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 5th at Immaculate Heart Parish at 1:30 pm. Reservations needed; please call 216-341-2734 to register.

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 on March 19th at 12:45 pm. 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 is around the corner. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1st. We will have distribution of ashes at our Masses at 8:30 am and 7 pm. We will also have Liturgy of the Word with distribution of ashes at 12 Noon. Our Ash Wednesday collection will be given to our St. Vincent DePaul Society, who serve the poor in our midst.

We are grateful to have five Catechumens: Dave Guess, Breyant Kosek, Kylei Kosek, Chevalyn Kosek and D’Artagnon Kosek; who will be receiving Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist at our Easter Vigil this year. We also have one candidate for Continuing Conversion, Alexandra Marincic, who will be making her Profession of Faith and be receiving Confirmation and First Eucharist at our Easter Vigil as well.

We will be celebrating the Rite of Sending for them at our 11 am Mass on Sunday, March 5th. Then, they will go to the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist with their sponsors, members of our parish staff and family members for the Rite of Election and Continuing Conversion at 5:30 pm, also on March 5th. They will celebrate this rite with Catechumens and Candidates from other parishes before a Bishop or a Bishop’s Delegate. Please keep them in your prayers.

Our Stewardship Commission has suggested that we are called to the Table of the Word, the Table of the Eucharist and the Table of Information during the Holy Season of Lent. Please visit the Table of Information in our church. During the first week of Lent we highlight that we are Called to Community. Think about what this means and take an action step in building our Parish Community.

We will bless the Lenten Meditation books and the Operation Rice Bowl packages. Please take these items home with you after Mass.

Also in this week’s bulletin, we have our schedule of various opportunities for you to participate in during Lent. This schedule has been mailed to our parishioners too. Keep this schedule in a place where you can see it. Participate in as many events as you can. I hope that many of you will come to our Communal Penance Service on Monday, March 6th at 7 pm in our church.

Here are a few Lenten Reminders: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Universal Fast & Abstinence. The Fridays of Lent are Days of Abstinence.

Abstinence means abstinence from meat that bind all Catholics 14 years of age and older.

Fasting means that Catholics who are between the ages of 18 – 59 years of age, in good health are limited to one full meal and two smaller, light meals.

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

Prayers & Best Wishes,
Father Jasany
Sunday, February 26th
$1000 Raffle Drawing after 11 am Mass.
St. Vincent DePaul Meeting – 10 am
RCIA 6-8 pm at the rectory
Anyone interested in participating in the Good Friday Living Stations of the Cross is reminded that there will be a short meeting after our 11 am Mass today. Students ages 12 and up and adults, any age, are invited to join us. If you are unable to attend the meeting but are interested, please call Marge Lanzola at 216-544-9623.
Sokol Sunday Dinner at Bohemian National Hall; 4939 Broadway Avenue from 1-2:30 pm. Pork Goulash, Dumplings & Vegetable.

Monday, February 27th
PSR Classes 6:30 – 8 pm

Wednesday, March 1st
Ashes will be distributed at our 8:30 am Mass, the Noon Liturgy of the Word and the 7 pm Mass. The reception of ashes reminds us that we came from dust and we shall return to dust, referring to our earthly bodies, not souls.

Today is a Day of Fast & Abstinence - Abstinence from meat for Catholics 14 years of age and older.
Fasting is one full meal and two smaller, light meals for those 18–59 years of age.

Friday, March 3rd
First Friday Station of the Cross after the 8:30 am Mass

Saturday, March 4th
Mass with Father Glaros in honor of the Blessed Mother 2:15 pm; rectory.
First Saturday Devotions at 3:15 pm

Sunday, March 5th
Rite of Election and Continuing Conversion at 5:30 pm at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. Please remember the candidates from our parish who will be celebrating this rite today.

Readings for the Week of February 26th

Sunday: Is 49:14-15/Ps 62:2-3, 6-9/1 Cor 4:1-5/Mt 6:24-34
Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5-7/Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23/Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17/2 Cor 5:20–6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-6/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are urgently needed at University Hospitals. Please contact Rev. Matthew Glaros at 216-641-8444, ext. 16 if you are interested in helping in this important ministry to bring the consolation of the Sacrament of Holy Communion to those who are sick and dying.

May our Loved Ones who have died rest in eternal peace in heaven remembering especially Rev. Daniel Begin and Rev. Robert Lussier, SSS, whose funerals were last week.

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

**Our St. Vincent de Paul Society wants your grocery bags.** If you have bags from shopping that you do not need please bring them to church and place them in the plastic St. Vincent de Paul bins by our church entrances. The bags are needed by the Holy Name Ozanam Center for their food pantry.

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**Stewardship of Treasure**

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**God Bless You and thank you for your generosity to our Parish.**

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**STEWARDSHIP** – St. Paul reminds us as baptized Christians, as those who have shared the Eucharist with one another, that we are “servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.” We are not to define ourselves by our age, ethnicity, gender, social status, work, vocation or avocation. Our primary self-understanding should be that of servants and stewards of the Lord and all that has been entrusted to us. Can we accept this self-understanding? Do we find it encouraging?

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**Lent begins on Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.** This weekend, February 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, a table will be set up by the Blessed Mother’s altar. There will be Lenten meditation booklets and other information to help you prepare for the Lenten season. Please “come to the table”, as each week of Lent, there will be other prayerful aids as you continue your Lenten journey.

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**Mark your Calendar...You are invited to the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Slavic Village Neighborhood Summit on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at Bohemian National Hall; 4939 Broadway from 11 am – 1 pm. This year’s theme is “Back to the Future!”**