

MASS INTENTIONS

- March 10-16**
MONDAY, 10 8:30 a.m. Rodney Wint (Sharon Wint)
TUESDAY, 11 8:30 a.m. Nancy Drewry
 (Mr. and Mrs. Lazzaro)
WEDNESDAY, 12 7:00 p.m. Jack Kriestzer (Family)
THURSDAY, 13 8:30 a.m. Ed and Winnie Jackson
 (Mike and Karen Jackson)
FRIDAY, 14 8:30 a.m. **Communion Service**
SATURDAY, 15 5:00 p.m. **For the Parish**
SUNDAY, 16 8:00 a.m. David Fallert (Francis Fallert)
 10:30 a.m. Doug Harding (Urs Peiron)

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. Eric Seeman, Austin Subler, Jackson Subler
- **SUNDAY**
 - 8:00 a.m. Barb and Bruce Batty
 - 10:30 a.m. Emma Hartings, Sam Iverson, A.J. Peters

LECTORS

- **SATURDAY**
 - 5:00 p.m. Eileen Rousseau, George Lovett
- **SUNDAY**
 - 8:00 a.m. Scott Vagedes
 - 10:30 a.m. Melissa Stucke, Steve Goubeaux

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 12:1-4a
 Second Reading.....2 Timothy 1:8b-10
 GospelMatthew 17:1-9

LAST WEEKS COLLECTION

Adult	\$ 6,948.00
Loose Checks & Currency	\$ 574.00
Total	\$ 7,522.00
St. Vincent Outreach	\$ 586.00
Major Repair Fund Total	\$ 49,214.19

ST. CHRISTOPHER

435 E. National Road, Vandalia, OH 45377
 Mass Schedule

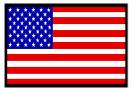
Saturday: 5:00 p.m. –

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)

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 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.

“On behalf of Pope Francis, the Mission Office of the Archdiocese 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).

The Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe illuminates the way for the people of the region by helping Catholic organizations offer affordable shelter, training for seminarians, pastoral care, and catechesis. Your donation today helps to restore the Church and build the future in the aftermath of Soviet rule. Please be generous to the collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Visit www.usccb.org.

Reconciliation Begins in Prayer: Sometimes, the first step to reconciliation is praying for the person with whom we need to be reconciled. Make a commitment this Lent to join us on Tuesday, March 18, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. as we gather for quiet prayer and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This will be an opportunity to pray for all of the situations in our lives that need the healing grace of Jesus' love. The church will be open, and you are welcome to come for a few minutes or for an hour. Learn more at www.lightison4u.com.

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 to help 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.

Easter Basket Project: Stephen Ministry is again making Easter Baskets for the homebound and nursing home Catholics in the St. John area. We are going to try something different. Monetary donations are all we are asking for this year. This new idea will save you a shopping trip. Envelopes, marked Easter Basket Donation, are in an Easter Basket in the Narthex. You can put the envelope back in the basket with information filled out, drop it in the Sunday collection, or bring your donation to the parish office. You can also do the same using your own envelope marked Easter Basket Donation. We think this is a worthwhile project. It is a small way of reaching out to our shut-ins to let them know that St. John's is thinking about them. They sometimes feel left out of the parish because they can't participate anymore. Our shut-ins really do appreciate the baskets. We get many thank-you notes. They also appreciate the visit. We are in extra need this year because we have a new facility in Tipp, The Randall House, with at least 12 Catholics living there. Thanks in advance for your donation.

“Fear is the first temptation that the enemy presents to those who have resolved to serve God, for soon as they are shown what perfection requires of them, they think, “Alas, I shall never be able to do it.” But you are armed and encompassed with the truth of God and God’s word. Having called you, God will strengthen you and will give you the grace to persevere.” St. Francis de Sales

Today is the first Sunday of Lent. In the Gospel today, Jesus is in the desert being tempted by the devil. Jesus uses Scripture to give Him confidence during temptation. We all experience our own “desert times” that test us and wear down our hope. God’s words can give us nourishment during these times. What can I do this Lenten season to make Scripture more important in my daily life? *Dear God, help me to hear Your words of love this Lent.* (Excerpts from “Living Faith” March 2014)

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.

CRS Rice Bowl Reflection: Kenya

This week, CRS Rice Bowl invites us to enter into solidarity with the people of Kenya. We are encouraged to reflect on the Catholic social teaching principle, *Sacredness and Dignity of the Human Person*, and reminded that our inherent dignity comes from our creation as children of God and not from any of our own actions. Let us pray this week for our brothers and sisters in Kenya and all around the world, that we may respect and uphold the sacredness of life and dignity of all people.

St. Christopher's Lenten Dinners: Fridays 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 Fridays. **New: March 21 will be a Spaghetti Dinner.** To make a reservation, contact Betty at 264-9691 between 8:00 a.m.-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.

STIRRING THE FLAME OF FAITH: Emmanuel Catholic Church Lenten Parish Mission, March 10-12, 2014, Presenter Mr. Steve Ray is an intrepid traveler, expert on the Holy Land, Popular Catholic Apologist, documentary producer, Bible Teacher and best-selling author. Do not miss this chance to see Steve Ray in person on Monday and Tuesday of the Mission.

2014 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) – Archbishop Schnurr sends his thanks to everyone from **St. John's** who has pledged to the 2014 Catholic Ministries Appeal, including pledges made during last weekend's Commitment Weekend. If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so this week. You will find extra pledge envelopes in the pews for your convenience this weekend. To make a pledge securely online, please visit CatholicAppeal.net. Thank you!

40 DAYS FOR LIFE – St. John's will participate in another 40 Days for Life campaign. This mission began in 2007 and St. John's has participated since 2008. Since that time there have been 600,000 participants in 21 countries. This is a peaceful and prayerful vigil to end abortion. Our presence outside the abortion clinic in Kettering is a very powerful statement to those who pass or enter this facility and all we are asked to do is pray. Won't you please consider giving an hour of your time on Saturday, March 29th? Please contact Judie McKittrick at 339-9355 or mmckittrick@who.rr.com to sign up or for more information.

FAITH AND JUSTICE INTERNSHIP AVAILABLE FOR

2014-2015 – The Archdiocese of Cincinnati Catholic Social Action Office is hosting a 14-15 hour/week, paid internship to support its activities for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, the U.S. Catholic Church's social justice, anti-poverty campaign in America. The intern helps to administer grants to self-help projects developed by grassroots groups of empowered poor persons who are working to address the root causes of poverty in their communities. He or she also works to increase Catholics' awareness of poverty in the U.S., educate about the Catholic social tradition, and build bridges between poor and nonpoor communities. Young Catholics, ages 18 to 30, are welcome to apply. The internship will run from September 2014 to May 2015. To receive an application or learn more, please contact us at (513) 421-3131, ext. 2660 or csa@catholiccincinnati.org. Applications are due March 24.



St John the Baptist Parish Library is now **Open. Check it out!** It is located across the hallway from the Banquet Hall. The books have been cataloged, reorganized, and are color coded by topic. Shelves are marked with the topic of the books on the shelf. There is a catalog binder in each shelving unit marked A B C D E. Check-out and return policies can be found inside the catalog binder. You may want to look under the topic "Seasonal" for books pertaining to Lent.



BOOK SALE!! COMING MARCH 15-16 – The books and VCRs removed from the Parish Library will be available for purchase after all the Masses the weekend of March 15-16. A donation is requested if you find something you would like to take home. The proceeds will be used to purchase new books. Thank you.

St. John's Knights of Columbus Council 5129 Weekly Raffle winners for February 2014 – Congratulations to Ben Stucke, Kevin McClurg, John Skolnicki and Jeff Makley!