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*Feb. 21, 2010
First Sunday
of Lent*

Liturgy

Weekdays,	8:00 a.m.
Adoration	Fri. 9 a.m. - 9 a.m. Sat.
Weekends: Saturday,	9:00 a.m., 4:30 p.m.
Sunday,	9:00 , 11:00 a.m.
Adoration	Sun. 12 pm – 8 am Mon.

Sacraments

Confessions:	Saturday, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Baptisms:	Arrange at Rectory
Matrimony:	Arrange at least 1 year in advance.
Anointing of the Sick:	Call the rectory

***Welcome:** We extend our hands and hearts to you here, celebrating with us, whether longtime resident or newly arrived in the parish. We thank God that you are with us.*

MISSION STATEMENT

Our parish is a diverse and dynamic Catholic family community, committed to Jesus Christ, guided by the Holy Spirit and relying on the Patronage of His Mother, Mary.

We will serve not only the needs of our Parish Church, school, and individual members, but also the broader needs of our society, in union with the other Parishes of the Ashtabula County Deanery and the Diocese of Youngstown, through worship, stewardship, education, Christian service, evangelization and other programs.



FIRST WEEK OF LENT

Enter with Jesus the desert of repentance & remembrance.

Your words are Spirit and Life.



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

By Bud Ozar

Jesus was led by the Spirit into the "wilderness." What is the wilderness to which the Holy Spirit is leading you this Lent? Are there uncharted areas in your marriage or family you avoid? Lent is not about working on our agenda, but letting God work His agenda in us.

COMBINED COLLECTION

This weekend the Diocese is holding the Church Overseas Combined Collection for ministries around the globe. Four ministries, Catholic Relief Services, Holy Father/Peter's Pence, Church in Latin America, and Church in Central & Eastern Europe, assist in serving people who are hungry, refugees, victims of disasters and development projects in long-term, ongoing work. One collection replaces four. Please give.

COFFEE HOUSE

This Saturday, Feb 27, 6:30-9:00 PM, the Music Ministries will present an enjoyable evening of contemporary Christian music, folk music and gospel music. Seating is limited. Get your ticket today! \$9 per person. Tickets are available after Masses, at school office, and at the door.



COMPUTER

A computer is being offered to anyone in need of one. It is a Compaq Presario, 2000(?), slow but works fine, with printer and camera. Call Greg, 466-3115.

ADULT INQUIRY: Class in the Catholic Faith

Beginning March 1, 7-8:30pm.

For anyone with questions about the Catholic Faith.

For anyone interested in the Catholic Faith.

For persons of any faith or no particular Faith.

Contact Sr. Joyce, 466-3664. Meeting room will be Sister's office above the school.

GOOD NEWS COUNTER

Come to the Good News Counter to see our Lenten and Easter Items. We have First Communion items arriving weekly.

YEAR FOR PRIESTS—



LENTEN SCHEDULE



Sunday - Adoration, 12 Noon-8 am.

Wednesday - Geneva Ministerial Assoc. Ecumenical Series & lunch at Methodist Church, 12:10.

No evening Mass.

Friday - Way of the Cross, a Spiritual talk, 7 pm.

Adoration - 9am Fri.-9am Sat.

SCC will be meeting during Lent also. To join a Small Group, call Rita, 466-3207.

YOUTH MINISTRY

The Youth Group will be participating in a 24 hour "Food Fast" Retreat March 5-6 at the hall to support Catholic Relief Services. Members of the Group will be standing at the doors after each Mass to collect donations and sponsors. Thank you for your support. For more information, visit our website, or call Kent, 440-865-4294.



MARKET DAY

Orders are due March 2 with pick up March 6 **in the school**. This change in location is due to the youth event listed above.

FIRST COMMUNION - PARENTS MEETING

There will be a meeting for all parents of the First Communion class on Thursday, Feb 25, at 7pm. in the Friendship Room.

NEO - CATECHUMENAL WAY

Sacrament of Penance has been rescheduled to March 3 after the 6:30 evening Mass. All are invited to participate in this gift of Reconciliation.

SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

Small Groups are meeting in homes during Lent. You are invited to be a part of one! Call Rita, 466-3207.

Easter Flowers – There is an envelope in your pack for Easter Flowers & decorations, or a plain envelope can be used, for memorials or donations. Thank you to those who donate for this purpose.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF FEB 21:

SUN.	Neo Catechumenal Way, #2 prep	7:00
MON.	K of C Meeting	7:30
TUE.	BINGO, 2/23/10. Team # 3	6:30
	Admissions D. Pasqualone	
	Early Birds R. Laurello	
	Early Instants M. Kerestman	
	Cashier B. Peters/ M. Fenlason	
	Kitchen T. Baxter, T. Foss, N. Williamson, S. Tucker	
	I Caller J. Ayersman	
	Floor J. Gerber	
	Instants a. Delia, N. Perijoc	
	II Caller J. Ayersman	
	Floor J. Gerber	
	Instants a. Delia, N. Perijoc	
WED.	Clinic	1-3
	CCD, K-8	4:15
	GMA series & lunch, Methodist Church.....	12:10
	AA Friendship Room	7:00
THU.	Parent First Communion meeting	7:00
	N.A., Gym	7:00
FRI.	Gym in Use	5-7:30
SAT.	Gym in use	10-12
	Coffee House	6:30
SUN.	NeoCatechumenal Way, #3 prep	7:00

TABERNACLE CANDLES FOR THE WEEK:

1. Health of Mark Douglas By Tess Congdon
2. Health of Mark Douglas By Tess Congdon

STATIONS OF THE CROSS & ICONS

Cost	\$2100
Repairs/Installation	\$ 436
Donations to date	\$2115
Items from Epiphany Church & St. Ladislaus in Cleveland Diocese. Envelopes available in the vestibule.	

CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY, DAY of RECOLLECTION

March 24, 8:30-2:30

Part I- "Stewardship for All." Mary Pat Frey, Diocesan Office Director; Part II—"The Priesthood Today." Rev. Jared Orndorff, St. John Vianney Parish, Jacob Bearer, Borromeo Seminary. \$25 includes lunch. Call Marilyn, 639-9604

THANK YOU for all your prayers, thoughts and acts of kindness during our time of illness. Jim & Mary Kerestman

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Feb 14, 2010 Offertory	\$ 4,682
Renovation Fund Balance	\$ 2,024
Bills to be paid	\$ 14,983
Assessments:	\$3,300

Thanks to all our generous parishioners.

A Thank you note has been received from Brian Corbin, Exec. Director Catholic Charities, for our gift of \$1854 to Catholic Relief Services for efforts in Haiti. There will be ongoing need. Donate anytime.

SUPPORT GROUPS FOR BEREAVEMENT

Immaculate Conception Parish, 2846 Hubbard Rd, Madison, will be presenting a Bereavement Support Group, "Beyond Mourning...finding hope in sharing," Tuesdays, March 2-April 20, 7:30-9pm in the parish center. For registration call the parish office, 428-5164. All are welcome.

Assumption Group meets every other week on Tuesdays at 1:00. Contact Terry Sheldon, 466-2138.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

With current economic crisis, Catholic Charities has experienced an increase in the number of families needing food assistance. Make a difference. Call and see if you can help replenish their non-perishable food supplies so that families can obtain the basic necessities of life. Ashtabula CC number is 992-2121.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

1. "Treasured Gifts from God: Protecting our Children," Mother of Sorrows, Ashtabula, Apr 12, 6:30-8:30pm with Sr. Shirley Warner, OSU, & Thomas Thornton. (required for work/volunteers in parishes.) Contact MOS, 964-3277.
2. "Ready Your Hearts: An Introduction to Adult Faith Formation," Mt. Carmel, Ashtabula, Feb 28-Mar 21, Sundays, 1:30-4:00, with Sr. Joyce Schreiber, SND. Contact Sr. Joyce or Mt. Carmel, 998-4111
3. "Lent: Taking Time Out for God," St. Mary, Orwell, Tuesdays, Feb 23-Mar 30, 7:00-8:30pm, with Sr. Mary Agnes, SND, with insights from Ron Rolheiser's "Creating Sabbath Space in our Lives." Contact St. Mary Church, 440-437-6262.
4. "First & Second Letters of St. Peter," St. Joseph, Jefferson, Thursdays, March 4-25, 7:00-8:30pm, with Fr. Art King. Call 576-3651.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Today's first reading describes the offering of first fruits the people of Israel were to present to the Lord in thanksgiving for their deliverance from Egypt and the gift of the promised land. Is my offering at Today's Mass an appropriate response to the many blessings the Lord has given me?

SPIRITUALITY DAY FOR WOMEN

Sat, Feb 27, 8:30am- 3pm at Ursuline Center, Canfield. It is sponsored by the diocesan Committee on Women's Issues. Sr. Carole Riley, CDP, international speaker and retreat director, will give the keynote address on Inner Simplicity. A number of workshops will follow on a variety of topics regarding spirituality and prayer. Cost is \$25 including lunch. For a brochure, contact Office of Worship, 330-744-8451, ext 304 or www.cathdoy.org.

Mass Intentions  *for the Week*

SAT.	4:30 PM	LEORA GRUBER Ray & Fran Gruber
SUN.	9:00 AM	BUZZ CARRAHER Mary Carraher
	11:00 AM	PAUL SPANGLER Kathy Bridges

MON.	8:00 AM	ANNETTE & MIKE GENTILE M. Gentile
TUE.	No Mass	
WED.	8:00 AM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
THU	8:00 AM	SR. LORRAINE LEANNAH, SDS Cordova Family
FRI.	8:00 AM	FR. MIKE GAWRON, & FR. PAUL TOBIN Year for Priests
	7:00 PM	Way of the Cross
SAT.	9:00 AM	HARRIET REMINDER Ron & Virginia Folsom
	4:30 PM	RAPHAEL CONLEY Vel Gifford
SUN.	9:00 AM	LUNDA BRAFFORD Tess Congdon
	11:00 AM	ARPOD BODISCH Rubie Boomhower

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR FEB 27-28 :

LECTOR

SAT.	4:30 PM	C. Kohli
SUN.	9:00 AM	B. Steen
	11:00 AM	B. Hunt

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SAT.	4:30 PM	Sr. Joyce
SUN.	9:00 AM	L. Daly
	11:00 AM	S. Sharpe

ACOLYTES

SAT.	4:30 PM	K. Baxter, T. Costello
SUN.	9:00 AM	J. Loftus, A. PerDue
	11:00 AM	A. Fistek, A. Wright, K. Lewis

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEB 21:

Sun.	Deut 26:4-10; Ps 91; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13
Mon.	(Chair of St. Peter) 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23; Mt 16:13-19
Tue.	Is 55:10-11; Ps 34; Mt 6:7-15
Wed.	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51; Lk 11:29-32
Thu.	Est C:12,14-16,23-25; Ps 138; Mt 7:7-12
Fri.	Eze 18:21-28; Ps 130; Mt 5:20-26
Sat.	Deut 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sun.	Gen 15:5-12,17-18; Ps 27; Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 9:28-36

Adults Prepare to Join the Catholic Faith Community

Crystal Johnson	Rich Hutchinson
Nanci Austin	Laura Sackett
Bryon Perry	Beth Marhefka

The season of Lent culminates a journey for the six adults in our RCIA program. Our RCIA members have been in a months-long process of responding to the call of God in their lives. For persons today, like many of you, it is challenging to make a commitment to a program of study, prayer and discussion. With work, household duties, care of children, community and family activities, we often put God on hold. Yet, these six adults have been graced to come forward, to find time, the heart and the will to listen to an interior voice and act on it. Today, we acknowledge them with appreciation and affection.

As we welcome, watch, and pray for these “Catholics-to-be” we remember our Christian initiation, our own call to faith. The desert practices of Lent put to death what is not gospel in our lives, so that WE can be renewed as a sacramental people—washed, anointed, fed by God; so that WE can rise on Easter to a life empowered with love of God, the light of Christ, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Pray for our candidates as they devoutly reflect on our Catholic beliefs, prayers, devotions, sacramental signs and symbols; as they humbly prepare for Reconciliation, and choose a patron saint.

Sr. Joyce Schreiber, SND
DRE

Upcoming RCIA events for Parish Involvement:

- The Rite of Election – First Sunday of Lent
- Scrutinies/Conversion of Heart Rite – Third, Fourth, Fifth Sundays of Lent
- Celebration of Sacraments of Initiation – Easter Vigil

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