

## READINGS THIS WEEKEND

- (1) Nehemiah 8, 2-4. 5-6. 8-10
- (2) 1 Corinthians 12, 12-30
- (3) Luke 1, 1-4; 4, 14-21

When Ezra the priest read the Torah aloud to the people who had missed hearing & studying it during the exile, they were saddened & frightened by how far as a nation they had wandered from God's path. But Ezra assured them, *"Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the Lord must be your strength!"*(1) Jesus rejoiced that he had come *"to bring glad tidings to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives, recovery of sight to the blind and release to prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the Lord."*(3) Each of us must rejoice to be a part of the living body of Christ which is the Church. (2) Each of us must rejoice in the gifts that are ours to give.

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

**'ORPHANED' 2010 ENVELOPES** are now located at the Parish Office. If you have not yet picked yours up, call Gail and she will be more than happy to see to it that you receive them! ☺

**2009 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** have been mailed to any parishioner who made at least one, single contribution of \$250+ during the year. (i.e., if you gave \$249 per week, every week, you will not automatically receive a statement, per IRS regulations). If you do not meet the IRS requirements & would like a statement, please call Gail (767-7450 Ext. 10).

**CHRISTMAS BASKET DONATIONS** totaled \$620 which allowed us to give 50 fruit baskets and help two families. Many thanks to everyone who donated and a big thank you to the "elves" who donated their time (Dn. Paul and Juanita Richardson being the "head" elves!) ☺

**HAITI APPEAL:** Parishioner, Ann O'Donnell, will be speaking on behalf of the humanitarian organization *Hands Together*, run by an oblate priest, Father Tom Hagan. Father Hagan runs a feeding program and school complex in the poorest slum in Haiti, a place called Cite Soleil. The school is named after Becky DeWine, who attended St. Paul's with her parents, Mike and Fran DeWine, before her death in an automobile accident in 1993. **Proceeds from the second collection this weekend** will be directed to *Hands Together* to help the children & families they serve in Haiti.

**CHARITY FUNDRAISER FOR HAITI:** Please join us for a lasagna dinner to raise funds for Fr. Hagan and his organization *Hands Together*. The event will take place at the Methodist Church on Winter St. (YS) on **Friday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 7 PM**. Parishioner, Ann O'Donnell, will be giving a presentation about *Hands Together*. **St. Paul's will be providing the desserts.** Anyone interested in assisting the effort in providing desserts, please contact Sue Dillon at 767-7700. Thank you very much!

## WEEKLY COLLECTION &amp; OTHER

Collection for January 17 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 3,295
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection for Haiti last weekend	\$ 2,689
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,500
Maintenance/Restoration Goals	
Church Air Conditioner	\$15,000
Rectory Air Conditioner	\$ 4,550
Maintenance/Restoration for January	\$ 1,356
Maintenance/Restoration to Date	\$ 6,812
Spent on Rectory Furnace \$8,820	
Balance still needed \$2,008	
Children's Envelopes	\$ 13.22

**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.

**EDUCATION COMMISSION MTG.** is Tuesday, Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. All are welcome!

**FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING** is Thursday, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in the POB.

**ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL:** Thursday, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. New voices always welcome!

**MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION** is next weekend, Jan. 30-31 (but welcome any time!).

**MEN'S CHOIR MASS** is on Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 AM (rehearsal at 10:15 AM).

**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).



"Check the Weather Channel for a cold day in hell.  
That's when Dad said he'd come back to church."

## CHILI / SPAGHETTI FUNDRAISER

*(Sherylee Swartz)*

In December of 2005, several of us were waiting for the green beans to start boiling as we prepared the food for the Senior Citizen's Christmas Luncheon. We thought it might be fun to do a dinner for the parish, instead of just the seniors of Yellow Springs and donate the proceeds to a charity.

We started with a gumbo dinner and raised money for a church in New Orleans that Fr. Joe Raudabaugh found. They were in desperate need of a new furnace, and our donation gave them the seed money to be able to replace the furnace lost in the hurricane.

For the past four years, our Thursday morning SCC (Small Church Community) has continued this fundraising effort for several causes: national (New Orleans), international (Heifer International) and local (Xenia Homeless Shelter).

This year we decided to try chili and spaghetti and will donate the proceeds to help pay for the new rectory furnace and to replace the air conditioning in both buildings. You'll enjoy your choice of a bowl of chili, a plate of spaghetti topped with chili or just spaghetti with a garlic butter sauce. We will also serve coleslaw and bread and of course, desserts!

### **You can help!**

- Come and eat with us on Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> following the 5 PM Mass. Tickets are \$5 per person with a family maximum cost of \$20.
- Donate money to the cause.
- Donate ingredients for the chili, or a box of spaghetti.
- Donate a dessert.
- Help us in the kitchen, cooking, serving and/or cleaning up.
- Pray that our efforts are a success

In a few weeks after both masses, you'll be able to volunteer your time; sign up to bring an ingredient, purchase tickets or just make a donation! P.S. Sherylee forgot to mention that you could call her if you'd like to help. Gail is not too bashful to give you her phone number: 325-1868. (You are very welcome, Sherylee! ☺)

**REPORTING FINANCIAL MISCONDUCT:** In the spirit of good stewardship, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati has instituted a financial misconduct hotline to allow employees, volunteers, vendors and other interested parties to report what they believe to be financial misconduct at any level – parish, deanery or archdiocese. As an additional safeguard, the hotline is administered by an independent third-party company, *EthicsPoint*. You may report a concern on this hotline either by calling one of *EthicsPoint* trained specialists at 866-294-5256 or by visiting [www.ethicspoint.com](http://www.ethicspoint.com). There is also a link on the archdiocesan website [www.CatholicCincinnati.org](http://www.CatholicCincinnati.org) under the label "To Report Financial Misconduct."



"I like modern ideas... and collections do take a long time. But install EZ Pass at the door? No, thanks."



"Forgive seventy times seven? Are you sure Jesus wasn't giving advice to a mother?"

**THE CATHOLIC TELEGRAPH:** So much of to-day is defined as High Definition, but is the picture really clearer? The images may be, but our lives are challenged each and every day to spread the gospel. *The Catholic Telegraph* is a tool you can use to perhaps make the picture a little clearer. It is filled with stories of faith in each issue. As the Arch-diocesan newspaper, it presents information about the church on a local, national & international level, and provides a way to keep us better informed. *The Catholic Telegraph* can become an invaluable educational tool for all of us as we strive to teach and live the Gospel of the Lord Jesus. If you would like to help the parish defray this expense, please use the **Catholic Telegraph envelope included in your offering envelope box. Thank you!**

**SMALL CHURCH COMMUNITIES:** St. Paul Parish offers small faith-sharing groups. There are currently four groups, made up of 6 to 12 people who come together once a week or once every other week, meeting in members' homes or at the church. They read & reflect upon Scripture & share ideas on how God's Word affects their lives. At times, spiritual books other than Scripture are used for reflection & discussion. When faced with challenges & difficulties in their faith journeys, those in the small groups offer & receive support from fellow parishioners as they try to follow God's call in their lives. Confidentiality & trust are highly valued in the groups. Each small church community is seeking to expand its membership & would love to welcome YOU. We would also like to start a new group. Below are listed the meeting times & contacts for each group. Just give one of them a call, or call Dn. Paul Richardson at 767-5381 with questions or to attend one of the meetings.

SUNDAY EVENING – GROUP 1

Contacts: Mike & Thad Triplett (767-4341)

TUESDAY EVENING

Contact: Jolyn Verbillion (323-6655)

THURSDAY MORNING GROUP

Contact: Kathy Schopmeyer (325-7565)

SUNDAY EVENING - GROUP 2 Contact: Gretchen Beers (767-1457)

CORE TEAM CONTACT: Dn. Paul Richardson (767-5381)

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.

ALSO, PLEASE NOTE THAT ON THE FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH morning Mass will be held at Friends Care Community (150 E. Herman St., YS) at 10:30 AM instead of at the Church at the normal 8:15 time. Gail will try to remember to list it that way on the Mass schedule when the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday arrives, but don't hold your breath ... it's hard to teach an old dog new tricks!

### SCHEDULED MASS INTENTIONS

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
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Jim Braaksma (Sam Gentile)
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Special Intentions for the family of Will McAnaul (Jo Dunphy)
Thursday	8:15 AM	Carmelo Ricciardi (Jo Dunphy)
Friday	8:15 AM	Roger L. Pitstick (Paul & Pat Pitstick)
Saturday (30 <sup>th</sup> )	5:00 PM	Orville Tobias (Rita Tobias)
Sunday (31 <sup>st</sup> )	11:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Paul & St. Charles Borromeo

### 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

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS WEEKEND OF JANUARY 30-31

	5:00 PM	11:00 AM
LECTORS	Eleanor Johnson / Jim Alexander	Ellen Guest / Jeff Inslee
DISTRIBUTORS	N. Lewis / D. Sizemore / S. Swartz / V. Hoomes	Greg Noll / L. & S. Suwalski / Joyce Nosker
SERVERS	Greg Meyer / Jon Paul Rion	Tessa Thomas / A. Sidney / D. Retherford
CANTORS	Jo Frannye Reichert	Mike Triplett
GREETERS	Lucia deRidder / Ellen Svendsen	Bob Fairman / Mary Fairman
COLLECTORS/USHER	Vickie Hoomes / Lucia deRidder	Jeff Inslee / Greg Noll

REMINDER . . . SCHEDULING OF THE LITURGICAL MINISTERS IS DONE BY ANNE SIDNEY (864-7238). Please call Anne one month in advance (when possible) with any changes (i.e., you'll be out of town, you'd like 5:00 PM Mass instead of 11:00 AM Mass, etc.). You are asked to please find your own substitute when you are not able to fulfill your assigned time (don't hesitate to call the office for a phone number). If you would like the “switch” to show up in the bulletin (so it doesn't look like you just didn't “show up” for your turn) call Gail at 767-7450 by 12:00 Noon on the Monday prior to the weekend the switch is taking place. **SCHEDULES ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE ENTIRE MONTH outside the Vestry door** (behind the staircase on your right as you enter the vestibule). If everyone would do this it would make the beginning of Mass run so much smoother for the sacristans and Fr. Tony. ☺

