

**Please remember in your prayers those who are ill:**

JoAnn Swaneck, Michelle Stover, Lew & Bobbi Lindner, John Davis, Lynda Dew, Rosemary Crego, Gene Jaquay, Pat Snyder, Helen Moore, Amy Puccetti Manning, Shelly Rhodes, William Foley, Marjorie Wynne, Margaret Cosgrove, Herman Leidinger, Kate Graham, Kathy Maxwell, Mary & Charlie Kulp, Betty Amore, Thomas Knight, Sue Keeler, Diana Wright, Elizabeth Guy, Eleanor Lelonek, Michael Berger, Lucille Becker, Bill Ervin, Alan Wiseman, Jill Huizer, Vickie Maurer, Buzz Ball, Gene & Amanda Davis, Frances McNulty, Rob Beck, Mel Schell, Ken Miller, Kathleen Foley, Mary Buk, Jack Zerrien, Joann Colopy, Ted Johnson, Tony Wolfe, Roma Kay Higgins, Pam Moine, Dottie Kelly, Marge Foley, Mary Jo O'Rourke, Kevin Campbell, Dean Rhodes, Nick Hayes, Marge Casey, Danny Campbell, Gene Catlett, Austin James, Michelle Martin, Marlene Parsley & Albert Scarpitti.

**Please remember in your prayers those who have died, especially:** Karen (Scales) Hammond, daughter of Al and Dorothy Scales. May God grant peace and comfort to her family!

**From the pastor...**

Penitence is an integral part of Christian life. Two of the more universally observed penitential practices are fasting and abstinence from certain foods. They have had a broad range of expressions over time and from church to church.

In the Near East, priests at one time kept a complete two day fast, eating only every third day throughout Lent. Among some of the Slavic nations, people fasted everyday in Lent until 3:00 p.m. In the very early church, the idea of fasting meant one meal a day, usually towards evening, with only water at other times. Today in our Latin church, fasting means one meal a day, taken at whatever time makes sense in the course of the work day of the individual Christian, with small collations, or snacks, at two other times.

Abstinence most usually means refraining from flesh, although our brother and sister Catholics of Eastern Rites also refrain from dairy products, including milk, cheese, and eggs.

Penitential days and seasons of fast and/or abstinence have changed over the years. When I was a boy, Fridays throughout the year, Ash Wednesday, Ember Days (a Wednesday, Friday and Saturday four times a year) and the day before (vigil) important feasts like Christmas required fasting.

In 1966, the American Bishops redefined the days of obligatory fast and abstinence. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting *and* abstinence and the Fridays of Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. All Fridays are penitential days. While releasing Catholics from obligatory abstinence on other Fridays of the year, giving individuals the capacity to choose their own penitential practices, the Bishops urge a wide range of personal penance on Fridays, giving first place to abstinence from meat.

The law of fasting obliges from the completion of the eighteenth year until the beginning of the sixtieth and the law of abstinence obliges from the end of the fourteenth year.

**LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS****Saturday, February 21 – Vigil: First Sunday of Lent**

4:00 p.m. Pat Wagner – Rick & Chris McCann

**Sunday, February 22 – First Sunday of Lent**

9:00 a.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary Magdalene Parish

11:00 a.m. Dolores Eilerman – Bea Elgin

**Monday, February 23 – Lenten Weekday**

8:15 a.m. Joe Gerlach – Al & Dorothy Scales

7:00 p.m. One Year Anniversary of Death (February 20, 2014) Betty Cupoli

**Tuesday, February 24 – Lenten Weekday**

8:15 a.m. Louise Tewell –

Lincoln Village Women's Euchre Club

**Thursday, February 26 – Lenten Weekday**

8:15 a.m. Joe Gerlach – Julius Palazzo

**Friday, February 27 – Lenten Weekday**

8:15 a.m. Sheila Cipriano – Rosa & Teresa Tavella

**Saturday, February 28 – Second Sunday of Lent**

4:00 p.m. Patricia Wagner – Rita & Franck Blateri

**Sunday, March 1 – Second Sunday of Lent**

9:00 a.m. Louis "Jerry" O'Rourke – Al & Dorothy Scales

11:00 a.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary Magdalene Parish

**Liturgical Ministers Schedules****Servers for Weekday, February 23-27**

Easter Valentine, Zachery Whipple

**Saturday, February 28 – 4:00 p.m.**

Servers: Cheyenne & Gabby Blackburn, Jesus Magdaleno

Readers: Julia Bricker, Danny Hamilton

Eucharistic Ministers: \*John, Shelley, Ryan Hamilton, Ken Miller, Tamara Francone

**Sunday, March 1 – 9:00 a.m.**

Servers: Scott & Audrey Klosterman, Harrison VanTilburg

Readers: Patrick Foley, Carole Marsh

Eucharistic Ministers: \* Rocco Fumi, Greg Smith, Linda Ackison, Stephanie VanTilburg, Mary Karabinos, Mary Ann Downs, Bruce & Henry Tokar

**Sunday, March 1 – 11:00 a.m.**

Servers: Kyle & Justine Ferko, Cree & Sage Tilley

Readers: Paul Puccetti, Charles Rowe

Eucharistic Ministers: \* Joe & Betty Regan, Rick Ferko, Jeanette Bach, Tamara McConnell, Steve & Debbie Llana, Diane Puccetti, Karin Carrier

**Servers for Weekday, March 2-6**

Jonas Happ, Alyssa Wolfe

Counters: Martindale, Bennett, Hammonds

Hospitality Committee (March): Jack & Nancy Smith, Ron & Dee Sexton

Altar Linens: Linda Jewell

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH****Sunday, February 22**

10:10 a.m. Bible Study  
 First Communion Parent Meeting after 11:00 a.m. Mass  
 7:00 p.m. RCIA

**Monday, February 23**

Prayer Group after 7:00 p.m. Mass

**Tuesday, February 24**

5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

**Wednesday, February 25**

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

**Thursday, February 26**

5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer  
 6:30 p.m. PREP

**Friday, February 27**

2:15 & 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, February 28**

*Love is our Mission* series following 4:00 p.m.  
 Mass – Simple Supper, Book Discussion

Parish and School Expense (net of tuition and cost reimbursement)	<b>February 14 &amp; 15</b>	\$ 8,734.00
Regular Sunday Collection		
Number of Envelopes – <u>106</u>		\$ 4,137.00
Online Giving		\$ 3,369.00
Children Sunday Collection		
Number of Envelopes – <u>13</u>		\$ 6.00
Other Parish Income		\$ 98.00
Net		-\$ 1,124.00
Net Month-to-date		-\$ 6,662.00
Net Fiscal Year 2014-2015 to date		-\$ 45,233.00

**FOOD PANTRY** – Next weekend, February 28, and March 1, is the weekend for the collection of nonperishable items for our parish Food Pantry. This month the need is for cold cereal, canned fruit, jello, pudding and canned meals. If possible, buy some no-sugar items, since some of the people we provide food have diabetes and cannot or should not eat the sugar items. During this cold weather, utility bills are much higher and therefore many people have less money to spend for food, including many of us! Thanks for your continued support of our Food Pantry.

**CLASSES FOR UMPIRING BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL**

begin Monday, March 2, at 6:00 p.m., at SMM Cost is \$125.00. To register, visit [www.officials.myohsaa.org](http://www.officials.myohsaa.org). For further information, contact Julius Palazzo at 276-9373.

**Signups for SMM Spring Baseball, Softball, and Track and Field** are currently going on thru February 26th. Forms were sent home this past week thru the School and Prep Program. Forms are also available in the School, Church or PREP offices. 4th-8th Grade girls and boys are eligible to participate. Questions? Contact Mr. or Mrs. Tokar (272-2014) or Mr. Palazzo (276-9373).

**Please pray for those in our military, especially:** Zachary Bair and Jon Kelley.

**St. Mary Magdalene Pasta Dinner/Silent Auction:** Sunday, March 8th, 12:00-5:30 p.m. in the Church Hall. Presale Tickets: \$5.00/Children (Pre-School-8th Grade); Adults 60 and over Presale Tickets – \$7.00 (Adults Ages High School – Age 59). Cost \$1.00 more at the doors. Proceeds benefit 8th Grade Class Trip. To order presale tickets, email [jmpalazzo@juno.com](mailto:jmpalazzo@juno.com), use the flyer in the bulletin or stop by Parish or School Office, Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Pasta Dinner tickets will also be sold after Masses the weekend of February 28, March 1st and at Coffee and Donuts.

**Breakfast of Champions at Bishop Ready HS:** Six area restaurants will be participating in Bishop Ready's second annual Breakfast of Champions at the school on Thursday, February 26, from 7:30-9:00 a.m. The event is sponsored by and benefits Ready's Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). Participants will sample breakfast offerings from last year's winner, P.F. Chang's China Bistro, plus BJ's Brewhouse, Polaris Grill, Milestone 29, Elevator Brewing, and Bosc+Brie and will then vote for their favorite. Tickets are \$15.00. For more information, contact FBLA moderator, Maria Illig, at 276-5263, ext. 220.

**Bishop Ready Mothers' Club** is sponsoring the 12th Annual Prom Fashion Show/Luncheon on Sunday, March 1, at 1:00 p.m. at The Boathouse at Confluence Park. Ready juniors and seniors will model both casual and formal wear. Cost is \$27.50 per person. For more information or to reserve a place, please contact Michelle Kelly at Bishop Ready at 276-7827 by Wednesday, February 25.

**The Placement Exam for Bishop Ready incoming freshmen** will be held on Saturday, March 7, from 8:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The Scholarship Exam will be held on Saturdays, March 14 and 21, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Incoming freshmen may take the exam on either date; current Ready students may take the scholarship exam on March 21 ONLY. Exams will be held at the school. For more information, please call BRHS at 276-5263.

**SENIOR or DISABLED IN NEED OF HOME REPAIR?**

Service Saturday, sponsored by Catholic Social Services will be held on May 16. Do you know of an older adult (60+) and disabled individual living in Franklin County who needs help with a small home repair or special project? If so, please contact Peggy Sirbaugh in the CSS office or [psirbaugh@colscss.org](mailto:psirbaugh@colscss.org) with the name, street address, zip code, phone number and project idea. Be sure you discuss the event with the individual before making the referral. Please call by March 2. We can accept a maximum of 30 worksites, so please don't delay! (We are unable to accept plumbing, electrical, and second-floor exterior projects.)

**Next Sunday's Readings**

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18  
 Romans 8:31b-34  
 Mark 9:2-10

**THIS WEEKEND**

Diocesan collection for Black and Indian Mission.

Please place your envelope in the regular collection.

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 7:00 p.m. RCIA