

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK . . .

Sunday, January 10 – The Baptism of The Lord
5:00 PM (Vigil Mass) People of the Parish
8:30 AM Eldon Smith
11:00 AM All Souls

Monday, January 11

6:00 PM Helen Korpely

Tuesday, January 12

9:00 AM Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, January 13 – Saint Hilary

9:00 AM Theresa J. Niegowski

Thursday, January 14

8:30 AM Mass at Saint Mary

Friday, January 15 – Mass at ERC

9:00 AM All Souls

Saturday, January 16

5:00 PM People of The Parish

Sunday, January 17 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM All Souls

11:00 AM People of The Parish



SCRIPTURE READINGS: The Readings for next Sunday are from Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11. Please read them prayerfully to prepare for the Liturgy of the Word.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR 2009: If you would like a statement of the contributions you made in 2009, please call the parish office during regular hours. Statements can be emailed or picked up in the sacristy on the weekends before or after any Mass.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE: The parish Fundraising Committee will meet on Monday evening at 6:00 PM in the hall.

COLLECTION

Sunday, December 27 \$4,281.81
Sunday, January 3 \$5,913.25
Restoration (combined weeks) \$185.00
Monthly Collection budgeted at \$19,125.00
(this amount represents only the collection not our total budgeted income)



MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND –JAN 16 / 17

Saturday, 5:00pm	Sunday, 8:30am	Sunday, 11:00am
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion		
Sr. Jennifer Kramer-----	Sylvia Peter-----	Marilyn Rigg
Mary Wojciechowski-----	Don Hutman-----	Terry Maxwell
Agnes Zelinski-----	Helen Hutman-----	Janet Toth
Cindy Craig-----		N/A
Kathy Borowy-----		Ann Bittner
<u>Lector</u> Cathie Fuchs	<u>Lector</u> Brenda M. Troxtell	<u>Lector</u> Ron Tennant
<u>Altar Servers</u> Ron Rybarcyk Kathleen Cole	<u>Altar Servers</u> Tyler White Courtney White Paige Bauer	<u>Altar Servers</u> Gage Blair Christina Finnegan
Counters: N. Frabotta, E. Ehlers, D. Bauer, J. Seybert		

THANK YOU VERY MUCH: to everyone for our Christmas Collection of \$13,791.24. It will help our budget greatly ☺ !

OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY: to the family and friends of Patricia Keller who was buried from our parish New Year's Eve. May she experience the joy and peace of the Risen Christ.

MASS INTENTIONS: are now available for 2010. Call or visit Debbie in the parish office or drop your request in the collection basket and mark it "Mass intentions".

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

It is our tradition to celebrate **Saint Agnes Day** on the weekend before or after the actual feast day (January 21). This year, since I will be away from January 19 to 28, we will celebrate our patroness on the weekend of the 16th -17th, next weekend! As always, we will have a **parish dinner Saturday evening after the 5:00 PM Mass**.

This year the focus of our celebration will be the **126 new parishioners we have registered in the last year**, the vast majority of them from the former Holy Cross and Sacred Heart parishes. We have been richly blessed by their presence. Those of us who have been here for years are more than aware that, not only have they swelled our ranks, but they have brought a new energy and many gifts. They have added to our community musical talent, culinary capabilities, a strong work ethic, active ministry, and a powerfully deep faith. More than a few of them have told me how comfortable they already feel at Saint Agnes. We are all better and blessed by one another.

Please **be sure to register in the lobby this weekend for the dinner** next Saturday at which—after six months—we will formally welcome all of our new members. Community is formed by friendship. Make it a point next Saturday to meet at least five other parishioners you don't yet know.

Along these same lines please **register promptly to have your photo taken** for our Pictorial Parish Directory that will be published in the spring. You can register on line through our parish website (www.saintagneselyria.org), by calling the office (322-5622), or in the lobby this weekend. Everyone who registers by the end of January will be automatically entered in a **raffle for dinner-for-two (Ruby Tuesday) and a movie (Regal Cinema)** which will be drawn after the 11:00 Mass on January 31. All those who have their picture taken will receive a free 8x10 portrait plus a free copy of the directory.

Another community-building cluster event coming up soon is the concert of **PRAISE-APELLA**, a contemporary Christian vocal band, a band without instruments! Tickets are \$10 for adults (\$15 at the door), \$5 for children 6-12. This is not a *fund*-raising event but a *fun*-raising event! However we *do* need to sell all the tickets in order to pay for the concert. It you could not only buy tickets yourself but sell five or ten to other friends and neighbors, you'd sure be helping us a lot! Call the office.

Peace and joy,
Father Al



THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Monday

6:00 PM Fundraising Committee (Church Hall)
 6:45 PM PSR
 1st Communicant's Parent Mtg. (His Space)

Tuesday

9:45 AM Women's 12-Step Gathering (Church Hall)
 6:45 PM Parish Pastoral Council (Rectory Parlor)

Wednesday

7:00 PM RCIA (Church Hall)
 Sunday Choir Practice

Thursday

7:00 PM Pro-Life Group (Church Hall)

Saturday

4:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday

11:00 AM CLOW
 6:00 PM Confirmation Session #5

THE PRO-LIFE MINISTRY OF SAINT AGNES: Our 2010 regular monthly meetings will begin on Thursday, January 14th, 2010 at 7pm in the Church Hall. Questions, please call Karen Howell at 440-366-9019 or mysticalroseinc@yahoo.com. Thank you for standing up and supporting LIFE!

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: If you are an adult who has never been confirmed and would like to celebrate this sacrament at St. Jude's in February, 2010, or at St. John Cathedral in May, 2010, please join Sister Jennifer at St. Agnes for four, one-hour preparation sessions Sunday mornings at 9:45am beginning January 17. To sign up, contact Sister Jennifer by January 13 (jkramer@ndec.org or 322-5622 x17).



CHURCH DIRECTORY INFORMATION: Sign up for your photo session to get a free 8 X 10 portrait and a church pictorial directory. Pictures will be taken in February. Sign-up after any weekend Mass or visit the Saint Agnes web page and follow the link to sign up online. Spread the word!! Lets make this a great directory with lots of participants.

THANK YOU: Saint Mary, Vermilion would like to extend their thanks and gratitude to everyone who participated this past year in the Migrant Ministry. Because of your generosity we were able to provide meals, snacks, clothes, fellowship and more!

THE COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVE TO: End Human Trafficking is a group of women religious and lay-women in our area whose mission is to educate and advocate for the prevention and abolition of human trafficking while connecting services for victims. January 11th is the National Awareness Day. Please say the following prayer: *O God, our words cannot express what our minds can barely comprehend and what our hearts feel when we hear of children and adults enslaved for purposes of sexual exploitation and forced labor because of human greed. Give us wisdom and courage to stand in solidarity and prayer with them – that together we will find ways to the freedom that is your gift to all of us. Amen!*

STEWARSHIP MEETING: at 6:30PM on January 19th in the Rectory Parlor.

SING HIS PRAISE: Join us for an evening of musical praise and prayer as we lift up our song to the glory of the Lord. Tuesday January 12, 2010 at 7:00 PM in the Lower Chapel at Saint Mary Church. Let us gather together in one voice to make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Jerry & Lynn Novak 14 years on December 23rd
 Bob & Jean Hutman 51 years on December 27th
 Tony & Jenn Carrozzino 8 years on December 28th
 Tom & Carol Blanco 64 years on January 6th
 James & Rose Trunk 32 years on January 7th
 Your parish family wishes you continued joy and happiness!!!



PRAISE-APELLA: is performing a special concert on Sunday, February 7, 2010, at 7:00PM at Saint Jude Church. Pre-Sale Tickets are \$10 each for adults and \$5 for children (6-12). Tickets can be purchased at the rectory during office hours or after Masses on weekends.

CONFIRMATION SESSION #5: The last session for the high school Confirmation Candidates will be on Sunday, January 17th from 6-8PM at Saint Jude Church. Please be prompt. Make sure your calendars are marked for the Retreat Day on Sunday, February 21st beginning with the 10:30AM Mass and ending with practice from 4-5PM (at Saint Jude). The Confirmation Mass will be February 23rd at 7:00PM (at Saint Jude) with Bishop Roger Gries. Please keep everyone in your prayers during their journey toward a deeper relationship with Christ.

PSR PARENTS OF 1ST COMMUNICANTS – will meet with Father Al at 6:45 Monday evening to learn more about the meaning of sin and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

OPEN HOUSE RECEPTION -- The Catholic Action Commission of Lorain County and the pastors of all Lorain County parishes are jointly hosting an **Open House Reception** to honor and thank **SHARON KLEPPEL** for her 21 years of leadership of the Catholic Action Commission of Lorain County. Under Sharon's most energizing leadership such initiatives as Faith House, Lorain County Furniture Bank, the First Friday Forum, Sowers of Justice, Inter-parish Social Justice Networking, and constant Legislative Updates have powerfully moved forward the social justice agenda of the Catholic Church in our area. Sharon retired from her position as Director of the Catholic Action Commission and Office of Lorain County on December 11, 2009. Priests, deacons, religious, and laity from the county, as well as civic leaders of the area, will gather on **Friday evening, January 15th**, for an Open House Reception, which will take place from **6:00 to 8:00 PM, in the Weigand Room at Saint Mary Church** in downtown Elyria, to thank Sharon for her most outstanding ministry among us. Please make it a point to stop in to show Sharon, our own parishioner, how proud we are of her!

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN: Liturgy of the Word for Children (CLOW) is open to all children between the ages of 4 to 8 years old, parishioners and guests. During CLOW, adult leaders share the readings, Gospels, Creed, and petitions in a way that children understand. It is a sacred part of the Mass, not a babysitting service. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Pat Sas at 322-2640.

PASTORAL COUNCIL – will meet on Tuesday evening at 6:45 PM in the parlor of the rectory. Members need to prepare by reading and reflecting on chapter 2 of the book, *Forming Generous Hearts*.