



Next week is Pledge Sunday for the 2009 Catholic Services Appeal. Please spend this week talking with the family, and truly asking each other what the family can pledge this year. If you

remember from last week's homily, we are assessed \$45,166 this year. And, these monies is Sacred Heart's contributions to all of the services and ministries of the Diocese of Erie. Bishop Trautman needs \$7.7 million to keep all of these ministries going, and he needs our help. The key to the CSA is that *everything over and above our goal stays here!* Again, I am asking for each family to contribute at least \$40 a month for 10 months. If you can do more, great! If that's all you can do, or can only do less, fine!! I just want everyone to contribute *something!!! ANYTHING!!!* This parish belongs to *everyone*, and it is *everyone's* responsibility to contribute back to God what God has given to us . . . help out all the ministries and services of the Diocese and our parish. I would like our goal to be **\$90,000**, which would help us put a fire-protection system in the Church . . . pave the 26<sup>th</sup> Street sidewalks . . . and put in a new carillon/bell system. So, please talk and pray with each other this week. The CSA is so very important . . . especially, for all those families throughout the Diocese who are really struggling.

A few weeks ago, someone put in the collection basket a great newspaper article about how ministers, while serving the Lord, are often found neglecting themselves, when it comes to their own physical health and well-being. There is such truth in that, to be sure. I have known many of our priests who have not had the best of health, because they didn't exercise or watch what they ate. It is a big struggle for a lot of us to control our weight, with all the social functions that we are part of. I am very aware of that in my own life, and have been exercising vigorously since the early '80's. I want to be 30 pounds lighter than I am, and am trying to do that. In the good weather, I will walk, mow, and bike. (I stopped running about 2 years ago, because I didn't want my knees to bother me when I am in my 50's!) In the winter months, I do a very aggressive treadmill routine about 6 times a week. My brothers and I are very concerned, since our parents were in great health until their 50's, and then everything went to pot for them. We are doing all kinds of preventive things to try not to repeat their history. Fr. Simmons exercises just about every day, as well. And, we are trying to cook and eat well. But, I am trying to get away from a lot of social functions, like funeral lunches and wedding receptions . . . mostly because I don't have time . . . and, there is just too many opportunities for big meals. We have a lot of priests that are overweight, and I would love to get back down . . . and, am trying. So, just to let you know, the Detisch brothers and Fr. Simmons are trying to stay healthy, and working hard to do that!

Today, we are hosting a Pre-Cana conference for many couples who will be married this year. Many of those couples are joining us at the 11:30 Mass, and we truly welcome them to our "home". And, we pray that they will be prepared, not so much for a wedding, as much as for a marriage. Welcome, friends! We will be praying for you this year!

By the way, as of this writing, we have spent \$4,265 on plowing! Now, that is only about \$200 over budget. However, it is only early February, and *that does not yet include the bill for hauling the snow away two weeks ago!!* So, keep those contributions coming!!

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT:

	Feb. 8, 2009	Feb. 9, 2008
Repairs & Improvements	\$468.00	\$222.00
Fr. Engel Fund	\$70.00	\$70.00
Sacrificial Giving	<b>\$8,825.25</b>	\$6,721.50
Amount Needed	<b>\$7,250.00</b>	
Over/(Short)	<b>\$1,575.25</b>	

(\*includes loose money). Last week, out of 676 families of the parish, 344 envelopes (51%) were used, with an **average** Sacrificial Giving donation of **\$25.66**. Your parish depends on you for your weekly donation. Thanks for your sacrifice.

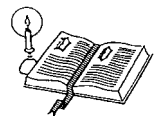
**CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2009**



Next Sunday, February 22nd will be Commitment Sunday for the 2009 Catholic Services Appeal. Hopefully you have received and have read the information in the special CSA issue of *Faith Magazine*. We ask all parishioners to review and reflect upon all CSA information being shared during this time. In addition to the support provided to our diocesan Church, the CSA will enable our parish to install a fire-protection system in the Church . . . pave the 26th Street sidewalks . . . and put in a new carillon/bell system. Be prepared to make your pledge next Sunday, and please be as generous as you can. So much is done by our Church because of gifts to the CSA. It is when the members of our Church are of One Mind and Heart that we truly join our hands together to help accomplish God's work.

**"Why Catholic?" Season Four begins the week of February 22nd, 2009!**

**It's not too late to sign up for *Why Catholic?***



The best way to stay warm this winter is to start a fire! Fire up your knowledge and love of God by participating in one of our *Why Catholic?* groups. We will begin Book Three - **Life in Christ: Walking with God**.

The first six sessions of this book centers on the Beautitudes and our freedom and responsibility, conscience, virtues, moral law and grace.

You need not have participated in last years sessions to be a part of this season. All the sessions stand independently. So even if you can't make all six sessions, you can still participate in the experience. Join us as we gather to grow in our faith!

For more information or to sign up for a small group, please call Rebecca Flynn at the rectory at 456-6256, ext. 110.



The **Knights of Columbus**, Sacred Heart Council #111818's annual fund raiser, "**Night Out**", will be held next Saturday, February 21st at 7:00 to 11:00PM in the Sacred Heart Auditorium. There will be over \$750 cash prizes, free food and beverages for \$10 per person. Come and enjoy an evening of fun and support your Knights. Tickets will be on sale in the vestibule of the church following the weekend Masses or by calling Judy at the rectory 456-6256, ext. 100. Only 500 tickets will be sold.



## Masses For The Week

### Monday, February 16th

8:30 - Francesco Scavella - Family

### Tuesday, February 17th - Seven Founders of the Order of Servites

8:30 - Fred Welz - Family

### Wednesday, February 18th

8:30 - John and Ruth Ronan - Family

### Thursday, February 19th

8:30 - Alice Cost - Elaine Lamm

### Friday, February 20th

8:30 - Emil and Frances Nuber - Family

### Saturday, February 21st - St. Peter Damian

4:30 - Margaret Bukowski - Family

### Sunday, February 22nd - The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 - For the Parishioners of Sacred Heart Church

11:30 - Thomas Wiercinski - Dad, Mom, Dave and Elaine

### Priest Schedule for February 21st and 22nd

**Saturday, 4:30PM** - Fr. Detisch

**Sunday, 9:30AM and 11:30AM** - Fr. Detisch

The Sanctuary Candle is burning in memory of †**Carmen Italia** by his wife and family.

The Altar Bread and Wine are given in memory of †**Immacolata** and **Joseph Palermo** by the Family.

### Scripture Readings for Next Week

Isaiah 43: 18-19, 21-22, 24b-25 2 Corinthians 1: 18-22

Mark 2: 1-12

### **DONT MISS**



**NATIONAL CATHOLIC COLLEGES WEEK** is February 22nd-27th. **Gannon University** is offering a schedule of events which are open to the public. Bishop Donald Trautman will celebrate Mass on **Sunday,**

**February 22nd,** at 9:00PM in the Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel.

On **Tuesday, February 24th** at 7:30PM, there will be a public lecture "**The Value of Catholic Education in These Troubled Times**" by Bishop Donald Trautman in the Yehl Room, Waldron Campus Center. The lecture will be followed by a Mardi Gras Dessert reception.

On **Wednesday, February 25th** the *Ash Wednesday* liturgies are at 8:00AM, 12:15PM, 4:35PM and an Ecumenical Worship Service will be held at 7:00PM in the Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel.

On **Thursday, February 26th** at 11:00AM a Gannon Community Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Nicholas Rouch, Diocesan Vicar of Education.

Also on **Thursday, February 26th** the Gannon vs. Mercyhurst Basketball games will cheer on the men's and women's basketball teams beginning at 5:30PM in the Hammertmill Center.

A poster is on the bulletin board in the vestibule of the church with additional information. The events open to the public are highlighted and members of the community are encouraged to attend.



## THE WEEK AHEAD

**Monday - Boy Scout Meeting** at 6:00PM in the audi.

**Monday Night Scripture Group** at 7:00PM in the sacristy.

**Tuesday** - The **Rosary** will be prayed at 2:00PM in church.

**Saturday** - Church Cleaning **Team #5** (Jay and Earl Mittelmeier's team) is scheduled for February 21st.

### **BIG GIVEAWAY NEWS AND WINNERS**

Congratulations to these **Big Giveaway winners:** 5183 - Sue and Terry Erdely, 0578 - Paul J. Snyder, 5117 - 5117 - Kathy and Mike Murphy, 6760 - Dan Arndt, 282 - Robert Borsa, 0741 - Mary Ann Hayes, 7194 - Frances Przybyszewski, 2717 - Randy Hessinger, 0185 - John and Julie Hanke, and 0230 - Art Frawley.

Special congratulations to F. and T. Simonelli who were the \$1,000 winners for the last Wednesday of January.

On Saturday, February 7th, the annual Sellers' Dinner Party was held for those who help make the Big Giveaway the success that it is. At the dinner, the following individuals won \$50 grocery certificates: Connie Zambrzycki, Jo Ann Nagle, Pat Kornacki, Jeff Manczka and Mark Lewis. Also, Big Giveaway tickets for the balance of this year were won by: Bonny Kubia, Bill Schroth, Ann Carlotti, Dennis DeMichele, Laura Jackson Ron Zimmer, Judy Fleming, Nancy Yarrington and Becky Nardo.

We are pleased to announce that after our publication of the loss of five Captains, well over five individuals either offered or accepted the responsibility as team Captain to distribute tickets to the various Sellers. Those who offered after the positions were filled can be assured that their names will be retained so that we can call upon them as the need arises in the future. We thank all of you for your readiness to volunteer.

Our need for Sellers remains. After all, it is the Sellers who actually make the Big Giveaway a success. Unless tickets are sold, there will be no Big Giveaway Program. Anyone willing to volunteer to take some tickets and try to sell them would be greatly appreciated. Contact Jim Nuber by calling 864-9838 or Norm Zambrzycki at 835-5096.

**YOUTH GROUP NEWS** - Mark's Gospel paints a picture of a leper pursuing Jesus for healing. It only took Jesus to say "I do will it. Be made clean". Many times we are in need of healing and we don't seek Jesus until we are desperate. He is all around us! We must search for Jesus more in our daily lives especially since we all are in need of healing in one way or another. Sacred Heart youth group meets every Thursday in the Sacred Heart Auditorium from 7:8:30PM. Peace. Jesse



**Villa Maria Academy and Cathedral Preparatory School** will be hosting Open House events. Villa Maria Academy's Open House will be on **Sunday, February 22nd** from 1:00PM until 3:00PM. Cathedral Prep's Open House will be held on **Monday, February 23rd** from 6:00PM until 8:00PM. Each Open House will begin promptly with an assembly in the auditorium, at which time two \$1,000 scholarships will be drawn for 9th grade tuition at each Villa Maria Academy and Cathedral Prep. Please call Cathedral Prep at 453-7737 ext 3 or Villa Maria at 838-2061 ext 239 for more information.