

DAILY SCRIPTURE & MASS INTENTION

Monday, March 11

Mass 7:00 a.m.
Readings Richard Wagner
Is 65:17-21 Helen and Thomas Listerman
Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday, March 12

Mass 8:30 a.m.
Readings Charles Gauder, Jr.
Ez 47:1-9, 12
Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 13

Mass 7:00 a.m.
Readings Sharon Ann Bogert
Is 49:8-15 Duane and Lisa Johnson
Jn 5:17-30

Thursday, March 14

Mass 8:30 a.m.
Readings James J. Sisk
Ex 32:7-14 Donna Forte
Jn 5:31-47

Friday, March 15

Mass 7:00 a.m.
Readings The Wilson Family
Wis 2:1a, 12-22 The Campanile Family
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, March 16

Mass 5:30 p.m.
Readings Patsye Gilliard
Jer 11:18-20 Stan and Mary Nisevich
Jn 7:40-53

Sunday, March 17

Mass *Fifth Sunday of Lent*
8:00 a.m.
Readings Rev. Roman J. Schaefer
Is 43:16-21 Wilber and Pat Schaefer
Phil 3:8-14
Jn 8:1-11
10:00 a.m.
Mary Ellen Lehmann
Dennis Sullivan
12:00 p.m.
For The Parish

MEMORIAL PLANTS: Remember a loved one while helping to decorate the church for Easter. Memorial plants for the Easter Season may be requested with a suggested \$15.00 donation by calling the Parish Office at 426-1733 ext. 201 no later than Wednesday, March 27th.

END OF THE YEAR TAX STATEMENTS: To request an end of the year contribution statement, e-mail the church office at jhumble@saintlukeparish.org or call (937) 426-1733 x 201.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL COMMITMENT WEEKEND: Archbishop Schnurr sends his thanks to everyone from St. Luke Parish who pledged to the 2013 Catholic Ministries Appeal. If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so this week. For more information, visit CatholicAppeal.info.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

March 2 and March 3 - Week # 36

Regular	\$ 28,265.35	Weekend Total - Week # 36
	\$ 869,242.75	Yearly Total - Week # 36
Holy Days	\$ 25.00	Easter
Total Holy Days	\$ 55,202.14	Total Holy Days - Week # 36
Regular & Holy Days	\$ 924,444.89	Total Week - # 36
Budgeted	\$ 26,614.08	Each Weekend - Weeks # 1-52
	\$ 958,106.88	Total Budget through Week # 36
Non-Parish Collection (s)	\$ 45.00	Aid to Eastern Europe
Parish Capital Debt Reduction-Third Sunday	\$ 2,298.00	Total - March 2-3
	\$ 83,558.83	Total Through Week # 36
	\$ 985,320.55	Debt Principle as of 2/5/13
		Debt Retirement 2018

FYI: \$2,070, monthly average cost for natural gas (Jul 12-Feb 13) with the lowest month being \$397 and the highest month being \$3,887. Last year's monthly average cost for the same period was \$1,934.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL GOAL \$ 60,720.00
TOTAL PLEDGED AS OF 3/3/2013 \$ 1,505.00 (2.48%)

PRAY FOR THEM

FOR OUR MILITARY FAMILY MEMBERS DEPLOYED IN COMBAT AREAS

“Lord, protect our military as they sacrifice for us; bless them and their families for their continuing selflessness.”

Please remember, with prayers, our military members - especially those deployed in combat areas.

USAF COL ART HUBER AFGHANISTAN-03/2013
US ARMY MAJ MARK VAN HANEHAN AFGHANISTAN-06/2013
USAF LTCOL WILLIAM GRESS AFGHANISTAN-06/2013
USAF LTCOL SCOTT SUAZO AFGHANISTAN-06/2013
USAF SRA MATTHEW K. BAUER KUWAIT-06/2013
USAF LTCOL DANIEL MARTICELLO AFGHANISTAN-07/2013
US ARMY LT DOMINIC LANZILLOTTA AFGHANISTAN-08/2013

If you would like to have a family member, who is currently deployed (military or civilian), listed in the bulletin for prayer, please call the parish office.



Saint Luke Parish extends its deepest sympathy to the families of Frances Lemanski, grandmother of Chris Lemanski and Jeanne Schupbach, grandmother of Greg Schupbach. Please pray for all our departed friends and relatives.

LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE

REGULATION ON LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE:

The Church assigns two public acts of penance during Lent – (1) fasting from food; and (2) abstinence from meat. Both penances are assigned on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting from food - meals for a day equal to no more than one full meal is traditionally assigned to everyone between 18 and 59 years of age. Abstaining from meat - Fridays of Lent are traditionally assigned to everyone over 14 years of age. A Catholic is obligated to participate in these public penitential days. The Holy Father has taught that a person's failure to observe an individual day of public penance is not to be considered serious. A person's failure to observe a substantial number of penitential days, however, is to be considered serious. No one should be scrupulous in this regard. Instead, people should consider doing more individual, private acts of penance instead of the minimal days of public acts of penance.

LENTEN SEASON

LENTEN CALENDAR: Parishioners are invited to refer to the Lenten Calendar for information, reminders and schedules of Lenten activities. Watch future weekend bulletins for updated notations. The calendar points to special Lenten prayer possibilities including Sunday Evening Vespers and Friday Way of the Cross, a schedule of Lenten and Easter worship, and Optional Weekly Almsgiving opportunities. Extra copies are available in Kramer Hall.

LENTEN WEEKENDS - OPTIONAL LENTEN ALMS OFFERING: An 'alms offering' is a deed of mercy or a sharing of money, clothes, food, etc., with those who are less fortunate. During Lent, parishioners are invited to participate in an optional weekly alms offering to various groups. The particular offering will be announced in the weekly bulletin and listed on the Lenten Calendar. **Next weekend, March 16 and 17, the alms offering will be donations to the Luke Commission.** We will be collecting items in Kramer Hall after all Masses. This ministry provides free medical care to orphans and people living in remote locations in Swaziland. This country in southern Africa is about the size of New Jersey, with a population of 1,386,000. The cities are in the central part of the country; the rural areas around the periphery. The Luke Commission brings their clinics to the people, often traveling routes for hours where there are no paved roads, and treating 300-600 villagers at a time. 84% of the country's poor live in rural areas, and 20% of the country's children are orphans, so the Luke Commission serves the poorest of the poor. Patients requiring treatment beyond minor surgery, medical testing and the medications dispensed at the clinics are provided transportation to the city, hospitalization, and after care. This organization also dispenses glasses, devices to provide mobility to the disabled, and free clothing for orphans. We are collecting supplies needed by The Luke Commission to run their mobile clinics. Suggested items are: batteries (AA, AAA, C & D); office supplies such as card stock, paper, folders, hanging folders, sharpies, pencils, gel pens, pens, tape of all kinds--duct, packing, scotch, masking; and plastic zip lock bags (used for dispensing medications).

LENTEN FRIDAYS - WAY OF THE CROSS AND LENTEN DINNERS: Each Lenten Friday Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Various parish groups will lead the Stations. Parishioners are also invited to share a soup-and-bread from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. Donations to the soup-and-bread dinners on March 15 and 22 will go to area charities.

VESPERS: Each Sunday through Palm Sunday, we will be praying Evening Prayer at 6:30 p.m. in St. Dominic's Chapel. Evening prayer is part of the Liturgy of the Hours, the official prayer of the Church. It provides a wonderful addition to your Lenten observance. Please come join us.

NO LENTEN BAPTISMS: In the ancient tradition of the Church, the season of Lent is a special period for penance, prayer and fasting to: a) prepare the unbaptized for baptism and b) deepen the conversion and renewal of those who are baptized. In keeping this Lenten spirit, Saint Luke will not celebrate baptisms between Ash Wednesday and Easter. Naturally, circumstance, such as the welfare of the child, health of the mother or other serious pastoral reason, may dictate an exception.

BAPTISMAL FONT EMPTIED DURING LENT: The stark dryness of the font during the 40 days of Lent invites parishioner reflection on the gift of eternal life and victory over sin that is ours in waters of baptism. More mundanely, the draining and surface drying allow for an inspection, cleaning, repair and prevention efforts in the pool, over-flow basin, filters and pumps, and for stone / marble discoloring and resealing work.

SOCIAL ACTION MINISTRY

*"Christ has no hands or feet on earth
but ours..." St Teresa of Avila*

SCHEDULE FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY: The March schedule for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry follows: stock shelves on Saturday, March 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and hand out bags on Wednesday, March 13 and 27 from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. Please call Bob Young (433-3372) for more information.

MEAL-A-MONTH COLLECTION FOR SVDP PANTRY – THANK YOU! A huge thank you to all St. Luke Parishioners for your huge amount of donations for the SVdP Pantry Meal-a-Month collection!! It took two cars to deliver that food to the Pantry! Please know how very much all is appreciated. See the flyer in today's bulletin for a clarification of the items needed for the Pantry collection.

INH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Volunteers are needed to help prepare the evening meal for March 11th and March 13th at the IHN (Interfaith Hospitality Network) family homeless shelter in Xenia. We prepare food for about 25 guests, including children. If you can help prepare all or part of the meal, (entree, salad, bread and dessert) please call Trudy at **429-0807** or e-mail Tsara98047@aol.com Your generous support of this ministry is very much appreciated.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

opportunities to sustain and grow as faithful witnesses to the Good News of Jesus

ST LUKE HAPPENINGS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...WATCH FOR DETAILS

Second Scrutiny (RCIA)-March 10
Third Scrutiny (RCIA)-March 17
RCIA Retreat-March 23
RCIA Reception-March 30 following Vigil
Catholicism: Our Faith-begins April 22
Celebrate St. Luke-May 3
Crowning of the Blessed Mother-May 5
RCIA potluck-May 16
Gaudium et Spes study-details to come
Your Spiritual Biography-Summer

VATICAN II: DID YOU KNOW?

The purpose of Vatican II, according to Pope John XXIII, was to open the windows of the Church and let in some fresh air!

+ **Catholicism: Our Faith** This is a study based on Fr. Robert Barron's popular video series. Dr. Jim Brown will facilitate Part 1 of the study on from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in Kramer Hall. Dates: Mondays-April 22, 24, May 13, 20 and Tuesday-May 7. The topics to be covered are: *Amazed and Afraid (Revelation)*; *Happy Are We (Jesus)*; *The Ineffable Mystery of God (God)*; *Our Tainted Nature's Solitary Boast (Mary)*. The cost of the study materials is \$20. Register by contacting the Jansen Center at 937-426-1733 x 301 or by emailing tsmith@saintlukeparish.org. Registration deadline is April 10 in order to allow for time to order the necessary materials.

+ **Prayer for the Church** The Knights of Columbus invites every Catholic to join a worldwide pledge to pray daily for Pope Benedict and the Church. The Knights are asking people to record their pledge to pray at www.PrayerfortheChurch.com. The names of those who have made the pledge online will be brought to the Installation Mass for the new pope. For more information visit www.PrayerfortheChurch.com or follow the campaign on Twitter @KofC. The prayer, written by Knights of Columbus Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore, reads: *O Lord, Jesus Christ, Supreme Pastor of Your Church, we thank you for the ministry of Pope Benedict XVI and the selfless care with which he has led us as Successor of Peter and Your Vicar on earth. Good Shepherd, who founded Your Church on the rock of Peter's faith and have never left Your flock untended, look with love upon us now, and sustain Your Church in faith, hope, and charity. Grant, Lord Jesus, in Your boundless love for us, a new Pope for Your Church who will please You by his holiness and lead us faithfully to You, who are the same yesterday, today, and forever. Amen.*

+ **Christ at the Center-Home Edition** An excellent family prayer resource available through http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/PrayerAidHome_March2013.pdf

+ **What is Laetare Sunday?** See http://catholicism.about.com/od/holydaysandholidays/f/Laetare_Sunday.htm

+ **U.S. Catholics: Key Data from Pew Research** In the coming weeks, approximately 115 cardinals, including 11 from the United States, will gather to elect a successor to Pope Benedict XVI. How do U.S. Catholics view the church, and what do they want from the next pope? Here are some of the Pew Research Center's key findings about the U.S. Catholic population on these and other questions. Go to <http://www.pewresearch.org/2013/02/25/u-s-catholics-key-data-from-pew-research/>

+ **Selecting a New Pope: U.S. Catholic Voices** - In an excerpt from a panel discussion held at Catholic University, four lay Catholics, including Miguel Diaz, the most recent U.S. ambassador to the Holy See, describe the single most important quality they want to see in the next pope. (<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/religionandethics/episodes/march-1-2013-selecting-a-new-pope-u-s-catholic-voices/14923/>).

+ **Dead Sea Scrolls: Life and Faith in Ancient Times** Until April 14, 2013, Dead Sea Scroll fragments and the most comprehensive collection of ancient artifacts from Israel ever organized will be on display at the Cincinnati Museum Center, 1301 Western Ave., Cincinnati. The exhibit includes the oldest known copies of the Hebrew Bible and 600 additional objects from the Biblical to the Byzantine Period. Many items are from recent archaeological excavations in Jerusalem and have never been publicly exhibited. The scrolls have been called the most significant archaeological find of the last century. The exhibition was created by the Israel Antiquities Authority and was two years in the making. Scroll fragments on display are so fragile they are available for museum viewing for 3 months, and then retired to complete darkness to "rest" for the following year. Currently displayed scrolls include Deuteronomy, Psalms, and Isaiah Commentary. The museum recommends www.deadseascrolls.org.il/ to prepare for a visit. Hours are Mon-Thurs 10-5, Fri-Sat 10-8, and Sun 11-6. For more information about ticket price or reservations visit www.cincymuseum.org/dead-sea-scrolls or call (513) 287-7021.

+ **Adopt A Cardinal** Did you know that you can adopt a cardinal to pray for during the coming Conclave? This is a great opportunity to pray for the Cardinals of the world as they prepare for choosing the next Pope. Go to <http://www.adoptacardinal.org/> to register. A random name generator "picks" a Cardinal for you to pray for during the Conclave.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

For the Fourth Sunday of Lent-Laetare Sunday (March 10, 2013) "...he was lost, and has been found." Have you ever hoped for someone "who was lost" to be found? When the person was "found" did you experience joy or did you feel resentment? What did you learn about God when the person was "found"? What did you learn about yourself? How do you celebrate when the "lost have been found"? What do you celebrate on this Laetare Sunday?

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Youth Ministry

Sunday Night Youth Ministry

6pm-8:30pm - Bishop Ford Hall
Middle School (6th-8th) and High School Youth (9th-12th)

Lent Dare:

March 10, 17, 24

Easter Celebration:

March 31: No Youth Ministry Meeting due to Easter.
April 7, 14, 21, 28
May 5
May 12: No Youth Ministry Meeting due to Mothers Day.
May 19: Pentecost Sunday: Many Gifts/One Spirit Talent Show

June 23-29 High School Gospel Road: Chicago, Illinois

Theme: "Transformed through Love"

Student Cost: First Deposit due March 17: \$100.00 and
Final Payment due April 21: \$100.00

Space is limited: Only 25 Youth can join us for the trip!
Deposit and Permission Form hold your spot.

Gospel Road Information Meeting: March 10, 2013 in
Bishop Ford Hall from 6:00pm-7:00pm. Parents and
Youth should come.

Youth attending are required to attend a preparation
meeting:

Sunday Night, April 21, 2013 at Bishop Ford Hall from
6pm-9pm.

Age Requirement: Incoming 10th Graders - Graduating
Seniors Only

Summer 2013

June 5 - August 2 Summer Friendship
June 23-29 High School Gospel Road: Chicago, Illinois
July 12-14 Steubenville Youth Conference
August 5-9 Cross Training

Young Adult Ministry

Age Range - 18 - 29 years old

Theology on Tap Beavercreek

Dates: March 5, 12, 19, 26

Location: La Rosas in Beavercreek

Time: 7pm-9pm

Spring/Summer 2013

Young Adult Mission Trip: Harlan, Kentucky
May 13-18 - Monday-Saturday

HERE AT SAINT LUKE

ST. MONICA MINISTRY: St. Monica Ministry is a monthly meeting of folks who gather together to pray for our family, friends, and all on our prayer list who are no longer practicing their Catholic faith, or have a weakened faith. We also enjoy fellowship and receive support from each other as we share in our common concern for our loved ones. Through this journey, we strive to draw ever closer in our own relationship with Jesus. Join us Sunday, March 10 from 3:30 to 5:00 pm in Kramer Hall for prayer, discussion and fellowship. All are welcome. For questions contact Teresa at 429-4675.

SAINT LUKE LEISURE CLUB: St. Luke Leisure Club will meet this coming Tuesday, March 12th, at 1:30 p.m. in Bishop Ford Hall. After a brief meeting we will have a presentation by Allen Johnson called "Bicycling to Alaska" which will tell us of his adventures with his granddaughters as they bicycled to Alaska. Guests are always welcome to join us.

VIRTUS® "Protecting God's Children Sessions" on the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Decree on Child Protection: All employees and regular volunteers in the Archdiocese who have contact with children are required to be trained or re-trained using VIRTUS® materials. (**regardless of previous training**) St. Luke will host its monthly session on Tuesday, **March 19** in Kramer Hall. Registration begins at 6:00 p.m. No child care provided. To register or for a list of available training dates in the area, go to www.virtusonline.org. If you have questions contact Bruce Guindon at (937) 426-1733 x 202 or buguindon@saintlukeparish.org.

FINGERPRINTING GUIDELINES: The fingerprinting process now requires applicants to obtain a signed Background Check Release Form from any Saint Luke office or pastoral staff member to vouch for the volunteer and accept the fingerprint expense. Fingerprinting is available at the following parishes - St Albert the Great, 3303 Far Hills Avenue, Kettering, OH 45429, (937) 293-1191 and St Peter, 6161 Chambersburg Road, Huber Heights, OH 45424, (937) 233-1503.

ATTENTION GOLFERS:

The 2013 St. Luke Open !!

Save the Date

Thursday, April 25th, 2013

At Sugar Valley Golf Club

Cost \$100/player

Includes: light lunch, 18 holes of golf
with cart, dinner, prizes and fellowship.

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, March 11, 2013

Sewing Guild Workshop in Kramer Hall (9:30 AM - 11:30 AM)
Prayer Shawl Group in Kramer Hall (9:30 AM - 11:30 AM)
Rosary Club in Parish Center (3:00 PM - 4:30 PM)
Brownie Troop #31648 in Science Lab (3:00 PM - 4:30 PM)
Little Flowers Club in Jansen Center East (3:00 PM - 4:45 PM)
School Extension in Bishop Ford Hall and Gym (3:00 - 6:00 PM)
Girl Scout Troop #30146 in Art Room (106) (3:10 PM - 4:30 PM)
CYO Sports in Gym (5:30 PM - 9:30 PM)
Social Action Ministry in Jansen Center West (6:30 PM - 8:00 PM)
St. Luke Cub Scout Den #3 in Parish Center (6:45 PM - 8:15 PM)
Threshold Bible Study in Kramer Hall (7:00 PM - 8:30 PM)
Boy Scout Troop #85 in Bishop Ford Hall (7:00 PM - 8:30 PM)
STEMM Study Group in Jansen Center Rose (7:00 PM - 9:00 PM)
Al-Anon Family Group in Jansen East (7:30 PM - 8:30 PM)
Adult Men's Volleyball in Gym (9:00 PM - 11:00 PM)

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

Women of Faith in Kramer Hall (9:00 AM - 12:00 PM)
Crafters Workshop in Bishop Ford Hall (9:30 AM - 12:00 PM)
Leisure Club in Bishop Ford Hall (1:30 PM - 3:45 PM)
St. Luke School Chess Club in Kramer Hall (3:00 PM - 4:00 PM)
School Extension in Bishop Ford Hall and Gym (3:00 - 6:00 PM)
Communal Reconciliation in Church (7:00 PM - 9:00 PM)

Wednesday, March 13, 2013

Cosi on Wheels in Gym
Girl Scout Troop #30427 in Parish Center (3:00 PM - 4:30 PM)
School Extension in Bishop Ford Hall and Gym (3:00 - 6:00 PM)
Parish School of Religion in School (4:15 PM and 7:00 PM)
Eucharistic Prep in Kramer Hall (4:15 PM and 7:00 PM)
Childcare for Eucharistic Prep in Nursery (4:15 PM)
K of C Officers Meeting in Jansen Rose (7:00 PM - 8:00 PM)
High School PSR in Youth Ministry Room (7:00 PM - 8:15 PM)
Small Christian Community in Jansen East (7:00 PM - 8:30 PM)
Light Weigh Meeting in Jansen Center West (7:00 PM - 9:00 PM)

Thursday, March 14, 2013

Cosi on Wheels in Gym
Light Weigh in Jansen Center West (11:00 AM - 1:00 PM)
First Grade Daisy Troop #32722 in Parish Center (3:00 - 4:30 PM)
School Extension in Bishop Ford Hall and Gym (3:00 - 6:00 PM)
Cub Scout Den #7 in Parish Center (6:30 PM - 8:00 PM)
RCIA in Jansen Center West (7:00 PM - 8:30 PM)
Choir Rehearsal in Music Room (7:00 PM - 9:00 PM)
Our Lady of Good Counsel in Jansen East (7:30 PM - 9:00 PM)

Friday, March 15, 2013

Matthew Bible Study in Jansen Center East (8:30 AM - 10:30 AM)
School Extension in Bishop Ford Hall and Gym (3:00 - 6:00 PM)
Soup and Bread Dinner in Parish Center (5:30 PM - 6:30 PM)
CYO Sports in Gym (5:30 PM - 9:30 PM)
Stations of the Cross in Church (7:00 PM - 9:00 PM)

Saturday, March 16, 2013

Adult Basketball in Gym (6:00 AM - 8:30 AM)
St. Luke PTO Market Day in Parish Center (9:00 AM - 11:30 AM)
CYO Sports in Gym (9:00 AM - 5:00 PM)
St. Luke Badminton Club in Gym (7:00 PM - 9:00 PM)

Sunday, March 17, 2013

Sunday PSR in Jansen Center East (9:45 AM - 11:00 AM)
Early Childhood in School and Gym (9:45 AM - 11:00 AM)
CYO Sports in Gym (1:00 PM - 5:00 PM)
Confirmation Interviews in Jansen Center (2:00 PM - 3:00 PM)
Leisure Club Spring Fling in Parish Center (2:00 PM - 4:30 PM)
Youth Ministry in Bishop Ford Hall, Youth Room, and Gym (6:00 PM - 8:30 PM)

RESPECT LIFE

March for Life DC Trip 2013

What do you do on the way home from a really great trip? Start making plans to go back! On our first St. Luke March for Life bus trip, adults and youth from St. Luke and other parishes decided that the time with our fellow Catholics was so energizing, uplifting, and yes, fun, that after we share our experiences with our friends, we can easily fill two busses next year.

The day of the March began with a Youth Rally and Mass for Life. The March itself--really a walk that fills Constitution Avenue-- was officially estimated to have 650,000 participants from across the United States. The overall mood was youthful, exuberant, prayerful, gentle, optimistic, and overwhelmingly Catholic, as one could easily discern from banners and signs of the groups attending. One need be in D.C. for only a short time to see that these young people represent the future of the Church. In addition to being a positive witness supporting life, our group kept in mind the suffering of mothers and fathers who had made an abortion decision, and prayed that they would find healing and comfort through our Church. Rep. Jim Jordan hosted a reception for Ohioans in the Capital Visitor's Center after the March. We appreciated the parish prayers for a safe trip. The only snow we encountered, although more was forecast, was a gentle snow that started at the end of the March.

We stayed at Hotel Harrington, built in 1914, and just around the corner from the restaurant voted to have the best burgers in D.C. In addition to March for Life activities, we toured Arlington Cemetery where 4 of our youth participated in the changing of the guard ceremony, placing a wreath from St. Luke Church at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. It was a special moment to hear St. Luke Church announced at this solemn ceremony. We toured D.C. monuments, shopped and ate at the Pentagon Mall, and attended mass at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

The day of our return, we stopped at Baltimore. All of our youth participated in raising the huge flag (replica of the flag that inspired the Star Spangled Banner) at Ft. McHenry. We then toured the Baltimore Basilica, our first cathedral to be built in this country. On the way home we tried to finish the snacks we'd loaded in the bus at the beginning of the trip, and began talking about next year's trip--the possibility of having a Youth bus and an Adult bus, of stopping at Hershey and Philadelphia en route, or at Monticello and Mt. Vernon. Much is to be decided, but the general strong consensus was that we'd do this again. Watch the bulletin and please consider joining us as plans evolve for next year's trip.

AROUND THE AREA

CATHOLIC WIDOWER/WIDOW: NAIM, the Catholic Widower/Widow organization will meet Monday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m. at the Smith Building on the St. Helen parish campus, 500 Burkhardt Rd. A St. Patrick dinner is planned. For information contact Bob Zimmer at 439-2665 or Sunny Hickey at 433-3437.

CARROLL HIGH SCHOOL REUNION: The Carroll High School Class of 1978 is planning their 35th reunion for September. If you have not been contacted for this event, email Dan "Wally" Wolodkiewicz at danwally36@woh.rr.com

AROUND THE AREA

THEOLOGY ON TAP BEAVERCREEK: Our topic for March 12 will be *Ask a Priest*. If you have questions about the Church and the Catholic faith, here's your chance to ask them! Presenters will be Rev. Satish Joseph and Rev. John Krumm. Theology on Tap is a lecture and discussion series for people in their 20's and 30's, single or married. ToT Beaver creek meets on Tuesdays in March at 7:00 p.m., La Rosa's Pizzeria, 2453 Esquire Drive, Beaver creek. There is no charge for attending, however, food and drink are on your own. For more information visit our website at www.CatholicCincinnati.org/ministries-offices/young-adult

NEW PARENTS POTLUCK: Please join us for a free potluck for anyone who is pregnant or new parents with babies, toddlers, or preschool age children. Our next meeting Wednesday, March 13th at 6:00 p.m. in Si Lounge on the lower level of Sieben Hall (directions at qac-ohio.org/qac/find.htm). Plates and utensils provided. Please bring your own beverages. Last Name: A-B bring a main dish; C-S bring a side dish or salad; T-Z bring a dessert. Contact Jackie Andrews, (937) 681-8643 or andrews645@gmail.com.

ST FRANCIS PARISH MISSION: St Francis of Assisi will be holding a parish mission March 17th, 18th and 19th. The mission, *Wise Fools and Happy Stewards*, will be presented by the Sparough Family Mission Team. The 3 night event is designed for the entire family. The Sparough Family entertains us with song, prayer, clowning, and juggling to bring the gospel message of Jesus alive and help us to re-ignite the flame of God's love in our hearts. Sunday, March 17, 6:00–7:30 p.m. *Discipleship: Following the Master of Folly*; Monday, March 18, 6:30–8:00 p.m. *Reconciliation: Holding On and Letting Go*; and Tuesday, March 19, 6:30-8:00 p.m. *Mission: The Challenge Juggle*. For information or registration go to www.sfacc.org or call Todd and Jill Irlbeck (937) 439-0015 or e-mail jill.irlbeck@gmail.com.

CARROLL HS PLAY: Carroll High School Freedom Players present *Wizard of Oz*. This family friendly musical is a great reminder, "there's no place like home." This play takes place on Friday, March 22 and Saturday, March 23 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, March 24 at 2 p.m. Ticket prices are \$8.00 for adults and \$6.00 for students and senior citizens. Children 5 and under are free. Tickets can be purchased online at www.carrollhs.org, the main office, or the day of the show. Doors open at 7 p.m. There will be concessions before the show and during intermission to benefit the Pats4Life-March for Life trip to Washington D.C. Any questions, call (937) 253-8188 ext. 329.

PLEASE PATRONIZE THESE SPONSORS AS A THANK YOU FOR THEIR KIND GENEROSITY