

READINGS THIS WEEKEND

- (1) Deuteronomy 26, 4-10
- (2) Romans 10, 8-13
- (3) Luke 4, 1-13

Moses at the First Thanksgiving? Because of God's leadership in bringing the people from slavery in Egypt into the Promised Land, the people pledge to bring the first fruits of their *"land of milk and honey."*(1) It is not just a repayment scheme to pay off a debt from the past, it is a ritual recognition that every good gift in every time and place comes from God. Jesus resists the world's temptations in the certain knowledge that *"Not on bread alone shall man live,"* and that we should not put God to the test. (3) Do the first fruits of our labors return to their source? Or is God only second or third or worse on our list?

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Jack Alexander, B. Anthony, BB & Family, Joe Brown, Marie Clemons, J & D, J & J Edinger, JP Edward, Paul Gochenouer, Gus, 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

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.

WE'D LIKE TO GIVE A HUGE THANK YOU to **"2 Clowns Mowing"** (aka **Biz the Clown /Mark Alexander**) for plowing us out on Ash Wednesday (prior to Mass, thankfully) for the very low and reasonable rate of "FREE" ... it doesn't get any better than that! Mark has been helping us out for the past few years when we get snowed in by making a few sweeps up & down the streets to help out with our parking, but this time he went above and beyond by bringing two plows & two of his men with him. They worked for over an hour on Elm & Phillips, including parking & sidewalks (and Fr. Tony's driveway!). If you ever need snow removal service or lawn care, please give Mark a call at 767-7728. He's earned himself a little free advertising!



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 14 th	\$ 3,683
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,500
Maintenance/Restoration Goals	
Church Air Conditioner/Boiler	\$15,000
Rectory Air Conditioner	\$ 4,550
Maintenance/Restoration for February	\$ 1,878
Maintenance/Restoration to Date	\$ 8,770
Spent on Rectory Furnace	\$8,820
Balance still needed	\$50
Children's Envelopes	\$ 6.00

Please remember St. Paul's in your will.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY
AND YOUR NEW PLEDGES.

▼ UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS ▼

TEACHER'S MEETING (Gr. K-6) this Sunday, February 21st 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: Friday evenings during Lent (except for Good Friday) in the Undercroft at 6 PM followed by **Stations of the Cross at 7 PM**. You will share conversation, a simple meal and seek that same renewal of strength which Jesus found during his forty days in the desert.

EVENSONG: Sundays during Lent, 7 PM (except March 21st, which is the Lenten Sacred Drama).

EDUCATION COMMISSION MTG.: Tuesday, Feb. 23rd, 7 PM (Undercroft). All are welcome!

LENTEN BROWN BAG LUNCHEON SERIES: Wednesdays during Lent (Undercroft), 12-1 PM.

SCRIPTURE CLASS (Gospel of John) 7:30 PM (following Mass) on Wednesdays during Lent.

1st COMMUNION PARENT MTG. Thursday, February 25th at 7:00 PM in the Undercroft.

ENSEMBLE MUSICIANS Thurs., Feb. 25, 7 PM. (Mass, Sun. Feb. 28, 11:00 AM, set-up 10 AM)

LENTEN PARISH RETREAT: Sat., Feb. 27th, 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM (Undercroft) brunch provided.

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION: Saturday & Sunday, February 27/28. As always, thank you!

THANK YOU to all who brought desserts for the Haiti benefit at the Methodist Church last Friday. We had so many luscious desserts & enough left over that we can use them for our *Chili/Spaghetti Supper* this weekend. It was truly wonderful to see so many **HANDS** from various churches in Yellow Springs working **TOGETHER** for the benefit of *Hands Together* in Haiti. Thanks again! (Sue Dillon)

And we'd like to thank Sue Dillon for taking on this monumental task ... we were asked to supply anywhere from 300-500 desserts ... and she did it! Great job!

ANNUAL BROWN BAG LENTEN SERIES

sponsored by the YS Christian Association (YSCA) will be held in the Undercroft on Wednesdays during Lent from 12 – 1 PM. The theme will be "Looking to the Cross - The Redemptive Value of Suffering and Pain." The Chairman of the YSCA, *Deacon Paul Richardson*, will be the moderator during the series. There will be a time for discussion and reflection. The program will be structured much in the same manner as previous years – bring a bag lunch, or just come & share in the cookies & goodies brought by others (beverages will be provided).

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)**



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 & have grown closer to God in their faith. Tickets: \$40, which includes lunch. 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.

A MESSAGE WORTH READING: “Just as God’s people can rightly expect certain qualities in their priests, so also priests have the right to look for certain qualities in the people they serve. They have the right to look for kindness and respect. They have the right to look for politeness. (You’d be surprised what people will say and write to their bishops and priests!) Priests are not perfect. They are not theological whiz kids. They are not gifted with the gift of inerrancy. Priests make mistakes sometimes, and the atmosphere of the community is healthier if people are willing to acknowledge that reality, and move forward together in spite of the limitations of their pastors. Most of all, priests have the right to look for cooperation from the people they serve. No priest can do single-handedly everything that needs to be done to carry out the mission of the Church on the local scene. We all need help. – *Archbishop Pilarczyk*

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.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY COUPLES IN 2010



are asked to call the Parish Office (767-7450, Ext. 10) **by Wednesday, Feb. 24th** to receive an invitation to a

special Mass at St. Christopher’s in Vandalia (Sat., April 17th, 2 PM). **If you are celebrating a 25th, 50th, 60th, 70th, or 75th Anniversary** you are eligible to receive a scroll signed by the Archbishop to commemorate this milestone.

LENTEN REMINDERS- FAST/ABSTINENCE:

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday 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.



"Besides doing more push-ups, Matt, you'll have to stop collapsing and yelling 'It's my cross to bear!' "

REMEMBER . . .

Once again the Church invites us to enter the desert of repentance. That desert, as today's first reading reminds us, is also a desert of remembrance. This holy season summons us to remember all that God has done for us. Like the Israelites who recalled their captivity and God's work to free them from the Egyptians, we, too, recall those times when we were held captive by sin and experienced freedom through the gift of God's redeeming love.

Saint Paul tells us that the word of God is near us; it is in our mouths and in our hearts. May that sacred word prompt us to remember God's great work of reconciliation in our lives and in our community. As this season of Lent unfolds, let us take to heart these words of Saint Paul and spend these forty days calling upon the name of the Lord, asking for forgiveness and healing. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

SCHEDULED MASS INTENTIONS

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) Mark F. Hauer (Margaret Hauer)
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Thomas Leo Pitstick (Sally Frances)
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Special Intentions for Margaret Mary Maxwell (George & Mary Broderick)
Thursday	8:15 AM	Wesley Sizemore - Wedding Anniversary Remembrance (Dolores Sizemore)
Friday	8:15 AM	John Geis (Rose Swisshelm)
Saturday (27 th)	5:00 PM	Anthony Satarino - 2 nd Anniversary (Pat Satarino & Family) St. Jude for Favors Granted (David Fleming)
Sunday (28 th)	11:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Paul & St. Charles Borromeo

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR WEEKEND, FEBRUARY 20-21

	5:00 PM	11:00 AM
LECTORS	Jean Nealon / Jim 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 / Laretta Donley	Dana Cooney / Lucia deRidder
COLLECTORS/USHER	Jim Nealon / Jean Nealon	Jason Hensley / Lucia deRidder

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR WEEKEND, FEBRUARY 27-28

	5:00 PM	11:00 AM
LECTORS	Bob Banks / Carole Grady	Julie Skinner / Greg Noll
DISTRIBUTORS	B Heckman /Jim Nealon /S Swartz /D Dillon-Bloch	J. Inslee / L. Suwalski /J. Nosker / S. Blanton
SERVERS	Karen Loar / Olivia Greco	Robby Steck / Greg Meyer / Jacob Whetsel
CANTORS	Dave Greco	Mark Steck
GREETERS	Ann Marie Breza / Sue Dillon	Mary Fairman / Clare Loving
COLLECTORS/USHER	Andrzej Bloch / Chuck Garrety	Suzann Blanton / Bob Fairman