

^BULLETIN COPY – ST. MARY CHURCH – GROVEPORT, OHIO - SUNDAY, February 26– USE CUT # 2-B

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	For the Parish Family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Dale Johnson Jr. by Bill & Carolyn Johnson
	11:00 a.m.	Armengol & Gertrudis Igartua by the Igartua Family
Monday	8:30 a.m.	Novena
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Libby Carner by the Jerry Jenkins Family
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	<b>Mass &amp; Imposition of Ashes</b> Maureen Jajczyk by Bill & Judi Brenning
	7:00 p.m.	<b>Mass &amp; Imposition of Ashes</b> Walter & Hellen Bruns by the Jerry Jenkins Family
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	Rosemary Longo by Jennifer Hess
Friday	8:30 a.m.	Doug Elzey by Judi & Dick Matz
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Carmen Rodriguez by Israel Rodriguez
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Ginny & Jim Billiter by the Ralph Billiter Family
	11:00 a.m.	For the Parish Family

**THIS WEEKEND**

**SERVER SCHEDULE**

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Brian Ropchock, Frank Trammer
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Sharon Merritt, Branson Cline, Jonathan Maier
	11:00 a.m.	Connie Brown, Todd Lutz, Easter Valentine

**NEXT WEEKEND**

Brian Ropchock, Frank Trammer, Blair Williams  
Branson Cline, Jonathan Maier, Sharon Merritt  
Eli Nuakey, Sandro Nuakey, Todd Lutz

**LECTOR SCHEDULE**

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	David Wilson, Joe Stewart
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	JoEllen Stebelton, Dave Solack
	11:00 a.m.	Beth Lutz, Kathleen Valentine

Sandy Williams, David Wilson  
Travis Winski, Rosemarie Watters  
Joanne Myers, Patricia Raynak

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER SCHEDULE**

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Michelle Schooley, Shawna Gentile, Sandy Trammer, Sandy Williams, Carol Vanauken
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Ken Koebel, Mark Dorion, Mary Slone, Carolyn Veit, Rosemarie Watters
	11:00 a.m.	Nancy Scholl, Cindy Kinch, Noreen Reeves, Jean Bobst, Dorothy Carter

*See Schedule in Sacristy*

**CANTOR SCHEDULE**

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Debra Smith
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Susan Howell
	11:00 a.m.	Pam Scott

Debra Smith  
Dave Solack  
Susan Howell

*From Father John . . . LENT... Rejoice!*

We may not usually think of Lent as a time to rejoice. But yes, whenever we have times to pull away from our normal busy pace and draw closer to our Lord, it is a cause for joy.

As I call us to a Holy Lent, it's my intention and prayer to motivate us toward deeper commitments to Christ ... and fuller realizations of his Love in our lives. I commend to you the classical outline for Lenten devotion: **Prayer, Almsgiving and Fasting**.

In **Prayer** examine how your life can be more closely aligned with the Lord. Commit to added times of worship and adoration. In your **Almsgiving** consider the needs of charity that can benefit by your material and personal assistance. In this category consider forms of service to your parish. By your **Fasting** make serious efforts to lessen your possession by material things. Your exact Lenten plan of disciplines is yours to discern and design ... do it seriously and you'll find the joy of Lent.

To assist you I've placed a variety of pamphlets in the vestibule. Some are multiples of some excellent brochures. I also receive many single samples ... also excellent for assisting Lenten planning and devotion. All of these are available for you ... Please help yourself!!

And I'll see you on Ash Wednesday and at our first Friday Simple Supper and Stations.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, February 26** – Is 49:14-15 / 1 Cor 4:1-5 / Mt 6:24-34

**Monday, February 27** – Sir 17:20-24 / Mk 20:17-27

**Tuesday, February 28** – Sir 35:1-12 / Mk 10:28-31

**Ash Wednesday, March 1** – Jl 2:12-18 / 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 / Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday, March 2** – Dt 30:15-20 / Lk 9:22-25

**Friday, March 3** – Is 58:1-9a / Mt 9:14-15

**Saturday, March 4** – Is 58:9b-14 / Lk 5:27-32

**Sunday, March 5** – Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7 / Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19 / Mt 4:1-11

## OUR GIFTS TO GOD AND CHURCH

**February 19** – Sunday Offering - \$3,679.50

Catholic Times - \$133.00 St. Vincent De Paul - \$60.00

**God bless you for your continued support of  
St. Mary Church!**

**You are invited to participate in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl:** This Lent, our faith community will be joining millions of Catholics across the country by participating in CRS' Operation Rice Bowl. Your family is invited to pick up a Rice Bowl packet and join in this simple yet powerful Lenten practice. Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl invites us to pray with our families and faith communities, fast in solidarity with those who are hungry, learn about our brothers and sisters around the world, and give sacrificial contributions to help those in need. **Rice Bowls are available in the vestibule.**

**Ash Wednesday Collection for JOIN** – The proceeds of the Ash Wednesday collection will be contributed to the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs (JOIN), which operates under Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Columbus. JOIN provides emergency assistance to the poor and vulnerable of Franklin and surrounding counties in the form of food, prescription help, utilities, infant needs, identification papers, transportation, eyeglasses, burial assistance, senior items and referrals to other service providers. **Please put your donation in the basket in the vestibule on Ash Wednesday!**

**Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence.** All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. On fast days, one full meal is permitted, along with two meals of lesser quantity the same day. On days of abstinence, flesh meat is not to be eaten. The law of fast applies to those 18-59; the law of abstinence applies to those 14 years of age or older.

**Ashes will be available to take to shut-ins.** Envelopes with a small amount of Ashes suitable for home visits are available in the Sacristy. The envelopes have the proper words for imposition of Ashes. A suitable scripture verse may be included, also.



**Ash Wednesday Services, March 1:**

8:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. – Mass and Imposition of Ashes

## St. Vincent de Paul

The **St. Vincent de Paul Society** has a food basket in the vestibule for the Groveport Food Pantry. For the month of **March**, they will be collecting canned meats.

**Looking ahead:** The SVDP clothing/household/furniture truck will be here the weekend of April 29/30. The truck holds a lot, let's fill her up!

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**The Craft Club** will meet Tuesday, February 28, 11:00-3:00 p.m. in Parish Hall and will continue to meet at that time until after Easter. Any questions, please call Rosemarie Watters at 614-491-6978.



**Eucharistic Adoration** will be this Friday, March 3 beginning at 9:00 a.m., concluding with Benediction at 12:00 noon. This is a good opportunity to spend time with Our Lord especially during Lent. A sign-up sheet is in the vestibule.

**Easter Choir practice** for this week only will be on Thursday, March 2 at 6:30 p.m. Any questions, please contact Lisa Leonard at 614-738-9830.

**Lenten Simple Supper** will start this Friday, March 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall followed by 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross. Different parish organizations will be preparing a simple meal each week with an optional free will offering. This Friday the Choir will be hosting.

**Every second Wednesday** is the Mass of Healing at 12:00 p.m. with the Sacrament of Anointing during the Mass for those in need, which will be on March 8.

**Hugs and Prayers** – Please remember in Prayer those of our Parish family and friends who at this time are hospitalized, ill, or recovering: Rosa Alonzo, Mary Ann Armstrong, Ann Arnett, Virginia Bauman, Julie Bettah, Margaret Bonner, Mary Jo Borghese, The Brothers Family, Tom Bryan, Chris Burkhart, Catherine Courey, Kathy Daw, Dominic Elizondo, Giuseppe Fazio, Mayellen Fowler, Shirley Jo Fraley, Ben Garrison, Mary Getreu, Cody Hetterscheidt, Tara Hetterscheidt, Bill & Agnes Hillis, Austin Hosfeld, Susan & Steve Howell, Jake Jajczyk, Mary Jones, Mary Kampf, Henry Kampf, Barb Kellenbarger, Evelyn Kelley, Tim Leddy, Lisa Leonard, Julie Litsinberger, Rita Martini, Dick Matz, Maria Mayes, Trisha Mentzer, Mary Jo McKinney, Maxine & Tom McLoughlin, Ralph Myers, Connie Neuherz, Renee Parlin, Joseph C. Ramsey, Fr. Reichert, Gene Schrader, Lucy Snyder, Joe Stewart, Virginia Theado, Howard Watters, Ken Watters, David Wilson, Jeanne West, Virginia Whittemore, and Jim, Cathy Williams & Family.

**Please pray for the soul** of Kathleen Coughlin, whose funeral we celebrated last week. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and may the perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.



*Flowers On the Altar*

**The flowers in front of the Altar** are given by Mary Ann Armstrong in memory of her husband, Richard and their many years together.