

MASS INTENTIONS

March 3-9

MONDAY, 3	8:30 a.m.	Dominic Petrofes (Ann Harker)
TUESDAY, 4	8:30 a.m.	Jim Haley (Tim and Mindy Drake)
WEDNESDAY, 5	8:30 a.m.	For the Parish
	7:00 p.m.	Ada Klosterman (Family)
THURSDAY, 6	8:30 a.m.	Bernie Pleiss (Gaylee & Bill Foley)
FRIDAY, 7	8:30 a.m.	Communion Service
SATURDAY, 8	5:00 p.m.	David Fallert (Francis Fallert)
SUNDAY, 9	8:00 a.m.	For the Parish
	10:30 a.m.	Carol Turner (Michelle and Steve Rievers)

Just a note to let you know when you request a Mass Intention the schedule may change according to Father's commitments.

USHERS

- **SATURDAY**
 - **5:00 p.m.** Megan Miller, Tom Miller, Gene Trimbach, Kathy Trimbach
- **SUNDAY**
 - **8:00 a.m.** George Doviak, Andy Droesch, Russ Haley, Alan Leingang
 - **10:30 a.m.** Julie Lawson, Scott Lawson, Bill Lewis, Darlene Lewis

SERVERS

- **SATURDAY**
 - **5:00 p.m.** Brooke and Ashley Aselage, Laura Fink
- **SUNDAY**
 - **8:00 a.m.** Adam and Alissa Buynak
 - **10:30 a.m.** Anna and Ray Kueterman, Madi Schneider

LECTORS

- **SATURDAY**
 - **5:00 p.m.** Steve McCrillis, Sandra Hoy
- **SUNDAY**
 - **8:00 a.m.** Mike Droesch
 - **10:30 a.m.** Allison/Melissa Sinning, Doug Black

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

- **SATURDAY**
 - **5:00 p.m.** 7 Volunteers Needed
- **SUNDAY**
 - **8:00 a.m.** 7 Volunteers Needed
 - **10:30 a.m.** 7 Volunteers Needed

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading	Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7
Second Reading	Roman 5:12-19, or 5:12, 17-19
Gospel	Matthew 4:1-11

LAST WEEKS COLLECTION

Adult	\$ 6,637.00
Loose Checks & Currency	\$ 723.00
Total	\$ 7,360.00
St. Vincent Outreach	\$ 80.00
Major Repair Fund Total	\$ 49,234.19

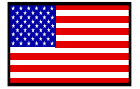
ST. CHRISTOPHER

435 E. National Road, Vandalia, OH 45377
 Mass Schedule
 Saturday: 5:00 p.m. –
 Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
 Holy Day vigil: 7:00 p.m. – Holy Day: 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
 (Collection envelopes will be forwarded to the proper Parish)



COFFEE, DONUTS AND BAGELS is Sunday, March 2nd in the Banquet Hall. Pastoral Council will host this month.

Our thoughts and prayers remain with those serving our country at this time and with their loved ones at home. We pray for a safe homecoming and that the world may one day be at peace.



ST. VINCENT HOTEL – Parishioners are reminded the hotel is in constant need of casseroles to serve the homeless guests. Completed casseroles can be placed in the Parish freezer and will be periodically delivered to the hotel by Parish volunteers. For further information contact Mike Begley at 667-2882 or the Parish Office at 667-3419. **The next opportunity to serve the evening meal to the guests at St. Vincent Hotel will be Sunday, March 23. Please meet in the North parking lot of the Church for a 5:45 p.m. departure if you would like to volunteer.**



St. John's MOM's Group – The St. John's Mom's Group would like to invite all mothers of young children to attend our meetings and/or events. The group meets in Room 107 with the exception of the summer months. Babysitting is provided in Room 108.
 March 3rd, Monday 6:30 p.m. – Mom's Night Out
 March 13th, Thursday 9:15 a.m. – Meeting in room 107 with Babysitters
 March 15th, Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Craft Night
 March 27th, Thursday 9:15 a.m. – Meeting in Room 107 with Babysitters



BAPTISMAL PREPARATION: Attendance at a baptismal preparation session is required to have your child baptized. Sessions are in Room 101 at 1:30 p.m. on the following dates; April 6, June 1, August 3, and October 5. Contact Deacon Chuck Wright at charleswright@woh.rr.com or by calling 667-3419, ext. 203 to RSVP for a session or if you have questions.

Travel Ministry – The Best of Ireland – an 11-day pilgrimage – Fr. Chris Coleman leads a pilgrimage to the Emerald Isle from April 22nd to May 2nd, 2014. There, you'll experience the breathtaking countryside of Ireland, the traditions of our faith and the legends of her people. The itinerary includes the Cliffs of Moher, Galway, Croagh Patrick, Kylemore Abbey, Connemara, Knock, Limerick, Dingle, Killarney, Blarney, Cork, Glendalough, Dublin and much, much more. For more information, visit www.pentecosttours.com or contact Pentecost Tours at (800) 713-9800. Brochures for this trip may be found in the Narthex. In them, you'll find more information about prices and a detailed itinerary.

Joe and Marty Speer of St. Teresa parish in Covington, Ohio are organizing a **Holy Land Tour** for May 12-21, 2014. This tour will last 10 days and include many of the biblical sights that have religious significance, particularly as they apply to the catholic faith. We will be blessed to have Fr. Jim Simons going with us. Having previously traveled to the Holy Land on two previous occasions, he has customized the trip so we are going where it's important to our faith and not just where the tour company wants to take us; so we will have his knowledge of the sights to share with us as well as those of our tour guide. If you are interested and want further information, e-mail Joe Speer at jspeer@woh.rr.com or call me at (937) 216-6768. Space is limited to 44 people (or 22 couples).

Marian Manor K of C 3754 Lenten Dinners: Friday March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4, 11 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., with Rosary beginning at 5:00 p.m. Our menu will be: Baked Fish, Fried Fish, Baked Potatoes, French Fries, along with Salad, Cole Slaw and Applesauce. Desserts are \$0.50 while they last. Cost is \$7.00/ adult, \$4.00/12 and Under, and \$20.00/family and include beverages. Address is 6050 Dog Leg Road, Dayton, OH. Receive a free 50/50 ticket when you donate 2 or more canned goods. As always, we appreciate your support and attendance!

We will have many different Soups including, Potato, Chili, Vegetable, Chicken Noodle, Bean. Assorted Meats for subs, Sloppy joes & hotdogs and best of all.... Assortment of Homemade Desserts!!

“On behalf of Pope Francis, the Mission Office of the Archdioceses of Cincinnati thanks you all for your donations to his Society for the Propagation of the Faith this past World Mission Sunday in October. Thousands of seminarians, novices in convents, struggling school students, orphans, or children caught up in human trafficking, and many others in 1,150 mission dioceses will be served through your contributions. As the Holy Father stated, “Everyone should be able to experience the joy of being loved by God, the joy of salvation! It is a gift that one cannot keep to oneself, but it is to be shared.” Please check these websites to see how your gift makes a difference: www.iamamissionary.org and/or visit your local mission office for all kinds of great information at www.catholiccincinnati.org/mission.

“Let the serenity of your spirit shine through your face. Let the joy of your mind burst forth. Let words of thanks break from your lips.” St. Peter Damian

St. Paul asks us today “Brothers and sisters: Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?” He then invites us to become “fools” for Christ’s sake and to renounce conventional notions of wisdom. “For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God, for it is written: *God catches the wise in their own ruses*. The wisdom of divine folly is that it leads to freedom, wholeness and holiness. It purges us of egocentricity, willfulness and fear. When we place trust in God and define ourselves by the life of Christ within us rather than by our roles and accomplishments, then instead of being enslaved, we “belong” to God. *Teach us Your wisdom, O God, that we may become holy fools for the sake of Your reign.* (Excerpts from Living With Christ February 2014)

The **Dayton Catholic Women’s Club** invites you to its St. Patrick’s Day Card Party on Saturday, March 15, 2014, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; the \$25.00 lunch (\$10.00 tax deductible) of Stuffed Chicken or Vegetarian Strudel will be served at 12:00 noon at the Presidential Banquet Center, 4548 Presidential Way (off East David Road between Marshall & Bigger). Join friends and family members to play your favorite games in support of this fundraiser for the charitable work of DCWC. Please call Julianne McCain at 937-694-2176 prior to the March 10 deadline. Donations will be accepted for the money raffle as well. (Nonperishable foods and personal hygiene items will be accepted to donate to one of our charities.)

ASH WEDNESDAY – March 5, is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the 40 days of Lent. Mass and Imposition of Ashes on Ash Wednesday are at **8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.**

Next week we will take up the **Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe**. This collection supports Catholic organizations that provide affordable shelter and training for seminarians in a region that still struggles with the effect of Soviet rule. By providing pastoral care, catechesis, and funding for building renovations, your donations help to restore the Church and build the future in the region. Please give generously to the Collection next week. Visit www.usccb.org.

The Light is ON for You: Is there someone you love who has stopped coming to Mass or feels separated from the Church? Join the Lord in inviting him or her back to church. Catholic churches across the Archdiocese of Cincinnati will be open for quiet prayer and confession Tuesday, March 18 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Invite your friends to enjoy the quiet and peace of people gathered in silent prayer. If the time is right, also invite him or her to consider talking with a priest or receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Learn more at www.lightison4u.com.

HEALING SERVICE: For Anyone who has suffered the loss of a child this service will be held at St. Mary’s in Piqua on March 11th, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Come Pray with us for healing from the pain of losing a child. This is our gift to anyone who may be suffering from this loss.

Catholic Relief Services Annual Conference at The University of Dayton:

Imagine sitting as an innocent man on Ohio’s Death Row waiting for your execution and a Catholic priest meets you and uses his previous training in the medical and legal field helps to exonerate you. This is the story that Fr. Neil Kookoothe and Joe D’Ambrosio will share as keynote speakers at the annual Catholic Relief Services Global Solidarity Conference Saturday, March 15, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Kennedy Union on the University of Dayton campus. The conference will focus on the Catholic Teaching of the Consistent Ethic of Life. Presenters will discuss a variety of life issues, including abortion, Project Rachel, euthanasia, assisted suicide, domestic violence, bullying, gun control, ex-offender re-entry efforts, war and strife in Syria and the Gospel’s call to each of us to respond through service and in love. Catechists can also obtain credit for the Justice and Peace course offered through the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis. Visit www.catholiccincinnati.org/socialaction for a brochure and online registration or call 937-224-3026.



The Adult Faith Formation team would like to thank everyone who attended the Mission and those who helped with the Mission in any way. **We would also like to extend an invitation to anyone who attended the Mission to attend our next meeting on Tuesday, March 11th, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Church.** We will be taking a look at the Mission and start the conversation about where we should go from here.

Bob Simon of 104 passed away peacefully on Monday, February 17, 2014. Please keep Bobs family in your prayers and thoughts. May our Lord grant Bob eternal rest.

St. Vincent... Volunteers always needed to help make and serve casserole

Your next opportunity to help make casseroles for St. Vincent’s homeless shelter will be **Monday, March 3 at 7:00 p.m.** Please join others in preparing casseroles for the homeless in our church kitchen. With the generous donation for this service project, we are able to make casseroles to serve one lunch a month to the residents at St. Vincent’s shelter. Please call Kathy McGrath at 667-4932 or Carol Farron at 667-1620 to sign up or for more information on this ministry.

“For me, prayer is a surge of the heart, it is a simple glance directed to heaven. It is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy.” St. Therese of Lisieux

One theme is apparent in all three readings today: God’s tenderness. In the first reading, the Israelites fear that God has forsaken them – a temptation we sometimes experience even today. But Isaiah reminds them that God loves them tenderly as a good mother loves her child. In the second reading, St. Paul tells the Corinthians that they must be “trustworthy” stewards” of the mysteries of God. A trustworthy steward tends to his master’s goods with care and reverence, that is, tenderly. And in the gospel, Jesus describes God’s fatherly love for us his children – a tender love that should ease our anxieties and fears for the future. “*Lord, help me to always be aware of Your tender love for me.*” (Excerpts from “Living Faith” March 2014)

You’re invited to participate in CRS Rice Bowl!

Our parish will be participating in CRS Rice Bowl, Catholic Relief Services’ Lenten program, as a way to encounter Jesus through others, especially through the most vulnerable in our world. Rice Bowls will be available on **March 2**. Please be sure to take home a Rice Bowl and use this fun and easy resource to deepen your family’s Lenten experience and make a difference in the lives of the poor.

St. Christopher’s Lenten Dinners: Friday’s during Lent. All you can eat for \$8.00 with reservation, \$11.00 without. Children 6-12 are \$2.00 and under 6 eat free with paying adult. Carry-Out available. Fish and sides on most Friday’s. **New: March 21 will be a Spaghetti Dinner.** To make a reservation contact Betty at 264-9691 between 8:00-10:00 p.m. or stchrisfishfry@hotmail.com. Reservation deadline is 8:00 p.m. Wednesday. For more details, check the website at stchristopheronline.com or call 898-3542, ext. 101.