



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 22nd

9:00 am *Barbara Vlasek*

11:00 am *Marion Clark*

Monday, February 23rd

NO MORNING MASS

Tuesday, February 24

8:30 am *Helen Bardy*



Wednesday, February 25th

8:30 am *Benefactors & Friends of
St. John Nepomucene School*

12:00 noon *Liturgy*

7:00 pm *Chester Ryba*

Thursday, February 26th

No Morning Mass

Friday, February 27th

8:30 am *Joseph Hezoucky*

Saturday, February 28th

4:00 pm *St. John Nepomucene Parish*

Sunday, March 1st

9:00 am *John Voland*

11:00 am *Frank & Louise Kopchak;
Joseph Patka*

Thank you for the following collections:

Sunday, February 15th \$ 3315.25

Students \$ 9.00

Baptisms – The 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month at 12:00 PM. Parents are required to attend Pre-Baptism Class. Arrangements must be made a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the date of baptism.

Weddings – Parishioners are to contact the rectory office at least 6 months in advance of the wedding to schedule an appointment.

Rosary – Rosary is held at 8:00 AM on weekdays when morning Masses are celebrated.

Sick Calls – Please notify the rectory office to bring the Sacraments when a member of your family is hospitalized. Call the parish office or our Pastoral Minister, Heidi Madsen

Godparent and Sponsor Certificate – Sponsors for Baptism or Confirmation must be **registered** and practicing members of the Church, attending weekly and Holy Day Masses for a minimum of 3 months prior to the celebration of the Sacraments for which they have requested the certificate. If you attend mass, but are not registered, please contact our parish office so that you can be registered here.

Pre -Cana Program for couples anticipating the Sacrament of Marriage will be held at the Jesuit Retreat House on **March 22, 2009** at 12:45 PM. This program satisfies the requirement for marriage preparation as stipulated by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. Call 440-884-9300 to register.

Baptism Class

Before you baptize your child, parish and diocesan policy require you to complete a **Baptism Preparation Class**. The next class will be held at **Holy Name Parish**, on **March 1, 2009** at 1:00 pm. Please call 271-4242 to register.

LENT is a time of preparation for those who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. It is also a time for those of us who are baptized to reflect upon our Baptismal Commitment in preparation for renewing this commitment at Easter.

Please take advantage of the many opportunities for prayer by consulting our Lenten & Holy Week Schedule.

In the Spirit of Lent-the obligation to do penance is a serious one. The obligation to observe, as a whole or “substantial”, the penitential days specified by the Church is also serious. No one should be scrupulous in this regard. Failure to observe individual days of penance is not considered serious; rather it is the failure to observe a substantial number of penitential days, which must be considered serious. People should seek to do more, rather than less. Fast and abstinence on the days prescribed should be considered a minimal response to the Lord’s call to penance and conversion.

Fast & Abstinence

Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

Abstinence from meat binds all Catholic in good health, 14 years and older.

Fasting-Catholics between 18-60 years of age, who are in good health, are limited to one full meal and two light meals. Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are days of abstinence & fast.

Sunday, February 22nd

Youth Group Meeting 12 noon- 2 pm

Palms – There is a box placed at the West side door of the church (school side) if anyone is interested in bringing old palms to be burned.



Our parish will once again participate in **Operation Rice Bowl**, the Lenten program of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Rice Bowls will be distributed after mass this weekend. Additional bowls will be placed in the back of the church for anyone else interested. Won't you please consider participating in this program?

2009 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal

"Blessed is the person who has regard for the lowly and poor." Psalm 41:2

We will have our in-pew 2009 Catholic Charities Appeal commitment at all masses this weekend. All who have not received the mailing, or have not had a chance to respond to it, will be asked to consider making a pledge to support the ministries and services provided by Catholic Charities. There is a box on the envelope where you can indicate that you have already responded by mail. Please pray for the success of this Appeal.

All checks must be made Payable to Catholic Charities.

The Little Black Lenten Books will be available after all masses this weekend. Please take one for your Lenten Journey.

Monday, February 23rd

Confirmation Retreat

PSR 6:30-8

RCIA 6:30 pm

Tuesday, February 24th

Rosary Making 9 am

Fish Fry Set-up 5:30 pm

St. Vincent de Paul 7 pm

Ash Wednesday, February 25th

Our Collection will be given to our St. Vincent de Paul Society

Ashes are an external sign of an internal commitment to enter deeply into the Lenten-Easter Season. For those prepared to make this public statement of intention, ashes will be distributed at our 8:30 am and 7:00 pm Masses and our Prayer Service at 12:00 noon



Ash Wednesday

Sponsored by SJN Altar & Rosary Society

February 25, 2009

11:00 am- 6:30 pm



Attn All Parishioners

The Altar & Rosary Society needs **volunteers** for the Fish Fry. Help is needed for set up on Tuesday, February 24th at 5:30 pm, the day of the Fish Fry and clean up at 6:30 pm.

Students in need of service hours are welcome.



Attn; Altar & Rosary Members and anyone else willing to bake. Bakery is needed for the Fish Fry. Please bake a 9x13 frosted cake. (Disposable pan please)

Cakes may be brought to the social hall

Tuesday February 24th between 5:30-6:30 pm or Ash Wednesday after 9 am.

All proceeds from the Fish Fry are donated to the parish. This is a wonderful way to start your Lenten journey, by donating a couple hours of your time. If you have any questions or can help please call Toian DeMore at 441-6086.

Thursday, February 26th

Alanon 1:00 pm (rectory basement)

Enrollment Committee Meeting 7 pm

Friday, February 27th

Day of Abstinence

Stations of the Cross following 8:30 am Mass

FRIDAY NIGHT BINGO

Early Birds 6:45 pm Regular Games 7:00 pm

DOORS OPEN 4:45 pm

\$1000 RAFFLE

ALL TICKETS NEED TO BE RETURNED

Saturday, February 28th

Confirmation Practice at Holy Name 1:00 pm



Stations of the Cross
Wednesdays 11:15 am and & 7:00 pm
Fridays after 8:30 am Mass

PRAY FOR

The sick or hospitalized that through our prayers they will receive comfort and strength remembering; Carol Bellomy, Toni Suchy, Gary Budzinski, Chuck Voland, Gillian Fleshman, Apolonia Szumilak, Joe Krol, Emily Lanzola, Hailey Hannum, Katie Blumenberg, Rose Martin, Veronica Lindsey, Frank Matousek, Marge Hirsch, & Jonathan Fiscus.

“Be a Part of History”

Purchase a Paver in the Founder’s Walkway in the Garden at St. John Nepomucene.

The Garden, planted at the corner of Fleet and Independence in the summer of 2008, was created to celebrate the vitality of the Parish and demonstrate its hope for the future. It is built on a strong foundation of history and tradition. What was once a gravel parking lot is now a thriving garden. We are selling paver bricks to complete the Founder’s Walkway, a place to permanently remember loved ones or commemorate important events. We anticipate the first pavers will be installed in the summer of 2009.

Brochures have been mailed to all parishioners and Friends of St. John Nepomucene Parish. They are also available in church or you can call the rectory at 216-641-8444 for more information.



**Support SJN School and
take a break from cooking.**

Burger King in the Steel Yard Commons will donate 20% of all sales **between 4-8 pm on Tuesday, March 3rd.**

You must bring a flyer with you for the school to receive credit. Please pass along flyers to family and friends and feel free to make additional copies. And did you know you could earn certificate credit by purchasing Burger King certificates.



**Show your support
for SJN Parish & School**
Purchase a magnet for your car or refrigerator.
Cost- \$7.50 or 2 for \$12.00

All proceeds go to the St. John PTU to support student activities throughout the year!
Magnets can be purchased at the rectory during office hours or call
Kelly Sikora 216-262-2629- PTU President
Steve Gercak 216-402-1501-PTU 2nd Vice Pres.
(Make checks Payable to SJN PTU)

Congratulations

Former SJN student Alex Durdella has achieved Honors at Villa Angela-St Joseph High School

Sanctuary Cleaning Group
February 18th thru March 3rd

Toian DeMore, Gloria Seneff, Gil Fleshman,
and Marlene Wesley

The Ohio Education Department has announced the availability of the Cleveland Scholarship and Tutoring Program Applications for the 2009-2010 school year. Applications will be submitted online Please call the school for information 341-1347.

Cleveland Performing Art Ministries presents the musical passion play *Tetelestai*.

Broadway United Methodist
5246 North Broadway Ave.
February 27, 28 at 8 pm
March 1 at 2 pm

Tetelestai's dramatic stage production and timeless music tell the story of Jesus' trial, execution and resurrection in a visual way that will leave a lasting impression. This is a great way to enhance your Lenten journey and to prepare for the holy days of the Easter season.

One of our parishioners Kathryn Angelone is involved in this ministry.

For a 2009 Schedule go to
www.tetelestai-cpam.org or 440-944-0635

Tax Letter

All tax letters for 2008 church contributions have been mailed to parishioners who have requested them. If you have not received a letter and need one please call Anastasia at the rectory.



Just to let you know

SJN Alumni is sponsoring a unique fundraiser

SJN \$5 Friends and Family Fundraiser

The alumni group will be compiling addresses in which a note will be sent to the addressee requesting \$5 to be used to sustain our school.

(Larger donations will graciously be accepted)

Notes may be sent to relatives, friends, neighbors, doctors, dentists, community business owners, lawyers, mayors and anyone else who may be willing to support the school community

A puzzle will be assembled in the school lobby acknowledging each gift with the person's name inscribed on a puzzle piece

Please call the school if you are in need of more information 341-1347.

Would you like to earn money while you shop?

Parents of SJN Grade School and Catholic High School students can do just that by participating in our Certificate Program.

Did you know you earn \$20 tuition credit for every \$1000 purchased?

Certificates may be purchased by anyone; parents, aunts, grandparents, neighbors, work associates, etc., and credited to you.

Parishioners may also support the program with proceeds going to our parish.

Call the rectory at 641-8444 for more information.

Certificates Available

\$100.00 Certificates- Acme Market, Giant Eagle, Kohl's, Dave's, Heinens, J.C. Penney (Kohl's & J.C. Penney certificate may be used to pay on charge accounts)

\$50.00 Certificates-Honey Baked Hams, Home Depot, Lowes

\$25.00 Certificates-Applebee's, Acme Market, Giant Eagle, Heinen's, Dave's, J.C. Penney, Kohl's, K-Mart, Sears, Shell, Speedway, Marathon, BP, Macys, T.J. Maxx, CVS Pharmacy, Drug Mart, Walgreen's, Old Navy/Gap/Banana Republic, Dillards, Bed Bath & Beyond, Dick's Sporting Goods, Longhorn, Olive Garden/Red Lobster, Damons, Toys/Kids/Babies-R-Us, GFS (Gordon Foods Services), Office Max, Texas Roadhouse, TGI Fridays

\$20.00 Certificates-Bath & Body, Pat Catans,

\$10.00 Certificates-Arbys, Bakers Square, Malley's Candy, Macys, Bob Evans, Blockbuster Video, Borders Books, Waldenbooks, Cracker Barrel, Panera Bread, Toys-R-Us, Starbucks, Wendy's

\$15.00 Certificate- Subway

\$5.00 Certificates-Burger King, KFC, Mr. Hero, Mr. Chicken