

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Rosary Cathedral:

On Wednesday of this week, February 21, the Christian Church world-wide will commence the annual observance of Lent. Three Masses will be celebrated at Rosary Cathedral this Ash Wednesday at 7:00 AM, 8:35 AM and 7:00 PM. Each Mass will incorporate the traditional ritual of blessing and distribution of ashes.

I remember a number of years ago an incident that involved a young boy in the parish school where I was assigned who was emotionally distraught by the thought of having ashes placed on his forehead. Apparently, his family home had been destroyed by a devastating fire several months before Ash Wednesday that year. Thankfully, the young boy and his family were visiting relatives out of town when the fire ravaged their two-story home. His mother called me one day and asked if I could speak to her son about the ashes used on Ash Wednesday with the thought that perhaps a spiritual perspective might quell the boy's fear. For some reason he associated the ashes used in church with the fire that took his home. I conversed with him for several weeks, as well as his other family members about the purpose of ashes used during Lent.

First, the ashes mark us as a penitential people. A cross is inscribed on the forehead of the faithful to remind us of the origin of our life in Christ. For believing Christians, the cross is not so much an instrument of death and destruction, but a sign of the transforming life that is gained by those who remain hopeful in the sight of pain and suffering. Jesus' passion and death is the way to Easter joy.

Second, the inscribed cross on our foreheads expresses to the world around us that something unique is happening. Change and the turning from darkness to light encircle the prayer and hope of the entire Church. It is a time when the eyes of the interior soul are turned inward to assess behaviors that have not been life-giving. Lent is our time to review the journey of our life, name those behaviors that have caused us to sin, and to seek God's forgiveness.

Third and probably most importantly, the ashes that mark the foreheads of Christians on Ash Wednesday connect us to the very mystery of Easter. Palm branches blessed at the previous Palm Sunday of Holy Week are burned and ground into ash. Just as the people of Jerusalem waved these live branches as Jesus made his way through the city as a joyous greeting of welcome to the Messiah, the ashes used to commence our Lenten observance express our goal for the next 40 days. Our joy is the fact that Christ the victor has surpassed the

opportunity to gain the promise of eternity.

I pray that your observance of Lent will bring many graces to your souls. Remember that even though we may have good intentions to change our ways after making every effort to do so, there may be moments when our virtuous resolve wanes. Keep to the hope. Let the cross of Christ be our focus. Do not give up.

Prayerfully yours,
Fr. Singler

Liturgies for the Week

February 19 - 25, 2007

Monday	7:00 a.m.	✠ No Intention
Tuesday	7:00 a.m.	✠ Poor Souls
Ash Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	✠ Gertrude Mertens
Ash Wednesday	8:35 a.m.	✠ No Intention
Ash Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	✠ No Intention
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	✠ Frank Sniegowski
Friday	7:00 a.m.	✠ Elmer Brandal
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	✠ Tillie Slaughter
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	✠ Kathleen Hogan
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	✠ John Schlagater
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	✠ Zulma and Arthur Beke



Please Pray For

The following have asked for our prayers:

Marsha Andrzejewski, Frank Annarino, Timothy Bohland, Enrique Canales, Augustine Escobar, Jason Greener, Edward Kosmatak, Marilyn Kurtzman, Judith Lerner, Robert McDonagh, Grace Nasser, Eileene Rafferty, Lydia Ramirez, Mabel Rice, David Rodriguez, Ronald Rodriguez, Charles D. and Rita Singler (Parents of Fr. Singler), Frank Sniadecki and Robert Utrup.

READINGS FOR TODAY

In the First Reading, 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
David shows great promise as a spiritual leader. He seeks the will of God.

In the Second Reading, 1 Corinthians 15:45-49
Paul remarks that while on earth we have a body like that of Adam. After death, we will have a body like that of Christ.

In the Gospel, Luke 6:27-38
Jesus teaches us how to live in the kingdom of God.

Next week's Readings:

February 25, 2007 – First Sunday of Lent
First Reading Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Second Reading Romans 10:8-13
Gospel Luke 4:1-13

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YOUR FATHER,
Who sees all that
is done in secret,
will reward you.



Ashes will be distributed at all Masses on Ash Wednesday, February 21, 2007. Mass times are: 7:00 AM, 8:35 AM, and 7:00 PM.

**Offertory Report for
February 10 & 11, 2007**

113 Regular Offertory Envelopes	\$ 3,309.00
Loose	\$ 782.16
Total	\$ 4,091.16
Mailed Offertory	\$ 591.39
Total Offertory	\$ 4,682.55
Average 33 weeks	\$ 3,829.13
Weekly Needed	\$ 6,388.40
Total Year to Date Needed	\$ 210,817.33
Total Year to Date Received	\$ 126,361.37
Shortfall Year to Date	\$ 84,455.96
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 197.00
Parish School Expenses	\$ 25.00
Initial Offering	\$ 10.00
Christmas	\$ 150.00



Please Note

2007 Rosary Cathedral Confirmation Class just a reminder that *next Sunday, February 25*, the Confirmation Class will be from 9:00 AM until 10:45 AM, participating in a morning of

recollection. The class will then attend 11:00 AM Mass together.

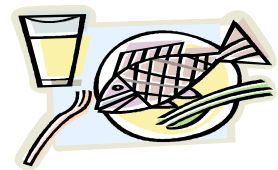
2007 PARISH LENTEN ALMSGIVING
It has been our custom for number of years as a parish to solicit a second collection at all weekend Masses during the Lenten season generating funds for the Cathedral conference of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Our local conference provides food items to those who seek our assistance. A second collection will be taken each Sunday during Lent for this purpose. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

OPERATION RICE BOWL
The Lenten rice bowls are available at the entryways of the Cathedral Church this weekend for those who would like to feed those in the mission countries of our world. These boxes will be collected on Palm Sunday and at the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper during Holy Week. Thank you for your generosity.



Come and join us at our annual FUN-A-RAMA at St. Francis de Sales High School on **Sunday, February 25th** from noon till 8:00 p.m. Barbecued chicken dinner, fast foods, game booths, a clown and a magician, baked goods, bingo and many more activities. The whole family will enjoy the day! Raffle prizes: 1st prize: \$100 per week for one year, 2nd prize: \$100 per month for one year, 3rd prize: \$500 in Cash.

St. Martin de Porres Church and Huntington Bank present an Evening with the Toledo Symphony
Sing Hallelujah!
in celebration of Black History Month
Sunday, February 25, 2007,
St. Martin de Porres Church – 5:00 P.M.
1119 W. Bancroft St., Toledo, OH 43606. Chelsea Tipton, II, Conductor, *featuring the Mosaic Singers of Detroit.*
General Admission: \$15.00. Tickets available by call St. Martin de Porres Church at 419-241-4544.



LENTEN FISH FRY'S

The following parishes and organizations are sponsoring Lenten Fish Fry's:

- * **St. Catherine of Siena Parish** 4555 N. Haven Ave., Toledo, 43612, every Friday during Lent from 5:00p.m.-7:00p.m. in the Siena Center Gym. Adults \$7.00, Seniors \$6.00, and Children (12 yrs. & under) \$4.00.
- * **St. Charles Church**, 1842 Airport Hwy., every Friday in Lent from 5:30 p.m.-7:30p.m. Chicken Nuggets are available for children. The cost is \$7.00 for Adults, \$6.00 for Seniors, and \$4.00 for children under 12. Carryout available.
- * **Rosary Cathedral** Good Friday Fish Fry, April 6 from 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. in the Monsignor Bernard E. Smith Auditorium (Gym)

What are you doing for Lent this year?
A Great Lenten Activity: Divine Mercy
You are invited to join Mother of Mercy Messengers from the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy on **Friday, March 2, 2007, at 6:30 p.m.** at St. Adalbert Church for St. Faustina's Way of The Cross. Stations will be followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.



PRAY FAST SHARE

Mary Immaculate School will host an open house from **noon-3:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 4th**. Mary Immaculate celebrates its 46th anniversary this year as the only Toledo Catholic School for children in grades one through eight with unique learning needs. The school is located at 3835 Secor Rd., Toledo. All are welcome to see the school. Any questions, please call Sister Mary Jonna Say, SND at 419-474-1688.

The Padua Center, 1416 Nebraska Ave, Toledo, Ohio, an outreach center sponsored by the Catholic diocese, is seeking volunteers for tutoring grade school children, from 3:30-4:30, Monday-Thursday. Persons can volunteer for one to four days. For more information or if interested please call Sister Virginia Welsh or Amber McCormick at 419-241-6465.

Counseling Assistance Fund. Are you or is someone you know a survivor of sexual abuse by a representative of the Church? The Catholic Bishops through the Catholic Conference of Ohio have created a Counseling Assistance Fund to help those who have been harmed. This Fund is designed to provide counseling or similar mental health services through a process independent of the Church. Claims may be submitted through May 15, 2008. For more information go to the website at www.counselingassistancefund.org



Monday, February 19, 2007
No School - President's Day

Tuesday, February 20, 2007
• 10:00 a.m. SCM Taping – Fr. Michael Geiger (Chapel)

Wednesday, February 21, 2007 – Ash Wednesday

- 8:35 a.m. Mass – All School (Cath)
- 5:00 p.m.-5:45 p.m. Cath. Choir Practice (Choir Rm.)
- 7:00 p.m. Mass (Cath)
- 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Café)

Thursday, February 22, 2007

- 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. RCIA (Act. Rm. II)

Friday, February 23, 2007

- 12:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Cath)

Saturday, February 24, 2007

Sunday, February 25, 2007

- **9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.** Confirmation Class Retreat (Act. Rm. I)
- 9:15 a.m. R.C.I.A. (Act. Rm. II)
- 3:00 p.m. Rite of Election (Cath)

HUMAN SEXUALITY SEMINAR

Looking for ways to become the man or woman God has created you to be? Christopher West will speak on John Paul II's *Theology of the Body* on March 31, 2007, from during a 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. seminar at St. Joan of Arc in Toledo, entitled "Good News about Sex and Marriage." This seminar is open to singles, married couples, and religious men and women. Registration costs are discounted prior to March 1. For more information and to register look for the flyer and pamphlets at your parish and to register visit www.creedoncampus.com/cwest. Questions? Email: creed@bgsu.edu.

Lutheran and Catholic Pilgrimage to Europe

You are invited to join Bishop Leonard Blair and Lutheran Bishop Marcus Lohrmann in "A Journey Toward Understanding," and eleven-day Lutheran and Catholic Ecumenical Pilgrimage to Germany and Italy, from **October 17 through October 27, 2007**. Visit and pray together at sites in Germany where the Protestant Reformation began, in Rome where Pope Benedict is today calling all Christians to work and pray for greater visible unity in the church and in Assisi, home of St. Francis, a saint beloved by all Christians. For more information and a descriptive color brochure contact the Diocesan Ecumenical Officer, Father James Peiffer, 215 Church Street, Oak harbor, OH 43449 (419-898-1389) or call Ms. Terrie Albert or Miss Sally Oberski at the diocesan Catholic Center in Toledo (419-244-6711). "That all may be one..." (John 17:21)

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



DAY & TIME	SAT Feb. 24 4:30 PM	SUN Feb. 25 9:00 AM	SUN Feb. 25 11:00 AM	SAT Mar. 3 4:30 PM	SUN Mar. 4 9:00 AM	SUN Mar. 4 11:00 AM
DEACON	Deacon Henderson	Deacon Henderson	Deacon Henderson	Deacon Keran	Deacon Keran	Deacon Keran
LECTORS	1. J. Dillon 2. J. Paden	1. L. Johnson 2. B.Gackstetter	1.L. Reiter 2. T. Desmond	1. S. Blaskovic 2. C. Keran	1. E. Glowacki 2. M. Glowacki	1. L. Johnson 2. R. Angelo
EXTRA- ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	3. M. Canales 4. B.Beerbower	3. J. Neuser 4. R. Gackstetter	1. M. Knowles 2. R. Knowles 3. D. Pribor 4. M. Warrick 5. E. Salazar 6. M. Tran	3. T. Wevers 4. J. Zimmel	3. T. Marciniak 4. J. Marciniak	1. S. Schneider 2. L. Nordhaus 3. D. Tomczak 4. M. J. Flores 5. S. Avina 6. I. Angelo
MC's	M. Leasor	D. Hoffman	D. Hoffman	M. Leasor	D. Demski	D. Demski
ALTAR SERVERS	A. Dillon S. Toral	C. Gackstetter C. Lightfoot T. Taylor	J. Rodriguez M. Rodriguez M. Marquez	M. Blaskovic G. Hoffman	P. Dysard T. Dysard	K. Ramos J. Ramos T. Ramos
USHERS	R. Snyder J. Ibarra E. Ibarra V. Fantozzi	H. Hanley M. Coleman B. Johnson L. Hemmelgarn	M. Wagner C. Renner J. Maher M. Torres	M. Wagner C. Renner J. Maher M. Torres	C. Dyko C. Toral V. Olvera J. Blaskovic	H. Hanley M. Coleman B. Johnson L. Hemmelgarn