

## READINGS THIS WEEKEND

- (1) Isaiah 62, 1-5
- (2) 1 Corinthians 12, 4-11
- (3) John 2, 1-12

*"There are different gifts but the same Spirit." (2)*  
 One of the strengths of the Church is its Catholicism. We have all kinds of people involved in our parish and throughout the world – the very old and the very young; the well educated and the simple, the rich and the poor, the strong and the weak. But in order for this very large and very catholic church to work, all of our gifts are required. It is possible that in the world any one of us might "go it alone," but in eternity we need the unity of time, talent and treasure to bring God's kingdom to fullness.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Joe Brown, DH, JP Edward, Georganna Freeman, Paul Gochenouer, HO, Joe H., JP, Delores Lamont, Sarah Lansing, Mary Rhodes, S. Severt, TK, Nancy Vernot, Dottie Williams, Active U.S. Military Family & Friends of St. Paul's

**CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES & CALENDARS** for 2010 are still available in the Undercroft. Please call the Office (767-7450, Ext. 10) if you do not find a box with your name on it.

**CHRISTMAS BASKET DONATIONS** update on total amount collected will be in next week's bulletin ... tallying is currently in process due to some late (and very welcomed) donations!

2009 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS **WILL BE MAILED** by the end of January to any parishioner who made at least 1 single contribution of \$250+ during the year. (i.e., if you gave \$249 per week, every week, you will not receive a statement, per IRS regulations). **Please call Gail at 767-7450, Ext. 10 if you would like to have a statement mailed to you if you do not meet the IRS requirements. It is NOT a problem! ☺**

**BROWNIE TROOP #30003** (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade girls who hold their meetings at St. Paul's) will be taking orders for Girl Scout Cookies after both Masses **this weekend**. Cookies are \$3.50 a box this year and will be available after both Masses the weekend of February 20-21.

**2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION FOR HAITI:** As you know, there was a massive earthquake that hit the island nation of Haiti Tuesday afternoon, about 10 miles SW of the capital, Port-au-Prince. The Associated Press has also reported that Monsignor Joseph Serge Miot, the Archbishop of Port-au-Prince, was among the dead. Archbishop Dennis Schnurr has requested that all parishes take up a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection this weekend (16-17) to support the humanitarian relief & reconstruction efforts that will be taking place in Haiti. This collection will go to address as many aspects of this crisis as possible, including responses from the U.S. bishops and the Church in Latin America, and the work of Catholic Relief Services. We will send all funds from this 2<sup>nd</sup> collection to the Archdiocesan Finance Office who will immediately forward it to Haiti.

**AS YOU MAY OR MAY NOT KNOW**, we had to purchase a new furnace for the Rectory last week. The final cost is \$8,820. We already have \$6,517 due to your generous donations via our 2<sup>nd</sup> collection on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month (Maintenance/Restoration). Only \$2,303 more and the furnace will be paid off ... thank you very much for your past and continuing support.

## WEEKLY COLLECTION &amp; OTHER

Collection for January 10 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 4,457
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,500
Maintenance/Restoration Goals	
Church Air Conditioner	\$15,000
Rectory Air Conditioner & Furnace	\$15,000
Maintenance/Restoration for January	\$ 1,061
Maintenance/Restoration to Date	\$ 6,517
Children's Envelopes	\$ 9.50

*Please remember St. Paul's in your will.*  
 THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

## ▼ UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS ▼

**RCIA – ADULT ED:** Sundays in POB (Parish Office Building) at 6:00 PM. All are welcome!

**PRAYER GROUP:** Short meditative Rosary or chaplets & litanies prayed Mondays, 7:30 PM.

**ENSEMBLE MUSICIANS REHEARSAL:** Thursday, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 PM. Ensemble Mass Sunday, Jan 24<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 AM, set up at 10 AM.

**MANY THANKS TO EVERYONE** (listed or not ... you know who you are! ☺) for helping with the decorating and un-decorating of the church for Christmas: Patty Alexander, Suzann Blanton, Mark Breza, Deborah Dillon-Bloch, John Feltz and Kathy Schopmeyer. Also, thanks to Ken and John Struewing for taking care of the outdoor crèche and to Mike Breza for helping his son, Mark, put the “not so light weight Holy Family” back in their resting place until next Christmas. You are all appreciated!

**NO POTLUCK IN JANUARY POTLUCK ...** however, on Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM there will be a Chili/Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser ... more details in next week’s bulletin.

**THE FAMILY LIFE OFFICE IS DEVELOPING** a “Pre-Cana” program this year **for couples who are preparing to enter a 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage** – it is called Cana II. An appeal is being made in order for this program to be successful. We need a group of “willing and able” Catholic couples who are living successfully in a 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage to help with this program. This commitment will entail a couple of planning meetings and 2 Saturdays at St. Patrick’s in Troy (March 20 & Nov. 13). Each couple will present a topic they feel comfortable in covering. The Family Life Office has plenty of resources that can be utilized in order for these couples to put a successful “talk” together. We just need some brave (and fun) couples willing to help. If you are interested please call the Family Life Office at 222-0227 or email at [nwendeln@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:nwendeln@catholiccincinnati.org) .

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 17, 2010**

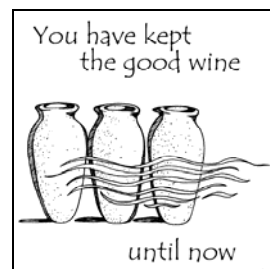
Nations shall behold your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory.

— *Isaiah 62:2*



## FROM DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (Carole Grady)

Assessment of Religious Education - **5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders:** Over the past thirty years there has been in our Catholic Church a felt need and desire for assessing religious education programs for children and adults. The National Catholic Education Assoc. developed a tool to do this. It seeks to provide information on two levels: 1) faith knowledge acquired, and 2) personal feelings, attitudes and behavior of students (i.e., how you feel about what you have learned.) Nine years ago our archdiocese began making use of this tool on a voluntary basis. It now requires Catholic schools and Parish-based religious education programs to make use of it at least on one grade level. The test is administered once a year, usually in January, to 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and Juniors/Seniors classes. The test tries to assess the student’s general knowledge of their Catholic Faith and sees the school or parish religious education program as an important piece of this learning. It also recognizes other parish and worship experiences as well as the learning of faith and attitudes in individual families. The test is not intended as an assessment of any one or several teachers. Many factors contribute to the overall learning of the student. Does the test have any real value? If so, what? I believe the real value of the test is to give us as a faculty and parish community some indication of what we do well and some indication of areas we need to work on. The test can tell us where our students score in faith knowledge as compared to other Catholic children of the same age in the United States. So on Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010, during our PSR class time, we will administer the test to our 5<sup>th</sup> Graders, our 6<sup>th</sup> Graders who did not take the test last year, and our 8<sup>th</sup> Graders. (Our make-up date for a snow emergency will be January 31<sup>st</sup>.)



## **Advent Pageant/A Charlie Brown Christmas Thank You**

**(Jo Frannye Reichert, Coord. of Music Ministry)**

Saint Paul parish enjoyed a wonderful early Christmas present: Twenty-six of our young people, first grade through junior in high school, led a beautiful and reverent Advent Evensong and Pageant. We celebrated the O Antiphons with readings, song and prayer; candles and ringing bells; kings and camels, angels and shepherds and lambs and Mary and Joseph waiting, like the rest of us, for the birth of a Son. This was our tenth annual pageant (following a two-year hiatus), and one of the most moving. Many thanks to our enthusiastic youngsters, their PSR teachers, our wonderful parents and our DRE Carole Grady for ensuring the success of our Advent Pageant.

Eleven of our youth presented a holiday favorite: A Charlie Brown Christmas. Mary Claire Greco sparkled as Christmas Queen Lucy Van Pelt and Zeb Reichert, blanket in hand, reminded us what Christmas is all about as he delivered the Gospel according to Luke in the role of Linus. Jeremiah Shaw brought just the right amount of holiday angst and Christmas spirit to the role of Charlie Brown while AnnDee Pettiford was a happy peppy Snoopy. RC Worrell, Addison Pettiford and Zeke Reichert cracked wise as Schroeder, Pigpen and Shermie, respectively. One selecting "Fur Elise" as Christmas music, the other raising a dust cloud in a snow storm and Shermie always a shepherd in the Christmas play! Hannah Brown was sweet as Sally Brown ("Dear Santa, how was your summer?"). Zarine Giardullo, Olivia Greco and Rachel Pry were hilarious as Violet, Frieda and Patty, Charlie Brown's judgmental Greek chorus ("Can't you tell a good tree from a poor tree?"). Griffin Roberts was cute as could be as Woodstock. Many thanks to our beloved Anne Sidney, Joyce Robinson and members of our Saint Paul family that provided treats for the reception between our two presentations. Thank you to all that took the time to come and share in this special and heartfelt gift!

Christmas music:

As always, Christmas at Saint Paul is beautiful and spiritual and the music ministries play a large role in this.

At Family Mass, dancers, singers and musicians combined for a beautiful service. Anita Brown, pianist, played the haunting "See Amid the Winter Snow" and Junior Liturgical Movement Ensemble members Maria Blanton, Julie Roberts and Tessa Thomas danced sweetly to "O Come, Little Children". The LME composed of Zarine Giardullo, Olivia Greco, AnnDee Pettiford, Rachel Pry and Mychal Roberts looked and moved like angels to "O Come, All Ye Faithful" and the beautiful Gospel Procession. Zeb Reichert joined the LME for "Do You Hear What I Hear?" Thank you to the members of the All-Comers Choir and many thanks to our Saint Paul family for raising your voices in song so joyfully!

At Midnight, Yellow Springs Brass! and the Adult Choir combined for one of the loveliest preludes in memory. From the YSB!'s stunning "Sweet Songs of Christmas" to the Choir's gentle "In the Bleak Midwinter" it was 30 minutes of Christmas music at its finest. Many thanks to parishioners Bruce Heckman and Dave Triplett for sharing YSB! with us, we are so grateful! The Choir never sounded lovelier and Patty Alexander's organ accompaniment and Martha and RC Worrell's flute, bassoon and trumpet descants were beautiful. The mix of instrumental pieces and familiar carols, old and new, made this a joyful and contemplative Mass.

On Christmas morning the Ensemble Musicians led a homespun, heartfelt Mass with a folksy-blue grass edge from "O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem" in the prelude to "Go, Tell it on the Mountain" as postlude. Keith Doubt and Mike Triplett provided beautiful cello and bass duets and Ensemble members Stephanie Triplett (piano) and Mike and Thad Triplett (guitars) led the congregation at our merry Christmas Day celebration.

Many thanks and much appreciation to the 40+ dedicated souls that make Christmas so glorious for Saint Paul parish! There is so much time and scheduling involved in rehearsal and preparation. I am so grateful to the many music ministers that give of themselves so unselfishly at this busy time. A very merry Christmas!

And at each of these celebrations, Saint Paul parishioners fill the sanctuary with voices lifted in sung prayer. Thank you, dear ones, for a wonderful, spiritual and merry Christmas.

## VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

### What is a Vocation?

In the simplest terms, “vocation” means “a call.” So, in general terms, our vocation is what God calls us to do with our life. The catechism sums up this purpose in these simple words: “to love and serve God in this life and enjoy Him in the hereafter.” Individual vocations vary among being single, married, religious, or a priest. God gives each one of us a particular mission in life. As we grow and life progresses, that mission is revealed to us and we are invited by God to take it up and follow Him as his servants and witnesses. Discovering and ultimately following our vocation gives the greatest glory and praise to our Creator. It is what we were meant to do.

The Gospels inspire us: “Take up your cross and follow me.” (Mark 8:34) In the one life God gave you to live, you have one overriding purpose, to fulfill the will of God, because this is the key to your true destiny and eternal happiness.

MASS INTENTIONS – Beginning February 2010, St. Paul Church will alternate one **“Collective Intentions Mass”** each weekend on either Saturday or Sunday. Canon law and diocesan law allows for two collective Masses per week. A collective Mass is a Mass with a group of intentions celebrated at one time. If you have already scheduled a Mass for a particular Saturday or Sunday and do NOT want it to be a part of a collective Mass, please call Gail at the Parish Office at 767-7450, Ext. 10, and she will try to work something out for you. Thank you.

### SCHEDULED MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday (16 <sup>th</sup> )	5:00 PM	Jerry Gacnik (Jack & Carolyn Huey)
Sunday (17 <sup>th</sup> )	11:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Paul & St. Charles Borromeo
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Julia Banks (St. Paul’s Choir)
Wednesday	7:00 PM	John Geis, Jr. – Birthday Remembrance (Nellie Geis & Family)
Thursday	8:00 AM	Maria Ricciardi (Jo Dunphy)
Friday	8:00 AM	Donald Alexander (Patty Alexander)
Saturday (23 <sup>rd</sup> )	5:00 PM	Wesley Sizemore – 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Dolores Sizemore)
Sunday (24 <sup>th</sup> )	11:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Paul & St. Charles Borromeo

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS WEEKEND OF JANUARY 16-17

	5:00 PM	11:00 AM
LECTORS	Eleanor Johnson / Jim Alexander	Ellen Guest / Michael Brown
DISTRIBUTORS	N Lewis / D Sizemore / S Swartz / V Hoomes	G Noll / T Triplett / L Suwalski / V Peters
SERVERS	Dan Retherford / John Jenkins	R. Steck / Jeremiah Shaw / Keanan Onfroy-Curley
CANTORS	Jo Frannye Reichert	Hannah Brown
GREETERS	Vickie Hoomes / Eleanor Johnson	Anne Sidney / Dana Cooney
COLLECTORS/USHER	Joe Holly / Bill Rollins	Greg Noll / Thad Triplett

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS WEEKEND OF JANUARY 23-24

	5:00 PM	11:00 AM
LECTORS	Carole Grady / Bruce Heckman	Jenny Smith / Mark Steck
DISTRIBUTORS	J Feltz / R Banks / E Heiliger / J Schroeder	R Marion / A Sidney / S Blanton / K Reynolds
SERVERS	Olivia Greco / Karen Loar	Rhona Marion / Tessa Thomas / Claire Fisher
CANTORS	Dave Greco	Mark Steck
GREETERS	Ann Marie Breza / Sue Dillon	Suzann Blanton / Lucia deRidder
COLLECTORS/USHER	John Feltz / Robert Banks	Bob Fairman / Mary Fairman

