



**Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am Frank Traska, Birthday  
 11:00 am Irene Hrdlicka  
 32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

**Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**  
 No Morning Mass

**Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**  
 8:30 am Larry and Evelyn Nemecek,  
 Carol Jilek & George Smith

**Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**  
 No Morning Mass

**Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
 8:30 am Robert Schaefer

**Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
 8:30 am Mike & Irene Kavka

**Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**  
 4:00 pm St. John Nepomucene Parish

**Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**  
 9:00 am Marilyn House  
 11:00 am Vincent Jim Indriolo

**Stewardship of Treasure**

Sunday, January 11 <sup>th</sup>	\$2987.34
Christmas	700.00
St. Vincent DePaul Society	200.00
Catholic University	70.00
Memorials	157.00

*Thank You and God bless you for your  
 continued generosity & Support*

**Sick Calls** – Please call the rectory to arrange for Father Jasany to bring the Sacraments when a member of your family is hospitalized.

**Weddings** – Parishioners are asked to call the rectory office at least 6 months in advance of the wedding to schedule an appointment with Father Jasany

**Baptisms** – The 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at 12:00 pm. Parents are required to attend Pre-Baptism Class. Arrangements must be made a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the date of baptism. Before parents baptize their child, Diocesan and parish policy requires you to complete a Baptism Preparation Class. **The next class will be on Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 12:30 pm at St. John Nepomucene Parish.** Reservations are needed; please call 216-641-8444 to make your reservation.

**Godparent and Sponsor Certificate** – Sponsors for Baptism or Confirmation must be registered and practicing members of the Church, attending weekly and Holy Day Masses for a minimum of 3 months prior to the celebration of the Sacraments for which they have requested the certificate. Please note individuals 18 years of age and older, no longer in school, need to register.

**Pre-Cana Program** for couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage at the Jesuit Retreat House- **Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm.** This program satisfies the requirement for marriage preparation as stipulated by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. Register at 440-884-9300 or [www.jrhcleve@att.net](mailto:www.jrhcleve@att.net)

## Readings for the Week of January 18<sup>th</sup>

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a,  
17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25--8:6/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/1

Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

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### Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>

**Sacramental Enrollment at 11 am Mass**  
with parent meeting to follow.

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### Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>

**No PSR Classes tonight**

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### Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>

**Rosary before 8 am Mass**

**Pastoral Council Meeting 7 pm**

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### Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>

**Rosary Makers 10 am – Noon** at the  
rectory. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Adult Ed “The Gospel of John”**

6:30 pm at the rectory

**Choir 7 pm**

**Zumba 7 pm**

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### Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Rosary before 8 am Mass**

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### Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Rosary before 8 am Mass**

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### Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>

**St. Vincent DePaul Society Meeting**

10 am at the rectory

**\$1000 Raffle** after the 11 am mass

Please make sure your tickets have been  
turned in for today’s drawing.

## A Stewardship Moment

Christian stewardship begins with the call to discipleship and today’s readings offer three stories about discipleship. In the Gospel, John the Baptist points to Jesus and two of his followers immediately walk after Jesus. Jesus asks them “What are you looking for?” It is a very good question to ask of ourselves. What is it that we are looking for in Christ Jesus? What is it that we want by following Him? Is it that we desire most urgently to be servants, stewards, of the Lord? Or do we want something else?

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Please remember these individuals, who are called to the priesthood in your daily prayers.

Also, please remember the Sisters of Society of Our Lady of the Way (Secular Institute) in your prayers.

Sunday, Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> – Bishop Roger Gries

Monday, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> – Justin Cleveland

Borromeo Seminary

Tuesday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> – Joshua Cochrac

Borromeo Seminary

Wednesday, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> – Patrick Cordero

Borromeo Seminary

Thursday, Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Michael Crookston

Borromeo Seminary

Friday, Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Timothy Dollard

Borromeo Seminary

Saturday, Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> – Dominic Gideon

Borromeo Seminary

Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> – Bishop

A. Edward Pevec

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Sanctuary Guild Volunteers  
January 21<sup>st</sup> thru February 3<sup>rd</sup>

Kathy Bondzio & Patti Kowalec

## Karen's Corner

Did you know that the story of a great flood can be seen in stories from other ancient cultures besides the Hebrews?

Ancient Israelites undoubtedly fully believed that a flood had once destroyed the earth. Indeed, almost every nation around them also believed that a major flood had occurred near the beginning of time.

The Epic of Gilgamesh contains the story of a flood but the major difference is Israel's understanding of God. The story of Noah and the ark is one of the best known stories of the Bible. In looking at this story, it was written to subvert the flood stories of other cultures! As we saw in the story of creation, humans are not an accident, but rather the high point of creation. The flood does not come because God feels threatened by humanity, or because he cannot sleep, but rather because there is a deep moral problem with the world. God wants to wash away the violence and bloodshed of the world! In the Epic, the gods tremble when they unleash the waters because they cannot control them.

But the one true God is in complete control of the mighty waters and of creation. Noah had found favor with God so when God decides he must punish the world for its sin, he spares Noah, the one man who has been faithful to him by allowing him to ride out the flood on an ark. Sin and wickedness have led to the "unmaking" of God's creation. Where the waters once parted to make room for the land, now the land will be swallowed up by the water. When the disaster is over, God restores his covenant with the world through this man. In a sense, Noah becomes the "new" Adam. God says to Noah "be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth." (Genesis 9:1) God establishes this covenant with a rainbow.

This is the second of six major covenants of the Old Testament. In the Babylonian epic, god is seen as moody and unstable. This god does things because he "feels" it is the right thing to do. But in the Hebrew version, God is someone whose will can be known, His way lived, and His blessings fulfilled. God wants to save humanity but also wants to bring humans into a personal relationship with him. The Lord wants us to be his followers, to know his will, to DO his will and to love the people around us! We are all ministers of God's love and compassion. It is important to see that as faithful followers of God, we will be blessed, as long as our hearts and will are turned toward God and toward ourselves!

See you soon!

Karen

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**TAX LETTER** – Parishioners who would like a letter to verify their church contributions for the 2014 tax year may call the rectory at 216-641-8444 or drop a note in the collection basket to the attention of Mrs. Kowalski. A letter will be prepared and mailed to you. If you call after hours, please go into voicemail box #10 and leave a message.

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**"If you are called, reply, Speak, LORD,** for your servant is listening." What is God calling you to in your Sacrament of Marriage? The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is February 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> at the Cambria Suites in Uniontown, Ohio. Call Lori & Scott at 330-305-9963 to register. Dates and registration are also available online at WWME.org

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May our prayers bring healing, comfort and strength to the sick and their caregivers, remembering especially Agnes Bartoszek, John Balciar, Carol Bellomy, Gwen Beres, Mary Ann Betliskey, Bill Bican, Millie Bloedorn, Bonnie Branche, Bill Connors, Katie Davis, Corrine Dawe, Jose Dybzinski, Kristin Hill, Frances Holecek, Dee Lefkowitz, Art Madsen, Cindi Magyar, Rita Petkoff, Nancy Recko, Brianne Rhine, Rich Krzynowek, Elaine Stack, Andrew Turowski and Virginia Turowski.

May our Loved Ones who have died, rest in eternal happiness in heaven, remembering especially Donna Kostura, Sister of Karen Beargie & Dolores Witovicz, whose funeral was last week. We remember in our prayers also the victims of the terrorist attack in France.

For the safety of the Men and Women serving in the military, especially those from our parish and their families.

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**The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Visitation Home Reunion Dance** will be held on Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup> to benefit the Community of Little Brothers & Sisters of the Eucharist. This event supports the work and ministry of Fr. Jim O'Donnell and Sr. Maggie Walsh-Conrad as they minister to the poor in the Central neighborhood of Cleveland. The dance will be held at St. Clarence Hall, 30106 Lorain Road in North Olmsted from 8 pm to midnight. Music provided by the Andy Cooney Showband. Tickets are \$25 each and include light refreshments. For further information and tickets, please call 216-251-4075.

## Church Memorials & Gifts

In Loving Memory of Irene Hrdlicka  
from her husband, Frank and her  
children, Linda & Daniel

In Loving Memory of Pauline & Jim Skala  
from Pat & Phillip Balli

A Gift from Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Pytel

A Gift from St. John Nepomucene  
Altar & Rosary Society

In Loving Memory of Frank P. Matousek  
from Ron & Mary Therese  
Matousek-Sweed

In Loving Memory of  
Mary & Charles Koberna  
from James Geller

In Loving Memory of Richard Sempruch  
from his wife, Lynne

In Loving Memory  
of the Betliskey & Rukavini Families  
from Robert Betliskey

In Loving Memory of Richard Jisa  
from Mr. & Mrs. Allan Selva

In Loving Memory of Phyllis & Sam Amato  
from Phil & Pat Balli

In Loving Memory  
of Louis York and the Adaska Family  
from Mrs. Leona York



