



**Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 am Dale & Theresa Widhalm**  
**11:00 am Living & Deceased Members  
of Ceska Sin Karlin**

**Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**

**No Morning Mass**

**Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 am Theresa & Luch Katz**

**Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**

**No Morning Mass**

**Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 am Mike & Irene Kavka**

**Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 am Amelia Brindza**

**Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**

**4:00 pm St. John Nepomucene Parish**

**Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 am Sick & Needy of  
St. John Nepomucene Parish  
St. Vincent DePaul Society**  
**11:00 am Helen and Lou Lanzola  
& Jean Jaskolka**

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Sanctuary Guild Volunteers  
January 7<sup>th</sup> thru January 20<sup>th</sup>

Elaine Smith & Jackie Hejl

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**Sick Calls** – Please call the rectory to arrange for Father Jasany to bring the Sacraments when a member of your family is hospitalized.

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**Weddings** – Parishioners are asked to call the rectory office at least 6 months in advance of the wedding to schedule an appointment with Father Jasany

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**Baptisms** – The 1st & 3rd 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. Before parents baptize their child, Diocesan and parish policy requires you to complete a Baptism Preparation Class. **The next class will be on Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at St. Stanislaus Parish at 7 pm.** Reservations are needed; please call 216-341-9091 to make your reservation.

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**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. Please note individuals 18 years of age and older, no longer in school, need to register.

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**Pre-Cana Program** for couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage at the Jesuit Retreat House- **Sunday, January 11, 2015 at 12:30 pm.** This program satisfies the requirement for marriage preparation as stipulated by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. Register at 440-884-9300 or [www.jrhcleve@att.net](mailto:www.jrhcleve@att.net)



Dear Parishioners,

I hope that you and your family had a wonderful New Year.

My prayer for the New Year is that we continue to grow in our relationship with Christ and one another. Pope Francis encourages all of us to extend to others the invitation to come to Christ. Please extend this invitation to others to come to our parish liturgies and to participate in our parish events.

Prayers and Best Wishes for the New Year,  
Father Jasany

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Readings for the Week of January 4<sup>th</sup>

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12  
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44  
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52  
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19--5:4/Lk 4:14-22a  
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16  
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30  
Next Sunday: Is 55:1-11 or Is 42:1-4, 6-7/1 Jn 5:1-9 or Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11

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Stewardship of Treasure

<i>Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>\$2583.00</i>
<i>Utilities</i>	<i>42.00</i>
<i>St. Vincent DePaul Society</i>	<i>25.00</i>

*Our Christmas Day Contributions as well as the other collections such as Christmas Flowers, Little Blue Books, etc. will be in the Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup> Bulletin*

*Thank You and God bless you for your continued generosity & support!*

**Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Epiphany of the Lord**

Throughout Germany at this time of year, you will find most main doorways inscribed with the following:

20+C+M+B+15. Children known as Sternsinger (star singers) dress up as the Magi and go door to door, requesting candy for themselves and money for the Church. As they leave, the house is blessed, and the inscription written in chalk. The 20 and 15 refer to the year, the CMB are said to represent either Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar-the Magi-or the Latin Christus Mansionem Benedicat, which means "Christ, bless this home."

Today, we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, in which we remember the adoration of the newborn Christ by three wise men from the East. This should leave no doubt in anyone's mind just how far and wide the promise of a Savior had spread. These representatives of pagan religions from other lands were determined to pay their respects; it was as if they were born to do this-to acknowledge in some way the beginning of the greatest reign of the greatest king of all. The Epiphany is the third manifestation of the mystery of the Incarnation, following the Annunciation and the birth of Christ. Today is truly the beginning of the paschal mystery.



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**Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**PSR Classes 6:30 – 8 pm**

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**Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**Rosary before 8 am Mass**  
**Finance Council Meeting 7 pm**

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**Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Rosary Makers 10 am – Noon** at the rectory. If you are interested in learning more about making rosaries, stop in.

**Liga Morska Meeting 11 am** at

Cuyahoga Hts. Village Hall

**Adult Ed “The Gospel of John” 6:30 pm** at the rectory

**Choir Practice 7 pm**

**Zumba 7 pm**

**Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Rosary before 8 am Mass**

**Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Rosary before 8 am Mass**

**Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Market Day Pickup 10:30 – 11:30 am**

**Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Holy Name Meeting** at 10 am with Mass to follow

**World Apostolate Holy Hour 12:30 pm** Benediction, Rosary and Chaplet of Mercy. Everyone is invited to attend this Holy Hour.

Congratulations to the winners of December’s \$1000 Raffle

\$1000 Winner – Michael Fry  
\$100 Ticket Seller – Denise Fry

\$10.00 Consolation Winners – Ed Stepka, Phillip Balli, SJN Altar & Rosary Society, Judy Selva and Joe Pytel.

Our January Raffle will be held on Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. A book of raffle tickets is \$5.00. If interested in receiving a monthly book(s) of tickets please call the rectory office at 216-641-8444.

Please remember these individuals, who are called to the priesthood in your daily prayers.

Also, please remember the Sisters of St. Joseph of St. Mark, Youngstown (SJSM) in your prayers.

Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup> – Pray for all Pastors

Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup> – Joshua Arbogast  
Borromeo Seminary

Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> – Ryan Arto

Borromeo Seminary

Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> – Michael Bedell

Borromeo Seminary

Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup> – Gregory Boldin

Borromeo Seminary

Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup> – David Chojnacki

Borromeo Seminary

Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup> – Alexander Clark

Borromeo Seminary

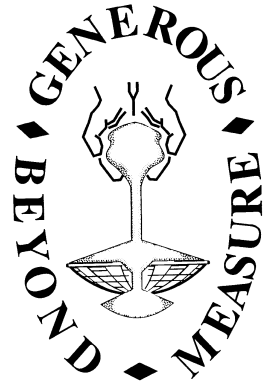
Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>–Bishop

Anthony Pilla

**A Stewardship Moment**

Today’s Gospel reading reveals the story of the magi who come from the east to pay homage to Jesus, the newborn King. The story of the magi teaches Christian

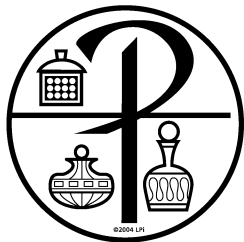
stewards three Christmas truths: God, in the person of Jesus Christ is present and active in the world, and good stewards strive daily to follow his star. Second, each of us, no matter our circumstances or station in life, has a gift to bring to the Lord. And finally, our life’s journey always leads to Christ, even when at times, we do not know where the road is taking us.





## Wedding Banns

II Joseph Fortuna  
and Jennifer Jendre



May our prayers bring healing, comfort and strength to the sick and their caregivers, remembering especially John Balciar,

Carol Bellomy, Gwen Beres,  
Mary Ann Betliskey, Bill Bican,  
Millie Bloedorn, Bonnie Branche,  
Bill Connors, Katie Davis, Corrine Dawe,  
Robert Dunning, Jose Dybzinski,  
Kristin Hill, Frances Holecek,  
Dee Lefkowitz, Art Madsen, Cindi Magyar,  
Rita Petkoff, Larry Pruchnicki,  
Nancy Recko, Brianne Rhine, Elaine Stack,  
Andrew Turowski and Virginia Turowski.

May our Loved Ones who have died, rest in eternal happiness in heaven, remembering especially Dorothy Hensel, Mother-in-Law of Sharon Hensel and Ralph Hrehorevich, brother of Gertrude Kocab and uncle of Kimm Bunch. Both funerals were last week.

For the safety of the Men and Women serving in the military, especially those from our parish and their families.

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**January 11<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> is New Year's Bonus Week at River Valley Paper.** To ring in the New Year we will receive an extra \$5/ton during bonus week. Save your gift-wrap, holiday cards & gift boxes and bring to our bin with all your other paper.

We would like to Thank our parishioners for their



support during this past year! We were able to assist 68 individuals during Christmas. We would also like to Thank our Altar & Rosary Society for their donation during the holiday season. Also, Thank You to Pete Gentile and those who assisted him in sponsoring the Giving Tree. We also need to Thank Slavic Village Bi-Rite at East 65<sup>th</sup> & Fleet Avenue for their help during the year. And last but surely not least to Father Jasany and our parish staff for their support. May God Bless All of You!

St. Vincent DePaul Society

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**TAX LETTER** – Parishioners who would like a letter to verify their church contributions for the 2014 tax year as asked to call the rectory at 216-641-8444 or drop a note in the collection basket to the attention of Mrs. Kowalski. A letter will be prepared and mailed to you. Letters will not be sent out until the week of January 12<sup>th</sup>. If you call the rectory after office hours and need to leave a message, please go into voicemail box #10.

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**Rental Available** at 3853 Independence Road, Downstairs. \$300 per month; washer & dryer available plus garage. Please call 440-526-4677 if interested.

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**2015 Calendars** are located near the entrance doors of our church. We gratefully thank Bican Brothers Funeral Home and Fortuna Funeral Home for their generosity in providing these calendars to our parish annually. God Bless them for their continued generosity.

## Karen's Corner

Did you know most of us *want* to read Scripture, but we don't know *how* to read Scripture? As we get ready for a new year, it might be a good time to dust off your Bible and join me in a Scriptural journey. Along with my Bible, I will be using several commentaries, a Bible dictionary and a book by Jeffrey Cavins called, "Walking with God: A Journey through the Bible" as my references. Here are some guidelines to our journey together: Make sure you have a Catholic Bible! There are 73 books in the Catholic Bible and 66 in Protestant Bibles. If your Bible has the book of Tobit, you're ok. Use a good version such as the New American Bible, Catholic Study Bible or the Revised Standard Version Catholic Edition. Use a book of Bible maps, or look up the maps on line because the places and location of events of the Bible are very important to our understanding. Having good Bible tabs for your Bible helps to find things much more quickly. There are other good things you can find on line such as commentaries and Bible Dictionaries without having to purchase them. OK, so St. Jerome says in the Catechism, article 133, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." Many of us went through at least 12 years of Catholic education and ended up with what Cavins calls, "a heap of Catholicism." We learned lots of "stuff" but we don't know how to access that stuff! The Catechism divides what we believe into four pillars: Creed, Sacraments and Liturgy, Life in Christ and Prayer. Along with a particular plan of reading the Bible, the Catechism helps us to see the story, the Big Picture, of our lives with God. Cavins gives us a plan to read the Bible in as little as 3 months. How? By pointing out the essential 14 books that tell us the story of salvation history.

The rest of the books are supplemental to the story. If you read 4 chapters a day, you can do it in 3 months. One chapter a day? It will take about a year. One advantage to this system is that it gives us an internal system to grow on for the rest of our lives! The first section is the "Early World". So for this week, at one chapter a day, begin with Genesis 1 – 7. This will take you to next Sunday! Want to do four chapters a day? Then begin with Genesis 1 – 28! So what do we need to know about Genesis? It was not the first book of the Old Testament to be written. In Genesis 1 and 2, we see two very different Creation accounts. Why two? Part of the stories were borrowed from other literature of the time under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. God brings form to the earth and gives us a place to dwell. The first 11 chapters bring us the crisis of humanity and its solution. The fall of Adam and Eve; the story of Cain and Abel, Noah and the great flood, the Tower of Babel. Don't skip the genealogies! There is important information there! The good news of salvation history is proclaimed in Genesis 3:14-15. Don't forget to join me on Friday, January 16, 2015 for Friday Night at the Movies! We will be watching "The Way", starring Martin Sheen.

See you soon! Karen

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**The Benedictine Monks of St. Andrew Abbey** in Cleveland, near University Circle invite single men between the ages of 19-45 to experience Benedictine monastic life during a "Living with Benedict" retreat weekend February 13<sup>th</sup>-15, 2015. Please contact Father Finbar at [finbar@cbhs.edu](mailto:finbar@cbhs.edu) or 216-721-5300, ext. 273.

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