

**SACRAMENTS**

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

Interested in becoming Catholic or completing your initiation? The RCIA is the process by which a person becomes a member of the Catholic Church. Call Carol Heuser for information.

**Sacrament of Baptism for Infants**

Preparation classes for parents desiring baptism for infants or young children are monthly on the third Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Call Carol Heuser to register and schedule a Baptism.

**Sacrament of Confirmation**

Families with students in grades 8-12 who wish to celebrate Confirmation should call Marlene Doughman.

**First Communion & First Penance**

Families with students in grade 2 or older who wish to celebrate these sacraments for the first time should call Mary Montour.

\* Confirmation or First Communion candidates must be enrolled at a Catholic grade school or in our Religious Education program.

**Sacrament of Marriage**

Those wishing to celebrate marriage must be registered in the parish. There is at least a six-month preparation period. Call Fr. Geoff to schedule a wedding and begin the preparation process.

**Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate & Religious Life**

Those feeling called to a religious vocation may contact one of the parish clergy or the Archdiocesan Vocation Office at 513-421-3131 or [www.cincinnati vocations.org](http://www.cincinnati vocations.org).

**Anointing of the Sick & Communion Visits**

For the homebound, hospitalized, or those in other health care facilities, to make arrangements for the Anointing of the Sick or communion to be brought to you, call Carol Heuser.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OF CHILDREN**

**St. Gabriel Consolidated School—Grades K-8**

St. Gabriel Consolidated School in Glendale is our parish grade school. For information or to register, call 771-5220.

**Religious Formation of Youth (RFY)—Grades 1-8**

Classes are Monday and Wednesday evenings. A Home Study program is also available. Call Mary Montour for information.

**Home Schooling**—Those families who home school religious education outside of RFY should call Colleen Gerke.

**Preschool—3, 4, & 5 year olds**

Preschool RFY classes are held during the 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. Sunday Masses. Call Julie McDaniel for information.

**Sunday Morning Nursery—1 month old—2 years old**

Babysitting is available during the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass in the nursery. Call Marion Messerle (847-0107) for more information.

**PARISH COMMUNICATIONS**

All submissions are subject to editing and approval and must be received before deadlines.

**Sunday Bulletin & Inserts**

Submit articles to Jane Schnobrich in writing or by e-mail before 4:00 p.m. on Monday. Submit inserts two weeks in advance.

**Modern Saint Monthly Newsletter**

Submit articles to Diane Feltz ([modernsaint1@yahoo.com](mailto:modernsaint1@yahoo.com)) by the first of the month one month prior to publication.

**Website & E-news**

Submit all information to Caron Bergen. The E-news is normally sent on the 15th and last day of the month. Deadline is the day of publication. Sign up at our website to receive the E-news.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL**

As the "eyes and ears" of St. Max parishioners, the Pastoral Council strives to listen and stay in touch with the concerns, needs, and dreams of the parishioners they serve. Parishioners are also welcome to contact a member of Pastoral Council.

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**MASS INTENTIONS  
AND EVENTS OF THE PARISH**

*The Week Ahead In Our Parish*

**Mon. July 12**

**8:30 am Word & Communion**

7:00-9:00 p.m. CRHP Continuation Committee  
7:00-9:00 p.m. Bereavement Team

**Tues., July 13**

**8:30 am Mass**

7:00-9:00 p.m. **Walter James Garry**  
Current Women's CRHP Team

**Wed., July 14**

**8:30 am Mass**

7:00-8:30 p.m. **In Thanksgiving**  
Wacky Wednesday  
7:00-9:00 p.m. Young at Heart  
7:45-9:30 p.m. KOC Officer's Meeting

**Thurs., July 15**

**8:30 am Mass**

9:30 a.m.-10:00 p.m. **Marie Sang Nguyen**  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
5:00-9:00 p.m. Natural Family Planning  
7:00-9:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting  
7:00-9:00 p.m. RCIA Mystagogia  
7:15-9:15 p.m. 8:00 Ensemble Practice

**Fri. July 16**

**8:30 am Mass**

12:00-5:00 p.m. **Anna Kearns**  
6:00-7:00 p.m. Parish offices closed 1/2 day  
Weekley/Weber Wedding Rehearsal

**Sat., July 17**

**4:30 pm Mass**

8:00-9:30 a.m. **Kay Novello**  
8:45-11:00 a.m. Bible Study for Caregivers  
3:00-4:00 p.m. St. Benedict Prayer Group  
6:30-7:30 p.m. Sacrament of Penance  
Weekley/Weber Wedding

**Sun. July 18**

**8:00 am Mass**

**10:00 am Mass**

**12:00 Noon Mass**

1:30-2:30 p.m. **Lillian Chalk**  
7:15-9:00 p.m. **John McGinnis**  
Baptisms  
Living Waters Prayer Group

**SUNDAY READINGS**



READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

1st Reading	Deuteronomy 30:10-14
2nd Reading	Colossians 1:15-20
Gospel	Luke 10:25-37

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

1st Reading	Genesis 18:1-10a
2nd Reading	Colossians 1:24-28
Gospel	Luke 10:38-42

**Note:** Daily Mass Readings can be found on the Archdiocesan website <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org>.

VOCATION VIEW

*"We are called to love with our whole being. God is inviting you to love through ministry to the Church. Pray for generosity to serve God's people". Luke 10:25-37*

BAPTISMS

The next Baptismal class will be held  
Wednesday, July 21 at 7:30 pm  
in the Conference Room.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

That the sick and hospitalized especially George Korey, Al Johantges, Jack Dunn, James Magee and all those mentioned in the Book of the Sick may always feel God's love and presence.

REST IN PEACE

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of  
Beatrice Brunsell, mother of Jane Schnobrich;  
Gloria Loebel, aunt of Susan Frame; and  
Jim Rancka. May the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace and enjoy the fullness of God's heavenly glory.

**STEWARDSHIP POINT**

Stewardship is about what I do after I say I believe.  
Just believing isn't enough.  
Even the devil believes in Jesus.  
Stewardship is about our relationship with Jesus as He calls us to be His friends.



**PARK SAFELY!**

Our parish is blessed with well attended weekend Masses. With that blessing comes a challenge, however. Many worshippers result in many vehicles in our parking lots. **Please park only in designated parking spaces!** Please do not park along the driveways, as the road becomes too narrow for emergency vehicles to approach the church during such an emergency. There are plenty of parking spaces for everyone. Please be considerate of our fellow parishioners and visitors. Thank you!

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My dear sisters and brothers in our Lord Jesus Christ,

At times of sickness and declining health, the Church offers the beautiful sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick to her members. Post-Vatican II theology stresses strongly that this sacrament is a sacrament of the living, i.e. it should never be delayed until death is possibly imminent as was the common practice for many centuries. Who may be sacramentally anointed? Church law is very specific so that this sacrament is celebrated appropriately and not indiscriminately. The following may request to be anointed:

- \*Those suffering from a serious illness (either physical or emotional)*
- \*Those who are elderly and have become notably weakened due to their age*
- \*Those hospitalized due to illness or upcoming surgery (especially if the operation requires general anesthesia)*

For those who wish to be anointed at the 4:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, July 31, please arrive by 4:15 p.m. and get a nametag in the Gathering Space. There will also be special seating for those to be anointed so that the priests can easily be in contact with those to be anointed.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is a sign of the Lord's care and the Church's concern for her sick or weakened members. It reaffirms the human dignity of all people and is not only a sign of life in the Church but also the continuation of the healing ministry of Jesus Christ Himself.

We will celebrate the Anointing of the Sick communally at the 4:30 p.m. Mass whenever there is a fifth Saturday. We can also celebrate the sacrament during any weekday Mass when requested and can also celebrate it anytime upon request outside of Mass including in home, hospitals, and other health care or retirement facilities.

That's all for now. God bless one and all!

*Fr. Geoff*

### Parents, Kids, and Boundaries

Deciding what to do or not do for people is an important element of relationships. This workshop will focus on defining boundaries, and give examples of how to apply them in a variety of situations. This one session program will be offered on July 22 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 7820 Beechmont Ave. (Heritage Hall East). The fee is \$15.00 per person. For more information or to register, contact Sandy Keiser at Catholic Charities (513) 241-7745.

## FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS & FAMILY

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

#### Adults

What situations or circumstances have summoned me to compassion and taught me the practical side of the commandment of love?

#### Children

How can I love other people as God loves them?

### Young Adult Ministry

The **Keystone Young Adult Retreat** is July 30 – August 1, 2010 for young adults 1 year out of high school & 20-somethings. For more information go to the St. John Young Adult website at <http://youth.stjohnwc.org/youngadults.htm>.

Mark your calendar today for **Theology on Tap**. Contact us through the Facebook group "Theology on Tap West Chester" to help or get information.

#### August 5<sup>th</sup>

Faith and Healing

Dr. Mark Goddard, Dir. of Drake Center, Rehabilitative Medicine

#### August 12<sup>th</sup>

Living Discipleship

Nick Cardilino, UD, Center for Social Concern

#### August 19<sup>th</sup>

Steps to Spirituality

Mary Cummins Wlodarski, Pastoral Associate, Holy Trinity Church (Dayton)

#### August 26<sup>th</sup>

Hearing God's Voice in the Everyday

Fr. Mark Burger, St. John West Chester, Former Pastor

### Working Moms

There is interest in a Moms Group that would meet in the evening or on the weekends. Moms are looking for other moms who are trying to faithfully live their vocation as a wife and mother while working outside the home. If you would like the opportunity to meet with other moms to share concerns and explore your faith contact Mary Montour at [mmontour@saint-max.org](mailto:mmontour@saint-max.org) or 777-4322 ext. 106.

### Parents/Guardians

Sign up for **A Parenting Pointer** at <http://www.susanvogt.net/>.

The weekly e-mail message is a great resource the challenging days of summer.

### For Your Marriage

All couples, engaged, newly married or having celebrated many anniversaries, check out the web pages provided by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops for a variety of resources at <http://foryourmarriage.org/>. You can also access these pages from our St. Max website.

Sign up for **A Marriage Moment** at <http://www.susanvogt.net/>.

This is a free weekly e-mail message.

## PARISH EVENTS

### **MEN'S ANSWER THE CALL CONFERENCE**

The 2011 Men's Answer the Call Conference needs volunteers to help organize the event. If you are interested; a meeting is scheduled for Saturday July 10 at 9:30 at All-Saints Church or contact Ron Pfister at 737-9949.

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

This year we are having the annual parish picnic close to the feast date of our patron saint, Saint Maximilian Kolbe. Please save the date of Sunday, August 15, from 4 to 7 pm. There will be plenty of food and fun for everyone, including a corn-hole tournament! Look for more details coming soon.

### **LADIES FELLOWSHIP NETWORK WALK-N-TALK**

We had so much fun walking and talking last month that we're doing it again! All women of the parish are invited to join us for a walk and friendly conversation on Wednesday, July 14th at 7 p.m., beginning at Ft. Liberty Park on Van Gorden Rd. Questions? Please call Christy at 759-4295.

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS THANK YOU**

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank the parish once again for the tremendous support of our 2010 Measure Up Campaign in May. We were able to collect over \$1100 after the Masses. For those of you who saw us and helped us at the area Kroger's, a big thank you as well. In total, we were able to collect over \$4000, which will be shared with the Butler County Board of Developmental Disabilities and the Special Olympics.

## **SPORTS**

### **GIRLS CYO BASKETBALL REGISTRATION**

We are now accepting registrations for 2010 Girls CYO basketball. CYO teams compete against other Catholic schools / parishes in the northern Cincinnati area. We sponsor CYO girls' basketball teams for grades 3 through 8. Practice for Girls CYO basketball starts in early August with games starting in early September and the season ending in early November.

Registration forms are available on the Parish website (under the Organizations - Boosters tab). Please return the completed Registration form with the required fees to the Parish Office. If any questions, contact Ted Capossela - [tcapossela@fuse.net](mailto:tcapossela@fuse.net).

### **FOOTBALL REGISTRATION**

The St. Max football team is now accepting registrations for anyone interested in playing football for St. Max Knights in the Fall of 2010. We play in the Hamilton CYO League and will field teams in two divisions: 3rd/4th grade and 5th/6th grade. Informational flyers are located in the gathering space. Registration forms can be returned to the parish office. For more information, please contact Matt Ulizio, Coaching Coordinator, 942-2512 ([matt.ulizio@uliziocpa.com](mailto:matt.ulizio@uliziocpa.com)) or Dave Ernst, 5th/6th grade Head Coach ([dave.ernst@fpp-llc.com](mailto:dave.ernst@fpp-llc.com)).

### **SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY**

Are you the parent, caregiver or friend of a person with special needs? Join our Special Needs networking group. Exchange ideas and find out opportunities through this invitation only networking group. Send an email to Mary Montour at [mmontour@saint-max.org](mailto:mmontour@saint-max.org) or call 777-4322 ext. 106 to request an invitation to join the St. Max online support group.

You are also invited to a **Scriptural Prayer Group** as we join with others caring for a loved one with special needs as we pray and reflect on the scriptures on the third Saturday of the Month (July 17<sup>th</sup>) from 8am – 9:30am in the Hospitality Room (near the entrance of church off the short hall to the right).

### **ATHENAEUM AMBASSADORS**

The Athenaeum of Cincinnati will host an alumni reunion on campus on August 6th and we are asking you to spread the word. The reunion is open to all alumni, donors, family and friends.

The reunion will include:

- \* An Alumni Mass celebrated by Cincinnati Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr
- \* The Distinguished Alumnus presentation
- \* The annual alumni silent auction
- \* A social hour
- \* Dinner
- \* An opportunity to rekindle memories.

We encourage each ambassador to make a concerted attempt to fill a parish table of eight and attend themselves.

Reservation deadline is July 30.

*Table cost is \$225 before July 15; \$240 after July 15*

*Individual cost: \$35 (single); \$70 (couples)*

*The cost covers dinner and two free drinks. (There will be a cash bar)*

Reservations may be made by phone by calling Walt Schaefer at 233-6130 or by mail to The Athenaeum of Ohio, Alumni Office, 6616 Beechmont Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45230. and by e-mail to [wschaefer@athenaeum.edu](mailto:wschaefer@athenaeum.edu)

Join us for an evening of fun and friendship!

### **"GO KROGERING"**

**No winner for June. July's winning number is #6006490900 907 906 134**

**If this is your number stop by the Parish Office and pick up your \$50.00 gift card!!!!**

**It's time to get a Kroger card!!!**

**Stop by the office and pick one up for \$1.00.**

**(Note: We ask for a dollar in exchange for the dollar of value already on the card).**

Any Questions...  
call Jane at 777-4322 ext. 111



## ST. MAX MINISTRIES

### COMPANIONS ON A JOURNEY

Companions on a Journey Grief Support is open to all who grieve the death of a loved one. We offer the following groups for all types of loss. All groups meet from 7:00–9:00 pm at various locations. The following groups meet at St. Max:

**Perinatal/neonatal**-1st Monday of the month

**Survivors after Suicide**-1st Tuesday of the month

**Open Grief Group: (Parent/Sibling/Friend)**-  
2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month.

**Young Adult Grief Support (ages 19-29)**-  
3rd Tuesday of the month

**Young Widowed Group**-2nd & 4th Wed. of the month

**The New Beginnings Widowed Group** for those who are recently widowed meets the 2nd & 4th Wed. of the month at Huff Realty, 6192 Mulhauser Rd. West Chester 45069.

**The Living Again Widowed Group** for those who are further along in their healing process meets the 2nd & 4th Wed. at Indiana Wesleyan University, 9286 Schulze Drive, West Chester.

**The Bereaved Parents (child loss)** group meets the 1st & 3rd Wed. for the month, also at Indiana Wesleyan.

**An orientation session** for those new to Companions on a Journey is held the 3rd Wed. of the month at Huff Realty.

If you are not a regular member, please call one of the grief specialists listed below before attending so we will know to expect you. Also, if you'd like someone to talk to, we're here to help. Sheila Munafo Kanoza or Tom Kanoza 870-9108 or Linda Sullivan 755-9433.

## CHARITABLE IMPACT

### Calendar of Events

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July 17	Bingo at Hillandale 2-4 p.m.
July 17-18	Distribute Bags for Food Drive
July 17-18	Tender Mercies Sign-ups
July 17-18	IHN Sign-ups
July 21	IHN Dinner
July 24	Tender Mercies Dinner
July 24-25	Food Drive Returns

For detailed information about these opportunities please see <http://www.saint-max.org/charitableprojects.shtml>

# Respect LIFE

### Mass and Rosary for Life

Holy Name Church in Cincinnati, 2448 Auburn Ave. has a Mass for Life at 8:00 am on the 1st, 3rd and 4th Saturday of every month. There is a rosary procession to Planned Parenthood on Auburn Ave. after Mass. Benediction follows the rosary at Holy Name. Join others in praying for the end of abortion. If you are interested in carpooling, contact:

1st week-Michelle Mort at 226-9582

3rd week-Mary Joe Suer at 755-1193

4th week-Jen Thatcher at 403-2748

### FR. JOHN CORAPI

Fr. John Corapi is coming to Cincinnati on July 17, 2010 to the Cintas Center for an all day conference dedicated to the Church's teachings on Social Issues and our culture today. No family, teacher, father, mother or child can afford to miss this incredible conference. Fr. Tom Euteuneuer of Human Life International will be the Emcee. We look forward to seeing you there! Tickets can be purchased online at [www.CMGbooking.com](http://www.CMGbooking.com) or call 513-593-0089.

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

It is time to enter your availability for the next schedule run. The next schedule will begin the weekend of August 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> and will end October 17<sup>th</sup>. Go to our website, choose Liturgical Ministers, Select Web Terminal Log on and enter those dates when you are not able to serve. Dates may be entered as far ahead as you'd like, but dates for this schedule must be submitted by August 6<sup>th</sup>. If you are able to serve all the dates in the schedule above, you don't need to enter anything. Questions? Contact Jeremy Helmes or Linda Lippman in the parish office. God bless you for your service to St. Max Parish!

### No phone, no work, no kids—JUST the Two of You!

When was the last time you both took time away for your marriage! The next **Marriage Encounter** weekends in this area are July 16-18 at the Holiday Inn Eastgate in Cincinnati and Sept. 17-19 at the Cliffview Retreat Center in Daville, KY. For more details or reservations call: Keith and Lori Maurmeier at 1-800-547-1251 or their website at [www.esharing.org](http://www.esharing.org).



## MINISTRY OF CARE

“Will you let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you;

Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.”  
The **Ministry of Care** builds community within the large parish that is St. Max.

A network of neighborhoods has been established to welcome new parishioners, offer prayer and service to parishioners in need, and build a connection of friendship throughout the parish.

**VOLUNTEER TODAY!!**

**Area Coordinators and Neighborhood Reps** still needed!

Contact

Dena Moulton (779-0248, [drmoulton@fuse.net](mailto:drmoulton@fuse.net))

Pat Tobergte (874-9605, [burgtea@yahoo.com](mailto:burgtea@yahoo.com))

[www.saint-max.org](http://www.saint-max.org)

### VOCATIONS CRUCIFIX PROGRAM

The Vocation Committee invites interested families to receive the Vocation Crucifix in their homes and to pray in a special way for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

If your family would like to participate in the Vocation Crucifix Program or if you have any questions, please contact Lori Lutz at 777-7756 or [LoriLutz@fuse.net](mailto:LoriLutz@fuse.net) to sign up.



**RELIGIOUS FORMATION  
OF YOUTH (RFY)**

**NURSERY**

**This Sunday**

10:00 Mass Greg & Kay Harmeyer  
Adam & Ameer Gasser

**Next Sunday:**

10:00 Mass Messerle (looking to trade)

Marion Messerle, Nursery Coordinator is seeking a replacement. If you are interested in coordinating the Nursery, contact Marion or call the Parish Office.

**PRESCHOOL RFY NEWS**

We are excited with our plans for the Preschool program beginning in September. Registration continues for the 2010-2011 Preschool RFY program. The program serves children ages 3 and 4; we also provide a Kindergarten program. Space is still available at both the 8:00 and 10:00 masses. Registration forms are available in the Gathering Space and on the website. For more information, contact the Preschool Office @777 4322, ext. 119.

**RFY NEWS:**

Which of these three, in your opinion,  
was neighbor to the robbers' victim?"

He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy."

Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise." Luke 10:36-37

***Children, remember that we are called by God to  
live good and holy lives.***

***Pray that we will see God's goodness in ourselves  
and in one another!***

**SUMMER RFY PROGRAM:**

All children enrolled in the Summer RFY Program should have the books and materials. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Summer RFY Program, please call the RFY Office at 777-4322, (X-109 for Cindy, or X-120 for Mary).

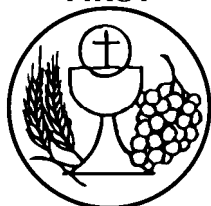
All Summer RFY Program assessments must be submitted by July 20.

**Registration Materials:** for Fall RFY are now available, in the Gathering Space, by the RFY Offices, and on the website. (Log on to [www.saint-max.org](http://www.saint-max.org), link to Faith Formation, then to Youth Grades 1-8, to download registration materials.)

**SACRAMENT PREPARATION NEWS:**

**THINGS TO CONSIDER IF YOUR CHILD WILL BE  
CELEBRATING HIS/HER FIRST COMMUNION NEXT  
YEAR:**

**FIRST**



**HOLY COMMUNION**

- Please be attentive to continued Faith Formation for your child, especially in the home. Parents are key to successful preparation and faith development. Your child will model your behavior, beliefs and priorities. Registration for RFY, both summer and fall programs, is currently open. Forms and information are in the Gathering Space, by the RFY Office, and at the parish website.

**SACRAMENT PREPARATION NEWS: (cont'd)**

Parent meetings for Sacrament Preparation will be held on the following days/times—please select one day to attend:

Tuesday, Sept. 14, 7:00-9:00 pm

Sunday, Sept. 19, 7:00-9:00 pm

Please take some time to read and review **Sacraments for Young People**, a publication of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, before preparation formally begins at church. You will have a better sense of the process and expectations. (This document can be found on the parish website, [www.saint-max.org](http://www.saint-max.org), link to Sacraments, then to either Reconciliation or Eucharist.) Please contact Mary Montour, 777-4322, X-120, with any questions or concerns regarding the Sacrament Preparation program, or e-mail: [mmontour@saint-max.org](mailto:mmontour@saint-max.org). Thank you!

**JUNIOR HIGH MINISTRY**

**Confirmation Reminders**

\*\*\*Confirmation Calendar and all other documentation is available to print from the parish website [www.saint-max.org](http://www.saint-max.org).

\*\*\*Confirmation Registrations are due August 15<sup>th</sup>. (registration form, liability form, parent volunteer form and copy of Baptismal certificate if needed).

\*\*\*Use your 'Choosing My Sponsor Booklet' to help discern your sponsor. 'Sponsor Eligibility' forms are due Sept. 1st so we can send an invitation to your sponsor to join us at the Sept. 26th Opening Event and Oct. 2 or 3 Blessing of Candidates.

\*\*\*Please spend time this summer at the library or on-line learning about Saints. Many candidates indicate that they have a difficult time choosing a saint name. There are many books and web sites with short essays on saints to help us become familiar with them.

\*\*\*Family Service can be done anytime. Why not find a project for your family to serve at this summer!?! Remember to send an e-mail to [mdoughman@saint-max.org](mailto:mdoughman@saint-max.org) when it is complete.

\*\*\*The same Confirmation news is found in the parish bulletin or in the bi-monthly e-news or on the parish web site. Choose your preferred form of media to find reminders and latest news

\*\*\*Questions?? Call Marlene at 777-4322 ex 118.

**Confirmation Help Needed**

Help is needed to plan, purchase food and supplies, set up, serve and clean up at receptions for the candidates/sponsors/families held after all Masses Oct 2-3. Please call the parish office if you would like to help plan this event.

**JrHigh 1X1 Event Dates for 2010-11**

All events are on Sunday evenings.

5:30 – 6:00 pm	Open Gym/Drop Off
	Take food donations to Conference Room
6:00—7:00 pm	Activities in the Gym
7:00—7:30 pm	Activities in the Conference Room
7:30—8:00 pm	Bible Study

Mark your calendars for the following Sundays...

Sept 12	Oct 24	Nov 14
Dec 12	Jan 16	Feb 6
Mar 6	Apr 3	May 22

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY  
COME TO WACKY WEDNESDAY...**

This Wed. July 14

Meet in the lounge at 7:00 pm for

Dodge ball, fellowship, & a trip to The Cone afterwards.

We will meet each Wed. throughout the summer.

\*\*\*\*\*Don't forget to bring some money for The Cone!!!

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### 1. Sunday Offerings (June)

July 4 39,987.52

**Total July to date** 39,987.52

July Budget 122,000.00

The above totals include:

Electronic Contributions 19,957.09

Children's envelopes 3.00

### 2. Sunday Offerings (Year to–Date)

July 2010

Actual 39,987.52

Budget 30,500.00

Difference 9,487.52

Total electronic contributions 19,957.09

### 3. Designated Offerings

June (month to date)

20/20 Debt Reduction 2094.00

Charitable IMPACT 1,226.00

CISE 553.00

Outreach 181.00

Peter's Pence 92.00

St. Vincent de Paul 90.00

Special Mission Appeal 40.00

### 4. Debt on Capital Expenses

Principal owed on 7/1/2010 1,954,000.00

Note: fiscal year runs July 1 to June 30

*Thank you for contributing as  
generously as you are able!*



### CHILD PROTECTION

The next Child Protection video will be on July 14 from 7:00—8:00 pm in the Parish Office Conference Room.

### FINGERPRINTING

Monday—Thursday 9:30 —11:30 am

1:30 pm-4:30 pm

Friday 9:30-11:30 am

Parish Office is Closed 1/2 day on Fridays

### MARRIAGE MOMENTS & PARENTING POINTERS

#### Marriage Moments:

"The physics of marriage: You can't change your spouse. Only your spouse can do that. Work on yourself. For every action there is a reaction."

#### Parenting Pointers:

Is technology helping your family connect (e-mail, cell phones...) or robbing your family of being present to each other (lengthy video games, all consuming Facebook dependence, Twittering the day away)? If you haven't already had a family meeting about the use and abuse of technology, be the parent and call one.

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### YOUNG AT HEART



Wed. July 14 Regular meeting 7:00 pm in the Conference room. Newcomers as always, are welcome.

Sat. July 31 Riding the Ducks at the Aquarium \$15. Tour Newport and ride the Ohio River.

Dinner afterwards at Don Pablos, Bellevue.

Sat. August 7 Dinner 6:15 pm at Champ's Union Centre

August 13/14 Overnight trip to Lexington, Ky. area.

Contact Leo, President: 513-779-3251

### JESUIT SPIRITUAL CENTER AT MILFORD

**Personally Directed Retreat** – The Jesuit Spiritual Center is offering a Personally Directed Retreat July 30-Aug. 6. This individualized and silent retreat will offer participants a quiet time spent in the tradition of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. Each day will include Mass and a 45-minute meeting with a carefully selected spiritual director. During the rest of the day, retreatants can spend time in contemplative and solitary activities, including prayer, journaling, reading, walking on the grounds, art and music. Although the retreat lasts for seven days, accommodation can be made for shorter stays. For more information, or to register, call (513) 248-3500, ext. 10, or visit [jesuitspiritualcenter.com](http://jesuitspiritualcenter.com).

**A Prayer Time for Everything** – The Jesuit Spiritual Center will offer a retreat September 17-19 focusing on prayer. The retreat, led by Fr. John Ferone, SJ, will be open to both men and women, and will seek to develop within participants a healthy and balanced life including God, self and others. For more information, or to register, call (513) 248-3500, ext. 10, or visit [jesuitspiritualcenter.com](http://jesuitspiritualcenter.com).



### **Christ Renews His Parish Men's Renewal Weekend October 23 & 24, 2010**

For more information contact:  
Tony Eckman 513-260-8322  
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## 14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

My dear brothers and sisters in the Lord Jesus,

As many may already know through reading or hearing the local media, the recent visit of the Mexican Consulate to our city of Hamilton neighboring parish, St. Julie Billiart Parish, has stirred quite a bit of negative publicity. Since many U.S. entities (educational and financial institutions, law enforcement agencies, etc.) ask for a person to prove his or her identity, the Consulate was there simply to provide Mexican citizens who have proper Mexican birth records the opportunity to get either a Mexican passport or identity card for themselves and/or their children.

We are blessed in our area that St. Julie Billiart has an active and effective Hispanic ministry, serving the Spanish-speaking Catholics from all over Butler County and beyond. Without this ministry, these traditionally Catholic people would undoubtedly gravitate to other churches in even larger numbers.

Archbishop Schnurr and the archdiocesan Pastoral Services Department fully support this ministry. Below is the Archbishop's recent statement on the need for comprehensive immigration reform.

Thank you for being attentive to this letter and continue to lift this situation up in your prayers. God bless one and all!

*Fr. Geoff*

### ***WHY WE NEED COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM***

Dear friends in Christ,

We bishops are trying to be clear in expressing the basic moral principles involved in efforts to reform our immigration laws. These moral principles are founded on the inherent, God-given dignity of the human person. We have supported rallies, marches, various educational programs and the U.S. bishops' advocacy campaign.

Yet for many Catholics, especially those who may not deal with immigrants on a daily basis or come into regular contact with our federal immigration system, there may be many legitimate questions about the church's passion around this issue. Why is the church spending so much energy trying to revamp our nation's immigration system? Why are we not simply asking that our government do a better job enforcing the system that we already have? Does the church support open borders and lawlessness?

In response, I hope that I can offer some clarification about the church's teaching and position on this issue. In addition, I pray that these reflections offer you some insights for your own grappling with this difficult and often controversial issue.

One of the fundamental principles behind any moral immigration system is that nations have the right to protect their own borders. Governments have a duty to achieve the common good of the citizens whom they represent. And, in turn, residents of any land have a duty to respect the rule of law. To that end, the U.S. bishops want to see to it that our country has an orderly process that sensibly regulates the flow of migrants and keeps us safe from threats of terrorism, violence, drug trafficking and other criminal activities.

At the same time, the Catholic Church also teaches that all human beings have a right to migrate. First and foremost, every one of us, as a child of God and regardless of our national affiliation, has a right to work to provide for ourselves and our family. Ideally, we should be able to find work in our own countries. However, if such work cannot be found at home, what choice do we have other than to go wherever we can find our livelihood? Any responsible person, charged with the holy work of sustaining life, our own life and the lives of our family members, has a right and duty to migrate if that is the only option.

So how does a nation responsibly balance the right and duty to protect our borders with the right and duty to migrate? How do we live up to the commands of Scripture, where God states, "The strangers who sojourn with you shall be to you as the natives among you, and you shall love them as yourself; for you were strangers in the land of Egypt" (Leviticus 19:33-34)? Remembering always that the Holy Family, fleeing persecution in its own land, was also a migrant family, how do we today unfurl the welcome mat to Christ present in the thousands of immigrants coming to the doorstep and still keep our own house orderly and safe?

It is first important to remind ourselves that most of the laws that define our system today did not even exist before the 20th century. Moreover, they have been amended and changed over time in order to seek this difficult balance.

What we are left with today, however, is a bureaucracy that fails to respond to current economic and social realities. Now with an estimated 12 million people residing in our country without documentation, we are facing a complete breakdown of the rule of law and order. We bishops, along with many others, believe that this is another one of those times when we must reconsider how to bring things back on track.

We are in this predicament because the sad truth is that there are few visas available for immigrants to actually migrate here legally. Each year, Congress allocates only 5,000 permanent visas for “unskilled workers,” even though hundreds of thousands of undocumented immigrants are finding jobs in this category. In addition, the spouses, children and other immediate relatives of many of those who did enter legally end up having to wait years to be reunited with their loved ones. For example, a man from Mexico who would be fortunate enough to get a permanent employment visa to work here would still have to wait about four years before his wife and children could join him. For a Filipino to have his brother or sister come join him, it would take 22 years!

While this archdiocese does not host one of the heaviest concentrations of foreign-born residents in the nation, the stories of local migrant families still ring loudly to many of us. In our parishes, our Catholic schools and our social service agencies, Catholic citizens worship, learn and live beside more recent immigrants to this land. Consequently, we are also wounded when we witness these immigrant families torn apart by an out-of-balance immigration system. On a number of occasions, we have heard of fathers never making it home from work after being picked up by immigration, leaving wives and kids dependent upon others’ charity for food and rent. In one case, a Ugandan mother was picked up by immigration 15 years after starting her family here, torn from her two daughters, who were born and raised here as U.S. citizens in our Catholic schools. She was separated from her loving husband and kids and shuffled to various prisons and detention facilities around the country for five months until she was granted a request for an asylum hearing.

The way the bishops see it, the problem with the countless situations similar to these is, not that all such immigrants should have been immediately given amnesty upon entering the country, but that there were too few paths available for them to come here the right way to begin with. In short, we feel we can do better.

In the meantime, too many undocumented residents are living in fear, hiding in the shadows. Too frequently we have heard stories where they are exploited by employers who steal their wages or fire them once injured on the job. Too often, in families where some members are legal residents and others are not, parents and spouses avoid reporting being victims of crime to the proper authorities because they don’t want to be separated from their loved ones who can’t follow them back to their countries of origin. For reasons like these, the church opposes enforcement-only measures which serve primarily to instill greater fear among immigrants and division among people of good will in our communities rather than solve the broken system behind it all. It seems that only comprehensive immigration reform can simultaneously restore both order and human dignity.

What the church is calling for are continued global anti-poverty efforts, so that immigrants do not have to leave their homes out of necessity; a reduction in the backlogs of the family-based visa system; a temporary worker program that actually provides paths to legal residency for laborers and better protection of their rights; an earned path to legalization for the undocumented already here so that they can responsibly take their place in a line that will not take years to process (i.e. not necessarily amnesty); and a restoration of due process for immigrants who are here without papers, such as those seeking asylum.

It is my hope that Catholics in particular answer this call to support our migrant brothers and sisters during these difficult times. I would ask that priests, teachers, religious and lay leaders do what they can to offer educational opportunities for Catholics of this archdiocese to hear the stories of immigrants in our communities and to understand the church’s rich teaching on this matter. Among other places, there are many resources available to us through our Catholic Charities, Hispanic Ministries, Catholic Social Action and Mission Office efforts. You can learn more by visiting the U.S. bishops’ website on this at [www.justiceforimmigrants.org](http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org). There is also a postcard campaign that we are conducting to our federal legislators, requesting that they fix our immigration system. You can obtain them by downloading them from this website or by contacting the Catholic Social Action Office at 513-421-3131 or 937-224-3026.

Finally, to my immigrant brothers and sisters and all of you who work with them in their cause to build a better life, I give thanks for all you do in the name of human life and dignity. Know that the Holy Spirit will continue to be with you in your struggle for justice.

With prayerful best wishes, I am Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Dennis M. Schnurr  
Archbishop of Cincinnati

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