

From the Desk of Sister Regina, Pastoral Leader

“Place your bets!”

Overcome by pity for a derelict, the parish priest pressed a \$5.00 bill into his hand and whispered, “Godspeed.”

Several hours later, the stranger burst into the priest’s office with obvious delight. He threw a fistful of bills on the priest’s desk. “Father,” he exclaimed, “Godspeed paid 14-1 at the track!”

The disciples were big gamblers. Leaving all and following Christ was a huge gamble. We are all gamblers whether we realize it or not. Maybe not gambling with money but we gamble all the time with more precious stakes. Falling in love is a gamble. Having a child is a gamble. Making tough decisions is a gamble. Taking a risk and believing in people can be a gamble.

To gamble means to take a chance on something or someone. Jesus was the greatest gambler of us all. He laid his life on the wood of the cross and took a chance that we would accept his offer for salvation. He gambled that we would not turn our backs to him thereby making his sacrifice a lost bet.

Now it is our turn to gamble. We are as important as the things on which we bet our lives. So place your bets carefully; the day of decision has come. “This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 22	LITURGICAL ROLES FOR THE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 29
<p>Monday, January 23 8:15 AM No Liturgical Service</p> <p>Tuesday, January 24, St. Francis de Sales 8:15 AM Communion Service Only</p> <p>Wednesday, January 25, The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle 8:15 AM Communion Service Only</p> <p>Thursday, January 26, St. Timothy and St. Titus 8:15 AM Communion Service Only</p> <p>Friday, January 27, Weekday 8:15 AM Communion Service Only</p> <p>Saturday, January 28, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:30PM † Leota Schneider and Buzz and Lucille Miller Dt 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Ps 95; Mk 1:21-28</p> <p>Sunday, January 29, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00AM † Pauline and Louis Koenig and Donna Drown Dt 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Ps 95; Mk 1:21-28</p>	<p>Ushers <i>Saturday</i> 4:30PM Matt and Andy Wasserman <i>Sunday</i> 9:00AM Doug Burkin and Matt Hofelich</p> <p>Lectors <i>Saturday</i> 4:30PM Vicki Meade <i>Sunday</i> 9:00AM Pat Ericsson</p> <p>Servers <i>Saturday</i> 4:30PM Dana Alcala and Carah Liebold <i>Sunday</i> 9:00AM Aaron and Jack Zamora</p> <p>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion <i>Saturday</i> 4:30PM Sr. Regina, Charles and Sharon Meyer <i>Sunday</i> 9:00AM Sr. Regina, Bob Crockett, and Tim Woodruff</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em; font-style: italic;">Sacrificial Giving</p> <p>Needed per week.....\$4,100.00 <i>Sunday, January 15, 2012</i></p> <p>Adults.....\$2858.92</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Money Counters for January 29 Betty Rath Peg Kaufman</p>

**From the Desk of Carol Lassen
Pastoral Associate**

Theology On The Run

**Why do Catholics make the
Sign of the Cross?**

Mrs. Zamora and I attended a meeting for Confirmation last week. This year's Confirmation will be celebrated at the Cathedral on May 5. The students have been working with their teacher, sponsors and parents to learn more about being a faithful disciple of Christ.

There will be a lot of activities coming up during Lent involving the students. I will send papers home for the parents of P.S.R. students, and call them to let them know dates and times.

Blessings,

Carol Lassen

Back in the second century when the practice began, it was common to honor a ruler with a gesture of respect. Whether bowing down on one knee or touching the forehead, such gestures were ritual ways to show humility before a person of great power.

The Sign of the Cross became one such devotion to the Holy Trinity, and acted as a sign of recognition between early Christians who were sometimes forced to worship in secret.

Now a prayer in itself, each time we make the Sign of the Cross we express respect for God and call down his blessings on ourselves.



PRAYER LIST...Laura McBroom, Jacob "Bubba" Andrews, Alex Gill, Jim Duraj, Julie Davlin, Donald Schrickel, Martina Rodriguez, Catherine Roth, Henry and Doris Bonnigson, Adeline Maag, Barbara Conley



BINGO JANUARY 24

Workers: Mary Kay Oakleaf, Mary Rathbun, Marian Grahl, Rita Hoffman, Pat Ericsson, Helen Meyer

Bakers: Rita Hoffman, Anna Zamora, Margie Slater, Jenny Meyer

Kitchen: Dorothy Bogner, Kelly Kreh, Joy Russell Marianne Stallard

Bingo report from previous week:

Attendance: 109
Income: \$2085.00

Week at a Glance

Monday, January 23

7:00pm Gym

Tuesday, January 24

8:15am Church
6:00pm Parish Hall
6:30pm Church

Wednesday, January 25

8:15am Church

Thursday, January 26

8:15am Church

Friday, January 27

8:15am Church

Saturday, January 28

10:00am Parish Hall
4:30pm Church

Sunday, January 29

9:00am Church
10:00am Parish Office building
1:00pm

Boy Scouts
Communion Service
Bingo
Pro-Life Rosary
Communion Service
Communion Service
Communion Service
Pinewood Derby
Mass
Mass
PSR
Annulment Seminar

Focus on Service

Each week or so we will focus on an area of ministry in the parish. We divided the areas of ministries into five categories: Welcome, Witness, Worship, Work and Walking (with Christ). It is our hope that you will be inspired to serve in one or more of these areas of service to God and the parish. Terms of service can be one or more years depending on your desire.

We will start off with Ministries of Work.

Finance Council

Members who oversee the stewardship of the Parish.

Time: Two hours every month for meetings. Term of service is three years

Talent: Desire to see the Parish thrive. Some experience with finances

Treasure: No cost

Contact: Sr Regina at 419-547-9687 or sregina.fisher@gmail.com



February 11th and 12th will we celebrate World Marriage Day by blessing all married couples at both Masses.

Next weekend (Feb 4-5) after the Masses we will have the blessing of throats for those who wish to stay and participate.

A little history on St. Blaise:

We know that Bishop Blaise was martyred in Sebastea, Armenia, in 316. The legendary *Acts of St. Blaise* were written 400 years later. According to them Blaise was a good bishop, working hard to encourage the spiritual and physical health of his people. Although the Edict of Toleration (311), granting freedom of worship in the Roman Empire, was already five years old, persecution still raged in Armenia. Blaise was apparently forced to flee to the back country. There he lived as a hermit in solitude and prayer. He was found in a cave and arrested. Saint Blaise's protection of those with throat troubles apparently comes from a legend that a boy was brought to him who had a fishbone stuck in his throat. The boy was about to die when Saint Blaise healed him. He is the patron of throat illnesses.

The next baptism class is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 12 at 10:30. Please call Sr. Regina at 547-9687 to register.

Mark Your Calendars!!
St. Paddy's Night At St. Mary Church
Is Coming Up On
Saturday, March 17,
from 5:30-10:30pm!



Can you donate a raffle prize (\$10, \$20, or \$30 value) or a Shamrock Spin Prize (\$100 value or more)? Some ideas are gift cards, fruit baskets, grocery baskets, handmade items, sports items, tools, kitchen items, or monetary donations. We will be mailing sign-up sheets and raffle tickets soon. We would greatly appreciate your help in getting the word out to your friends and family about how much fun St. Paddy's Night is! This year's event is being chaired by Mark, Sue, Andy, Adam and Aaron Pumphrey. If you would like to help out or you have any questions call the Pumphrey's at (419)-547-9169, or the Parish Office at (419)-547-9687.

Odds and Ends

The Knights of Columbus will be praying a rosary on Tuesday, January 24 at 6:30pm in the church in honor of Pro-Life. All are welcome to attend.

In case of snow, the alternate date will be Thursday, January 26 at 6:30pm.

Our next BINGO Fundraiser is coming up February 4! We are still in need of volunteers to bake desserts, work in the kitchen and work the floor. Sign up sheets are in the back of church. If you would like to help or have any questions please call Char Gillmor at (419)-547-8166.

SJCC Band Fundraiser: "The Best Seat in the House!" raffle tickets on sale now! The blue tickets are for the boy's game on Feb. 17th, and the pink for the girl's game Feb. 16th. Tickets sell for \$1 each or 7 for \$5 with a \$200 cash prize for both games! Ticket sellers will be in the back of church after Mass next weekend, Jan. 29-30.

All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast!

Sunday, Feb 12 from 8:30-11:30

In the Parish Hall

Adults: 6:00

Kids 10 and under eat

FREE!

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

There are copies of the 2010 Parish Financial Report in the back of church for anyone who is interested.

Pat Ericsson's email was misprinted in the Altar Rosary information last week. Her correct email address is sam@viking-tech.com

PARISH OFFICE: (419)-547-9687

FAX: (419)-547-0516

OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY-THURSDAY 9AM-3PM

FRIDAY 9AM-12PM

PARISH STAFF

Pastoral Leader:.....Sr. Regina Fisher, SND;
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Pastoral Associate:.....Carol Lassen;
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Parish Secretary:.....Alisha Taylor; clydestmary@gmail.com

Parish Bookkeeper:.....Mary Ivory; stmarybook@gmail.com

Maintenance:.....Bill Steinbauer

P.S.R. CLASSES:

(During School Year)

Grade School - Sundays: 10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. For any questions regarding P.S.R. contact Carol Lassen at the Parish Office.

REGISTRATION:

Persons moving into our area are asked to notify Alisha at the Parish Office to be registered. Whenever there is a change in address or phone number, please call Alisha at the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Baptism can be administered during Sunday Mass or at a private ceremony. New parents are required to attend a Baptism instruction. Recommended that this take place during the pregnancy. Please contact Sr. Regina at the Parish Office to make arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):

Saturday 4:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. or any time when requested. For more information Contact Sr. Regina at the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

Call the Sr. Regina at the Parish Office and make arrangements at least six months in advance. Marriage instructions are required.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Administered upon request to those who are sick. Please contact Sr. Regina at the Parish Office.

Kid's Corner



Coloring Corner

Harriet drew a picture of Jesus reaching out to heal someone for you to color. Who did Jesus heal in today's lesson?



Jesus
said:
Come
out!

MIS-FITS!

Each set of words has one that doesn't belong. Write that word on the correct numbered line

1	BLUE WALKED GREEN RED	2	MILK APPLE SEA BREAD	3	FISH BROTHER CLAM CRAB
4	HAPPY FISH SAD SLEEPY	5	MEN MONEY DOLLARS COINS	6	HANDS HEADS NETS TEETH

When Jesus _____ by the _____

of Galilee, he called to Simon and his

_____, "Come with me and I will _____

teach you to _____ for _____

Simon and Andrew dropped their

_____ and followed. They were the _____

first two disciples. How many others can

you name? _____

Trace each fishing line with a different color to find out who the disciples "caught".

