

ST. JOHN FISHER CHURCH • FEBRUARY 19, 2017

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Monday, February 20 – Presidents Day- Office Closed

12:00 pm – Mass for Holiday

Tuesday, February 21

10:00 am – Tuesdays @ 10

6:00 pm – Social Action meeting

6:30 pm – RCIA

Wednesday, February 22

8:30 am – 11:30 am – Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, February 23

12 Noon – Mardi Gras Party Forever 50 Group

7:00 pm – Choir Practice

Saturday, February 25

7:45 am – Catholic Men's Fellowship

Sunday, February 26

9:15 am – Confirmation Class

9:30 am – First Communion Class



*Readings for The Eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

First Reading: Isaiah 49:14-15

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 6:24-34

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT- MARCH 25!

Our annual retreat this year will be a Lenten Retreat focused on the Prodigal Son parable. Please consider joining other members of the SJF community to listen, reflect, and share your thoughts about this powerful story. We will have several presentations which will offer reflections and perhaps some new insights into the story and how to connect them to our own lives. There will be plenty of time for quiet reflection and opportunities for prayer. We will begin at 10:00 am and finish in time to attend 4:30 pm mass if you choose. The cost is \$20.00 per person and includes lunch. For more information, contact Jim Crosby in the parish office or email jimc@sjfchurch.org

CISE PARISH APPEAL

Our annual opportunity to make a donation to CISE is this weekend February 18th and 19th. There are envelopes in your monthly envelope packet and also on the counter in the transition area.

Give the gift of hope and help Cincinnati's neediest children attend Catholic schools by contributing to the Catholic Inner-City Schools Education (CISE) Fund. CISE provides tuition assistance to children in need, affording them an excellent, values-based education. Contact CISE at: CISE-Parish Appeal, 100 East Eighth St., Cincinnati, OH 45202

THIS WEEKEND, FAIR TRADE COFFEE SALE

This weekend, Feb. 18th and 19th Fair Trade coffee, tea, candy bars will be available after all Masses.

FATHER DEL STAIGERS

Father Del Staigers will be here on the weekend of March 4th and 5th to preside at our Masses. He is looking forward to celebrating the Eucharist with us, and to his eventual role as pastor of the pastoral region of Saint Veronica and Saint John Fisher later in the summer.

SUMMER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: SAVE THE DATES!

Our annual Summer Religious Education (SRE) program will be held from July 24th – August 4th, 2017. **The classes are Monday through Friday from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm and are for children entering grades 1-8 in the fall of 2017.** Watch the bulletin for more details or call Jim Crosby in the parish office for more information.

MARDI GRAS LUNCHEON- LAST DAY TO SIGN UP!

A Mardi Gras party & luncheon sponsored by the Forever 50 group, will take place Feb. 23rd at noon in Pater Hall. Everyone over 50 years of age is invited to join the fun, food and friendship! The cost of \$10 per person includes lunch and favors. Come with your fancy Mardi Gras mask and wear purple, green & gold.

VISITORS FROM ST. VINCENT MISSION

Next weekend Sister Kathleen Weigand, mission speaker for St. Vincent Mission in David, Ky will be at each Mass. Sister Kathleen grew up in Pittsburgh, PA and moved to KY in 1979 to join the Christian Appalachian Project as a volunteer. In 1985 she joined the Mt. Tabor Benedictines of Martin, KY. Sister became executive director of St. Vincent Mission in 1999 and served in that position until this past July. Her successor, Erin Bottomlee, will be with Sister Kathleen next weekend. St. Vincent Mission serves approximately 2,500 people through their annual Christmas store and monthly food pantry. They also host a volunteer-staffed Home Repair Program and Emergency Needs Program, providing food, clothing, rent assistance, household items and utility payments to the needy in the area. Community members who receive assistance are, if able, required to return the help with service hours. The mission also offers classes in health, nutrition, finances and growing their own food. Parish members may meet Sister Kathleen and Erin Bottomlee after each Mass. There will be an opportunity to contribute donations to St. Vincent Mission.

RICE BOWL COLLECTION for PARISH CHILDREN

The Social Action Committee and the 2017 Confirmation Class invites every parish family with a child from preschool through high school to participate in this Lent's Rice Bowl Collection. Any money collected will go to Catholic Relief Services to provide services to refugees, disaster victims and others in need throughout the world. Rice Bowl banks, to collect your family's spare change, will be available after Masses on Feb. 25-26, Ash Wednesday, and March 4-5. Please join us in this campaign and teach your children that a small sacrifice can make a big difference. Banks will be returned to church at Easter. Learn more at crsricebowl.org.

All ministers may check their future schedules at:
www.ministryschedulerpro.com?user=stjfvolunteer

SERVER SCHEDULE
February 25th and 26th

Saturday, 4:30 pm – Danny Creelman, Michael Taylor
Sunday, 9:00 am – Eli & Henry Motz, Erin Fanning
Sunday, 11:00 am – Cole Weaver, Olivia Walsh,
Francesca Damiano

SERVER TRAINING TODAY, SUNDAY, AFTER 11:00
MASS

3rd ANNUAL GREATER CINCINNATI CATHOLIC
WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Mark your calendar and sign up for this event on March 4th at the Manor House in Mason. See the poster in the transition area for the details. On line registration is available at: www.catholicwomenofcincinnati.com
For more information call Fran Bachmeyer, 513-231-5992, who is a parish member.

CANA DINNER

Mark your calendar for our annual Cana Dinner. It will be held on Saturday, March 11th following the 4:30 pm Mass. We honor couples who are celebrating 25th, 40th or 50th Anniversaries. You need not be celebrating an anniversary to attend; all adult parishioners are welcome! Watch the bulletin for further details.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES & SOUP SUPPER

Masses for Ash Wednesday, March 1st will be celebrated at **8:00 am and 6:15 pm**. The evening Mass will be followed by a simple, meatless soup supper (Potluck) in Pater Hall. Please sign up in the gathering space today if you plan to attend the supper... all are welcome!

JANUARY 2017 OFFERTORY

Weekly Offertory - \$35, 055
Electronic Giving - \$8,385
Actual Offertory Received - \$43,440
Budgeted Offertory - \$45,000
Fiscal Year-to-date shortfall - \$1,543.35

As you likely heard during Mass over the last few weekends, our parish has been experiencing a continued slight decline in collections. You should have recently received a letter from Fr. Steve asking for your prayerful consideration of a 5-10% increase in your offertory contribution. Included with the letter is a commitment form we would like you to complete and return. If you are not a regular contributor, we ask that you please consider participating in the parish financial program to the extent you are able. Similar to your family expenses, our parish expenses typically increase every year and your additional support will help us keep up with rising costs. Thank you for your generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 20

12:00 pm – Barbara Bohne – Birthday Remembrance- (Bill Bohne)

Tuesday, February 21

8:00 am – Intentions of Francis Behret

Wednesday, February 22

8:00 am – John Ebbeler

Thursday, February 23

8:00 am – St. John Fisher Community

Friday, February 24

12:00 pm – Communion Service

Saturday, February 25

4:30 pm – Tom Rohling (Ted & Mary Ann Rohling)

Sunday, February 26

9:00 am – Pat Messerly (James & Lois Theilmann)

11:00 am – Bernard & Lorraine Dwyer (Tim & Carol Donahue)

BLESSED PALMS

Ash Wednesday is March 1st. As always, we will collect your blessed palms from previous years on the weekends of Feb. 18th-19th and Feb. 25th-26th. The palms are burned to create the ashes we use on Ash Wednesday.

FORMED – NEW CHILDREN'S CONTENT

11 Award-winning Children's Movies are now on FORMED. *Saints and Heroes* movies use comedy, song, captivating illustrations, and heartwarming emotion to tell the tales of some of the great saints and epic heroes of the faith. The entire FORMED website is available free to our parishioners. If you have not yet signed up for FORMED, here's how easy it is: go to www.formed.org. You will see a box that says "Register-sign up using your parish code." Type in the parish code: B68MWG. Now set up a username and a password and you are all set to use all the great programs on formed.org anytime by simply logging in.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR
PRAYERS

our parishioners who are sick and in need of your prayers: Bob Conmy, Martie Kline, Bob Kneipp, Jeannie Koepfer, Esther Montag, Barbara Mueller, Lee Murrell, Audrey Rapien, Geneva Schafer-Minnich, Anita Schafer, Katie Wellman, Jean Werning.

SNOW EMERGENCY! There will be NO WEEKDAY MASS on any day that Forest Hills schools are closed or delayed because of snow or inclement weather.

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