

DAILY SCRIPTURE and MASS INTENTION

April 28

Mass
Readings
Acts 4:23-31
Jn 3:1-8

7:00 a.m.
Bobbie Deppen
Lisa and Duane Johnson

April 29

Mass
Readings
Acts 4:32-37
Jn 3:7b-15

Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
8:30 a.m.
John Kelly
Ellen Sisk

April 30

Mass
Readings
Acts 5:17-26
Jn 3:16-21

7:00 a.m.
Barbara McHugh
Bert and Al Phillips

May 1

Mass
Readings
Acts 5:27-33
Jn 3:31-36

8:30 a.m.
Michael S. Gallagher
Mike and Kathy Gallagher

May 2

Mass
Readings
Acts 5:34-42
Jn 6:1-15

Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
7:00 a.m.
Brigid Hawk
Mary Rose Kelly

May 3

Mass
Readings
1 Cor 15:1-8
Jn 14:6-14

Saints Philip and James, Apostles
5:30 p.m.
Robert G. Poisson
Steve and Paula Rostron

May 4

Masses
Readings
Acts 2:14, 22-33
1 Pt 1:17-21
Lk 24:13-35

Third Sunday of Easter
8:00 a.m.
For The Parish
10:00 a.m.
Veronica Weber
Marilyn and Pete Raeth
12:00 p.m.
Joyce Romano
Wil and Pat Schaefer

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

April 19 and April 20 - Week # 43

Regular

\$ 36,632.53
\$1,039,835.32

Weekend Total - Week # 43
Yearly Total - Week # 43

Holy Days

\$ 0.00

Total Holy Days

\$ 70,245.40

Total Holy Days - Week # 43

Regular & Holy Days

\$ 1,110,080.72

Total Week - # 43

Budgeted

\$ 26,614.08

Each Weekend - Weeks # 1-52

\$ 1,144,405.44

Total Budget through Week # 43

Non-Parish Collection (s)

4,146.38

Good Friday

Parish Capital Debt Reduction-Third Sunday

\$ 1,202.00

Total - April 19 and April 20

\$ 98,901.15

Total Through Week # 43

\$ 652,931.56

Debt Principle as of 4/5/14

Debt Retirement 2018

FYI: \$704 '13 FY 12-13 school cafeteria services operating profit (\$116,843 FY revenue, \$116,139 FY expense). The school operates with no government surplus or subsidy funding.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL GOAL	\$ 57,581.00
TOTAL PLEDGED AS OF 4/13/2014	110.51% \$ 63,632.84

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 SGT LUCAS WOOD-AFGHANISTAN-04/2014
WILLIAM D. MCCALL-6th TOUR AFGHANISTAN-06/2014
ARMY CONTRACTOR
USN CWO3 ROBERT KEUCHER-AFGHANISTAN-12/2014
USAF CAPT SHAWNA DRISCOLL-QATAR-08/2014

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.



Please pray for all parish youths receiving the sacrament of First Holy Communion over the weekend of May 3rd and 4th.



THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION will be held next weekend, May 3rd and 4th. This collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and show Christ's love and respect for people. Please give generously to the Catholic Relief Services Collection and help *Jesus in disguise*.



Saint Luke Parish extends its deepest sympathy to the family of Nancy Rosenfeld, daughter of parishioners Frank and Julia Esterlin and sister of parishioners Linda Hollen and Karen Federici. Please pray for all our departed friends and relatives.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: Come and celebrate today (Sunday) at St. Luke, at 2:30 p.m. in the main church. There will be veneration of the Divine Mercy Image followed by Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Starting at 3:00 p.m. the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed followed by readings from scripture, Saint Faustina's Diary, and quiet reflection and the Holy Rosary. Immediately following Benediction, there will be refreshments in Kramer Hall and a movie.

ST. MONICA MINISTRY: St. Monica Ministry will meet for our final meeting before taking a break for the summer, on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27th at 2:30 p.m. in the main Church. We will join the celebration that is open to all - see the bulletin insert. At the end of the program, we will gather together to pray the St. Monica prayer for all on our list who are not actively practicing their Catholic faith or those with a weakened faith. All are welcome. For questions contact Teresa at 429-4675.

PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTION: The St. Luke Pastoral Council elections are being held this weekend after all Masses. Three individuals are elected each year for a 3-year term. The St. Luke Pastoral Council, reflecting the wisdom of the community, serves as a consultant to the pastor and pastoral staff to ensure that the parish mission is carried out effectively, efficiently, and responsibly. There are two display boards in the gathering space showing each of our candidates and a few words describing their backgrounds. Please plan on voting after Mass.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP: The Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Divine Office evening prayer (Vespers) with the Divine Mercy image will be held on Tuesday evenings, in St. Luke's Blessed Sacrament Chapel, from 7:00 - 7:45 p.m. (followed by individual prayer for anyone in need). Contact John at 937-572-6573 with any questions or to submit prayer requests.



SAINT LUKE MOMS AND TOTS GROUP: All moms are invited to join us for playgroups, fellowship and prayer. Please email st.luke.moms.and.tots@gmail.com for more information.



A SPECIAL MOTHER'S DAY EVENT: Mother's Day is the perfect day to honor our Heavenly Mother as well as our own mothers. Come and join members of your parish family as we crown a statue of our Blessed Mother. We will meet in the church on Sunday, May 11th. The service will begin at 3:00 p.m., followed by a reception in Kramer Hall. You are encouraged to bring a flower to be offered to Our Lady. First Communicants and Confirmandi are asked to wear their dress outfits and take part in our opening procession. Join us as a way to honor both our earthly and heavenly mothers!

EARLY CHILDHOOD AND PSR FAITH COORDINATOR VACANCY TO BE FILLED: Saint Luke will begin a search to fill its early childhood and PSR faith coordinator position. A committee will be formed and an interview and hiring process started. Position responsibilities include administration and coordination of catechetical programming for parish PSR and pre-school-age children and team work with other parish faith coordinators in parish-wide and family-formation efforts. A background in catechesis is necessary. If interested, submit resume to saintluke@saintlukeparish.org. Parishioners are asked to remember the search effort in prayer.

SOCIAL ACTION MINISTRY

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



MEAL-A-MONTH NEXT WEEKEND: The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry is in need of nonperishable food donations and household items. Our St. Luke Meal-a-Month collections are held the first full weekend of every month. Please consider adding the following items to your donation: tuna, canned soup, peanut butter, breakfast cereal, toothpaste, toilet paper, tissues, bath soap and laundry detergent. Please drop donations off in Kramer Hall. Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

HELP NEEDED PREPARING A MEAL FOR IHN: Volunteers are needed to prepare an evening meal at the Interfaith Hospitality Network Hotel in Xenia, Monday May 5th and Wednesday May 7th. This is a homeless shelter for working families. We will prepare food for about 25 guests. We like to have a salad, entrée, dessert (cookies, brownies are always welcome) and some dinner rolls. The entree could be a casserole or some other dish suitable for children and adults. Salads are green and/or fruit. You could prepare the whole meal or part of it, whatever is convenient for you, all is very much appreciated. If you would like to participate in this preparation, the food may be dropped off at the front parking lot of the church on the day of service (Monday or Wednesday) around 4:30 p.m. Please call Trudy at 429-0807 or e-mail tsara98047@aol.com. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry. God Bless.

"CREATED FOR GIVING" SALE MAY 3rd AND 4th: "Created for Giving," the fundraising arm of our St. Luke Social Action Ministry, is featuring spring decor, women's accessories and gifts appropriate for religious occasions for sale in Kramer Hall after all Masses May 3rd and 4th. A new Fair Trade shipment will include soaps made in Ecuador, silk scarves from Bangladesh and India, sterling silver and turquoise earrings from Peru, recycled glass bead necklaces from Mali and birdhouses from the Philippines. Our Fair Trade artists, many of them women, receive a living wage and work with sustainable materials, using traditional craft techniques of their culture in making their products. We thank you for thinking of us first when selecting Mother's Day gifts.

SVdP SPRING 5K WALK/RUN FOR THE POOR: The annual SVdP 5K Walk/Run for the Poor will be Saturday, May 3rd (rescheduled from September date). **Saturday start time:** 10:00 a.m. **Location:** Job Center/SVdP Thrift Store, 1133 South Edwin C. Moses Blvd., Dayton. **Registration:** Online: www.speedy-feet.com; by mail: forms are available in Kramer Hall on the wall by the bulletin board. **Cost:** \$25.00. Look for an insert in the Beam. For more information call St. Vincent de Paul at 937-222-7349.



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

First Communion—May 3, 4

May Crowning—May 11

Distinguished Speaker—May 12

Celebrate St. Luke—May 16

Morning of Reflection—June 28

Parish Mission—February 22-24, 2015

+ **Papal Prayer Intentions for April — Universal Papal Intention:** That governments may foster the protection of creation and the just distribution of natural resources. **Evangelization Intention:** That the Risen Lord may fill with hope the hearts of those who are being tested by pain and sickness.

+ **RCIA** Congratulations to our Neophytes: Hayden Falvey, Ryland Falvey, Justin Kelly, Devan Munroe, Pete Piazza, Danielle Weaver, and Parker Withrow. Congratulations to those received into full communion: Sarah Delabar, Amanda and Patrick Falvey, Jason Williams, Dickie and Jenny Woodward. Congratulations to our Confirmandi: Ross Christopher, Esther Wilson (also received First Communion), and Scott Withrow. May the light of Christ always shine forth in each one of you.

+ **Catholic Teaching on Chastity, Family Life, and Human Sexuality Education** This course will be offered through the University of Dayton's VLCFF program starting on Sunday, April 27, 2014 and will last for three weeks, ending on Saturday, May 17, 2014. The course will be facilitated by Daniel S. Mulhall. The course is presented online and is self-contained: all course materials are included; there are no books to buy. The cost of the course is \$30 for participants from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. To register for the course, go to <https://vlc.udayton.edu> and create a student profile. You can follow the directions from there. A certificate is awarded for the successful completion of the course, along with 1.5 Continuing Education Units, which is equivalent to 15 clock hours. For more information contact Dan Mulhall dmulhall@rclbenziger.com or Richard Drabik rdrabik1@udayton.edu at the University of Dayton.

+ **APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PROTECTION MONTH** **Prevent Child Abuse America**, founded in 1972 in Chicago, works to ensure the healthy development of children nationwide. A major organizational focus is to advocate for the existence of a national policy framework and strategy for children and families while promoting evidence-based practices that prevent abuse and neglect from ever occurring. Check out their website at <http://www.preventchildabuse.org/index.php> This information came from the USCCB website which has a wide variety of available resources, including a Rosary guide for healing and protection. Find these resources at <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/child-and-youth-protection/>.

+ **Christ at the Center – Home Edition Family Prayer Aid** The Easter edition, April 20 - June 1, 2014 is available at <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/evangelization-and-catechesis/>.

+ **Saint John XXIII and Saint John Paul II** Today we celebrate the canonizations of Blessed John Paul II and Blessed John XXIII, an historic moment for the Catholic Church. To explore the meaning of the lives of these modern-day spiritual heroes, the U.S. Bishops Office for Media Relations asked several persons to reflect on their contributions. Writers include scholars and theologians – Catholic, Orthodox and Jewish – and even media personnel <http://www.usccb.org/about/leadership/holy-see/canonizations-john-xxiii-john-paul-ii.cfm>.

+ **The Vatican's Precious Manuscripts Go Online** Almost 600 years after Pope Nicholas V founded the Vatican Apostolic Library, the Holy See is now turning to 50 experts, five scanners and a Japanese IT firm to digitize millions of pages from its priceless manuscripts, opening them to the broader public for the first time. When the project is finished, one of the richest and most important collections of historical texts in the world will be available with a click of the mouse—and free. The first digital images are expected to be put online in the second half of this year. All of the manuscripts, including the most delicate ones, will eventually be scanned, and viewers will be able to examine them from a variety of angles.

+ **Vatican DVDs Let Everyone See Things Even Most Serious Tourists Don't** In six 55-minute DVD documentaries, viewers are shown the spiritual, historical and artistic tapestry of the world's smallest independent state. "The access offered in the series is unique," said the popular Italian broadcaster Angelo Angeli, host of the series. "We were able to show places that have never been filmed." Viewers can see the parchment scroll, preserved in the Vatican Secret Archives, on which the trial of Galileo Galilei is recorded. They can wander through the 55 acres of garden inside the Vatican City walls. Note: These DVDs have not yet been released in the U.S.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

*Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday
(April 27, 2014)*

"...As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Have you considered that by virtue of our Baptism, we too are sent? Have you discovered the way or ways God is using you to spread the Good News? Or is this a new concept for you to consider? When you recall the events of Holy Week and Easter Sunday, what most inspires you to share with others what Jesus has done for all of us? This week, find a creative way to share the Good News of our salvation with one other person. Then thank God for the opportunity you've been given.

Jesus is risen! He is alive! He lives within and among us!

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday Night Youth Ministry Schedule—6th-12th Grade:

April 27	Youth Ministry from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
May 4	Youth Ministry from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
May 11	Mother's Day—No Youth Ministry
May 18	One Spirit Many Gifts Talent Show 6 - 8:30 p.m.
May 25	No Youth Ministry

Spring 2014—Work For Donations:

Dear Parishioners,

It is that time of year again when Spring arrives and we decide to shake the dust from our homes and realize that we need to do some sort of cleaning. Have you ever considered having a few of the youth from St. Luke come to your home and provide some type of work for you? The youth of St. Luke are looking for parishioners who are willing to open their homes and allow them to spread mulch, clean yards, and rake left over leaves, etc. These donations will assist the youth in defraying the cost of Gospel Road, Steubenville Conference and Cross Training. If you are interested, please contact Josh Englefield at jenglefield@saintlukeparish.org or 937-426-1733 x303.

I need one week before the preferred work date to coordinate the youth who will serve at your home. The following dates are available for youth to work in your home:

May 3 and 10

Summer Schedule—From June 3-August 13

Weekly YM Meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday Nights.
No Meetings during 4th of July week and Cross Training week.

June 23-27—Vacation Bible School

June 27-29—Steubenville Youth Conference (High School Youth)

July 13-19—Gospel Road High School Mission Trip

July 28-August 1—Cross Training middle school faith/service camp

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM AND PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

VBS 2014!

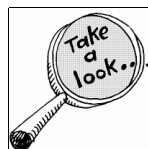
Enrollment is now open for St. Luke's Vacation Bible School which will take place the week of June 23-27. This year's theme is *Prayin' like Peter!* St. Luke's VBS program is unique in that it is written especially for us by fellow parishioners, includes live and original music, is authentically Catholic, and includes a Family VBS Night on Wednesday, June 25. Many volunteers are needed for this to be a success. Registration forms for both participants and volunteers are available at Kramer Hall, Jansen Center, the school lobby and the parish website. We look forward to spending this fun and faith-filled week with you! Contact 426-1733 x301 for more information.

HERE AT SAINT LUKE

ST. LUKE SCHOOL PRESENTS *GODSPELL*: The 8th grade class of St. Luke Catholic School in Beavercreek will present *Godspell*, a musical by Stephen Schwartz, on Friday, May 9th and Saturday May 10th, at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Luke School gymnasium. Ticket prices are \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students. Parents and their children may purchase a family pass for \$8.00.

Godspell retells the life and ministry of Jesus as told in the Gospel of St. Matthew using modern music and storytelling. Songs include "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord," "All for the Best," "Day By Day," "Turn Back, O Man," and "You Are the Light of the World." Bring your whole family for an evening of faith and fun! For more information contact Mr. Brett Poling at St. Luke School at 937-426-1733 x415.

THE TENTH ANNUAL "CELEBRATE ST. LUKE CHARITY AUCTION": This year's theme is Boardwalk Bash! The event will be held on Friday, May 16th at Carroll High School's gym/auditorium, located at 4524 Linden Avenue, Dayton. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. We are currently securing sponsorships and items for the auction. Contributions may be in the form of gift certificates for services, merchandise or a monetary donation. All items can be mailed to or dropped off at St. Luke School. We can also make arrangements to pick up donations. Contact Shelly Benson at 937-705-6092 or shellygbenson@gmail.com.



FOUND ITEMS: St. Luke School has plethora of lost items looking for their rightful owners. Many of these items may have been left after PSR, CYO events, and other parish activities. Some may even belong to St. Luke School students! Please make plans to peruse the several tables in the Parish Center that are now displaying the items. All unclaimed items will be donated to charity.

MAGAZINE DRIVE: St. Luke School is offering an easy, hassle-free way to support the school. We have partnered with GAO, formerly QSP, which has provided us with an online service where you will be able to renew magazine subscriptions, purchase new magazines, and have the ability to purchase other items online with a minimum 40% of the profits returning to the school. This service is a lower-key version of our annual magazine drive, so we ask that you support the school by visiting the website and see what it has to offer. Thanks for your support and we hope this service benefits you and our school.

Steps to support the school:

1. Visit www.gaschoolstore.com
2. Click "shop now"
3. Enter code: 2537447
4. Click "skip to shop"
5. Start shopping on the site.

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 using VIRTUS® materials. St. Luke will host its monthly session on Tuesday, **May 20th**. Registration begins at 6:00 p.m. To register or to get a list of available training dates in the area, go to www.virtusonline.org. Any questions, contact Bruce Guindon at 937-426-1733 x202 or bguindon@saintlukeparish.org.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, April 27, 2014

PSR 8th Grade Classes in Jansen Center East (9:45 - 11:00 AM)
Leisure Club Spring Fling in Bishop Ford Hall (2:00 - 4:30 PM)
Divine Mercy Sunday in Church (2:30 - 4:00 PM)
Movie in Kramer Hall (4:00 - 6:00 PM)
Sunday Night Youth Ministry in BFH, YR, Gym (6:00 - 8:30 PM)

Monday, April 28, 2014

Sewing Guild Artist Meeting in Kramer Hall (9:30 - 12:00 PM)
School Rosary Club in Parish Center (3:00 - 4:30 PM)
School 8th Grade Musical in Gym (3:00 - 4:30 PM)
Brownie Troop #31648 GS Meeting in Jansen West (3:00 - 5:00 PM)
School Extension – BFH, Gym, Backgrounds (3:00 - 6:00 PM)
Little Flowers Meeting in Jansen Center East (3:15 - 4:45 PM)
Cub Scout Pack #85 Den Meetings in Parish Center (6:00 - 8:00 PM)
Boy Scouts #85 Meeting in Bishop Ford Hall (7:00 - 8:30 PM)
Al-Anon Family Group in Jansen Center East (7:30 - 8:30 PM)
Men's Volleyball in Gym (9:00 - 11:00 PM)

Tuesday, April 29, 2014

Women of Faith Bible Study Series in Kramer Hall (9:30 - 11:30 AM)
Crafts Bazaar Prep Workshops in Bishop Ford Hall (9:30 - 12:30 PM)
Pastoral Staff Meeting in Jansen Center Rose (10:00 - 12:00 PM)
Our Lady of Kibeho Book Read in Jansen Center West (1:00 - 2:30 PM)
Chess Club in Parish Center (3:00 - 4:00 PM)
School Extension – BFH, Gym, Backgrounds (3:00 - 6:00 PM)
Cub Scout Pack #85 Den Meetings - BFH (6:00 - 8:00 PM)
Kindergarten Parents Mtg. in Parish Center (7:00 - 8:30 PM)

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Maintenance Meeting in Church Conference Room (9:00 - 10:00 AM)
NLR in Jansen Center West (11:00 - 1:00 PM)
Girl Scout Daisy Meeting 1st Grade in Art Room 106 (3:00 - 4:00 PM)
School 8th Grade Musical in Gym (3:00 - 4:30 PM)
School Extension – BFH, Gym, Backgrounds (3:00 - 6:00 PM)
PSR Classes in School (4:15 - 8:15 PM)
PSR Parent-Child Eucharist Class in Church (4:15 - 8:30 PM)
PSR-High School in BFH and Youth Room (7:00 - 8:15 PM)
Catholic Financial Freedom Series in Kramer Hall (7:00 - 8:30 PM)
SCC Weekly Bible Study in Jansen Center East (7:00 - 9:00 PM)

Thursday, May 1, 2014

School 8th Grade Musical in Gym (7:15 - 7:45 AM)
Girl Scouts Meeting 6th Grade in Parish Center (3:00 - 4:45 PM)
School Extension – BFH, Gym, Backgrounds (3:00 - 6:00 PM)
RCIA - JCW, KH (7:00 - 8:30 PM)
Choir Rehearsal in Church Music Room (7:00 - 9:00 PM)
Our Lady of Good Counsel SCC Meeting Jansen East (7:15 - 9:00 PM)

Friday, May 2, 2014

Women of Faith Bible Study in Jansen Center East (8:30 - 10:30 AM)
Moms and Tots Playgroup in Kramer Hall, Nursery (9:00 - 11:00 AM)
School Extension – BFH, Gym, Backgrounds (3:00 - 6:00 PM)
Alcoholics Anonymous in Jansen Center West (7:00 - 8:00 PM)
School Junior High Social in Parish Center (7:00 - 9:30 PM)

Saturday, May 3, 2014

Adult Basketball in Gym (6:00 AM - 8:30 AM)

Sunday, May 4, 2014

PSR 8th Grade Classes in Jansen Center East (9:45 - 11:00 AM)
Sunday Night Youth Ministry in BFH, YR, Gym (6:00 - 8:30 PM)

HERE AT ST. LUKE



THE 2014 ST. LUKE GOLF OUTING

will be held Monday, April 28
at the Walnut Grove Country Club.

ST. LUKE LEISURE CLUB: The St. Luke Leisure Club's Spring Fling is this Sunday, April 27th. Members who have signed up for this event will gather in Bishop Ford Hall at 2:00 p.m. to celebrate this annual event.

LIGHT WEIGH, ONE KING EVENING MEETINGS ARE TO START MAY 7th. Do you feel hopeless and alone with your eating? Are you constantly struggling with your weight and feeling like food controls you? The Light Weigh One King Bible Study and DVD Series has freed thousands of people from chronic dieting and obesity. It has helped many conquer eating disorders and stabilize blood sugar levels. Light Weigh One King teaches you to eat real food and provides support, friendship, encouragement and caring. Through prayer and sacrifice, you lose weight, but also gain a much closer relationship with God. Come and fill the hole in your heart with God, not food, and see how this really works. Kathy has coordinated Light Weigh Groups at St. Luke's since 2011 and has seen many transformations. Our meetings are held at St. Luke's Jansen Center on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. **Orientation** will be on May 6th, 7th and 8th. Please call Kathy Gallagher 937-429-0241 for more information.

AROUND THE AREA

NOTE: DATE CHANGE FOR MARRIED AND ENGAGED COUPLES CLASS: Want marriage insurance? Learn Natural Family Planning (NFP). Couples using NFP are ten times less likely to divorce. NFP is not the old "Rhythm Method," but uses all the woman's fertility signs in a safe, healthy, and highly effective method in accord with Catholic teaching. Classes begin Sunday, April 27th, 1:00 p.m. at Ascension Parish in Kettering. Call 937-435-4750 for additional information or register for the class at www.ccli.org.

THE DAYTON CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB invites you to its Annual Spring Luncheon on Saturday, May 3rd, at 11:00 a.m. (social). The \$25 lunch (\$5 tax deductible) of Pork Loin or Pasta Primavera will be served at 12 noon at the Walnut Grove Country Club, 5050 Linden Avenue. Join the DCWC sisterhood as it distributes dollars to charities, scholarships to female high school seniors, installs officers and celebrates 91 years of service. (Non-perishables and paper products will be accepted for Catholic Social Services' Food Pantry.) Please call Maria Kaskocsak at 435-6883 by Monday, April 28.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: Schedule a weekend away—just for the two of you to grow closer to each other and the Lord! The next Marriage Encounter weekends in this area are July 18th-20th at the Holiday Inn Eastgate and September 19th-21st at the Holiday Inn Express in Georgetown, KY. Register early to avoid a waiting list. For reservations call Dave and Jan Stockelman, 1-800-547-1251 code 00-OR- or www.esharing.org.



AROUND THE AREA

LAY MINISTRY FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES: Grow in faith, knowledge and skills. The Athenaeum of Ohio's Lay Pastoral Ministry Program equips men and women to evangelize and catechize more effectively in their families, communities and workplaces. Degree and non-degree options with classes held on Saturdays and weeknights to fit into busy adult schedules. Information meetings will be held at the main campus, on Saturday, May 10th at 10:30 a.m. and Thursday, May 15th at 7:00 p.m. in Room 114. You can also call 513-231-1200 for a personal appointment.

CELEBRATE OUR HOLY MOTHER MARY'S MONTH OF MAY: The Morning of Reflection will be held Tuesday, May 13th, from 9:15 a.m. to Noon at St. Charles Parish. Please join Father Matthew Summe, L.C. and Father John Bullock, L.C. for Mass at 9:30 a.m. in the Day Chapel to be followed with Spiritual Talks, Confessions and fellowship. Childcare is available. For more information or to schedule childcare please call Karen Connair at 433-2783 or Barbette Whelan at 293-1438. Regnum Christi women are hosting this wonderful opportunity for you!

GOOD SHEPHERD MINISTRIES 13th ANNUAL BANQUET for the poor, homeless and ex-offenders. We restore the lives of people in drug and alcohol addiction with the Gospel at our half-way house. May 2nd, 5:00 p.m., Epiphany Lutheran Church, 6430 Far Hills, Kettering. Karios Prison Ministry Chair, Dave Dickison is the featured speaker. For tickets, call 937-938-5781.

ELIZABETH NEW LIFE CENTER will host the Battle for Life, a pro-life youth rally and battle of the bands on Friday, May 9th, 7:00 p.m. at the Nutter Center (McLin Gym). Tickets are now on sale. Advance group tickets are just \$8.00 per person for parties of 10 or more; \$10.00 for groups of less than 10. Tickets are \$15.00 at the door. See www.ElizabethNewLife.org. Concert goers who bring diapers to donate will receive a coupon from Chick-fil-A.

DIVORCE/SEPARATED MINISTRY HEALING INFORMATIVE EVENTS at the Daniel E. Pilarczyk Center, Needmore Road in Dayton. Any questions, please contact Noreen Wendeln, Family and Respect Office at 937-222-0227.

Tuesday, May 13th, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., "Declaration of Nullity" - Sr. Victoria Vondenberger will give information on the procedures and why the Catholic Church has this practice. She will go through different cases so that attendees will know how to choose witnesses and be less fearful or angry over the process. \$10 fee.

Wednesdays, May 21st and May 28th, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., "Transitions-Forgiveness-Transformation" Counselor David Riley will help those experiencing divorce/separation navigate through the difficult transitions that this life event presents (anger, loneliness, confusion, disorientation...) and help them through the "forgiveness" that may need to be confronted and lead them to a transformation; to help them see the hope and healing and growth that come from this complicated life event. \$10 fee per evening.

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