



Sunday, March 22 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:30 – Parishioners of St. Jude

10:30– Clara Pleban

12:00– Frank Metera

Monday, March 23 – Lenten Weekday

7:00 – David R. Davies

Tuesday, March 24 – Lenten Weekday

8:30 – Frank Bryda

Wednesday, March 25 – Annunciation of the Lord

7:00 – Dave Davies

7:00 – Communion Service

Thursday, March 26 – Lenten Weekday

8:00am @Holy Cross; 8:30am @ St. Mary

Friday, March 27 – Lenten Weekday

8:30 – Gerhardinger & Schuster Families

Saturday, March 28 – Lenten Weekday

4:30 – Ann Larizza – 2nd Anniversary

Sunday, March 29 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:30 – Parishioners of St. Jude

10:30– Deceased of the Parish

12:00– Jerry Konowal

Readings for March 29: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33.



We welcome into our faith community Charlotte Jane Alcorn who was baptized last week.



Please pray for Patricia Marsh, Jack Ternes, Minnie Boyson and Joseph Menner and for the consolation of their loved ones.

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The students of Elyria Catholic High School invite you to join them in their unique reflection as they explore the thoughts of those who walked with Christ. This is a powerful performance you won't want to miss! The Living Stations will be presented here at St. Jude tonight, March 22 at 7:00pm. Please join us.



EVERYONE IS INVITED to a Wine & Cheese Social on Tuesday, March 24th at 7:00pm at the Rectory, sponsored by the St. Jude Parish Festival Committee. Whether you're already heading up a committee or just plan to work a couple of hours, be one of the first to know what is being planned for this, our 25th festival! This is an open invitation for all who are curious and for those who want to use your talent and time to **GET INVOLVED!**



This Week in our Parish

Sunday, March 22

Food Collection – Gathering Area

Cub Scout Pack Mtg – Carrabine after 10:30 Mass

EC Living Stations – Church at 7:00pm

AA – Carrabine at 7:30pm

Monday, March 23

PSR – School at 6:15-7:30pm

Tuesday, March 24

ProLife Committee – Rectory at 7:00pm

Festival Mtg – Rectory DiningRm at 7:00pm

Wednesday, March 25

RCIA – Family Ctr at 7:00pm

Finance Committee – Rectory DiningRm at 7:00pm

St. Vincent de Paul Society – Rectory at 7:30pm

Friday, March 27

Fish Fry – Carrabine 5:00-7:00pm

Stations of the Cross – Church at 7:00pm

Sunday, March 29

Cluster Parish Mission at St. Agnes at 7:30pm

AA – Carrabine at 7:30pm



FAMILY PERSPECTIVES

Today's gospel speaks of light and darkness. There are times when darkness can seem comforting when it makes no demands on us. Light disturbs when it forces us to squint, refocus and take action regarding what we see. In light we see others clearly as they are. In families, the challenge is always to live in the light – not in avoidance or denial.

EASTER FLOWERS

Each year we extend our traditional invitation to share in the purchase of the Easter flowers for the church. Our Art & Environment Committee has again put together a wonderful design appropriate for the Easter Season. Special envelopes are in the contribution packets mailed to all parishioners. Please return them in the collection basket before Easter.

Coordinator of Youth Ministry Position for Elyria Parish Cluster.

This full time position serves the youth and families in three Elyria parishes. We have a clear vision that focuses on having one comprehensive youth ministry that works in partnership with parents and youth to support the role of parents as the primary formators of faith in their families. The applicant must be a practicing Catholic with five or more years experience in ministry (preferable in a multiple parish ministry). We offer a compelling vision, competitive salary, and benefits that will be commensurate with experience. Send your resume by April 6 to: Rev. Al Krupp, Pastor, St. Agnes Church, 611 Lake Ave. Elyria, OH 44035.

School News

Science Fair Finalists: 7th & 8th grade students participated in our junior high Science Fair in early February. The following junior high students have the opportunity to advance to the next level of competition in Columbus. Good luck to all of them!

Grade 8 1st Place: Devin Gabriel, Ian Kovacs & Joe Nemeth; all in Physical Science

2nd Place: Stephanie Decker, Emily Denney & Leah Karlie; all in Physical Science

3rd Place: Dylan Brown, Angela Capelety, Chris Clark & Collin Lester; all in Physical Science

Grade 7 1st Place: Claire Miller; Life Science & Emily Witt; Physical Science

2nd Place: Becca Pronesti; Physical Science & Marie Vasitas; Life Science

3rd Place: Morgan Falasco, Eliza Lockhart & Mary Scherer; all in Physical Science and Kevin Turner; Earth Science

ST. JUDE CERTIFICATES

Don't forget to pick up your certificates at our table if you ordered them at last week's Stewardship Sunday. Use our certificates at Giant Eagle for Easter Dinner and earn FuelPerks! We carry Apples, Kohl's, Walmart/Sam's Club, JC Penney, and Macy's in stock too for all your Easter needs.

Sales: Gathering Area at Church Sat. 4-6pm & Sunday 9:15-Noon. Rectory: Monday-Friday 8am-Noon & 1-3pm.

FIRST FRIDAY FORUM: APRIL 3RD Rev. Eugene Lauer: "What's Happening to the Church?" How is the Catholic Church evolving and changing in the U.S. Third Millennium environment? Rev. Eugene Lauer presents an overview of this evolving process by focusing on five key developments at the heart of this evolution: the priest shortage, the emerging role of lay ministers in parishes, the impact of merging/clustering/closing of parishes, recent understandings of Catholic identity, and the relationship of young people to the Church. Fr. Lauer is the author of books and articles on the relationship between theology and practical ministry/daily life. *Join the First Friday Forum for spiritual refreshment, fellowship, and good food at LCCC 11:30am. Tickets are \$15. RSVP by calling the reservation line at 440-244-0643 or fflorain@gmail.com before 3pm Monday, March 30.*

Stewardship of Treasure Summary

Amount needed per week:		\$18,000
Regular Collection for Mar 15		<u>\$18,445</u>
Difference for the week:	+	\$ 445
Number of Envelopes:	552	
SVdP Collection for Mar 15:	\$109.55	

Year-To-Date Totals

Amount Budgeted		\$666,000
Total Sunday Offertory:		<u>\$615,745</u>
Difference:	-	50,255



Outstanding Mortgage Balance:	\$636,429
Building Fund Account Balance:	\$ 92,295
Monthly Mortgage Payment:	\$ 6,171

Thank you for your generosity!



PASTORAL SHARINGS ELYRIA CLUSTER LENTEN MISSION

Bishop Anthony Pilla, retired Bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland, will be the presenter for the Elyria Cluster Lenten Mission. This year's mission is entitled: "God's Never Ending Love." This joint parish mission will be at three different sites, March 29-March 31, Sunday to Tuesday at **7:30pm** each evening. **Sunday-St. Agnes, Monday-St. Mary and Tuesday, here at St. Jude.** Please come to all three sites to hear the retreat in its entirety. Refreshments and fellowship will follow each presentation.

PARISH COUNCIL

Every year we select three new members for our St. Jude Parish Council. If you have not done so yet, please submit names of candidates to the rectory or drop in collection basket. Nomination forms are available in the Gathering Area and are due March 29th.

STEWARDSHIP FOLLOW-UP

It takes a community to create a parish. During this 2009 Lenten season, our parish stewardship committee is following up on annual commitment cards. Mailings were sent to all the St. Jude households who have not yet responded. Please take a few moments, fill out the response sheet and return it in the collection basket or send it to the rectory. Additional commitment cards will be available in the Gathering Area.

In advance, thank you for your response and if there are concerns that we can be of help, please do not hesitate to call me or any of my staff at the rectory 366-5711 or school 366-1681.



This weekend, March 21 & 22 our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. The collection makes possible the mission of the Catholic Church to combat poverty, provide relief and development, assist refugees and immigrants and advocate the justice and peace in situations of conflict and neglect of basic human right throughout the world. When you donate to the Collection you **give hope to Jesus in disguise**. Please be generous.



COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

There will be a Communal Penance Service at 7pm for the Elyria Cluster Community at St. Mary's Church, Palm Sunday, April 5.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On Friday evenings during Lent at 7:00pm, you are invited to join us here at St. Jude in prayer and meditation on the Stations of the Cross. This is a beautiful journey of reflection on the passion and death of Jesus and a traditional Lenten experience.

REMEMBERING THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES



Please keep the health and safety of the members of our Armed Forces in your thoughts and prayers. God grant that they may return home safely and soon. Eric Armitage, Sgt. Mark A. Baker, Airman Michael E Bobola, Maj. Monica Cater, Sgt. Ronald Combs, Lt. Col. Scott Connors, Pvt. Peter Crissman, Capt. Brian Dickenson, Lt. Sarah Dickenson, Daniel Engel; Sarah Forbush, L.Cpl. Michael Hetrick, Ensign William Hurd, Kenneth Justen, S. Sgt Charles R. Kalo, Audrey Keiffer, Pvt. 1st Class Jason Koenig, Airman Paige Kolenda, Capt. Brandon Leifer, Staff Sgt. Mat Mach, SPC Martin McCloud, Cpl. Cory Menges, Comdr. Leo Murphy, Sgt. Zachary Osborne, Lt Richard J. Pelesky, Maj. Rick Schilke, Pvt. Thomas Edward Sedor, Capt. Stephanie Sido, Nicholas Sine, Brian Speer, Staff Sgt. Tracey Tackling, Petty Officer Carl VanDyke, Cpt. Nathaniel Waggoner, Capt. Dean Wood. Please feel free to submit names of service members by calling the rectory or dropping a note in the collection basket for inclusion here.

ALTAR & ROSARY NEWS....

Thanks to all who supported the St. Patrick's Event. The kitchen crew under the care of Jean Koch again served the "Best Reuben" in Lorain Couty. The Irish Dancers presented an enjoyable program. Fr. Joseph Callahan was present and thanked all for the support you've given over the years, with \$2,000 being sent to the El Salvador Missions this year! Winners of Raffle were: Maria Yates – quilt made by St. Jude quilters; Cris Doss \$100; Katie Heinrich – Afghan. **Thanks too**, to the Certificate Program for their donation toward the El Salvador Missions.

Hot Cabbage Rolls ready to serve will be sold on April 5th in the Family Center after 8:30 & 10:30am Masses. Order your rolls for the Easter Holiday by calling Fran 365-6163.

A & R members will be making nut & poppyseed rolls on Thurs. April 2 at 1:30pm and on Sat., April 4 at 8:30am in Carrabine kitchen. Join us in making these rolls, You don't have to be a member – we have a good time along with the hard work. **Ingredients** of flour, sugar, milk, eggs, margarine, and canned milk will be gladly accepted and appreciated. The ingredients can be dropped off in the kitchenette of the Community Room or Carrabine kitchen by Wed. Apr 1st. **Sale** of the rolls will be after all Masses on April 4 & 5 for \$7.00 per roll.

COMMUNITY SPIRIT PROGRAM

Here is an easy way to help St. Jude. National City Bank will make a \$300 donation to St. Jude for all 1st mortgage purchases or refinances that are closed through National City Mortgage. You must mention you are from St. Jude Church. Please contact Kelli Cox at 216-257-5822 or by email kelli.cox@ncmc.com for more information.



Registration continues for CYO Track. Forms are available at www.stjudeelyriacyosports.com. CYO Track is open to all St. Jude Day School and PSR students in 4th - 8th grades. Cost is \$60. For info call Bill Elwer at 365-4728.

ELYRIA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

EC's Drama Dept. presents the musical *The Boy Friend* on March 27, 28 & April 3 & 4 at 7:30pm in the auditorium. Come enjoy their spring musical that involves many students from our parish in the cast/crew. For more info email echousemanager11@hotmail.com

The Legacy Ball, an elegant evening at Elyria Country Club will feature open bar, sit down dinner, dancing to the band **New Decade** on Saturday, April 25 from 6-11 pm. \$150/couple and/or tickets for the \$5000 Reverse Raffle are \$100. For tickets for this Spring Fundraiser, please call 365-1821 ext 22.

**Holy Name Fish Fry March 27, April 3 & 10.
Carrabine Hall from 5-7pm**

Beverage and dessert are included with each meal on our menu.
Full Perch Dinner: Four Perch fillets, full order of Cabbage & Noodles, Fries, Cole Slaw, bread & butter: \$10.00
Baked Tilapia Dinner: Two fillets, Parsley potatoes, Glazed Carrots, bread & butter: \$8.00
Sandwich Platter: Two Perch fillets on Rye, half-size Cabbage & Noodles, Fries, Cole Slaw \$6.00
Senior Platter: Two Perch fillets, half-size Cabbage & Noodles, Fries, Cole Slaw, bread & butter \$6.00
Kid's Meals are available in your choice: \$4.00
++ One perch fillet, Fries, Applesauce or Cole Slaw;
++ Two slices of cheese pizza, Fries, Applesauce or Cole Slaw;
++ Macaroni & Cheese, Fries, Applesauce or Cole Slaw.
We offer the following **side dishes** for \$1.50 each with your dinner order: 3 Pierogi's; 3 Potato Pancakes; Large Fries; or Full order of Cabbage & Noodles.

In today's Gospel, the conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus reminds us during Lent that as we seek to put our spiritual lives in order, we cannot accomplish this task on our own. God has done for us what we cannot do for ourselves. We are reminded that we have been made able to see the kingdom of God; we have been given the gift of eternal life through the waters of baptism.





St. Agnes Chicken Paprikas Dinner on Palm Sunday, April 5 from noon-3pm in the church hall. Adults \$8.50; kids 6-12 \$3.50 and under 5 are free. Dinner includes chicken paprikas, homemade dumplings, salad, bread & butter, dessert and beverage. Carry outs available in your own containers. Stop in for a delicious dinner!

Pierogi Lunches During Lent: St. Mary, 320 Middle Ave., is offering pierogi lunches on Fridays, through April 3rd. Lunch is served or take out available 11:30am-1:00pm. Advance order accepted 323-5539.

SEAS Chili & Chocolate Challenge: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Columbia Station on Sun., March 29 from 1:30-4:30pm. Family event to judge best chili & chocolate recipes, plus raffles, auction & kid activities. Adm \$8; 12 & under \$1. You can enter your recipe by stopping by their rectory by March 15.

www.saintjudeparish.org

Your parish website...stop by and see what we have to offer.
Your online source for information about your parish!

2008 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS All statements were mailed on January 17th. This includes Future Fund Statements and Regular Contribution Statements. There is no longer a need to call the rectory to request your statement. Thank you!

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
