

††† Masses
For The Week

Sunday, April 5 – Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion

8:30 – Margaret M. Cisarik
10:30– Marlene Kilmer – 1st Anniversary
12:00– Living & Deceased of the Bring Family

Monday, April 6 – Monday of Holy Week

7:00 – Deceased of Harris & Woluctt Families

Tuesday, April 7 – Tuesday of Holy Week

8:30 – Helen Super

Wednesday, April 8 – Wednesday of Holy Week

7:00 – Altar & Rosary Society

7:00 – Communion Service

Thursday, April 9 – Holy Thursday

7:00pm – Tony Aulisio

Friday, April 10 – Good Friday

2:00 – Passion Service

Saturday, April 11 – Holy Saturday

2:00 – Blessing of Food

8:30 – Parishioners of St. Jude

Sunday, April 12 – Easter Sunday

8:30 – Living & Deceased of Holy Name Society

10:30– George & Marsha Lichman

12:00– Stephen & Mary Gach

Readings for April 12: Acts of the Apostles 10:34, 37-43;
Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9.



Please pray for Mary Jo Vecchio and for the consolation of her loved ones.

EASTER DECORATING



On Holy Saturday, April 11th at 9:00am we invite everyone to help with the decorating of the church for Easter. This fun project can be completed quickly with many hands.



PALM SUNDAY GOSPEL PASSION

The 8th graders of St. Jude School will re-enact the Gospel Passion at all of the Palm Sunday liturgies this weekend. During the 10:30 am Mass, students from our PSR program will participate in the liturgy as readers, greeters, ushers, and will be part of the Offertory procession.

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

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

CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD

There will be a special Children’s Liturgy of the Word for second graders making their First Communion at the Holy Thursday Mass at 7:00 pm on April 9, 2009. The second graders will also be a part of the Eucharistic procession.



Sunday, April 5

Nut & Poppyseed Roll Sale – GatherArea after Mass
Hot Cabbage Rolls – FamCtr after 8:30 & 10:00 Mass
EC Pancake Breakfast – Carrabine 9:30-1:00pm
AA – Carrabine at 7:30pm

Monday, April 6

PSR – School at 6:15-7:30pm
CLOW & 2nd Graders Procession – Mass at 7:00pm

Friday, April 10

Fish Fry – Carrabine 5:00-7:00pm
Stations of the Cross – Church at 7:00pm

Saturday, April 11

Food Blessing – Church at 2:00pm
Easter Decorating – Church at 9:00am

Sunday, April 12

AA – Carrabine at 7:30pm

FAMILY PERSPECTIVES

The Passion of Jesus makes it clear that no one escapes suffering. While it is an inevitable part of life, no one should have to suffer alone. That is one of the primary roles of families: to stand with and support each other in suffering. Who in your family needs your support? You can make this week a Holy Week by reaching out to those in need.



GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND

The annual Good Friday collection for the Holy Land is utilized as it was in apostolic times. It is a concrete response to the need for aid felt by our brethren in the Holy Land, and at the same time, an expression of our spiritual communion with them, precisely on the day on which we commemorate the passion and Death of the Lord. Baskets will be at the door for your offering.

BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH

Through you, God wants to bring new life to others – the news of Jesus’ Resurrection. Our Catholic faith and our parish are filled with God’s life: in our liturgies, our ministries, the lives and good works of our parishioners. There are also people outside our church who long for new life, hope, peace, and a relationship with Jesus. Let’s connect them with God by connecting them with us. Bring someone to Church on Easter Sunday or during the fifty days of the Easter season. Invitation postcards are on the tables in the Gathering Area. Take several and mail them this week to friends and family who haven’t been to church for a while, or who might not have a regular place of worship.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY is April 19. There will be reading from St. Faustina’s Diary at 2:30pm and the Divine Mercy Chaplet with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 3pm. Refreshments after service. Come, bring a friend and join us.

 **School News**

Our Cadet Cheerleaders (Katie Cuevas, Ivana DeVengencie, Allie Norris, Rachael Powers, Julia Stowe) represented St. Jude with pride at the Diocesan CYO competition for Lorain and Cuyahoga counties. Our cadet squad worked very hard and just missed bringing home a trophy. Victory was not lost however, when our Varsity Cheerleaders (Brandy Daniels, Kalynn Daniels, Emily Denney, Rachel Elwer, Katelyn Harter, Zach Kuhman, Kat Newman, Maria Tony,) took the **first place** trophy this year!! The varsity squad competed with 13 other squads from Cleveland, Parma, Avon, Avon Lake, and Lorain to earn this title. Congratulations on this spectacular win!!

ST. JUDE PRESCHOOL NEWS!

We are pleased to announce that for the '09-'10 school year we will be offering **5 day – all day** preschool for four year olds! We will also continue to offer 3 days a week-all day or half day for four year olds and 2 days a week – all day or half day for 3 year olds. Our preschool teachers will be available for more information and questions about all of the programs after at 4:30, 10:30 and 12noon Masses this weekend. Information can also be obtained through the school office at 366-1681.

ST. JUDE CERTIFICATES

Last minute certificates for your Easter dinner, outfits and baskets can be purchased at the Rectory Monday, April 6 thru Thursday, April 9 from 8:00-Noon & 1:00-3:00. There will be no sales Good Friday thru Easter Sunday. Thank you for your continued support of the Certificate Program.

ALTAR & ROSARY

Mark your calendar: Our next meeting will be Wed., April 15th at 7pm in the Family Center. It will be our last meeting of the year. The many activities for the remainder of the year will be discussed. Please plan to join us.

Many guests stopped by to enjoy the perch and tilapia dinners during the Lenten season. As we approach the final serving date on Good Friday, April 10 from 5-7pm, the Holy Name Society, Altar & Rosary ladies, and all other volunteers offer our sincere thanks for this year's record attendance. May God Bless you all.



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Stewardship of Treasure Summary

Amount needed per week:		\$18,000
Regular Collection for Mar 29		\$14,074
Difference for the week:	-	\$ 3,926
Number of Envelopes:	480	
SVdP Collection for Mar 29:	\$42.09	


Year-To-Date Totals

Amount Budgeted		\$702,000
Total Sunday Offertory:		\$646,177
Difference:	-	55,823



Outstanding Mortgage Balance:		\$633,177
Building Fund Account Balance:		\$ 86,729
Monthly Mortgage Payment:		\$ 6,171

Thank you for your generosity!

 **Pastor's Notes**



PALM SUNDAY marks the beginning of the most solemn week of the liturgical year. As a people of faith, we remember the unfolding of the Paschal Mystery – Jesus' death and resurrection! On Palm Sunday, palms will be distributed at all weekend Masses.

HOLY WEEK

Tuesday of Holy Week, Bishop Lennon will be celebrating the Chrism Mass at St. John Cathedral at 7:00pm. At this time, the sacred oils used for ordination, baptism, confirmation and anointing of the sick are blessed for all the churches in the Diocese of Cleveland. All are most welcome to attend this liturgy at the Cathedral in Cleveland.

There will be two opportunities for **confession** this week: Holy Thursday, April 9 at 8:00 pm, Good Friday, April 10 at 3:00 & 7:30 pm.

HOLY THURSDAY marks the beginning of the Sacred Triduum. The only Mass is at 7:00pm **Mass of the Lord's Supper**. The Mandatum (washing of the feet) included in this liturgy, recalls the institution of the Eucharist and Priestly Ordination.



Good Friday's Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 2:00pm is comprised of the Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and concludes

with a Communion Service. The Good Friday offering is for the Holy Land. We will simply put the baskets at the doors for your offering as you leave the church. There will be Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm.

holy Saturday we will be decorating the church for Easter at 9:00am and additional hands are most welcome. At 2:00pm, we will have the blessing of the food in church.



EASTER VIGIL

The most significant liturgy of the entire year takes place at 8:30pm with the **Easter Vigil Mass**. It will begin with the blessing of the new fire in front of the church. After singing the Exultet (Easter Proclamation), the Liturgy of the Word, the blessing of the baptismal water, the renewal of baptismal promises takes place. After this we will witness the profession of faith and confirmation of our RCIA Candidates and elect: Nancy Bally, Sonoma Beck, Lisa Kuchta, Phil Kuchta, Eric Lammers, Michael McMillan, Barbara Rogers, Alison Shope, Greg Smith, Susan Smith, Dawn Sparks, Cami Webster and Christy Wise.

EASTER FLOWERS Each year we extend our traditional invitation to share in the purchase of the Easter flowers for the church. Our committee has put together a wonderful design for the Easter Season. Special envelopes are in the contribution packets mailed to all parishioners. Please return them in the collection basket.



KNOW YOUR FAITH SERIES

The *Know Your Faith* topic for this month is *Getting the Most Out of the Mass*. Deacon Frank O'Connell will be giving this presentation at 7pm on Thursday, April 23 in the Family Center.

PURPLE VEILS ON STATUES

Beginning last week, the statues and sacred images in the Church will be veiled in purple. Veiling of statues and sacred images is a sort of 'fasting' from sacred depictions that represent the Paschal glory of our salvation. The veils are removed at the singing of the 'Gloria' at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday evening. A 'fasting' from the glorious images of our faith and the saints in glory, culminates in the glorious Easter victory won by Christ, risen from the tomb to win for us eternal life.

PRO LIFE LENTEN PRAYER

Father of all mercy, we thank you for this season of grace and light. We know that sin has blinded us. Draw us ever closer to you, in prayer and penance. Give all your people a clearer understanding of the profound dignity of every human life, including the children in the womb. As we prepare to celebrate the death and Resurrection of Christ, strengthen our joy in the fact that life has already conquered death. As we prepare to renew the promises of our baptism this Easter, grant that we may live more faithfully as the children of God and the People of Life. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen

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.

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.

ELYRIA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Pancake Brunch: Please plan to join us **today, April 5th** for our EC Class of 2009 Senior Gift Fundraiser from **9:30-1:00pm here at Carrabine Hall**. The brunch will include pancakes, sausage, Danishes, juice, milk & coffee. All proceeds go towards the purchase of this year's Senior Gift: *The renovation of the school's auditorium lobby!* General admission is \$6.00 per person. **The Legacy Ball**, an elegant evening at Elyria Country Club will feature open bar, sit down dinner, dancing to **New Decade** on Sat., April 25 from 6-11pm. \$150/couple and/or tickets for the \$5000 Reverse Raffle are \$100. For tickets for this fundraiser, please call 365-1821 ext 22.



RICE BOWL DONATIONS Remember to turn in your Rice Bowl donations in the specially marked box in the Gathering Area this week. Drop in your actual cardboard Rice Bowl filled with coins or if possible, convert into one check. Your donations touch people around the world through Catholic Relief Services. Thank you for your sacrifice.

PARISH REGISTRATION

It is our policy and desire to serve the needs of St. Jude parishioners. We welcome you. Families, singles and young adults (age 18 and over) should make an effort to become registered members of the parish. Even if you are not in a position to contribute regularly, it is important to be registered for us to take care of your pastoral needs (funerals, baptisms, weddings, etc.) To register, please call the rectory or drop a note in the collection basket and we will be happy to assist you.

BOOK STUDY

The May Book Study will be using The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls. The discussion will be in the St. Jude Rectory on May 6th at 7:30 pm. Please read the entire book by the meeting date. The book can be obtained at your local library, bookstore, or online.

ST. JUDE GARDENERS

Time to think S-P-R-I-N-G!! There will be a meeting Monday, April 20 at 7:00pm in the Rectory for all interested in helping with gardening this year. We have a lot of work to do! You may wish to take ownership for a section or just help out occasionally. It's a great opportunity to meet fellow parishioners and work outside. This is the only "meeting" all year and you can work at your convenience. We provide all the materials, tools and guidance. For questions, please call Jim Novak at 365-8827 or Fr. Kosem at 366-5711.



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!

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION
