



Sunday, February 22nd

9:00 am Roger Fouts, 19th Anniversary
11:00 am Frank Aiello, 1st Anniversary

Monday, February 23rd

No Morning Mass

Tuesday, February 24th

8:30 am Norbert & Jody Kocab

Wednesday, February 25th

No Morning Mass

Thursday, February 26th

8:30 am Mike & Irene Kavka

Friday, February 27th

8:30 am Joseph Hezoucky

Saturday, February 28th

4:00 pm St. John Nepomucene Parish

Sunday, March 1st

9:00 am Gloria Lasecki
9th Anniversary
11:00 am Cecelia Januszewski

Stewardship of Treasure

<i>Sunday, February 15th</i>	<i>\$1798.00</i>
<i>Improvement Fund</i>	<i>231.00</i>
<i>Memorials</i>	<i>27.00</i>

*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, March 1st at Immaculate Heart Parish at 1:30 pm.** Reservations needed; please call 216-341-2734 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, March 8th.** 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



Dear Parishioners,

Lent began on Ash Wednesday, February 18th. I look forward to making this Lenten journey with you. I hope that all of us will participate in the opportunities that are available to us.

We will be having Stations of the Cross following our 8:30 am Mass on Friday during Lent.

There is also an opportunity to attend our Lenten Adult Education Sessions: Seven Deadly Sins by Rev. Robert Barron on March 4th & 11th from 6:30 – 8 pm.

On Wednesday, March 4th all Catholic churches will be open to hear confessions from 5 to 8 pm. In addition to coming to confession yourself, prayerfully consider inviting someone who does not practice the Catholic Faith to come with you.

On Sunday, March 8th we will have Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction starting at 12:30 pm.

Due to the inclement weather we experienced last weekend, we will have the in-pew appeal for Catholic Charities again this weekend. If you have not received a letter from Bishop Lennon requesting your support, please respond to the in-pew commitment process. The theme of this year's Catholic Charities Annual Appeal is "Open Your Heart to Live Joyfully and Give Generously." People in the eight counties of our Diocese are assisted in many ways through this appeal.

Lent invites us as individuals and community to die and rise with Christ.

We are called to make a journey, which includes prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

If you were unable to attend Mass last weekend due to the weather, you still have the opportunity to participate in Operation Rice Bowl this Lenten Season. Rice bowls are available near the entrance doors of the church. Also the Little Black Books for Lent are still available too.

Please remember that the Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

Abstinence – Abstinence from meat binds all Catholics in good health, 14 years and older.

May we journey into the desert through prayer, fasting and almsgiving so that we can be recreated anew this Easter.

Prayers and Best Wishes!
Father Jasany

Sunday, February 22nd

Today is the 131st Annual National Black & Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American and Alaska Native communities. Envelopes for this collection are provided in your monthly envelope packet.

St. Vincent DePaul Meeting at 10 am in the rectory

\$1000 Raffle Drawing after the 11 am Mass in the school lobby. Please make sure your tickets have been turned in to tonight's drawing.

Monday, February 23rd

PSR Classes 6:30 – 8 pm

Tuesday, February 24th
Rosary at 8 am before Mass

Wednesday, February 25th
Rosary Makers 10 am – Noon
Choir – 7 pm
Zumba – 7 pm School Hall
East 50th Street Block Club Meeting
6:30 pm at the rectory

Thursday, February 26th
Rosary at 8 am before Mass

Friday, February 27th
Rosary at 8 am before Mass
Stations of the Cross after 8:30 am Mass

Sunday, March 1st
Today is the Collection for Support to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your support funds grants that strengthen the Church in this region and promotes ministries for children and families, creates affordable housing and provides cultural and spiritual education. Envelopes are provided in your packet.

Cleveland Performing Arts Ministries will present Tetelestai at St. Michael Catholic Church, in Independence on February 27, 28 and March 1st. Tetelestai tells the story of Jesus' trial, execution and resurrection. Performances will be at 8 pm on Friday and Saturday and 2 pm Sunday. Doors will open ½ to 1 hour before performance time. There is no charge, but free-will offerings will be accepted. For more information visit www.livethepassion.org.

Sanctuary Guild Volunteers
February 18th thru March 3rd
Loretta Delagarza & Gloria Seneff

Readings for the Week of February 22nd

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13,
15-18/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10



May our prayers bring healing, comfort and strength to the sick and their

caregivers, remembering especially Agnes Bartoszek, John Balciar, Pat Bednarz, Carol Bellomy, Gwen Beres, Mary Ann Betliskey, Bill Bican, Millie Bloedorn, Bonnie Branche, Bill Connors, Corrine Dawe, Robert Dunning, Jose Dybzinski, Kristin Hill, Frances Holecek, Rose Holecek, Rich Krzynowek, Cindi Magyar, Dorothy Mangan, Marilyn O'Meara, John Pacanovsky, Rita Petkoff, Nancy Recko, Brianna Rhine, Laura Schram, Elaine Stack, Andrew Turowski, Virginia Turowski and Joe Zelenka.

May our Loved Ones who have died, rest in eternal happiness in heaven remembering Paulette Krockner & Walter Nowakowski whose funerals were last week.

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

Karen's Korner

Did you know that the first consequence of Jacob's actions is that Esau vows to kill Jacob? Not really surprising since Jacob basically stole Esau's blessing! Because of this, Rebekah sends Jacob to Haran to live with her family. Isaac never left the Promised Land, but Jacob has to flee for his life. Not only that, but Jacob tries to make a deal with God. He asks for God help and if that help is provided only then will he carry on the faith of his fathers! When he arrives in Haran, he meets his uncle Laban, and falls in love with Laban's daughter, Rachel. Laban demands seven years of service before he will allow the marriage to take place. When the marriage takes place, Jacob discovers he has been tricked into marrying Rachel's older sister, Leah. Jacob demands to know Laban has deceived him. Laban replies that the eldest should be given in marriage first. Laban also reminds Jacob of his own deceit when Jacob's father was older and could not see well. So Jacob has reaped the deceit that he has sown! Jacob now must work for another seven years in order to marry Rachel.

Rachel is the favored wife, but does not bear children. Leah bears sons, yet both women have their female servants be with Jacob so that even more children can be born. Finally, Rachel bears her first son, Joseph. Just like Sarah had her maidservant bear a child for Abraham, both Leah and Rachel follow her example. There is a constant rivalry between the two sisters for the affection of their husband. Interestingly, there is no judgment stated in Genesis about this practice, yet their actions will have serious consequences. Eventually, Jacob decides to leave Haran and return to the Promised Land.

Jacob is fearful about meeting his brother again, and sends messengers to ask

for Esau's favor. Still fearful, Jacob spends the night in prayer and meets a strange man with whom he wrestles. Jacob asks for a blessing and receives it, and then the man changes Jacob's name to Israel, which means "he who wrestles with God." The promise is made that Jacob's new name will be the name of a new nation. The lesson here is that Jacob did not have to steal the blessing from Esau in order to receive a blessing! God would have granted it to him anyway! The next day, Esau welcomes his brother back, and Jacob offers Esau a gift.

The Lord's words to Rebekah when Jacob was born were, "The elder shall serve the younger". Jacob's life of theft, scheming and deceit was not what blessed him; the love of God is what blessed him. All Jacob had to do was put his complete trust in God and everything would have been all right. In the end Jacob prayed to the Lord and it led him back to his home, to the brother he had wronged. This lesson of brotherly love foreshadows the New Testament teaching that love of God and love of neighbor are intimately entwined. Putting our trust completely in God and following His will is what will bring us blessings and love. But we need to be people of honor and not deceit. Deceit and scheming and pride and envy only bring sorrow and suffering. Being faithful to God and trusting in His will, will bring us peace, love, blessings and comfort. Let us always live our lives in God's will.

See you soon! Karen

GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Anyone interested in participating in Good Friday Stations of the Cross is invited to meet on Sunday, February 22nd after 11 am Mass. Students age 13 and up and adults, any age, are invited to join.