

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Rosary Cathedral:

We have commenced the Lenten season. On this First Sunday of Lent parishes in our nation will be gathering in cathedral churches and regional areas of local dioceses to celebrate the Rite of Election. This annual celebration is a public recognition and prayer to acknowledge the fact that women and men who have been exploring the Catholic faith have taken one more step in the process of conversion to the Lord. The Diocesan Bishop is the celebrant of the Rite of Election, or in his absence, a delegated priest. He calls the catechumens (those to be baptized) and candidates for full communion (those who have been validly baptized in another Christian church) to prepare more intensely for the celebration of the Easter sacraments – Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. As the chief shepherd of the diocesan church, it is the bishop's pleasure to call or "elect" the women and men who seek membership in the church. Hence the title: Rite of Election.

Rosary Cathedral will be one of two sites hosting the Rite of Election in the diocese of Toledo again this year. Catechumens and candidates will be gathering with their sponsors and parish RCIA teams here today for the 3:00 PM service. Be advised that the Rite of Election is not a Sunday Mass, but simply a Word Service with intercessions and blessings only. We welcome these future members of the Catholic Church and express our prayerful support of them the remaining days of Lent. We at Rosary Cathedral are proud of our one catechumen, Robert Sliter and two candidates for full communion, Carol Henderson and Nathaniel Ducat who will be among the 200+ catechumens and candidates attending the cathedral service today.

This coming Wednesday, February 28 we will begin the Lenten evening Mass at 6:00 PM followed by a soup supper in the Parish Activities Center. The Wednesday 6PM Evening Mass and soup suppers are scheduled for the following dates: February 28, March 7, 14, 21 and 28. Next Wednesday, March 7, 2007, the evening Mass and soup supper will be followed by the first of three adult formation presentations on the three fonts of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The adult formation series will begin at 7:15 PM and conclude by 8:15 PM. They are scheduled for Wednesday March 7, 14 and 21. The first presentation on "Prayer and Lent" will be facilitated by Sister Stephanie Helfrich, a Toledo Ursuline sister who has served in community leadership and spiritual direction for many years.

I hope you will plan to join us for any or all of these Lenten activities this year. All are welcome.  
Father Singler

Liturgies for the Week

February 26 – March 4, 2007

Monday	7:00 a.m.	✠ Augustina Toral
Tuesday	7:00 a.m.	✠ Poor Souls
Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	✠ Louis F. Toral
Wednesday	8:35 a.m.	✠ No Intention
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	✠ No Intention
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	✠ Edward Nasser
Friday	7:00 a.m.	✠ No Intention
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	✠ No Intention
Saturday	12:00 p.m.	Diocesan Confirmation Liturgy
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	✠ Catherine Damazyn
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	✠ For The Parish
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	✠ Jack Maher
Sunday	3:00 p.m.	Rite of Election



**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, Janet Peatee, 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,** Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Moses has something important to tell the people. They should never lose respect for God's gifts to them.

**In the Second Reading,** Romans 10:8-13

Paul speaks of faith. The gift of faith is offered to all, both Jews and gentiles.

**In the Gospel,** Luke 4:1-13

Jesus is tempted by the devil to achieve legitimate ends through illegitimate means.

Next week's Readings:

March 4, 2007 – 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



**Please join us for a Soup Supper every Wednesday following the 6:00 p.m. Mass in the Cathedral Activities Center. Parishioners Frank and Susan Lopes will provide Vegetable Chicken Soup on Wed., Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>.**

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## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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### Offertory Report for February 17 & 18, 2007

102 Regular Offertory Envelopes	\$ 5,077.00
Loose	\$ 577.95
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 5,654.95</b>
Average 34 weeks	\$ 3,882.83
Weekly Needed	\$ 6,388.40
Total Year to Date Needed	\$ 217,205.73
Total Year to Date Received	\$ 132,016.32
Shortfall Year to Date	\$ 85,189.41
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 33.25

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### Adoption Information Meeting Domestic & International Adoptions

Catholic Charities Family Connection's Department is offering an "Adoption Information Meeting" on **March 6, 2007 at 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm** at St. Wendelin's Parish Life Center, 313 N. Wood St., Fostoria, OH. Information will be given on our Domestic adoption program, International adoptions, the home study process and much more! The cost is \$35.00. If you are interested in attending or finding out more on adoption please call Kathy Kwiatkowski at 419-244-6711 ex. 440.

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### FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on **Friday, March 2, 2007** in the Bishop's Daily Mass Chapel at Rosary Cathedral. Exposition will follow the 7AM morning Mass and will conclude with a brief benediction service at 12NOON.

Liturgical protocol requires that a person or persons maintain a prayer vigil before the Blessed Sacrament when it is exposed for adoration. **To be able to schedule exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, we will need the assistance of people to pray during the morning hours every first Friday. If you are willing and able to spend time in prayer before our Eucharistic Lord each first Friday, please call the Parish Office today and indicate your time of prayer.**

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### 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 for your generosity.

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### CONGRATULATIONS!!!

St. Ursula Academy recently informed Rosary Cathedral that one of its members received special academic recognition for the second period of the 2006-2007 scholastic year. We congratulate Cathedral parishioner **Shannon Martin**, freshman, for making the President's List.

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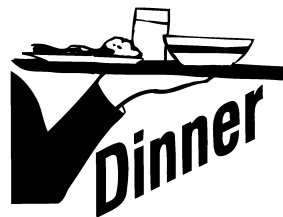
St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center and the American Cancer Society are offering "*I Can Cope: Living Well with Cancer*" a four week series aimed at empowering individuals and families to cope with cancer in a positive, hope-filled way. Each week, speakers who are experts in their respective fields will address how to best confront cancer, its treatment, and the effect that it may have on relationships. This series will be held on consecutive **Thursday, March 8 - March 29, from 6:30p.m. - 8:30p.m.** at St. Anne Mercy Hospital, Conference Room #3. For more information contact Gina Staccone-Smeal at 419-251-4153.

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### Mary Immaculate School to Host 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Spaghetti Dinner

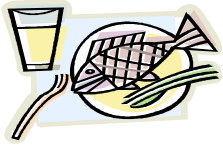
Mary Immaculate School will host its annual spaghetti dinner and raffle from **4-7 p.m., March 10<sup>th</sup>** in the Notre Dame Academy cafeteria. The dinner features spaghetti with homemade meat sauce, lettuce salad, rolls, dessert and beverage. The dinner is a significant fundraiser for the academic programs and projects at the school that serves students with learning differences. The dinner features 50-50 raffles throughout the evening and many other raffle prizes for adults and children. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for seniors and children. Carry-out is available. The academy is located at 3535 Sylvania Ave. For more information, contact Sister Jonna Say at 419-474-1688.

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Rosary Cathedral will be hosting a **FREE EASTER DINNER** for anyone on **Easter Sunday, April 8, 2007. Dinner will be served from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM in the Msgr. Bernard E. Smith**

**Auditorium.** This event is open 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 **2007 EASTER SUNDAY DINNER** and place in the weekly collection basket.



### LENTEN FISH FRY'S

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

\* **Knights of Columbus Council #3122** every Friday during Lent at Sommerset Hall, 2458 Tremainsville at Laskey. Fish Dinners \$6.50, Shrimp Dinners \$7.00, Frog Legs \$8.00 Pizza will also be served. Serving from 5:30p.m.-7:30p.m.

\* **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.

\* **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)

Are you a young catholic gentleman between the ages of 10 to 18? The Knights of Columbus are reinstating the Danny Thomas Squires Circle. The host council is the West Toledo Council #3122 located on Secor Road. This is a great program for all young men. We are inviting parents and prospective members to an OPEN HOUSE. The open house will be held at the Knights of Columbus Council #3122. The open house is on **Sunday, March 11, 2007 at 6pm**. Please come and learn more about what it means to part of the largest organization on young catholic men. Please RSVP with Daniel Jones (419-866-5866) or Frank Butwin (419-874-2721).

**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](http://www.counselingassistancefund.org)



### **Monday, February 26, 2007**

- 10:00 a.m. SCM Taping – Fr. David Reinhart (Chapel)
- 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Diocesan Choir Prac. (Choir Rm.)

### **Tuesday, February 27, 2007**

### **Wednesday, February 28, 2007**

- 8:35 a.m. Mass Grs. 6-8 (Chapel)
- 5:00 p.m.-5:45 p.m. Confessions (Cath)
- 6:00 p.m. Mass (Chapel)
- 6:30 p.m. Soup Supper (Act. Rm. I)

### **Thursday, March 1, 2007**

### **Friday, March 2, 2007**

- 7:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
- 12:00 p.m. Benediction (Chapel)
- 12:00 p.m. School Early Dismissal
- 12:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Cath)
- 1:00 p.m. Faculty Meeting / In-Service (Conf. Rm.)

### **Saturday, March 3, 2007**

- 12:00 p.m. Diocesan Confirmation Liturgy (Cath)

### **Sunday, March 4, 2007**

- 9:15 a.m. R.C.I.A. (Act. Rm. II)
- 12:15 p.m. Baptism Prep. Class (Act. Rm. II)

### **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](http://www.creedoncampus.com/cwest). Questions? Email: [creed@bgsu.edu](mailto: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

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

diocesan Catholic Center in Toledo (419-244-6711).

“That all may be one...” (John 17:21)

DAY & TIME	SAT Mar. 3 4:30 PM	SUN Mar. 4 9:00 AM	SUN Mar. 4 11:00 AM	SAT Mar. 10 4:30 PM	SUN Mar. 11 9:00 AM	SUN Mar. 11 11:00 AM
DEACON	Deacon Keran	Deacon Keran	Deacon Keran	Deacon Henderson	Deacon Henderson	Deacon Henderson
LECTORS	1. S. Blaskovic 2. C. Keran	1. E. Glowacki 2. M. Glowacki	1. L. Johnson 2. R. Angelo	1. J. Paden 2. J. Dillon	1. J. McKittrick 2. B. Gackstetter	1. L. Reiter 2. S. Avina
EXTRA- ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	3. T. Wevers 4. J. Zimmer	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	3. M. Canales 4. B. Beerbower	3. M. L. Snyder 4. R. Gackstetter	1. M. Warrick 2. E. Salazar 3. M. Tran 4. M. Knowles 5. R. Knowles 6. D. Pribor
MC's	M. Leasor	D. Demski	D. Demski	M. Leasor	D. Hoffman	D. Hoffman
ALTAR SERVERS	M. Blaskovic G. Hoffman	P. Dysard T. Dysard	K. Ramos J. Ramos T. Ramos	A. Dillon <i>Need</i>	C. Gackstetter C. Lightfoot T. Taylor	J. Rodriguez M. Rodriguez M. Marquez
USHERS	M. Wagner C. Renner J. Maher M. Torres	C. Dyko C. Toral V. Olvera J. Blaskovic	H. Hanley M. Coleman B. Johnson L. Hemmelgarn	M. Wagner C. Renner J. Maher M. Torres	C. Dyko C. Toral V. Olvera J. Blaskovic	H. Hanley M. Coleman B. Johnson L. Hemmelgarn