list.

GOD BLESS OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

Please pray for all those serving in our military: Capt. Virginia Brickner, Sgt. William (Ed) Carter, PFC Sarah Cash, Commander Christopher Cavanaugh, Airman Leisal Hanf-Fleming, CPO Christopher Gemmer, PFC Ross W. Kiracofe, Capt. Taylor Markward, TSG Andrew McMahon, SRA Andrew Motycka, SSgt. Nate Sinning, MSgt. Robert Stant, SRA Ashley Stant, Spec. Jeremy Stevenson, Lepl 4th Laad BN/MP Joseph Wolford, Sgt. Brian Wilson, and Capt. Kristy Youngpeter. Please submit to the Parish Office names of parishioners who are currently serving in the armed forces.



YOUTH GROUP will be meeting this Wednesday, April 13, from 6:45-8:00 in the Holy Family Room.

Please bring your Bible and Workbook!
See you there! Fr. Mike

LAWN MOWERS NEEDED! Last year we had 25 volunteers to mow/trim the parish grounds (9 teams = only having to mow 3 or 4 times). If you would like to help with the mowing/trimming this year, please contact the Parish Office, 238-3979 or Dewey Fuerst, 238-4139. Many hands make light work!

Prayer Request for Awakening Faith
Pastoral Council Chairperson, Pam Baker, asks for prayers for the success of our Awakening Faith Program. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to work in team members and those participating in the program for increased love, faith, grace and service to God.

Please continue to keep the following candidates and catechumens in your prayers:

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| Kevin Baker | Michael Fleming |
| Kambi Kohnen | Robert Leon |
| Rebecca Matthews | Jet Stoller |

LET'S DECORATE OUR CHURCH FOR EASTER



This year the parishioners of St. Mary's have the opportunity to remember someone special through purchasing a lily that will be used to decorate the church. You may purchase a 6 1/2" lily for \$12.00 or a 7 1/2" lily for \$25.00. The 7 1/2" plant is about double the 6 1/2" flower. The person(s) you remember will be listed in a special insert the weekend after Easter. The deadline for memorials is Monday, April 18, 2011. You may put your requests in the collection basket marked "Easter Lilies" or send it to the Parish Office.

In memory/honor of: _____
(circle one)

From: _____

Make checks payable to St. Mary's Parish
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5TH SUNDAY OF LENT



Readings for the Week of April 10, 2011

- Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
- Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:1-11
- Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
- Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42
- Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59
- Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
- Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56
- Next Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14---27:66 or 27:11-54



Report By 5:15 PM

- Apr 10 Andy Burrow, JIM BRICKNER, Ed Fox, Scott Pollock, Matt or Jen Schrader
- Apr 14 Cindy Thomas, Doug Kehres, Jacquie Reinemeyer, ED FOX, Steve Thomas
- Apr 17 Jean Gemmer, ED FOX, Anne Dunn, Thom Gemmer Patricia Parks
- Apr 19* Andy Burrow, Art Weber, ED FOX, Connie Weber, (TUES) Joyce Oechsle
- Apr 21 HOLY THURSDAY – NO BINGO

KITCHEN WORKERS

Report By 5:00 PM

- Apr 10 Debra McHugh and Theresa Mercer
- Apr 14 Ann Carter and Bev Fuerst
- Apr 17 Mona Scheidt
- Apr 19 (TUES)* John Hatcher
- Apr 21 HOLY THURSDAY - NO BINGO

**St. Mary's Bingo—K of C Hall
425 Woodland Ave.**

**Doors open at 4:00 PM for games-
Warm-Up Bingo at 6:15 PM**

***NOTE: BINGO WILL BE HELD ON
TUESDAY, APRIL 19 -
NOT ON HOLY THURSDAY**

RESPONSE TO THE LORD FOR APRIL 3, 2011

ADULT OFFERING FROM 229 ENVELOPES	\$9,499.63
TOTAL ANONYMOUS	371.00
CHILDREN OFFERING FROM 17 ENVELOPES	<u>36.00</u>
TOTAL	\$9,906.63
 TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY BUDGET	 <u>\$7,985.00</u>

Sponsor of the Week

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Fish Fry Schedule:**



The following are scheduled to work the LAST fish fry:

April 15

- Cherie Freewalt
- Mick & Jane Geesey
- Kings/Keirns/ Lippis
- Troy & Christina Miller
- Ali Moreland
- Rick & Linda Say
- Paul & Joseph Shoppell
- Steve, Katie & Jennifer Trittschuh

FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL 2011

The Parish Festival is set for Saturday, June 11th. Anyone interested in helping with the planning and organizing of this *FUN*-raising event please give Duane Riethman a call at 419-238-0863 or drop him an email at renierose@embarqmail.com.

AREA HAPPENINGS

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Tuesday, April 12
7:00 to 8:00 pm

Meet at Westgate Bowling Alley's private room.

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A Catholic school is the preferred choice for all Catholic families and others who embrace our mission.

**School to Present
Living Stations of the Cross**

A *Living Stations of the Cross* will take place Sunday, April 17, at 4:00 pm in the school gymnasium. This prayer service will be led by students in our parish school and is directed by Mrs. Cherie Freewalt. It is open to the public and all are encouraged to attend.

Spotlights will focus on individual stations in the darkened gym as the Passion of our Lord is re-enacted by costumed students in grades K through 6. Students will also serve as readers and members of the choir.

The school took on this project for two reasons—we want the students to experience the Passion of our Lord in a way that becomes more real to them and we also want to make this prayer service available to our parish and community as they continue their journey through Lent.

Marine Visits 2nd Grade

Private John Martens, a member of the United States Marines, visited the second grade class at St. Mary of the Assumption School and shared his experiences. Private Martens is stationed in Afghanistan and was home on furlough. Pvt. Martens is a cousin to James Hagaman, a student in grade 2.



Pride at Mass

At the Friday morning, all-school Mass last week I must confess to being filled with pride. This was the first time for our seventeen students in Kindergarten to give the readings, serve as cantors, bring up the gifts and announce our songs. And they did an outstanding job. Students from our sixth grade stood beside them to encourage and prompt if needed—playing the role of big brother and sister. The pews were filled with many parents and grandparents in addition to the usual Mass attendees—and yes, there were a few cameras (sorry Fr. Mike)!

Of course the Mass was inspiring. Fr. Mike delivered the homily in his usual question-answer format engaging the children and Ms. Schaadt's accompaniment of hymns was beautiful. However, as we sang, "All that we have and all that we offer" I admit to feeling a lump come into my throat. This is our Catholic school at its best—can you name another school that provides this type of experience? Thank you for making it possible. God bless,


Nearly 25 students and members of their families served over 50 meals to people attending the *Bread & Bowl Friday*, March 18.

This event took place at the 1st United Methodist Church and coincided with the Feast of St. Joseph. This is one of the service-outreach programs sponsored by the PTO.



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