

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Rosary Cathedral:

Many Catholic parishes in the United States this weekend, commemorating the First Sunday of Lent, are sending their catechumens and candidates for full communion with the Catholic Church to a diocesan-wide liturgical celebration called the *Rite of Election*. One such celebration will be celebrated by Bishop Blair at Rosary Cathedral today at 3:00 PM. Because the number of converts is sizeable each year in our diocese, a second celebration of the Rite of Election is celebrated simultaneously this day at St. Michael's Parish in Findlay to accommodate the number of catechumens and candidates, their godparents and sponsors.

Women and men who have been discerning their call to membership in the Roman Catholic Church come to a crossroad in their journey to the sacraments of initiation celebrated annually at the Easter Vigil Mass in the evening hours of Holy Saturday. The church prays more intently for them these next days and weeks, asking God to strengthen their desire to know Christ and witness to his life and teachings in the world.

We have been blessed as a parish in past years with a number of converts to the Catholic faith. This past fall when the formation sessions began, several individuals connected with Rosary Cathedral parish expressed an interest to learn more about the Catholic faith and her teachings. You may or may not be aware of the fact that several parishes in the Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Deanery have pooled their resources together in offering the weekly catechetical sessions collaboratively. Rosary Cathedral Parish, along with St. Martin de Porres Parish, the Historic Church of Saint Patrick, Immaculate Conception Parish and Sts. Peter and Paul Parish have worked together in coordinating a collaborative catechumenate experience for our faith communities. The experience has been very positive for the participating parishes. The total number of weekly participants has ranged anywhere between 25 to 35 people, including those who serve as sponsors and godparents.

It was relayed to me some weeks ago by our parish team that the number of catechumenate participants from Rosary Cathedral this year had dwindled to one. Several inquirers did not feel now was the time for them to make this important commitment. One individual moved from the Toledo area unexpectedly. While this circumstance may cause us to ask why, I am reminded of the fact that conversion is a matter of God's prompting. It has no rhyme or reason, except to cause us to consider that the Holy Spirit works mysteriously.

This situation will certainly effect the celebration of the Easter Vigil at Rosary Cathedral this year.

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Liturgies for the Week

February 22 - 28, 2010

Monday	7:00 a.m.	✠ Florence Wagner
Tuesday	7:00 a.m.	✠ No Intention
Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	✠ Raymond F. Wilson, Sr.
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	✠ No Intention
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	✠ Mary T. Leasor
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	✠ No Intention
Friday	7:00 a.m.	✠ Augustina Toral
Friday	12:00 Noon	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	✠ Helen McGurl
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	✠ Enrique Canales
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	✠ Louis F. Toral
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	✠ Grace Nasser



Please Pray For

Mary Bachli, Timothy Bohland, James Damazyn, Augustine Escobar, Harold Hanley, Bill Henderson, Shelly Howald, Joe Kibler, Alice Marie King, John F. King, Judith Lerner, Inez Leyland, Dean Malone, Michael McKittrick, Richard Murphy III, Katie Nichols, Nick Pinkstaff, Lydia Ramirez, Mabel Rice, O. B. Rose, Lois Schram, Ron Snyder and Tess Stallkamp.

READINGS FOR TODAY

In the First Reading, Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Moses reminds the people that they must always be thankful for the gifts they will enjoy in the promised land.

In the Second Reading, Romans 10:8-13
Paul tells us it is important for salvation to believe in Jesus and witness to him.

In the Gospel, Luke 4:1-13
The devil confronts Jesus in the desert, tempting him to abuse his divine power.

Readings for next weekend:

February 28, 2010 – Second Sunday of Lent
First Reading Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
Second Reading Philippians 3:17 – 4:1 or 3:20 – 4:1
Gospel Luke 9:28b-36



PRAY FAST SHARE

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Offertory Report for February 13 & 14, 2010

96 Offertory Envelopes	\$ 3,001.50
Loose Collection	\$ 526.76
Mailed Offertory	\$ 465.00
Total Offertory	\$ 3,993.26
Average 33 weeks	\$ 4,300.07
Minimum Weekly Offertory Needed	\$ 4,676.13
Total Year to Date Received	\$ 141,902.47
Initial Offering	\$ 5.00
Retirement for Religious	\$ 25.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 10.00
Black & Indian Home Missions	\$ 85.00
Church in Eastern Europe	\$ 76.00



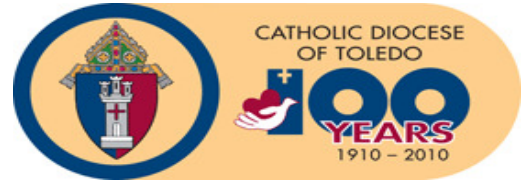
Please join us for a Soup Supper every Wednesday following the 6:00 p.m. Mass in the Cathedral Activities Center. Parishioner Tony Hammer will prepare the soup on Wednesday, February 24th.

Fun for the Family at St. Francis' FUN-A-RAMA

St. Francis de Sales High School will hold its annual FUN-A-RAMA for the entire family on **Sunday, February 28, 2010 from Noon-8:00 p.m.** at the school on West Bancroft Street and Parkside Boulevard. The event, sponsored by all the parent and booster organizations at St. Francis, includes fun and games for all ages featuring gladiator joust, raffles, radar speed pitch, a clown and magician, bingo, adult casino, fast foods, barbeque chicken dinners with carryout available, Ferdos "Hommos & Pita", and the famous Stanley's "Kielbasa Dogs". Raffle tickets for cash prizes. Bring the whole family and enjoy the day. Free admission and free parking. All proceeds to benefit St. Francis de Sales High School.

2010 PARISH LENTEN ALMSGIVING

It has been our custom as a parish to solicit a second collection at all weekend Masses during the Lenten season generating funds for the Cathedral conference of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Our local conference provides food items to those who seek our assistance. A second collection will be taken each Sunday during Lent for this purpose. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



In honor of its 100th anniversary, the Diocese of Toledo will host a Prayer Service for Healing of Experiences and Memories at St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Findlay, **next Sunday, February 28 at 4pm.** Bishop Leonard P. Blair will preside over the service. The Prayer Service for Healing of Experiences and Memories is open to all. St. Michael the Archangel parish is located at 750 Bright Road, Findlay, Ohio. For more information please call the parish office at 419-422-2646.

Stand & Pray: Lent 2010

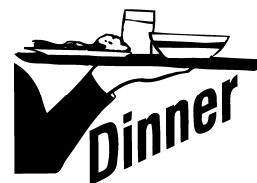
What is your Lenten devotion this year? Why not be a witness to Life!! Join others in peaceful prayer outside Center for Choice, 328 22nd St., Toledo, **from now through Good Friday (4/2).** This is an invitation to come and **PRAY** any time it's convenient for you, but the most helpful times are: Mon, Tues, & Wed: 8am-5pm; Thurs: 2-10pm; Fri: 8am-1pm. For more information, contact Ann at toledoeagle@hotmail.com or (419) 708-9497, or visit www.prolifeconnection.com.

FIRST



HOLY COMMUNION

Any parents wanting their child (7 years or older) to receive their First Holy Communion at Rosary Cathedral are asked to call the Parish Office (419-244-9575) to register their children for preparation program as soon as possible. The child *must* have already celebrated their First Penance (Confession). **First Holy Communion preparation classes will begin on Sunday, March 7, 2010 at 9:45 AM and will end at 10:30 AM in the Parish Activities Center.**



Rosary Cathedral will again host its **FREE EASTER DINNER** for anyone on **Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010. Dinner will be served from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM in the Msgr. Bernard E. Smith Auditorium.** This event is open to parishioners and non-parishioners alike. Persons wishing to assist with the preparation of the meal, or are willing to serve it, please contact the parish office. Cash donations to offset expenses are being accepted. Simply mark an envelope **2010 EASTER SUNDAY DINNER** and place in the weekly collection basket.

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Some of the ritual elements of the initiation sacraments obviously will not be included. One individual, however, will complete her initiation in the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil this year. Chihiro Klug, a native of Japan, was married to her husband Michael Klug at Rosary Cathedral during the Christmas holiday in 2008. Having already been baptized and admitted to Holy Communion in the Catholic Church in her native country, Chihiro will be confirmed by Bishop Blair during the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday, April 3, 2010. Please keep Chihiro in your prayers this Lenten season as she prepares to complete her full initiation as a member of the Roman Catholic faith.

With you in prayer this Lent,
Father Singler

OPERATION RICE BOWL

In Luke's story of the temptations of Jesus we see how we can be tempted by wealth, power, and esteem just as He was. Lent call us to focus on our faith life by living it in deeper ways. As we begin our journey with Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, let us pray and sacrifice so that through our faith life we can make a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters in need.

The Xavier Society for the Blind has a large lending library of books in Braille, large print and audio CD's. They record ten periodicals (some weekly, some monthly and some quarterly), and provide the Mass readings for Sundays and Feast days in all three formats. Mailing is free to and from people certified as blind (which can also include having partial vision or having difficulty dealing with traditional print because of other physical ailments, dyslexia or other impediments). To register and get a free catalogue of books and periodicals and other items available, call 212-473-7800 or 800-637-9193. There is a web site at www.xaviersocietyfortheblind.org. Email: info@xaviersocietyfortheblind.org.



Monday, February 22, 2010

- 6:30 p.m. Tour: Cub Scout Troup 777 (Cath)
- 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Diocesan Choir Prac. (Choir Rm.)

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Wednesday, February 24, 2010

- 8:30 a.m. Mass – Grs. 7 & 8 (Chapel)
- 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. RCS Faculty Mtg. (Act. Rm. I)

- 5:00 p.m.-5:45 p.m. Confessions (Cath)
- 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Cath. Choir Prac. (Choir Rm.)
- 6:00 p.m. Mass (Chapel)
- 6:30 p.m. Soup Supper (Act. Rm. I)
- 7:15 p.m. Lenten Presentation (Act. Rm. II)
SEE BULLETIN INSERT
- 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Café)

Thursday, February 25, 2010

Friday, February 26, 2010

- 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Fr. Ricard Presentation (Gym)
- 12:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Cath)

Saturday, February 27, 2010

- 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. CYO Basketball (Gym)-Tentative

Sunday, February 28, 2010

- 10:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m. Confirmation Class (Act. Rm. II)
- 12:00 p.m. Tour: Young adults from the diocese (Cath)

PARISH REGISTRATION:

Please notify the Parish Office at 419-244-9575 when you have a telephone number and/or address change so we can keep our records current. New members are always welcome and can register in person or by calling the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Baptisms are celebrated at Rosary Cathedral on the third Sundays of the month at 12:15 p.m. Parents of first-born children are required to attend a one-hour preparation conference before the baptism. Call the parish office at 419-244-9575 for more information and to register for the conference.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Marriages at Rosary Cathedral are celebrated on Fridays at 5pm or 6pm, Saturdays at 12noon, 2pm and 6pm. Engaged couples should contact the parish office a minimum of six months in advance in order to complete the necessary preparation. At least one member of the couple MUST be in full communion with the Roman Catholic Church.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Confessions are heard each Saturday from 3-3:30 pm in the Cathedral. Communal Reconciliation services are also held during the seasons of Advent and Lent.

HOSPITAL VISITATION:

When admitted to an area hospital, parishioners should contact the Parish Office in order to receive a pastoral visit, the Sacrament of the Sick or Holy Communion.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held in the Bishop's Daily Mass Chapel every First Friday of the Month following daily 7am Mass until 12noon October to June.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

DAY & TIME	SAT., Feb. 27 4:00 PM	SUN., Feb. 28 9:00 AM	SUN., Feb. 28 11:00 AM	SAT., Mar. 7 4:00 PM	SUN., Mar. 8 9:00 AM	SUN., Mar. 8 11:00 AM
DEACON	Deacon Henderson	Deacon Henderson	Deacon Henderson	Deacon Caruso	Deacon Caruso	Deacon Caruso
LECTORS	1. Y. Tertel 2. J. Paden	1. M. Glowacki 2. E. Glowacki	1. J. Etzel 2. J. Malhoit	1. P. Felton 2. J. Felton	1. J. McKittrick 2. B. Gackstetter	1. J. Brown 2. T. Desmond
EXTRA- ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	3. B. Beerbower 4. T. Wevers	3. K. Wielfaert 4. L. Johnson	1. D. Pribor 2. C. Hoffman 3. B. McDonagh 4. B. McDonagh 5. L. Nordhaus 6. S. Lopes	3. M. Canales 4. C. Keran	3. S. Gage 4. M. Butcher	1. R. Angelo 2. I. Angelo 3. D. Tomczak 4. E. Salazar 5. M. Tran 6. S. Avina
MC's	M. Leasor	- - -	- - -	M. Leasor	- - -	- - -
ALTAR SERVERS	A. Dillon H. Dillon <i>Need</i>	T. Dysard B. Thomas D. Thomas	M. Hoffman <i>Need</i> <i>Need</i>	<i>Need</i> <i>Need</i> <i>Need</i>	C. Gackstetter C. Lightfoot T. Taylor	J. Sauber <i>Need</i> <i>Need</i>
USHERS	R. Snyder J. Ibarra E. Ibarra V. Fantozzi	M. Coleman B. Johnson L. Hemmelgarn J. Chaytor K. Kozlowski	C. Renner J. Maher M. Torres	C. Renner J. Maher M. Torres	C. Dyke C. Toral V. Olvera M. Cortez	M. Coleman B. Johnson L. Hemmelgarn J. Chaytor K. Kozlowski