



Sunday, February 15th

9:00 am John, Clara & Paul Vavrek

**11:00 am Living & Deceased Members
of the Edward Gill Family**

Monday, February 16th

No Morning Mass

Tuesday, February 17th

**8:30 am Living & Deceased Members
of the Kocab & Tallarovic Families**

Wednesday, February 18th

8:30 am Antoinette & Joseph Kocab

12 Noon Liturgy of the Word

**7:00 pm Chris, Mike & Patti Doan,
Health & Blessings**

Thursday, February 19th

No Morning Mass

Friday, February 20th

8:30 am Eleanor Hronek Gregan

Saturday, February 21st

4:00 pm St. John Nepomucene Parish

Sunday, February 22nd

9:00 am Roger Fouts, 19th Anniversary

11:00 am Frank Aiello, 1st Anniversary

Sanctuary Guild Volunteers
February 4th thru February 17th

Barbara Nieszczur, Andrea Powers
& Toni Suchy

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

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

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 Sunday, March 1st at Immaculate Heart Parish at 1:30 pm. Reservations needed; please call 216-341-2734 to make your reservation.

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.

Pre-Cana Program for couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage at the Jesuit Retreat House- **Sunday, March 8th.** 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





Dear Parishioners,

Lent is around the corner. Everyone is invited to join us for a Pre-Lenten Social after all our Masses on the weekend of February 14th & 15th in the school hall. There will be refreshments and a free raffle for everyone who attends. We will have information about our Lenten schedule of activities. The Lenten meditation booklets will also be available. Please come over after Mass.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18th. We will have distribution of ashes at our Masses at 8:30 am and 7 pm. We will also have a Liturgy of the Word with distribution of ashes at 12 Noon. Our Ash Wednesday offertory collection will go to our St. Vincent DePaul Society, who serve the poor in our midst.

The Lenten Little Black Books will be passed out this weekend. We will also have the in-pew appeal for Catholic Charities. If you have not received a letter from Bishop Lennon requesting your support, please respond to the in-pew commitment process. The theme of this year's Catholic Charities Annual Appeal is "Open Your Heart to Live Joyfully and Give Generously." People in the eight counties of our Diocese are assisted in many ways through this appeal.

Lent invites us as individuals and community to die and rise with Christ. We are called to make a journey, which includes prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

You will have the opportunity to participate in Operation Rice Bowl this Lenten Season. This program works to alleviate world hunger. We give something up for Lent; we place that money from our Lenten sacrifice in the cardboard container. You may return your container when you come for Easter Sunday mass. Rice bowls will be available to those interested in participating at this weekend's Masses. We have prepared a booklet of events for Lent and Holy Week, which is in this week's bulletin. It was also mailed to parishioners. Let us make this journey together, so we can be created anew this Easter as new creations in Christ.

In addition, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of universal fast and abstinence. The Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

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

Fasting – Catholics who are between the ages of 18-59 years of age, in good health are limited to one full meal and two light meals.

May we journey into the desert through prayer, fasting and almsgiving so that we can be recreated anew this Easter.

Prayers and Best Wishes!
Father Jasany

Stewardship of Treasure

<i>Sunday, February 8th</i>	<i>\$4358.00</i>
<i>Improvement Fund</i>	<i>35.00</i>
<i>Memorials</i>	<i>120.00</i>

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

Saturday, February 14th

Pre-Lenten Social in the school hall after Mass. Stop in for refreshments. There will be a free raffle for everyone attending. Information on our Lenten opportunities will be available.

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Monday, February 16th

There are no PSR Classes tonight

Tuesday, February 17th

Pastoral Council Meeting 7 pm

Wednesday, February 18th

Ashes will be distributed at our 8:30 am Mass, the Noon Liturgy of the Word and the 7 pm Mass.

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the forty days known as Lent. Every year, Christians highlight this penitential season as a time of self-examination, reformation of one's life and continued development of a deeper spiritual life. Today is a somber day of reflection on what needs to change in our lives. Ashes are symbolic of the attitude of penitence reflected in the Lord's Prayer: "forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us" (Luke 11:4, NRSV). The reception of ashes reminds us that we came from dust and we shall return to dust, referring to our earthly bodies, not souls.

Rosary at 8 am before Mass

Today is a Day of Fast & Abstinence

Thursday, February 19th

Grandmothers Club Meeting at Cuyahoga Hts Village Hall at 11:30 am

Friday, February 20th

Rosary at 8 am before Mass

Stations of the Cross after 8:30 am Mass

Friday Night at the Movies at 6:30 pm

Tonight's movie "The Way" is a story about family, friends and the challenges we face while navigating this ever-changing and complicated world. Starring Martin Sheen and Emilio Estevez. Popcorn, Pretzels, Water, Coffee and Sodas provided!

Sunday, February 22nd

St. Vincent DePaul Meeting at 10 am in the rectory

\$1000 Raffle Drawing after the 11 am Mass in the school lobby. Please make sure your tickets have been turned in to tonight's drawing.

Stewardship – The fate of a leper is a great tragedy at any time and place. In Jesus' time, lepers were considered condemned, part of the plagues God sent as punishment. They were cast out of society and abandoned. St. Mark's Gospel reveals the unthinkable. Jesus reaches out and touches a leper. He risks catching the contagious disease and heals the man. As the Gospel story teaches, no one is abandoned in Christ. Are there those in our society or in our personal lives whom we have abandoned, treated like lepers? Or as Christ's stewards of our sisters and brother, do we risk reaching out and touching those who may seem to us to be "unclean" or not worthy of our time or attention?

Readings for the Week of February 15th

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1
Cor 10:31-11:1/Mk 1:40-45
Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20--6:2/
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/
Mk 1:12-15

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

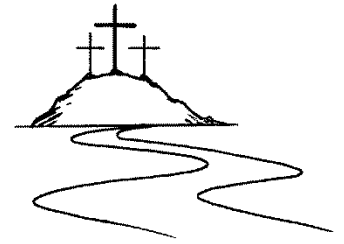
Sunday, Feb. 15th – Pray for All Who are
Discerning God’s Call
Monday, Feb. 16th – Daniel Mencke
Borromeo Seminary
Tuesday, Feb. 17th – Joseph Menkhaus Jr.
Borromeo Seminary
Wednesday, Feb. 18th – Luis Munguia
Borromeo Seminary
Thursday, Feb. 19th – Brian Petro
Borromeo Seminary
Friday, Feb. 20th – Robert Popik
Borromeo Seminary
Saturday, Feb. 21st – Christian Raddell
Borromeo Seminary
Sunday, Feb. 22nd– Pray for All Priests

Also, please remember the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers (MM) in your prayers.

The Acme Supermarket Rewards Program has ended. We came up short & did not receive any cashback rewards. We would like to thank those who saved and turned in the receipts.

St. Vincent DePaul Society

**GOOD FRIDAY
STATIONS OF
THE CROSS -**



Anyone interested in participating in Good Friday Stations of the Cross is asked to call Marge Lanzola at 216-544-9623 for information. We will be meeting on Sunday, February 22nd after 11 am Mass. Students age 13 and up and adults, any age, are invited to join us.

Thank you!



May our prayers bring healing, comfort and strength to the sick and their

caregivers, remembering especially Agnes Bartoszek, John Balciar, Carol Bellomy, Gwen Beres, Mary Ann Betliskey, Bill Bican, Millie Bloedorn, Bonnie Branche, Bill Connors, Corrine Dawe, Robert Dunning, Jose Dybzinski, Kristin Hill, Frances Holecek, Rose Holecek, Rich Krzynowek, Cindi Magyar, Marilyn O’Meara, Rita Petkoff, Nancy Recko, Brianna Rhine, Laura Schram, Elaine Stack, Andrew Turowski and Virginia Turowski.

May our Loved Ones who have died, rest in eternal happiness in heaven.

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



Karen's Korner

Did you know that there is not much written about Abraham's son, Isaac? Genesis tells us Isaac marries Rebekah and everything that Isaac does, prospers. Isaac sows and reaps a hundredfold. He is the only patriarch that never leaves the Promised Land and the only one who is faithful to his wife! Rebekah gives birth to twins, Esau and Jacob, and from the very beginning we see the fraternal rivalry. Jacob comes out of the womb, holding on to the Esau's foot. "To grasp the heel" is a Hebrew idiom that can mean "to deceive".

As the brothers grow up, Isaac favors Esau, who is a hunter, while Rebekah loves Jacob best. When Isaac is old and close to death, he calls Esau to him and asks Esau to hunt and make him some stew, after which Isaac will pass on to Esau the blessing reserved for the firstborn. Earlier in the story, Esau sold his birthright, which he despised, for a bowl of food. While Isaac is speaking to Esau, Rebekah overhears the whole conversation, and devises a plan here the blessing will be given to Jacob instead. Jacob then disguises himself as Esau and brings a meal Rebekah has prepared and by lies, deception and trickery, receives the blessing for himself. This means that the family authority, headship and priesthood are passed on to Jacob instead of Esau along with the promise of wealth. Wow.

As the story of Jacob unfolds we will see that actions have consequences. As we prepare to enter the season of Lent this week, this is a great story to get us thinking about our own actions.

In the series, "Seven Deadly Sins", Fr. Barron talks about pride being the base of a mountain that those in purgatory are to climb before they can enter Paradise.

What Rebekah and Jacob did can be considered the deadly sin of pride, because it was more important to both of them that Jacob become the head of the family, rather than following the law of the culture of the time. And Jacob will see some horrible consequences to his action! But what about us?

Pride is the absolute worst of the deadly sins because it is so insidious. It can creep up on us in ways that are unexpected. When we act like we know what is best for all those around us and refuse to discuss any options, that is the sin of pride. When we feel that we are superior to others, that is the sin of pride. "Because I said so" can be the sin of pride. There is nothing wrong with being proud of our achievements, but when we boast about it to the point of upsetting other people, that is the sin of pride.

So what is the opposite of pride, the lively virtue? Humility. We need to consider the feelings of other people, even if we feel we are doing the best thing for them. We need to be compassionate to those around us who are less fortunate than us, that is being humble. We need to be aware of what we say about ourselves to others for fear of seeming prideful. Humility is the ability to be proud of our accomplishments without making others feel bad about themselves.

See you soon!
Karen

Metro Catholic School will be having an Early Childhood Fair for Pre-K, Kindergarten and Grade 1 on Friday, February 20th from 5-6:30 pm at their Boniface Campus located at 3555 West 54th Street in Cleveland. Registration & voucher information will be available. Meet our staff. Fun activities for children.