

READINGS THIS WEEKEND

- (1) Jeremiah 17, 5-8
- (2) 1 Corinthians 15, 12. 16-20
- (3) Luke 6, 17. 20-26

"Cursed is the man who trusts in human beings, who seeks his strength in flesh, whose heart turns away from the Lord."(1) *"Blest are you poor; the reign of God is yours. Blest are you who hunger; filled shall you be ..."*(3) Our truest wealth is Jesus Christ. *"But as it is, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep."*(2) How foolish it would be to waste time, talent or treasure seeking a less valuable prize.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: B. Anthony, B.B. & Family, Joe Brown, Marie Clemons, Don Cline, DH, J & D, J & J Edinger, 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

HAITI DONATIONS – TAX INFORMATION: A new law stipulates that a contribution made for Haiti relief from January 1st through the end of February (2010) may be deducted on your tax return for 2009. This is an election that you may make for your 2009 return, or you may wait to take the deduction in 2010. The deduction cannot be taken for both years. The donations to our 2nd collection (weekend of Jan. 16-17) for Haiti relief will be reflected in parishioner tax files in 2010, when they were received. If you would like a letter for your tax files that will document your Haiti donation for a 2009 deduction, please call Gail at the Parish Office. Please note that this applies only to those donations identified by parishioner number at that time (not loose, unidentified cash). This also applies to *Hands Together* collection.

PLEASE NOTE . . . if you made a check out to *Hands Together* when we had the 2nd collection here at St. Paul's, it will NOT be included on your tax statement for 2010. Those checks are being sent directly to *Hands Together* and will not go through our parish bookkeeping system.

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASS**

will be celebrated on February 17th at 7:00 PM. **The Collection to Aid the Church in Central and Eastern Europe** will be taken up on Ash Wednesday. This special collection supports seminaries, social service programs, youth ministry, pastoral centers, schools, church construction and renovation, and the spread of the Gospel message through Catholic mass media. Your generosity, as always, is appreciated.

REMINDER . . . JUNIOR HIGH RETREAT participants (Grades 7 & 8) should meet at St. Paul's on Monday, February 15th at 8:30 AM to carpool to Ludlow Falls (returning to St. Paul's no later than 5:30 PM). **ALL 7 & 8th GRADERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.** For more information call Carole Grady at 864-2334.

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 but would like a statement, please call Gail (767-7450, Ext. 10).

WEEKLY COLLECTION & OTHER

Collection for February 7 th	\$ 3,220
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,500
Maintenance/Restoration Goals	
Church Air Conditioner/Boiler	\$15,000
Rectory Air Conditioner	\$ 4,550
Maintenance/Restoration for February	\$ 750
Maintenance/Restoration to Date	\$ 7,642
Spent on Rectory Furnace	\$8,820
Balance still needed	\$1,178
Children's Envelopes	\$ 9.11

Please remember St. Paul's in your will.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY
AND YOUR NEW PLEDGES.

▼ UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS ▼

7-8th GR. TEACHER'S MEETING this Sunday, February 14th in the Undercroft at 12:00 Noon.

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.

LENTEN DESERT SUPPERS: Please plan to join us on Friday evenings throughout Lent. We will share conversation and a simple meal, and we will seek that same renewal of strength which Jesus found during his forty days in the desert. There will be a special “start up” supper in the Rectory on Friday, Feb. 19th at 6 PM. Thereafter, we will follow the schedule printed on the Lenten Schedule enclosed with *The Little Black Book* envelope you receive(d) this weekend. *Facilitator: Josh Danis, Coordinator of Spiritual Renewal and Evangelization*

LADIES CHOIR REHEARSAL: Thursday, February 18th at 7 PM (Ladies Choir sings at 11 AM Mass, Sun., Feb. 21, rehearsal 10 AM).

TEACHER'S MEETING (Gr. K-6) next Sunday, February 21st in the Undercroft at 12:00 Noon.

EVENSONG: Sunday, February 21st at 7 PM.

BABY SHOWER/BROWN BAG LUNCH:

Mark your calendar for Sunday, March 7th & join us in the Undercroft after the 11 o'clock Mass to “feed your family” at the **NEWBORN BABY SHOWER/BROWN BAG LUNCH**. What will be “in” the brown bag you ask? A sandwich, pretzels, fruit, cookies and a beverage (okay, so the beverage won't be in the bag, but it will be available!) The cost for lunch is an unwrapped newborn baby item or a monetary donation (checks should be made out to St. Paul Church with 'Newborn Outreach Ministry' in the memo line). Please come and mingle with fellow parishioners and enjoy some delicious food all while supporting a very worthy cause. If you have any questions call Gail at the Parish Office at 767-7450, Ext. 10.
(Sunday, March 7th, 12:00 Noon, Undercroft)



CHILI/ SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER:

Next Saturday evening come and enjoy a bowl of chili, a plate of spaghetti topped with chili or garlic butter sauce, coleslaw, bread, beverages, and of course, dessert! **You can help:**

- Come & eat with us **Saturday, February 20 following 5:00 PM Mass**. Tickets are \$5 per person (family maximum cost of \$20).
- Donate money to the cause.
- Donate ingredients for chili or spaghetti.
- Donate a dessert.
- Help in the kitchen, cooking, serving and/or cleaning up.
- Pray that our efforts are a success.

We are asking for ingredients for the Chili/Spaghetti Dinner in small quantities so that if there are any unopened items left, we can donate them to the food bank. **YOU CAN SIGN UP & BUY TICKETS after Mass this weekend.** We need an idea of how many folks will be eating, **so it is very important to purchase tickets ahead of time!** Items still needed are listed below. Note: Please don't think you need to get “all” of any one item! One pound of beef per donation is fine (and please pre-brown it if you have time).

- ☆ 20 lbs. ground beef
- ☆ 2 cups chili powder
- ☆ 5 garlic cloves
- ☆ 8 cans (6 oz.) tomato paste
- ☆ Desserts

Call Sherylee Swartz (325-1868) to help out, donate, or to answer any questions. Tickets will be available after both Masses & at the Rectory.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (CMA):

The weekend of March 6-7 will be the Catholic Ministries Appeal commitment weekend here at St. Paul's. God calls each of us to share our gifts with others for the building up of His Kingdom. The theme for the 2010 CMA is “*Always and Everywhere, Give Thanks*”. Archbishop Schnurr is asking every Catholic household to participate in this year's 2010 Catholic Ministries Appeal, which funds six vital ministries of our Archdiocese. The 2010 CMA is to the ministries funded by the archdiocese as the weekly offertory is to our parish – so your participation & support is critical. Feb. 27-28 is the 2010 CMA announcement weekend. Please begin to consider prayerfully how you will participate. Every gift matters. Please visit www.CatholicAppeal.info for more information.

JUST A THOUGHT . . . *We were called to be witnesses, not lawyers or judges.*

THIS SUNDAY IS WORLD MARRIAGE DAY-

a day to honor husbands and wives and the Sacrament of Marriage. The Family Life Office invites you to visit the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' website at for resources to "prepare for" and "care for" your marriage. You'll find daily marriage tips, sources of encouragement, information on what makes a marriage work, as well as ways to nurture and strengthen your marriage (www.ForYourMarriage.org).

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY COUPLES IN 2010

are asked to call the Parish Office (767-7450, Ext. 10) by Wednesday, February 24th to receive an invitation to a special Mass at St. Christopher's in Vandalia (Saturday, April 17th at 2:00 PM). If you are celebrating a 25th, 50th, 60th, 70th, or 75th anniversary you are also eligible to receive a scroll signed by the Archbishop to commemorate this milestone.

"HOLDING THE EARTH LIGHTLY" – *A Call to Care for People and the Planet* – the 4th Annual Global Solidarity Conference will be held at the University of Dayton, February 27th, 9 AM – 4 PM. Cost is \$30 (\$10 students) which includes lunch. Registration/payment due by Feb. 22nd. Conference limited to 1st 200 people. For more info call 224-3026 or go to csadayton@catholiccincinnati.org.

ARCHBISHOP KARL J. ALTER SCHOLARSHIP

Award was established in 1964 to promote African American Catholic leadership. Its purpose is to assist graduating senior high school students in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati who are African American and Catholic to attend a college or university. The scholarship is a 4-yr. renewable grant (paid twice a year). Scholarship candidates are urged to attend a 4-yr. college/university, however, candidates who choose to attend a 2-yr. college/university will be considered. Application deadline is April 21st. For a copy of the application call Rev. Mr. Royce Winters, Director at 513-421-3131, Ext. 2640. or www.catholiccincinnati.org/africanamericanministries.

DIRT DEVILS/CLEANING ANGELS

are rolling right along with a new team in place. Long story short ... we still need at least one more person who could clean in the day time & one for the evenings. Anyone out there up for this ministry? Call Gail for details (767-7450, Ext. 10) . . . it's really not that hard to do (per our Devils/Angels!). ☺☺☺☺☺☺

LENTEN REMINDERS- FAST/ABSTINENCE:

Ash Wednesday, February 17th and Good Friday, April 2nd, are days of abstinence from meat and also days of fast, that is, limited to a single full meal. With regard to Good Friday, the teaching of the Second Vatican Council should be recalled:

Let the paschal fast be kept sacred. Let it be celebrated everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible, prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the Resurrection may be attained with uplifted and clear mind.

Constitution on the Liturgy, No 110

Other Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 yr. & older. The law of fasting binds all Catholics from their 18th birthday until their 59th (canons 97 & 1252). With regard to the obligatory days listed above, however, there are frequent questions about the degree of seriousness of the matter. The teaching of Pope John Paul II may be simply paraphrased: the obligation to do penance is a serious one; the obligation to observe, as a whole or "substantially," the penitential days specified by the Church is also serious. No one should be scrupulous in this regard; failure to observe an individual day of penance is not considered serious. People should seek to do more rather than less. Fast & abstinence on the days prescribed should be considered a minimum response to the Lord's call to penance and conversion.

A SPECIAL WOMEN'S RETREAT

will be held at Mary Help of Christians Church (954 N. Maple, Fairborn) on March 20th, 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM. *Discerning God's Plan For Us As Women* is an interactive retreat which will allow you to examine your lives as mothers, workers, friends, wives, all while trying to be good stewards for God. Gloria Leigh, from Corpus Christi, is the retreat master & the cost is only \$15, which includes lunch. For reservations call Pat (849-9140), Susan (878-4350), or Dee (831-6477). Space is limited so sign up today.



VOCATION RETREAT – MARCH 12-14: The

Sister of the Precious Blood and Missionaries of the Precious Blood will host a joint vocation discernment retreat **FOR WOMEN and MEN** at St. Charles Center in Carthagena, OH, and at the Maria Stein Spiritual Center in Maria Stein, OH, the weekend of March 12-14. Housing for both groups will be at the spiritual center. The discernment weekend, titled “*Ambassadors for Christ,*” is for women and men completing high school, of college age and older who are discerning a vocation to religious life as a priest, brother or sister. Discernment is an ongoing, prayerful reflection about the circumstances in our daily lives by which we seek to discover God’s unique call. Retreatants will spend the weekend in personal and communal prayer and in conversation with others considering religious life, as well as with the Missionaries and Sisters of the Precious Blood. In addition, retreat participants will enjoy a social, tour of St. Charles Center, presentations on the discernment process and the formation journey, and opportunities to take part in a holy hour and Eucharistic devotions, as well as in the Eucharistic celebration on Saturday & Sunday. The weekend begins on Friday evening with dinner and concludes early Sunday afternoon (meals included). There is no cost to attend, but registration is requested by Monday, March 1st. For more info contact (men) Fr. Ken Schnipke, CPPS, 228-6224 or email at vocation@cpps-preciousblood.org and (women) Sr. Carolyn Hoying, CPPS, 231-1244 or email at Vocation@PreciousBloodSistersDayton.org.

ANSWER THE CALL, A CATHOLIC MEN’S CONFERENCE, will be held March 20th at

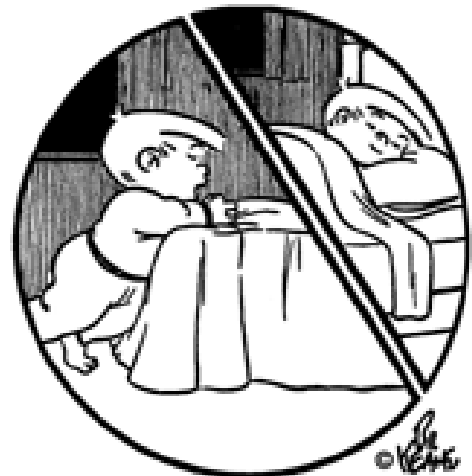
Cincinnati Music Hall. All men of St. Paul Parish are invited to the conference. It is a great time during the Lenten season to come together with 3,000 men to a prayerful, spirit-filled, life changing day. We will hear how we men can grow spiritually and enrich our relationships in family, marriage, parish and at work. There will be time for fellowship, singing, confessions and Mass. For years, hundreds of men from all parishes in our area have attended this conference and have grown closer to God in their faith. Tickets are \$40, which includes lunch, and the men from St. Bernard’s in Springfield caravan down to Cincinnati.

PLEASE NOTE: If you cannot afford \$40, do not let that keep you away. For tickets or information call Jack Fricke 322-5443, Bill Carter 323-6855, Jim Williams 399-3411, Bob Burke 342-9583, Terry Foley 323-9602, Joe Zink 399-8637, or Jack Huey 767-9289.

PARENTAL DEFINITIONS

- **Bottle Feeding** - an opportunity for Daddy to get up at 2 AM, too.
- **Defense** - what you need around the yard if you’re going to let the kids play outside.
- **Show Off:** a child who is more talented than yours.
- **Puddle** - a small body of water that draws other small bodies wearing dry shoes.
- **Drooling** - how teething babies wash their chins.
- **Feedback** - the inevitable result when a baby doesn’t appreciate the strained carrots.
- **Full Name** - what you call your child when you are angry with him or her.
- **Hearsay** - what toddlers do when someone utters a dirty word.
- **Independent** - how we want our children to be as long as they do everything we say.
- **Look Out!** - what it’s too late for your child to do, by the time you scream it.
- **Owww** - the first word spoken by children with older siblings.
- **Thunderstorm** - a chance to see how many family members can fit into one bed.
- **Verbal** - able to whine in words.
- **Whoops** - an exclamation that translates roughly into “grab some paper towels.”

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



“...and, Lord, help me pray slower
without rushing to get done amen.”

from *The Joyful Noise* letter
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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 groups. 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)

SCHEDULED MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday (13 th)	5:00 PM	Jack Miller (Steve & Barb Walthall) Family of Will McAnaul (Jo Dunphy) Ralph Struewing (A Friend) Birthday of Sr. Delphine Fleming, DC (David Fleming)
Sunday (14 th)	11:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Paul & St. Charles Borromeo
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Mark F. Hauer (Margaret Hauer)
Wednesday	7:00 PM	(Ash Wednesday) Scott Whorton – Birthday Remembrance (Lucia deRidder)
Thursday	8:15 AM	Richard Dunphy (Jo Dunphy)
Friday	8:15 AM	Jack Miller (Judy & Chris Shiaris)
Saturday (20 th)	5:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Paul & St. Charles Borromeo
Sunday (21 st)	11:00 AM	Roger Pitstick (Agnes Hupp) Mary Dwyer (Jamie Trent & Family) Eugene Pitstick (Agnes Stark)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR WEEKEND, FEBRUARY 13-14

	5:00 PM	11:00 AM
LECTORS	Jim Alexander / Eleanor Johnson	Ellen Guest / Jenny Smith
DISTRIBUTORS	N. Lewis / D. Sizemore / R. Banks / K. Loar	S. Blanton / A. Sidney / E. Borchers / C. Loving
SERVERS	Jon Paul Rion / Chuck Garrety	E. Eggeman / J. Shaw / E. Romohr
CANTORS	Meagan Ayers	Elyse Giardullo
GREETERS	Therese Greene / John Schroeder	Clare Loving / Anne Sidney
COLLECTORS/USHER	Joe Holly / John Schroeder	Bob & Mary Furlong

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 17

	7:00 PM		
LECTORS	Jean Nealon / Bob Banks		
DISTRIBUTORS	Norma Lewis / Vickie Hoomes / Jim Nealon / Dolores Sizemore		
SERVERS	Chuck Garrety / Tessa Thomas / Anne Sidney		
CANTORS	Jo Frannye Reichert		
GREETERS	Lucia deRidder / Lauretta Donley		
COLLECTORS/USHER	Bob & Mary Fairman		

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR WEEKEND, FEBRUARY 20-21

	5:00 PM	11:00 AM
LECTORS	Jean Nealon / James Alexander	Mary Fisher / Michael Brown
DISTRIBUTORS	J. Nealon / D. Dillon-Bloch / B. Heckman / J.P. Rion	V. Peters / T. Fisher / K. Reynolds / R. Marion
SERVERS	Dan Retherford / John Jenkins	Tessa Thomas / Rhona Marion / Claire Fisher
CANTORS	Jo Frannye Reichert	Jo Frannye Reichert
GREETERS	Ellen Svendsen / Lauretta Donley	Dana Cooney / Lucia deRidder
COLLECTORS/USHER	Jim Nealon / Jean Nealon	Jason Hensley / Lucia deRidder

