

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

This past week we celebrated the feast of Ss. Joachim and Ann. You might be asking yourself who are Ss. Joachim and Ann. These are the parents of Mary and the grandparents of Jesus. We forget that Jesus had a grandmother and grandfather. What makes these two people so special is that their faith in God was handed down to Mary. If Mary was raised in a house where prayer was only sometimes and going to the temple was only for special occasions then would she have the faith to say yes to God when the archangel Gabriel was sent to her?

We must remember that just because Mary was immaculately conceived, it does not mean that her free will was taken away from her. Mary could have said no to God's request. Ss. Joachim and Ann instilled in Mary a true love for God. It was Ss. Joachim and Ann who taught Mary to trust in God. They taught her how to pray and read the scriptures. It was Ss. Joachim and Ann, who by example, gave Mary the courage to say yes to being the mother of God's own Son, Jesus.

As parents and grandparents, it is our duty to make sure that our children and grandchildren are growing up in the faith. If we don't pray, why should our children pray? If we don't go to church, why would our children go? If we don't show patience and charity, what makes you think our children will grow in compassion and love? Ss. Joachim and Ann were shining examples of faith, hope and love. These gifts inspired Mary who changed the world with her faith, hope and love.

It is our responsibility to inspire our children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews and even the neighbor children by our example. Show your patience, your faith and your love to those around you because you just never know who might say yes to God's call all because of you.

I thought that I would never have to ask this but this past weekend we had an issue with the bathrooms. If you need to change your child's dirty diaper, please be kind enough to throw it away in the dumpster in the parking lot. Last weekend someone left one in the bathroom and it was so bad that no one else could use the bathroom. Please be kind and think of the person coming in after you. Thank you!

Over the past couple of weeks I have had people coming up to me telling me that their cars were hit in our parking lot. There were no notes left on the car admitting damaging the car or even just to

apologize. My guess is that whoever did it did not even realize that they bumped into another car. All I am asking is to please be careful when parking. I know the parking lot is tight but if we all take our time maybe our car will be safe.

Peace and Goodness,
Fr. Bill

2010 STM DAY

Thank you to all who participated in our first annual St. Thomas More Day raffle to those who attended the event. It proved to be a very enjoyable day for all involved! We are happy to announce that we were able to raise \$18,611.73 to benefit the parish. A very big thanks to all the volunteers who helped make it such a success!

PARISH PRAYER FOR PEACE

Please pray for our troops, our country, and world peace. We will gather in the Marian Chapel to pray the rosary for peace on Tuesday, August 3rd at 7pm.

BIBLE STUDY- FAITH SHARING

Our Bible "Study" has become more of a faith sharing because we see what Paul wrote several years ago really applies to us today. If you would like to join us, we meet in the church library at 7pm on Monday evenings except on the third Monday.

CASINO BUS TRIP

On Tuesday, August 10th we will be having a bus trip to Seneca Alleghany. **There are still a few seats available on the second bus.** Please contact Mrs. Barker with questions at 216-749-0414.

HSYM ACTIVITIES

Softball Sunday- We'll meet at Utopia Hall to organize an evening of softball then head over to the field on Sunday, August 1st from 6:30-8:30pm.

The FEST- Come enjoy an all-day Catholic festival at the Center for Pastoral Leadership. More details at <http://www.theFEST.us>.

Evening Prayer and Mini-Retreat- In honor of the Feast of the Assumption, we will hold Evening Prayer and other interactive spiritual reflections on Sunday, August 15th from 7-9pm in the Church.

More News- More news for all our youth ministry activities can be found on our website (<http://www.stmparish.net/ym>). Our events are open to any high school student in the parish and their friends.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Winners for the July 50/50 were John Beam (\$100) and Jean Eschen (\$50) both sold by Joe Vyhonsky. August 50/50 tickets are being sold by Holy Name members. Many thanks to the people who buy tickets every month.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Ty Walz, a wrestler at St. Edward High, on winning a Cadet national championship in Fargo, North Dakota. Way to go!

NEXT SUNDAY IS THE FEST!

The Catholic Family Festival THE FEST is next Sunday, August 8th from 12-10pm at the Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe (28700 Euclid Avenue). Join 35,000 teens, young adults and families for a day of Inspiration. This year will feature musicians the Newsboys, the Afters, Matt Maher, Brooke Barrettsmith and others. The pinnacle of the day is the outdoor Mass and fireworks. This year's theme is "Lead Me Home." Experience for yourself the power of thousands of people coming together to celebrate our faith and the love of God in our lives. THE FEST is free and open to all. For more information call 440-943-7662 or log on to www.theFEST.us.

JESUIT RETREAT HOUSE

The Jesuit Retreat House in Parma (5629 State Road) has announced its retreats and programs for August-November. They include Day Retreats for Teachers (8/16-8/20), Summer Evening of Poetry (8/31), JRH Pancake Breakfast (9/12), Gone to the Dogs- An Incredible Journey (9/15), Discernment and Letting Go (9/17-9/18), Morning Prayer for Women (9/27, 10/25, 11/22), Marian Day Retreat (10/12), Father-Son Day Retreat (10/31) and Vatican II, Catholic Identity & Lay Empowerment (11/11, 11/18). For more information or to register, please visit www.jrh-cleveland.org or call 440-884-9300.

ST. JOHN BOSCO FESTIVAL

St. John Bosco Church (6480 Pearl Road) is celebrating its multi-ethnic heritage on the parish grounds on August 12-15th. The festival includes ethnic food, great entertainment featuring Different Directions Polka Band, Cavalieri Reale Orchestra, the ReBeats British Band, Mad Jr, the New Barleycorn and Shout!, dancing, rides casino and games for all ages. No admission charge. For information, please call 440-886-3500 or visit www.sjbosco.com.

Cluster Corner

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE

Flee Market- Come shop or sell at the Mary Queen of Peace Flea Market on Saturday, August 14th from 11am-3pm in the lower parking lot. Call 216-749-2323 for vendor information. Spots will be offered for \$10 each plus an additional \$5 if you need a table.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO

Rosary Makers- We will meet on Monday, August 2nd in Room 5 of the Parish Activity Center. Come join us in making rosaries for the missions. Everyone is welcome.

ST. LEO THE GREAT

St. Leo's Festival- St. Leo's Festival is August 6 through August 8 on the parish grounds. There will be music, games, Casino and more. New this year is a Cornhole Tournament; registration is \$30.

CATECHIST NEEDED FOR GRADE 1 PSR

If you are interested in being a catechist for Grade 1 PSR, contact Mrs. Barker at the rectory.

2010 FALL SPORTS REGISTRATION

The STM Athletic Association is now registering athletes in grades 4th-8th during open registration through August 9th for **football** (participation fee: \$150, uniform deposit: \$100), **volleyball** (participation fee: \$115, uniform deposit: \$50), and **cheerleading** (participation fee: \$100, uniform deposit: \$100). We're offering a package price for girls that want to participate in **cheerleading and volleyball** this fall (participation fee: \$150, uniform deposit: \$150). Athletics does not want a child who wants to participate in any of the CYO sports we offer shut out because of the increasing costs we are facing to run the athletic program. We will work with every family to ensure their child can participate. Payment plans are also available. **All physicals must be turned in to the Athletic Department before the student may participate in practice.** Please contact Rob at 216-548-6748 or Alison at 216-849-3813 with questions or if you are interested in coaching.

BINGO

Bingo is held at STM every Wednesday in the gym. Doors open at 5pm and Early Birds begin at 6:30pm.

MANNA GIFT CARD PROGRAM

We still have a limited amount of cards left at the rectory. Please call or stop by the rectory for availability.