

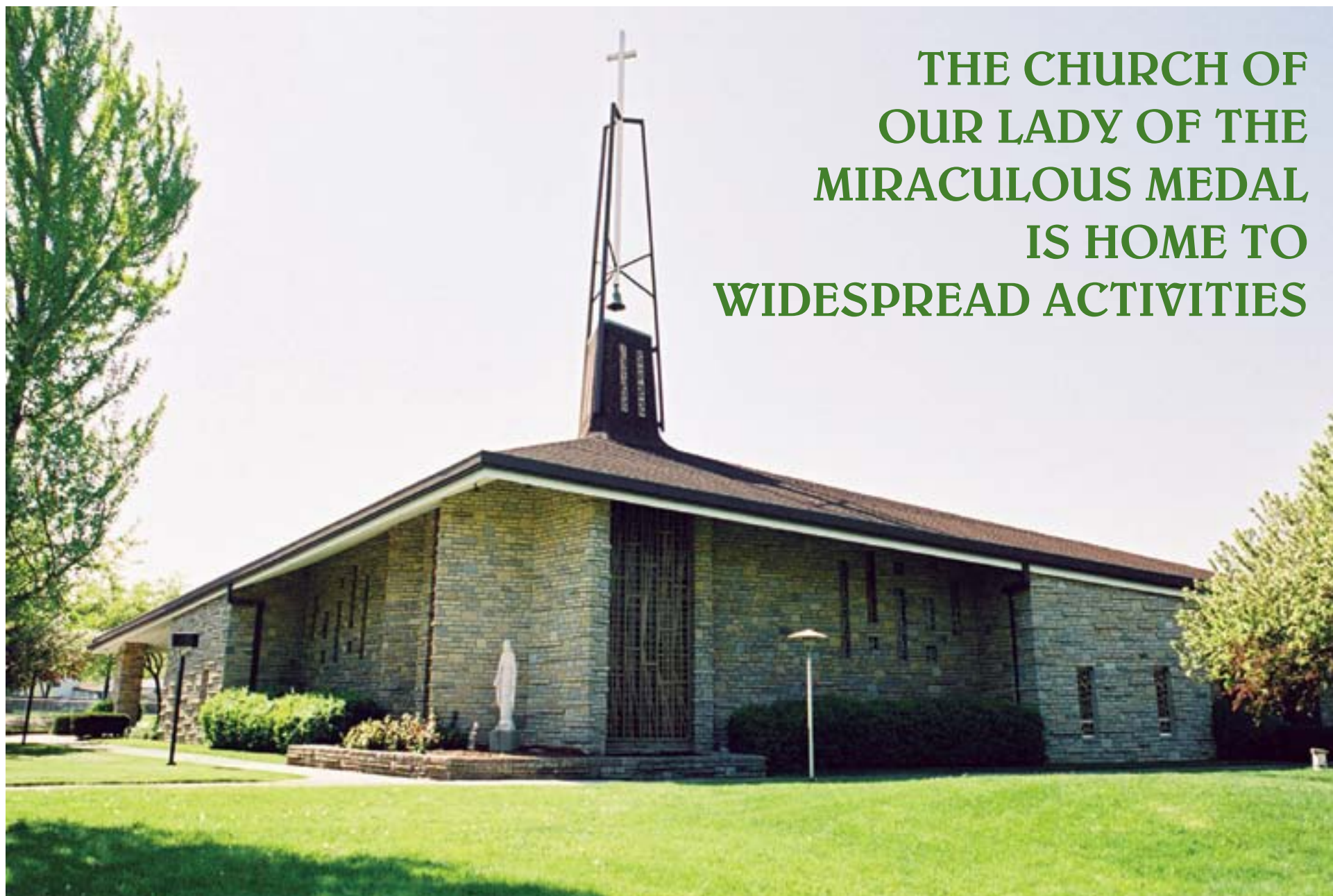


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## The Editor's Notebook

## Freedom of Religion

By David Garick, Editor

*Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.*

That is the very first phrase of the Bill of Rights of the U.S. Constitution. Our nation was founded on the principal that the government has no business interfering in the relationship between a church and its faithful adherents. Freedom of worship has always been a defining feature of our democracy.

Today, that freedom is under attack. As you will read in the article on this page, the Obama administration, through a mandate issued by the Department of Health and Human Services, has ordered every employer in our nation to pay for insurance that will provide workers with abortion-inducing drugs, sterilization, and contraception. It matters not to this administration if you, as a business owner, are a devout Catholic who cannot morally pay to facilitate acts that our faith holds to be immoral. It matters not to this administration that even the Church itself would have to violate its own teaching by paying for these services for employees of our schools, hospitals, colleges, and social service agencies.

This administration's ideal of "accommodating" the concerns of the Church is to offer a ruse by which the insurance companies with which we contract for employee health care will have to provide these services "free of charge." Now, I don't know of any private business that stays in business by providing millions of dollars worth of services "free of charge." Insurance companies will simply adjust their accounting and fold the cost of these services into the administrative overhead which they charge the Church for the overall policy. In the end, the Church is still paying for the services, which violate central teachings of the Church.

Of course, that was the idea all along. If this measure is allowed to stand, how

can the Church speak with moral authority against the evil of abortion when it is paying for those very services? This is clearly an effort to co-opt the Church and make it a co-conspirator in the culture of death. Every effort is being made to silence people of faith. This administration wants to push the Church out of the public square. Last year, the federal government defunded the very successful program that the Catholic Church operated to aid victims of human trafficking. It did this because the Church would not send these victims to abortionists. Across the nation, excellent Catholic adoption programs are being terminated by the government because they will not place children in gay households. When free exercise of religion gets in the way of the government's agenda, the Church must be suppressed.

As Catholics and American citizens, we must take a stand. The government must not be allowed to turn the power of the state against its Catholic citizens. We must speak up. We must pressure our elected officials to follow the Constitution. We must use our power as voters to elect leaders who will respect the fundamental freedoms of our nation. We must stand strong in the faith.

We have seen this before. In the fifth chapter of the Book of Acts, we are told of the local leaders of Jerusalem warning St. Peter and the apostles to stop preaching in the name of Jesus. This was causing them problems in the community. When the apostles did not stop, they were arrested. But an angel of the Lord released them from prison and they returned to the Temple area to preach. They were again brought before the authorities and asked to explain their defiance. St. Peter simply told them, "We must obey God rather than men." So must you and I.



## OBAMA'S REVISED HHS MANDATE WON'T SOLVE PROBLEMS, USCCB PRESIDENT SAYS

By Francis X. Rocca  
Catholic News Service

Cardinal-designate Timothy M. Dolan of New York said Feb. 13 that President Barack Obama's revision to the contraceptive mandate in the health reform law did nothing to change the U.S. bishops' opposition to what they regard as an unconstitutional infringement on religious liberty.

"We bishops are pastors, we're not politicians, and you can't compromise on principle," said Cardinal-designate Dolan, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. "And the goal posts haven't moved and I don't think there's a 50-yard line compromise here," he added.

"We're in the business of reconciliation, so it's not that we hold fast, that we're stubborn ideologues, no. But we don't see much sign of any compromise," he said.

"What (Obama) offered was next to nothing. There's no change, for instance, in these terribly restrictive mandates and this grossly restrictive definition of what constitutes a religious entity," he said. "The principle wasn't touched at all."

Announced Feb. 10, Obama's revision of the Department of Health and Human Services' contraceptive mandate left intact the restrictive definition of a religious entity and would shift the costs of contraceptives from the policyholders to the insurers, thus failing to ensure that Catholic individuals and institutions would not have to pay for services that they consider immoral, Cardinal-designate Dolan said.

For one thing, the cardinal-designate said, many dioceses and Catholic in-



stitutions are self-insuring. Moreover, Catholics with policies in the compliant insurance companies would be subsidizing others' contraception coverage. He also objected that individual Catholic employers would not enjoy exemption under

Obama's proposal.

"My brother-in-law, who's a committed Catholic, runs a butcher shop. Is he going to have to pay for services that he as a convinced Catholic considers to be morally objectionable?" he asked.

Cardinal-designate Dolan said he emailed Sister Carol Keehan, a Daughter of Charity who heads the Catholic Health Association, on Feb. 10 to tell her that he was "disappointed that she had acted unilaterally, not in concert with the bishops."

"She's in a bind," the cardinal-designate said of Sister Carol. "When she's talking to (HHS Secretary Kathleen) Sebelius and the president of the United States, in some ways, these are people who are signing the checks for a good chunk of stuff that goes on in Catholic hospitals. It's tough for her to stand firm. Understandably, she's trying to make sure that anything possible, any compromise possible, that would allow the magnificent work of Catholic health care to continue, she's probably going to be innately more open to than we would."

In a Feb. 10 statement, Sister Carol praised what she called "a resolution ... that protects the religious liberty and conscience rights of Catholic institutions."

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## WAGNER HONORED AS 2012 MAN OF THE YEAR

BY TIM PUET

Reporter, Catholic Times

The recipient of the 2012 diocesan Catholic Man of the Year award said the challenge of being a father in today's society led him to a closer examination and a deeper appreciation of the church.

In accepting the award, Tom Wagner of Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton Parish also expressed strong support for the quick reaction by bishops against a proposal by the federal Health and Human Services Department requiring most Catholic institutions to offer employee health coverage which would pay for practices that violate Catholic teaching.

"I am a cradle Catholic, but the beginning of my deeper conversion didn't happen, unfortunately, until perhaps 15 years ago," Wagner said during a meeting of the Catholic Men's Luncheon Club at Columbus St. Patrick Church on Friday, Feb. 10. "I suppose it was sparked by the reality of raising teenagers in this culture. By God's loving grace, something stimulated me to study our church – not the media's presentation of the church, but the true church – and I found beauty."

Wagner said he discovered "that picking and choosing which teachings you like and which you don't like doesn't lead to deep conversion."

"We are drawn in a strong way, in a deep way, to full and complete faith," he said. "So I guess my short advice to anyone desiring deeper conversion is to spend some time learning about what the church really is and what she has to say." He said this should involve going to Mass and confession often, reading the Scriptures and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, reading "good, solid Catholic sources," listening to Catholic CDs and Catholic radio, and going to conferences and retreats.

Bishop Frederick Campbell presented Wagner with the award. In his remarks, Wagner thanked the bishop "for your immediate response to the pending threat against our freedom," referring to the proposed HHS directive.

"We appreciate your public call to action," he said. "As you work to fight this and future threats, we stand with your priests and deacons." He said he



felt confident he could speak for the men who will attend next month's diocesan Catholic Men's Conference in saying, "We've got your back."

Later Friday, President Barack Obama offered a modification to the proposal. The change would allow religiously affiliated institutions not to include practices opposed to Catholic teaching in their insurance plans, but would compel insurance companies to provide free coverage for such practices to individual workers who want it. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops said this does not go far enough in protecting religious liberty.

Wagner began his remarks by saying that when he considered the achievements of the award's past recipients and current nominees, "the words that kept coming to me were, 'Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof.'" He said he accepted it "only with the desire to use it for God's kingdom."

Seton parishioner Paul Thoburn and his wife, Shirley, who led the effort to nominate Wagner for the award, "have known Tom for three years and were amazed at how pious he was and how genuine and spiritual in nature. I've been a round for a lot of years and I've never been around a man like him," Thoburn said.

Thoburn, who has been active in the parish for 35 years, said he never thought about doing some of the things Wagner has done, such as organizing monthly first-Friday rosaries in his home and being a Eucharistic adorer

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## Letter from Our Bishop

## CARE ENOUGH TO ACT!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As Christians, we are called to read the signs of the times. Over the past three years, need in the 23 counties of the diocese has skyrocketed. Hunger is on the rise in Ohio. More of our brothers and sisters live in poverty and are in need of emergency assistance to make ends meet. There are families who need help for their children with a severe mental illness. Over a quarter of our seniors are living alone and have no family or friends to check on them. The average age of a homeless person is nine years old. One in four women experience a form of domestic violence.

These are some of the realities that our Catholic Charities encounter every day. And why do they help? Because belief in the Gospel of Jesus Christ calls for a response to need – that we, individually and collectively, care enough to act. Providing help to those in need is a moral imperative for us who bear the name of Christ. An inseparable part of the great commandment to love God with our whole being is to love our neighbor as we love ourselves, and to recognize that whenever we see someone in need, that person is our neighbor. Charity or "caritas" means love. Our diocesan Catholic Charities are an expression of our collective commitment to the virtue of love for the poor and most vulnerable in our community.

In addition to the parish-based efforts and organizations that serve the poor and vulnerable, we have several diocesan-sponsored agencies and organizations that respond to need and act in our name. Our diocesan Catholic Charities include Catholic Social Services, JOIN, the St. Francis Center in McArthur, St. Stephen's Community House, St. Vincent Family Center, and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. They witness to our faith in the incarnate Son of God, who taught us to live with compassion and to serve the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, and the stranger.

All of us are called to help in some way, according to our abilities. The first thing that we can do is to pray for those in need and for those who seek to help them. Secondly, we can consider the role of volunteerism. Many needs can be addressed through the capable and committed service of volunteers. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has been built upon this premise. Volunteers from around the diocese work each day to provide help and hope to those in need. Many of our diocesan organizations can benefit from your service as a volunteer.

Other services like behavioral health care, certified child care, and counseling require staff with specialized knowledge and facilities specifically designed to provide that type of service. Specialized services require professional training, certification, and licensure. These vital services, and others that require paid staff, come with a cost to ensure quality of care. With decreasing community and government resources, our personal contributions are critical to maintain these high-level services. Donated funds help our agencies leverage other resources and remain faithful witnesses to the mission of "caritas" entrusted to them.

I invite you to learn more about our diocesan Catholic Charities and who they serve. Today offers an opportunity for us to rediscover in a personal way the call to love of neighbor, especially to those in need. Visit the website [www.charities.coldsdioc.org](http://www.charities.coldsdioc.org) for more information.

PLEASE CARE ENOUGH TO ACT.  
PRAY. VOLUNTEER. DONATE.Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Most Reverend Frederick F. Campbell, DD, PhD  
Bishop of Columbus

Front Page photo:

The Church of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal on the far east side of Columbus, formed in 1967 from parts of Columbus St. Philip, Groveport St. Mary, and Reynoldsburg St. Pius X churches. The church building was dedicated in 1974

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## PRACTICAL STEWARDSHIP

By Rick Jeric

### Fight

Did you sing a song of love with your words and actions this past week? Spouses are closer, communicating better, and working harder on the many challenges of their relationship. Children are more focused on their Faith, their schoolwork, and their relationship with their parents. Friends are close because they reflect the love and mission of Jesus and His disciples, not because they feel there is anything they can get out of the other. Strangers are not so strange any longer, because they have experienced a little more compassion, understanding, patience, service, and love from the rest of us. Our hugs, kisses, and simple smiles go a long way, especially in this world that offers so many obstacles, distractions, and challenges. Both socially and spiritually, our relationships crave and need love. With God, there is no hesitation or lack of love. With us, there is sin, temptation, reaction, and resistance. We show and demonstrate our love for God best when we do the same for our fellow human beings and members of the Body of Christ. That is our great and daily challenge, and that is the song we sing.

Unfortunately, we know the reality of the love that is shown and lived as a matter of "acceptable norms" each day in the 21st Century. Of course, there is much love practiced and experienced by many of us. We all know many good people who truly make a difference with their vocation, their service, their example, their good and faithful stewardship, and their Christian love. We also know that there is a great deal of evil in our world. Evil is real, and it takes on many forms. We have a choice. We can wait for evil to grow and impact the world around us, and then we react. Or we can take a very proactive stance and meet evil head-on. We may not be able to completely eradicate evil, but we can make a solid difference in deliberately chipping away at it. And one of the best ways to do so is by completely rejecting evil, especially when it is so prevalent. Each one of us can impact great numbers. When we speak and act with fortitude and resolve, we impact our children, our friends, our co-workers, and those we do not even recognize. Just as Jesus' disciples recognized Him in the breaking of the bread in Emmaus, so do others recognize what is right and true when we live it and model it. We confront and fight evil, not evildoers. Even if we have the opportunity to directly confront an evildoer, it is the evil we despise. In turn, the evildoer does not have to necessarily recognize us, but to see, feel, and experience what is right through the love of Jesus Christ that we model.

Evil is always present universally. It takes on many forms, and can be found and experienced in varying degrees. Greed, selfishness, and rationalizing have caused countless millions of deaths throughout history by way of war, murder, and hunger. Some fight, but most of us watch. Men, full of words and man-made laws, ignore natural law and our God by making murder legal in abortion. Some fight, but most of us watch. Our executive branch of the federal government mandates our religious medical facilities to provide care that would include procedures such as sterilization and induced abortion, under the guise of birth control. Some fight and some of us even shake our fists at our Catholic leaders, but still, most of us just watch. The same branch orders that the letter from the Catholic Bishops of the United States may not be read at Masses for the armed forces unless certain words are removed. A few fight, but most obey their Commander-in-Chief while passively humoring their God.

Our practical challenge this week is to actively fight and demand that life, and the lives of the most vulnerable, is the most precious gift we have. We can fight by praying and fasting. We can fight by making our voices heard loud and clear. We can fight by our example, especially for our children and grandchildren. Tell them, teach them, and show them what is right. They are precious, and so is the life of each member of our world and the Body of Christ. Fight, and do not sit idly by and watch.

Jeric is director of development and planning for the Columbus Diocese.



## SPECIAL FRIENDS MASS

Father Bill Hritsko, pastor of Coshocton Sacred Heart Church, describes the different candles used throughout the year at Mass. He had Sacred Heart School students display them during a "special friends Mass" that was part of Catholic Schools Week

Photo courtesy The Coshocton Tribune

## PROGRAM FOCUSES ON INTERFAITH UNDERSTANDING AND RESPECT

The Martin de Porres Center's first 2012 program, from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, will be an evening of reflection on four different voices from religious traditions seeking mutual understanding and respect, focusing on forgiveness and compassion as a way to peace in a diverse world.

All are invited to join this conversation drawn from the traditions, teachings, and experiences of Christianity, Judaism, Islam, and the Sikh faith. A panel of promoters of peace from each of these traditions will share from their respective scriptures, customs, and actions. Discussion will be open to all.

Panelists will include Father Ron Atwood, pastor of Columbus St. Francis of Assisi Church; Dr. Tarunjit Singh Butalia, president of the Interfaith Association

of Central Ohio and secretary of the Dublin-based Sikh Educational and Religious Foundation; Dr. John Kashubek, an emergency medicine physician, vice president of the Interfaith Association of Central Ohio, and an active member of the central Ohio Muslim community; and Rabbi Yosef Zylberberg, a progressive rabbi with 27 years' experience serving Jewish communities across the United States.

For additional information or to register online by Friday, Feb. 24, go to [www.martindeporrescenter.net](http://www.martindeporrescenter.net) and click on "Upcoming Events" or call (614) 416-1910. The suggested donation is \$5. The Martin de Porres Center, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, is at 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus.

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## FLAGET SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS MOVE ON

Seven students from Chillicothe Bishop Flaget School will head to district competition at Ohio University in March after receiving superior ratings at the school science fair. They are (from left) Carly McCloy, Emma Lanning, Cassidy Corcoran, Gabby Lapurga, Emily Preston, Tori Bettendorf, and John Schafer.

Excellent scores were awarded to Hanna Kemper, Hallie Anders, Noah Blum, Clark Coulter, Nick Conrad, Amanda Dicken, Spencer Bost, Jack Reisinger, Kachina McKnight, Jera Copley, Nick Haller, and Nina Williams. Corcoran and Bettendorf were awarded "best of show" ribbons for receiving the highest overall scores

Photo courtesy Bishop Flaget School

## CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

Richard Lane, a street corner evangelist and co-founder of the Catholic Men for Christ men's conference in St. Louis, will be in Columbus Saturday, March 3, for a talk at the 15th annual Catholic Men's Conference sponsored by the diocesan Catholic Men's Ministry.



Army Military Police Corps officer in several domestic and international locations. He became a Catholic on April 19, 2003, and began proclaiming the Gospel on the streets in 2005, sharing the Word of God and passing out Bibles, crosses, and other religious items.

Other speakers will be Scott Hahn, professor of theology and Scripture at the Franciscan University of Steubenville; Msgr. Eugene Morris of the Pontifical College Josephinum, and Father David Schalk, pastor of Columbus Christ the King Church. Bishop Frederick Campbell will be the celebrant and homilist for the conference Mass. The theme of the event, which will begin at 8 a.m. in the Lausche Building of the State Fairgrounds, is "A Call to Action: Be a New Man in Christ."

Since then, he has been featured on "Catholic Answers Live," Ave Maria Radio, Relevant Radio, *Our Sunday Visitor*, the *National Catholic Reporter*, *Sports Review* magazine, and EWTN radio and television's "The Journey Home" with Marcus Grodi. The men's conference in St. Louis he helped start draws thousands of men each year to hear the message of the Gospel.

Registration for the Columbus conference is \$27 (\$10 for students, free for priests, deacons and seminarians), with a box lunch included. Checks should be made payable to Catholic Men's Ministry and mailed to Scott Williamson, 5107 Canterbury Drive, Powell, Ohio 43065. For additional information, go to [columbuscatholicmen.com](http://columbuscatholicmen.com) or call (614) 798-1792.

Lane, a Detroit native, is the son of retired Michigan educator Mary O. Alexander and the late Dick "Night Train" Lane, one of the NFL's greatest cornerbacks and a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame. He attended Morehouse College in Atlanta and served for six years as an



*A quick note from:*

## THE OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP

### ASH WEDNESDAY, THE BEGINNING OF THE LENTEN SEASON

The date for Ash Wednesday changes each year. This is because of its relationship to Easter. The Council of Nicaea (in 325) determined that Easter occurs on the first Sunday after the full moon following the vernal equinox. Most of us will probably just pick up a calendar and not bother with the Nicæan formula to calculate the date for Easter. Lent is always 40 days long (not counting Sundays), which places Ash Wednesday as early as Feb. 4 or as late as March 10, depending on the date of the full moon, in the Nicæan formula.

There are a lot of things that happen as we begin the Lenten season. Beginning with celebrations on Ash Wednesday and throughout the season of Lent, we substitute a "Gospel acclamation" for the *alleluias* in our celebrations. These Gospel acclamations still give praise for the teachings that Christ gives us in the Gospel, but without using the word "alleluia." There are several other changes that begin on this day: the organ is used only to support singing, flowers are not used to decorate the sanctuary, vestments are the red hues of purple, and the *Gloria* is not used during the season of Lent. All these changes do not mean that we celebrate less, just that our focus is turned inward to be more reflective of our own faith life that we bring to our celebrations.

All these changes begin when each of us receive ashes on our forehead. These ashes, usually made from leftover palms from the previous year, are accompanied with a Scripture passage either from Genesis (3:19 - *You are dust, and to dust you shall return*) or from Mark's



Gospel (1:15 - Repent and believe in the Gospel.). Through the imposition of ashes, we accept an awareness that we are sinners standing before the majesty and holiness of

God. The acceptance of the ashes also demonstrates our readiness to be transformed by the Gospels we hear in our celebrations and read as we study Scripture.

In our participation on Ash Wednesday, we begin a Lenten journey, a journey where we again look at the bare essentials of our faith and how they are integrated into the way we live our lives. To truly be authentic disciples of Christ, we must deny ourselves and take up our cross, following our Lord. (Luke 9:23)

St. Francis de Sales offered the following thoughts in his *Introduction to the Devout Life*. These thoughts might help with our own self-evaluation of our lived faith and how we express that faith in celebration:

Humble yourself profoundly before God, saying from your heart, with the Psalmist, "O Lord! My whole being is as nothing before you and how have You remembered me to create me." O my soul, you were engulfed in the ancient nothing, and had God not drawn you to Himself, what would you have done in that barren state? Return thanks to God. O my great and good Creator, how much I am obliged to You, since You chose to draw me out of nothing, in Your mercy to make me what I am? What can I ever do to bless Your holy name as I should, and to render thanks to Your inestimable goodness?

## BAPTISM DURING LENT?



### QUESTION & ANSWER

by: FATHER KENNETH DOYLE  
*Catholic News Service*

**Q.** During Lent, our parish does not perform the sacrament of baptism, and holy water is removed from the fonts. Is this proper and is it required?(Swedesboro, N.J.)

**A.** No church law prohibits baptisms during Lent, and the matter is up to local discretion. A fair number of parishes choose not to perform Lenten baptisms. Canon 856 of the *Code of Canon Law* says baptisms should ordinarily be done on Sundays or, if possible, at the Easter Vigil.

This guideline is based on the intimate link between Christian baptism

and the saving resurrection of Jesus. Some pastors make the judgment that once Lent has begun, it is reasonable to delay the baptism of a healthy infant until Easter to highlight that connection.

The baptisms of adult converts are almost always done at the Easter Vigil ceremony.

*The Catechism of the Catholic Church* says that infants should be baptized "shortly after birth" (No. 1250). Canon No. 867 is a bit more specific, noting that "parents are obliged to take care that infants are baptized in the first few weeks" after birth.

"Shortly" and "few" are seen by some pastors as an opportunity to wait until Easter, once Lent has begun. An infant in danger of death should, of course, be baptized immediately, as Canon No. 867 points out.

As for removing the holy water from fonts, I suppose that if baptisms are delayed until Easter, it makes some sense to empty the baptismal font to signify the "dryness" of the Lenten desert experience before the life-giving joy of Easter.

But I would argue against it if the baptismal font doubles as a holy water font where people sign themselves with water when they enter church.

*Questions may be sent to Father Kenneth Doyle at askfatherdoyle@gmail.com and 40 Hopewell St., Albany, N.Y. 12208.*

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**Help is available:** The Diocese of Columbus wants to hear from anyone who has suffered. If you wish to report an allegation of abuse or need pastoral and/or clinical care in order to begin or continue the process of healing from sexual abuse as a child at the hands of a member of the clergy or a church employee or volunteer, simply call the diocesan Victims' Assistance Coordinator. You can find contact information at the bottom of this notice. If you wish to receive a copy of the diocesan complaint form or any of the diocesan policies and procedures, simply call the number below or visit the diocesan web site at [www.colodioc.org](http://www.colodioc.org)

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from 1 to 2 a.m. every Sunday.

Shirley Thoburn said seeing Wagner's faith helped her own faith become stronger. She praised him for "working daily to free himself from worldly things and put on godly virtue."

Seton parishioner Tim Bowie described Wagner as a man "who always has joy in his life and has his priorities in order." He said the letters in the word "joy" for Wagner meant "Jesus, others, and a little bit that's left over for yourself."

Wagner's pastor, Father James Klima, said he was "the luckiest pastor alive to have someone like Tom in my parish." He said one of the many things for which he was grateful to Wagner was the award recipient's work in couple-to-couple marriage preparation classes. Father Klima said he knew of several couples who did not go into the classes with enthusiasm, but were inspired to become more active Catholics through the example set by Wagner and his wife, Carol.

Carol Wagner listed 10 things she loved about her husband, with the top three being that, in reverse order, he thinks of others first, is a great father and husband, and loves God and strives to be more like him.

Wagner has been a parishioner at Seton

since 1994 and is involved in many other parish activities besides those mentioned at the award luncheon. He and Carol have been married for 31 years and have four children. He is a consulting member of the technical staff at Alcatel Lucent.

The Catholic Man of the Year award was established by the men's luncheon club in 1957. The 2011 recipient was Walter L. "Lee" Brock of Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church. Anyone may participate by nominating a man from a diocesan parish who exemplifies the qualities of the Biblical "good and faithful servant."

Nominees for this year's award, in addition to Wagner, were Joseph Allgeier, New Albany Church of the Resurrection; Emeke Anyadoh, Columbus St. Matthias; Jim Butler, Plain City St. Joseph; Joe Buttress, Columbus St. Christopher; Hugo Dellaflora, Columbus St. Timothy; Joe Fox, Powell St. Joan of Arc; David Garick, Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral; Richard Hinterschied, Columbus St. Catharine; Fred Kottenstette, Columbus St. Agatha; Joffre Moine, Columbus St. Mary; Don Postiy, Sunbury St. John Neumann; Patrick Shroyer, Columbus Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal; Carl Smith, Columbus Christ the King; and Rick Wanner, Columbus St. Andrew.

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# WILDERNESS OUTREACH



Participants in a Wilderness Outreach expedition last year in the Golden Trout Wilderness of the Sequoia National Forest of California's Sierra Nevada Mountains were (from left) Steve Van Hoorebeke, Mark Layton, John Bradford, Justin Bennett, Mark O'Connor, Father Bill Ferguson, Chris Walsh, Father Matt Hoover, Guillermo Ramirez, Father Chuck Kelly, John Laughlin, Ace Racela, Jorge Ariaga, and Jesus Hernandez  
Photo courtesy Wilderness Outreach

Wilderness Outreach is planning nine expeditions for 2012. Men taking part will backpack five to 20 miles into a pristine wilderness and immerse themselves into worship, work, asceticism, leadership, and brotherhood. They will celebrate daily Mass, pray the Liturgy of the Hours, and clear and build hiking trails while cleansing and building their manhood, participating in and leading discussions about leadership, and becoming the men God made them to be.

The expedition schedule is as follows:

**May 4-13: Cranberry Wilderness, W.Va.** Father Fred Byrne will be chaplain for the organization's first expedition into the highlands of the Allegheny Mountains of West Virginia. This is open to all laymen.

**May 21-30: Sequoia National Forest, Calif.** Father David Hasser, vocations director of the Diocese of Lafayette Ind., will lead a team of seasoned seminarians to help clear 60 miles of forgotten trails in the land of giant trees. This is for seminarians of the Lafayette Diocese only.

**June 1-10: Sequoia National Forest.** Father Jeff Coning will be chaplain of his second expedition for laymen from the Diocese of Columbus. Expect a six- to 10-mile hike to base camp, lots of crosscut saw and ax work, and beautiful star-filled nights and frosty mornings.

**June 15-24: Sequoia National Forest.** Father Brian Doerr, vice rector of Mount St Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md., will be challenging seminarians to

"Get Holy or Die Try'n" on the summer's final Sequoia expedition. This will be his third expedition, and is open to all seminarians and men discerning.

**June 29-July 8: Sierra Nevada or the Rocky Mountains.** Men wanting to test their endurance and capacity for adventure are invited to join Father Matt Hoover on his fifth expedition. He will be heading to the high alpine country of the southern Rockies or the John Muir Wilderness of California.

**July 13-22: Golden Trout Wilderness, Calif.** Participants will be fishing for trout on this expedition. The expedition also is "fishing" for a priest and laymen to take part.

**July 22-Aug. 5: Gunnison National Forest, Colo.** Join Father Bill Hahn on his fifth expedition into the high alpine of the Gunnison National Forest.

**Aug. 10-19 and Aug. 24-Sept. 2: Open.** For these last two expeditions, the mountain snow has receded and the possibilities are unlimited: the Rockies from Colorado to Montana, the Cascades from California to Washington, and all of the Sierra Nevada. These are great opportunities for a parish priest and parish men's group to become the "Band of Brothers" they've wanted to become.

Cost for the expeditions is \$200 per man. For more information, check the Wilderness Outreach website at [www.wildernessoutreach.net](http://www.wildernessoutreach.net) or the Wilderness Outreach Facebook page, or contact John Bradford at [john@wildernessoutreach.net](mailto:john@wildernessoutreach.net) or (614) 679-6761.



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## Death and New Life



**GRACE IN THE MOMENT**  
Mary van Balen

Last week, I received a call from my brother informing me that my Uncle Adrian had passed away. He was my father's youngest brother and had been the last surviving of six siblings.

Uncle Adrian was easy to be with and always a lot of fun. When I was in grade school, my parents drove me to his home, where I spent a week of summer vacation with him, my aunt, and four cousins.

His two sons and I hiked along creeks and, picking among stones along its bed, found "magic" ones that we used to write and draw on flat pieces of slate we had found. I remember sitting with Uncle Adrian on the porch one evening, just watching the sky and talking about a variety

of topics. That is when I learned that the neighbor's dog had a litter and was looking for homes for the puppies.

I was ecstatic. I had wanted a pet for what seemed like forever, and here was a puppy, a free puppy, just for the asking. I fell in love with a light-colored puppy with nappy fur and dark ears, and by the time my parents came to pick me up, I was sure this puppy was meant for us.

They did not share my conviction, however, and no amount of pleading could change their minds. The ride back to Ohio was quiet, and I imagine I was sullen in the back seat. Still, I had a great time, and that week remains a fond memory 50 years later.

My brothers, sisters, and

most of our cousins came to the funeral home to remember Adrian and share our stories. Afterward, we gathered at a local park shelter house to share food, laughter, and more stories.

Death provided an opportunity for family and friends to reconnect and to celebrate not only Adrian's life, but also the lives of family and friends that were intertwined with his.

My sister and brother-in-law and I spent the night at the home of their daughter, her husband,

and their three-week-old daughter. How good to feel the warmth of a tiny baby snuggled up against my shoulder as I walked her around and around the house, talking quietly about our family, the bird's nest outside on the trellis, and hopes for future visits.

Death and new life seem to be the opposite ends of each person's journey. Certainly, if life is viewed in a linear way, such a view makes sense: One is born, one lives, one dies. But life can be understood

in other ways. It can be a circle that continues forever. On a purely physical level, the death and decomposition of a living being allows its matter to become part of new living beings. Joni Mitchell sang "We are stardust," and she was right.

On a spiritual level, death also brings new life. We experience many deaths throughout our lives: deaths of relationships, dreams, or jobs. We must let go of some emotions or desires that keep us from being who God made us to be. Life is an unending string of deaths that lead to new life.

Liturgically, we are approaching Lent, when we celebrate the Paschal Mystery of Christ's birth, death, and resurrection. This is the ultimate un-

derstanding of death leading to new life. Jesus was born, lived his life, and, in the end, was murdered by humanity that could not accept the challenge of love and compassion he proclaimed.

The lives and deaths of our family and friends are reminders of this greater mystery. From the explosion of stars to the birth and death of every person, to the final coming together in an unimaginable new life, we are part of the cycle that is echoed in the earth's seasons and the church's liturgies. Death is not the end. It is the entrance into a new way of being.

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## A Challenge This Lent to Turn Up Your Faith!

By ELIZABETH FICOCELLI

As Lent 2012 rapidly approaches, many people are beginning to formulate their 40-day game plan. Let's see ... what will I give up this year? Or what new habit or practice will I attempt to take on? If you're like me, you've had ups and downs in sticking with those Lenten promises. Many of us start Lent with a bang, only to end with a whimper as we give in or give up somewhere down the line. But even in our "successful" Lents, when we have gone without something for 40 days or faithfully added something new to our schedule, the question that remains is this: How did my Lenten game plan improve my relationship with God? How did it draw me deeper into a more fully Catholic experience that will last

long after Lent is over? At Easter Sunday, am I still the same person I was before, or am I radically different?

This Lent, I would like to propose a different kind of spiritual challenge. A challenge I believe is manageable and – more importantly, if done faithfully – can result in a whole new level of learning, living, and loving your Catholic faith. (And perhaps the faith of your entire family as well!)

Intrigued? Here it is. Starting Ash Wednesday (if not sooner), simply set the radio dial in your car to AM 820 and leave it there for 40 days. That means during morning drive time, evening drive time, in the middle of the day, and on weekends, no matter who happens to be in the car with you. Yes, it means giving up your favorite talk radio or

music station. But every time you turn on AM 820, you'll get far more in return.

AM 820 is the new home of St. Gabriel Catholic Radio, one of our city's greatest blessings and still-to-be-discovered secrets. Catholic radio, you may ask? Does that mean boring homilies and Gregorian chant? Hardly. Tune in to St. Gabriel Catholic Radio and you'll find a variety of engaging, enlightening, and, at times, entertaining programs that will remind you (or perhaps tell you for the first time) why we are so blessed to be Catholic.

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ing. You'll be fortified in your role as husband, wife, father, mother, catechist, and faithful believer. You'll find top-notch apologetics (that's the explanation and defense of the faith) to help you answer questions posed to you by non-Catholic friends and family. You'll hear inspirational stories that will truly lift your spirits. And you'll become more informed on what's happening right here in the Diocese of Columbus and the opportunities that are available for you to deepen your faith.

Catholic radio is a phenomenon that has been sweeping the nation in recent years with profound results on its listening audience – Catholics and non-Catholics alike. People who listen to Catholic radio are converting to the faith, or re-

turning to it if they had fallen away. Practicing Catholics report they are growing stronger in their faith and feeling more confident to pass that faith on to their children. Catholic radio listeners tend to be more active in their parishes and more satisfied in their faith. For them, Catholic radio represents a beacon of truth and a source of hope in a world greatly in need of Christ's light.

Discover what the buzz is about. This Lent, take the challenge. Tune in to AM 820 and turn up your faith. But be forewarned – you may never be the same again!

Elizabeth Ficocelli is a Catholic author, speaker, and radio host for "Answering The Call" on St. Gabriel Catholic Radio AM 820. For more information, visit [www.elizabethficocelli.com](http://www.elizabethficocelli.com)



# Church of Our Lady offers broad-based ministries program



**Top: The Church of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal on Columbus' far east side. Left: Father James Coleman, pastor (left), and Deacon Steve Venturini, who has served the parish since 1982** CT photos by Tim Puet

**BY TIM PUET**

*Reporter, Catholic Times*

The Church of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal on Columbus' far east side may not be as large as some of the parishes which surround it, but what it lacks in numbers, it makes up for in enthusiasm.

As member Joyce Bigler put it at the parish's recent stewardship fair, "We're small, but mighty. People here are very committed, very caring."

Barbara Clayton, who started a prayer shawl ministry two years ago, described what many parishioners refer to simply as the Church of Our Lady as "the warmest parish I've ever been in. You find so much love and comfort. I lost part of a leg in June and it seems everybody did something to help me. We have a ministry for everybody."

The widespread nature of activities available at the parish, which has about 360 active families, was evident at the fair as people mingled around tables set up by various organizations in the

church hall, part of an all-in-one building that also includes the sanctuary and rectory and has served the parish since 1971, four years after it was founded.

As choir members gathered for an impromptu concert, Darius Kromah of the parish youth group, wearing an old-style leather football helmet and carrying a large cooking pot, was circulating among the crowd requesting donations for the annual "SOUPer Bowl of Caring" collection.

While visiting the tables, people were trying to decode a hidden message contained on a card they received on entering the fair. Each table contained one or two letters of the message, which, when completed, read "With God, All Things Are Possible." They also were munching on popcorn prepared by cus-

todian Miroslav Krpeljevic and his nephew, Marley Burnett, on a popcorn machine owned by the parish's Columbian Squires circle and used at many church activities.

Circulating among the crowd while still dressed in his Mass vestments was Father James Coleman, who was an associate pastor at the church from 1987 to 1992, while he was a member of the PIME missionary order, and has been its pastor since mid-2008.

"This parish was one of the largest

in the diocese in its early years, before (Pickerington St. Elizabeth) Seton and other parishes were created from its boundaries," he said. "Now it's one of the smaller parishes, and it has changed according to the situation. It had many enthusiastic members when I was here the first time and it still does. Their enthusiasm and the Holy Spirit's inspiration have allowed this to remain a very friendly, family-oriented parish. Situations may be different over time, but the Gospel is the same."

"I've been a deacon here since 1982 and a parishioner from the beginning. We've never lost the sense of being a very active parish," Deacon Steve Venturini said. "Now the population seems to have stabilized in terms of size, and we're starting to pick up some younger families. We have as many things going on as parishes twice our size, and I think it's because of the level of involvement and the sense of taking responsibility so many of our parishioners have."

"I can give you lots of examples of their commitment to the parish and to the community in general. One thing that comes to mind is the help we provide for the St. Francis Center in McArthur. On the last Saturday in January every year, we come close to filling the parish hall with donated food, clothing, and other items for the needy in Vinton County.

"Last year, it took 12 vans to carry everything. Some years, it's taken as many as 16, at a time when the people there can really use the help because the Christmas holidays are over. All of this was an offshoot of the Giving

Tree collection we have every year at Thanksgiving for local people.

"Another big event which promotes parish involvement is our annual Christmas pageant," Deacon Venturini said. "We don't have a parish school, so this provides a chance for all our young people who attend school at St. Pius, Holy Spirit, All Saints, or St. Mary's in German Village or who attend Parish School of Religion classes here to get together. The parish choir also takes part, and there's a potluck afterward."

He said parishioners and others who want to enjoy a pre-Lenten celebration have a chance to do so this Saturday, Feb. 18, from 7 to 11 p.m. at the parish's annual Mardi Gras party, which will include dancing, snacks, and non-alcoholic drinks (participants also can bring alcohol), plus the King Cake slices and beads that are part of Mardi Gras in New Orleans. Babysitting will be available.

This year on Palm Sunday, April 1, at 7 p.m., the parish will present "The Heart of the Passion: The Way to Calvary," a depiction of the Passion story that will draw on the talents of parishioners in a number of areas. Joanne Farrell, its director, said at least 50 people have signed up to assist in the program. She anticipates that 100 or more ultimately will be involved.

"We're going to present the Passion as seen through the Scriptures and the words of the various people who played a part in it," said Farrell, who also is the

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**The altar at the Church of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, dedicated in 1971. The building also includes a social hall and a rectory** CT photo by Tim Puet

# 2012 CATHOLIC TIMES LENTEN FISH FRY



# GUIDE







# It's FISH FRY TIME!



Lent is almost upon us. The final Mardi Gras parties are under way. In a few days, Ash Wednesday will be here, ushering in a season of repentance and sacrifice. But it does not mean we will be totally without good times.

One of the great parts of Lent is the return of that wonderful Catholic institution, the Friday fish fry. Since you are going to give up meat every Friday, this is a great way to get something extra out of that discipline. The fish fry is a chance to not only make a personal sacrifice, but also strengthen your bond with your spiritual community by joining other Catholics at these weekly gatherings.

By spending time with your fellow parishioners at this weekly meal, you build the strength of the parish through fellowship. That is really important. But you can also benefit by visiting other parish fish fry dinners. It is a great way to experience the breadth of the Catholic Church. There are a number of local Catholics who make an annual event out of seeing how many different fish fries they can visit each Lent.

You will get some great food and meet a lot of wonderful new friends. So check out the listings in these pages and plan to visit your own or some other parish's fish fry every Friday. I hope to see you there!

David Garick  
Editor

## CENTER-SOUTH

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648 S Ohio Ave, Columbus (Champion Hall)  
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2/18 • 7:30-11:30 PM

### • CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH

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3/9 & 3/30 • 6 PM  
Before Stations

### • ST DOMINIC CHURCH

453 N 20th St, Columbus  
(Parish Center, rear of Church)  
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Sat, 3/17 • 11 AM - 5 PM

### • ST LADISLAS CHURCH

277 Reeb Ave, Columbus  
**SOUP DINNERS**  
3/2 & 3/23 • 6 PM  
Before Stations

### • ST PATRICK CHURCH

280 N Grant Ave, Columbus  
**Each Friday; 2/24-3/30 • 4:30-7 PM**

## NORTHWEST

### • OUR LADY OF VICTORY CHURCH

1559 Roxbury Rd, Columbus  
**Each Friday; 2/24-3/30 • 4:30-7 PM**

### • ST ANDREW CHURCH

1899 McCoy Rd, Columbus (Nugent Hall)  
**Each Friday; 2/24-3/30 • 4:30-7 PM**

### • ST BRENDAN CHURCH

4475 Dublin Rd, Hilliard (In School)  
**Each Friday; 2/24-3/30**  
4:30-7:30 PM

### • ST BRIGID OF KILDARE CHURCH

7179 Avery Rd, Dublin (Hendricks Hall)  
**SOUP SUPPERS**  
**Each Tuesday in March**  
6-7:15 PM  
Before Stations

### • ST CHRISTOPHER CHURCH

1420 Grandview Ave, Columbus  
**LENTEN PASTA DINNERS**  
**Each Friday; 2/24-3/30 • 5-8 PM**

### • ST JOAN OF ARC CHURCH

10700 Liberty Rd, Powell  
**Each Friday; 2/24-3/30**  
5:30-7:30 PM

### • ST MARGARET OF CORTONA

1600 N Hague Ave, Columbus  
**Each Friday; 2/24-3/30 • 4:30-7:30 PM**

### • ST PETER CHURCH

6899 Smoky Row Rd, Columbus (McEwen Gym)  
**PASTA DINNER**  
**Sunday, 3/18 • 12:30-7 PM**

## NORTH-HIGH

### • IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

414 E North Broadway, Columbus (Marian Hall)  
**Each Friday; 2/24-3/30 • 5-8 PM**

### • ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

386 Buttles Ave, Columbus  
**MARDI GRAS PASTA DINNER**  
**Saturday, 2/18 • Noon-7 PM**

### • ST MICHAEL CHURCH

5750 N High St, Worthington  
**Each Friday; 2/24-3/30 • 5-8 PM**

## NORTHLAND

### • CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

6300 E Dublin-Granville Rd, New Albany (Ministry Center)  
**Each Friday; 2/24-3/30 • 5:30-8 PM**

### • ST ANTHONY CHURCH

1300 Urban Dr, Columbus  
**Sunday, 2/26 • Noon-6:30 PM**

### • ST ELIZABETH CHURCH

6077 Sharon Woods Blvd, Columbus  
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### • ST JAMES THE LESS CHURCH

1652 Oakland Park Ave, Columbus  
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**Sunday, 3/25 • Noon-6 PM**

### • ST JOHN NEUMANN CHURCH

9633 E State Route 37, Sunbury (Social Hall)  
**Each Friday; 2/24-3/30 • 4:30-7 PM**

### • ST MATTHIAS CHURCH

1582 Ferris Rd, Columbus  
**Each Friday; 2/24-3/30**  
4:30-7:30 PM

### • ST PAUL CHURCH

313 N State St, Westerville (Miller Hall)  
**2/24, 3/2, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30**  
5-7:30 PM

## WEST

### • HOLY FAMILY

584 E Broad St, Columbus  
**Each Friday; 2/24-3/30**  
After 7 PM Stations

### • OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

3752 Broadway, Grove City (School Cafeteria)  
**Each Friday; 2/24-3/30 • 5-7:30 PM**

### • SS SIMON & JUDE CHURCH

9350 High Free Pike, West Jefferson  
**MEATLESS SPAGHETTI DINNER**  
**3/16, 3/23, 3/30 • 5-7 PM**

### • ST CECILIA CHURCH

434 Norton Rd, Columbus (School Hall)  
**Each Friday; 2/24-3/30 • 5-7:30 PM**

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• **ST STEPHEN THE MARTYR CHURCH**

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Each Friday; 2/24-3/30 • 5:30-7 PM

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4217 E Main St, Columbus  
Each Fri; 2/24-3/30 • 5-8 PM

• **OUR LADY OF MIRACULOUS MEDAL CHURCH**

5225 Refugee Rd, Columbus  
Fridays; 2/24-3/23 • 5 -7 PM

• **SETON PARISH**

600 Hill Rd N, Pickerington  
(Parish Activity Center)  
2/24, 3/2, 3/9, 3/23, 3/30  
Seniors • 5:30-6 PM  
Public • 6-7:30 PM

• **ST CATHARINE CHURCH**

500 S Gould Rd, Columbus  
Fri; 2/24, 3/2, 3/9, 3/23, 3/30 • 5-8 PM

• **ST MATTHEW THE APOSTLE**

807 Havens Corners Rd, Gahanna  
LENTEN DINNERS  
Each Fri; 2/24-3/30 • 5:15-7:30 PM

• **ST PIUS X CHURCH**

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Fridays; 2/24, 3/9, 3/23 • 5-7 PM

**OUTSIDE COLUMBUS**

• **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

220 E North St, Kenton  
MEDITATIONAL SOUP SUPPERS  
Each Friday; 2/24-3/30 • 5:30 PM  
Stations at 7 PM

• **OUR LADY OF LOURDES**

1033 W 5th St, Marysville  
Each Friday; 2/24-3/30 • 5-8 PM

• **ST MARY CHURCH**

82 E William St, Delaware (Beitel Commons)  
Each Friday; 2/24-3/30 • 5-7 PM  
(3/16 - Stations / Speaker)

• **ST MARY CHURCH**

K of C Hall - 1232 E Center St, Marion  
Each Friday; 2/17-4/6 • 5-8 PM

• **HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**

225 S Columbus St, Somerset  
Each Friday; 3/2-3/30 • 4:30-7 PM

• **ST JOSEPH CHURCH**

Somerset  
At Holy Trinity/Somerset

• **CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION**

555 S Main St, Johnstown  
Each Friday; 2/24-3/30 • 5-7 PM  
Stations at 7 pm

• **CHURCH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

394 E Main St, Newark (School Cafeteria)  
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• **NEWARK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

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Each Friday; 2/24-3/30 • 4-8 PM

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• **ST FRANCIS DE SALES CHURCH**

66 Granville St, Newark  
FAT TUES: 2/21 • 4:30-7:30 PM  
SOUP SUPPERS Each Thurs;  
2/23-3/29 • 6-7 PM, Stations at 7 PM

• **ST LEONARD CHURCH**

57 Dorsey Mill Rd, Heath  
BAKED FISH  
Each Friday; 2/24-3/30 • 5-7 PM

• **ST LUKE CHURCH**

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Each Friday; 2/24-3/30 • 5-7 PM  
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• **CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY**

1835 Dover-Zoar Rd, Bolivar  
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777 3rd St, New Philadelphia  
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351 N Market St, Logan  
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• **ST COLMAN OF CLOYNE CHURCH**

219 S North St, Washington Court House  
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Stations at 7 PM

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St. Mary Family Life Center  
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• **HOLY REDEEMER CHURCH**

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Noon-2, 4:30-7:30 PM

• **ST PETER IN CHAINS CHURCH**

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Each Friday; 2/24-3/30 • 4:30-7 PM

**HISTORY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL**

There's no official reason why the Church of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Columbus was given that particular name, but Deacon Steve Venturini said there's a widespread belief among parishioners that it stems from the late Msgr. Charles Foeller's devotion to the Blessed Mother.

Msgr. Foeller was the founding pastor of the parish, which he served from 1967 to 1980, and was diocesan director of the Legion of Mary from 1955 until his death in 2010. He also was coordinator of the diocesan Family Rosary Day from 1970 until he died.

Weekly devotions to the Miraculous Medal occur at the parish after its 9 a.m. Tuesday Mass. They also take place on Monday mornings and evenings at Columbus St. Mary Magdalene Church, continuing a tradition which began there in 1934 and at one time drew crowds so large that the prayers were said 10 times each Monday.

The medal can be said to have been designed by the Virgin Mary herself, as it was based on apparitions of Mary to St. Catherine Laboure in 1830. Mary appeared twice to St. Catherine, who was a novice with the Daughters of Charity in Paris.

In the first apparition, on July 18, Mary told her that she would be charged with a mission from God. The second apparition occurred during evening meditation on Nov. 27. St. Catharine said she saw Mary standing inside an oval frame and holding a golden globe in her hands as if offering it to heaven. Mary said the globe symbolized the world.

Streaming from rings on her fingers were many rays of light. Mary said the rays symbolized the graces she obtains

for those who ask for them. Some of the gems on the rings were dark, and Mary explained that those were the graces for which people forgot to ask.

The vision then changed to show Mary standing on a globe, with her arms outstretched and light still streaming from her fingers. Framing the figure was an inscription in French, which translates in English to "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee." The dogma of the Immaculate Conception had not been officially proclaimed by the Catholic Church at this time, but this reference helped lead to its declaration in 1854.

This part of the vision is depicted on the front of the medal, where Mary also is shown crushing the head of a serpent, a reference to the words of God in the Book of Genesis following the fall of Adam and Eve.

The vision turned and showed what came to be the design of the reverse side of the medal, with 12 stars encircling a large "M" from which arose a cross. Below were two hearts with flames arising from them. Thorns encircled one heart, representing the heart of Jesus, and a sword pierced the other, representing Mary's heart and the words Simeon the prophet said to her when she presented Jesus at the Temple.

Mary told St. Catharine, "Have a medal struck upon this model. Those who wear it will receive great graces, especially if they wear it around the neck." St. Catharine went to her confessor and told her of the apparitions. Following two years of investigation and observation of her behavior by Church authorities, the archbishop of Paris approved distribution of the medals in 1832.

Almost immediately, there were reports of conversions to Catholicism, changes in people's behavior, and other graces resulting from devotion to the medal. Before long, people were calling it the Miraculous Medal. A canonical inquiry undertaken at Paris in 1836 declared the apparitions to be genuine.

St. Catharine never revealed publicly that she had received the medal until shortly before her death in 1877. The chapel in which she experienced her visions is located at the motherhouse of the Daughters of Charity in Paris. The incorrupt bodies of St. Catharine and St. Louise de Marillac, a co-founder of the Daughters of Charity, are interred there in glass coffins.

An artist's depiction of the Virgin Mary, with light streaming from her hands as shown on the Miraculous Medal, displayed at her feet



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parish's RCIA director and conducts weekly Bible studies on Monday evenings and Wednesday mornings. "We will have 12 speaking parts, plus a narrator. Afterward, there will be a 'meet the cast' event, with each actor available to answer questions."

"We also have people helping with the lighting, sound, scenery, making costumes, publicity, photography, ushers, and hospitality. The Squires, the RCIT (youth group), our women's sewing group, pro-life, PSR, just about every parish organization has a role of some kind in this. It started with a program I put on for RCIA classes last year and has expanded to include the whole community. This is how things work in this parish. People see something and they want to get involved."

Besides the Passion story, the parish has added a number of other new activities in the past year or two, including the prayer shawl ministry, a Rosary guild, a group for mothers, a CD library, and a praise band.

Clayton said the shawl ministry celebrated its second anniversary on Feb. 9. Shawls blessed by Father Coleman go to families who have expressed a desire for them and to the parish's Stephen Ministry, which trains laypeople in providing confidential, one-to-one Christian care to individuals expressing difficulties in their lives. Clayton said the four women involved in the ministry

have completed about 100 shawls and have given away 77 of them.

Elaine Bostic began the Rosary guild about two months ago and said it's already made nearly 100 rosaries for a priest in South Africa, who serves about 120 villages, and a priest in southern Nigeria.

Angel Schneider is a new parishioner, a new Catholic, and a new mother with an eight-month-old son. She said she is organizing the mothers group as a way to connect with other mothers and give them a chance to socialize and have faith-based conversations on matters of common concern on a monthly basis. Schneider said that although she's been a Catholic for just a short time, the parish's welcoming atmosphere encouraged her to quickly become involved in its activities.

Char Forrest, parish PSR and adult education director, is starting the CD library, which features talks by such notable Catholic speakers as Scott Hahn of Franciscan University of Steubenville and the late Archbishop Fulton Sheen. She said the library has about 170 religious education tapes available, which may be borrowed and returned or are available for purchase for \$3 each.

The praise band was organized about a year ago by Lisa Gresko, who came from another parish with a similar band.

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**St Catharine's K of C Fish Fry**  
500 S Gould Rd, Columbus  
Friday, February 24 • 5 - 8 pm  
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Adults \$9; Seniors (65+) & Children (under 18) \$7; Family Special \$25 (2 adults and all children under 18 in family)  
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**Left: Members of Knights of Columbus Council 11188, shown with Father James Coleman, pastor, celebrate a Memorial Mass for deceased members on the first Sunday of November every year at the Church of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Columbus. Right: A scene from the parish's Vacation Bible School** Photos courtesy Ron Forrest (left) and Angel Schneider, Church of Our Lady

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It has about 25 members and plays at the 11 a.m. Mass on the last Sunday of each month.

"I felt Our Lady called me here to bring this kind of music to the parish and bring the Holy Spirit closer to the people," Gresko said. "Father Coleman's been very supportive, and the people here have been so friendly and personable that I've felt very accepted."

The band is the newest addition to a musical program that also includes a traditional choir which sings at either the 9 or 11 a.m. Mass each Sunday, cantors who lead singing at the other weekend Masses, organists and pianists who accompany the choir and cantors, and a Resurrection choir which sings at funerals.

Bobbie Nagy has been music director of the parish since 1988. "We probably have 50 or 60 people involved with the music program now, which is about double what we had when I started," she said. Over the years, we've gotten into more and more complicated music and added the cantor program, and now we have the praise band bringing more

variety. I know other choir directors have said the same thing, but I'd like to think of our musicians as one of the best-kept secrets in the diocese."

One of the parish's most active groups is Knights of Columbus Council 11188, which has nearly 100 members. The council is the sponsoring organization for Columbian Squires Circle 4624, with a membership of 18, which is one of the few Squires groups in the diocese. The Squires are the K of C's organization for young men ages 10 to 18.

Together, the council and the circle sponsor five weekly Lenten fish fries (beginning this year on Friday, Feb. 24), an Easter bunny breakfast and egg hunt, a youth free-throw competition, a pumpkin carving contest, hayride, and bonfire around Halloween, an annual softball game between the Squires and Knights, a memorial Mass, a Keep Christ in Christmas program, "and anything Father wants done that needs manpower," said Ron Forrest, the council's financial secretary.

The two groups also take part in the

Knights' annual statewide Measure-Up collection in the spring, with proceeds from the council being split between the Heinzerling Foundation and the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities. Forrest said that the Squires also helped conduct the group's annual statewide dodgeball tournament in Pickerington last month and that three members of Circle 4624 are officers of the Ohio Squires organization.

The parish youth group, known as RCIT (Rite of Christian Initiation for Teens), usually meets after the 11 a.m. Sunday Mass and reviews the Sunday readings with the help of YOUCAT, the young people's version of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

The group's leader, Pat Shroyer, said the money it raises from the SOUPer Bowl collection goes toward local needs. "Last year, for instance, someone in the parish blew a tire and couldn't afford a new one, so we bought a used one," he said. "We helped another person by stopping his utilities from being shut off. Doing this kind of things really shows young people the difference they can make right here." Shroyer also said the group recently built a set of outdoor Stations of the Cross for the parish.

Jen Sweeney, who is in charge of the parish Vacation Bible School, said it will take place in the daytime during the week of June 25. She said last year's VBS attracted about 60 children, aged from preschool to 12 years old.

The parish's Respect Life committee leads the praying of the Rosary each weekday after Mass and on Sundays before the 9 a.m. Mass, said member June Hettinger. It also conducts prayer vigils at the Planned Parenthood clinic on East Main Street in Columbus, takes part in the white ribbon cam-

paign against pornography, and sponsors an annual baby shower for the Kinder Women's Care Center.

The Church of Our Lady also provides space for the group known as Touching Little Lives (formerly Newborns in Need), whose volunteers provide assistance to newborn and older babies and their parents and help hospitals and social agencies with clothing, diapers, blankets, and other baby needs. Tim Hickey of the parish St. Vincent de Paul Society said his group assisted about 120 people in need during the past year, providing food and funds for utilities, auto repair, medical needs, and other expenses. He said it provides 300 sandwiches a month to St. Lawrence Haven and is in a "twin" relationship with the pantry at Columbus St. Philip Church.

Deacon Venturini's wife, Sandy, is in charge of the parish's bereavement committee, which provides and prepares luncheons for funerals at the church. "I have 75 to 85 people I can call in for help, and that's quite a lot for a parish of this size," she said. "The support is very gratifying, because I know I don't have to burn out people by needing them too often. Our goal is to rotate volunteers, using eight to 10 at a time."

"I've seen the parish go through lots of changes over the years, and I'm encouraged because of the people here," Deacon Venturini said. "I've seen a renaissance here in the last few years, in that although we've lost population, those people who are here have become more involved. It's an encouraging thing, and perhaps it fits the times. I've preached many times that all faiths seem to be coming under attack these days. People see that and are responding, so I'm looking forward to the future."

"We've got people who aren't

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Cardinal-designate Dolan said Obama called him the morning of his announcement to tell him about the proposal.

"What we're probably going to have to do now is be more vigorous than ever in judicial and legislative remedies, because apparently we're not getting much consolation from the executive branch of the government," he said.

The cardinal-designate said the bishops are "very, very enthusiastic" about the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act, introduced by Rep. Jeff Fortenberry, R-Neb. The cardinal said the legislation would produce an "ironclad law simply saying that no administrative decrees of the federal government can ever violate the conscience of a religious believer individually or religious institutions."

"It's a shame, you'd think that's so clear in the Constitution that that wouldn't have to be legislatively guaranteed, but we now know that it's not," he added.

In a phone interview with Catholic News Service in Washington, Bishop William E. Lori of Bridgeport, Conn., chairman of the bishops' Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty, echoed what Cardinal-designate Dolan said about the need for legislative action to enact a religious right to conscience protection into federal law.

"Our religious freedom is too precious to be protected only by regulations," Bishop Lori said. "It needs legislative protection. More legislators, I think, are looking at it. There's more bipartisan support for it. There should be a lot of pressure exerted on Congress to pass it and for the president to sign it."

In Rome, Cardinal-designate Dolan said that some "very prominent attorneys," some of them non-Catholic and even nonreligious, had already volunteered to represent the bishops.

"We've got people who aren't Catholic, who may not even be religious, who have said, 'We want to help you on this one.' We've got very prominent attorneys who are very interested in religious freedom who say, 'Count on us to take these things as high as you can.' And we're going to."

He said the bishops draw hope for that fight from the Supreme Court's recent unanimous ruling in *Hosanna-Tabor v. EEOC*, a case regarding the ministerial exception.

"You'd think that (the Obama administration) would be able to read the tea leaves, that these things are going to be overthrown," the cardinal-designate said.

Bishop Lori told CNS that only after the original rule regarding contraception and sterilization coverage was revised and ready to be announced on Feb. 10 did the White House contact Cardinal-designate Dolan and the USCCB.

## ST. AGATHA'S FIVE-YEAR PLAN

Columbus St. Agatha School is planning for the future while looking back at and celebrating the past.

The school board has adopted a five-year strategy that lists four primary goals: increasing enrollment to 360 students from the current total of about 290; obtaining more from alternate revenue solutions; enhancing its Catholic identity; and putting a comprehensive action and communications plan into effect.

The plan is being issued at the same time the school, which opened in September 1941 on the eve of America's entry into World War II, is celebrating its 70th anniversary. A school tradition that has existed for all of those 70 years is the school's annual cake bingo, a combined social event and fund raiser, which occurred in January.

The school's largest fund raising activity is its annual auction, which this year will take place at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 30, and 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 31. The theme will be "Boogie Fever: Celebrating 70 Years in '70s Style," featuring the music and dances of the 1970s. Participants are encouraged to dress in the style of that period. The Friday night program will honor former second-grade teacher Jo Ellen Siegrist, who taught at St. Agatha School from 1965 to 1988.

Anniversary events began with a visit by Bishop Frederick Campbell in October and the creation of an endowment fund which so far has raised more than \$60,000. A holiday fair on Dec. 9 and 10 took in another \$2,000.

The five-year plan begins with a mission statement which says, "St. Agatha Catholic School fosters academic excellence and spiritual, emotional and social well-being for our students and families. In partnership with the parents and community, we are dedicated to nurturing enthusiasm for learning and love of God to help each student reach his or her full potential."

The document took six months to put together.

### 2012 Catholic Youth Summer Camp Dates

Registration is now open for the 2012 Catholic Youth Summer Camp. High-school-age camps will be from June 10-15 and June 17-22. Middle-school-age camps are set for July 23-28 and July 29-Aug. 3.

CYSC is a camp that includes many high-adventure activities. In addition, nightly programs include inspiring talks, hilarious skits, moving dramas, and teen testimonies related directly to the theme of the camp. "Many parents say that their children come for the jet skis and leave talking about their faith," said co-founder Jason



Shanks. "We had the right people in place, and the timing was right to have everybody sit down and think about our future," Mastell said. "The key was that this was a positive, forward-thinking group and included all representatives of all the stakeholders who have an interest in the school and how to ensure its long-term viability. The diocesan planning program provided us with guidelines, and Jeannette Kam (of the Schools Office) attended all four sessions and was a tremendous help with the final plan."

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Mastell said the plan is designed to create closer cooperation between the school, the parish, and the community at large. Four new committees have been formed to help achieve that goal: an academic committee, focusing on maintaining the school's Catholic identity; a marketing and enrollment committee, dedicated to increasing enrollment; a finance committee to examine alternate revenue streams; and a planning and development committee to ensure the overall success of the plan.

**Pictured is third-grade student Allison Hoover, winner of this year's Showstopper cake, baked and donated by the Saas family for the cake bingo. With her is Ron Stiebler, bingo caller for the past 15 years** Photo courtesy St. Agatha School

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Visit [www.cysc.com](http://www.cysc.com) to register. Camperships are available for those who qualify.

Columbus St. Dominic Church, 453 N. 20th St., will celebrate Black History Month following the 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Feb. 19, with a program that will honor members of the parish who range in age from 70 to 103 years old.

These elders represent a wealth of history because they have lived and experienced it and helped build the city of Columbus and the nation. They embody African American history living among us in the way they have raised their families, educated their children, and worked very hard, sometimes under hostile circumstances, to attain their place in the American dream.

Their children and grandchildren have been privileged to learn from them, have listened to the wisdom of their experience, and have marveled at many of their accomplishments and achievements, and are especially grateful for their contribution to the traditions they have built at St. Dominic.

The program will express thanks to each of them for what they have given, the legacy they have provided, and the gift of their presence.



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle B)

# Jesus confronts both sin and the scribes



Father Lawrence L. Hummer

Isaiah 43:18-19,21-22,24b-25  
2 Corinthians 1:18-22  
Mark 2:1-12

Sin and the ability to forgive it, or even to erase the sin from the record, is another mystery, like suffering, which can become oppressive at times.

Isaiah's command to forget the past refers to the Exodus event, when the Hebrew people were released from bondage to Egypt. Now the Lord promises to deliver them from Babylon and to provide for them a new way through the wilderness. This is the "something new" that the Lord is doing in the Isaiah reading.

The reason they found themselves in Babylon in the first place was because they had failed to listen to the prophets. Worse, they failed to call upon the Lord as they tired of the covenant. Thus, says the Lord, you wore me out with your sins.

However, as part of the new thing the Lord is doing ("for my own sake"), the Lord intends to forget their sins. Indeed, the Lord will "wipe them out." All of this is done for the Lord to save face because of this national tragedy which has befallen the covenant people. The Lord must redeem them in order to restore the covenant.

The Gospel reading involves a return to Capernaum by Jesus and his entourage, with word spreading through the village that Jesus is back "at home" (presumably at Simon and Andrew's home). He was busy speaking "the word" to those who filled the house where he was.

There is nothing in the Gospels to suggest Jesus had his own house in Capernaum, which doesn't rule out

the idea that he did. If he did, we are ignorant of it. The arrival of the paralytic through the roof, which had been dug out (much more active than the Lectionary's "opened up the roof") by his friends, gives a vivid scene as the paralytic is lowered down into the crowded room. "Their faith" which Jesus saw could be that of the four who carried the man, or it could include that of the paralytic himself, or even, as some have suggested, the faith of his parents.

The detail of having dug through the roof describes accurately the typical kind of house of the First Century, which had roofs made of dirt and straw. One would have to dig through that material to get to the inside.

Luke says the man's friends removed the tiles of the roof where Jesus was, which means Luke had in mind the standard roofing for people more directly under the influence of Roman building practices. In the Middle East, as in this tale, the houses were of simpler construction.

The heart of the story involves the forgiveness of sins and who has the power (authority) to forgive sins. We have already seen in the Isaiah reading how the Lord takes it to heart to forgive sins "for my own sake." Now, without introduction, Jesus announces to the paralytic that his sins are forgiven. This is the first time in Mark that Jesus directly confronts sin and/or the sinner.

We have no idea how the paralytic responded to this, but it set off a row among the scribes there, who considered it blasphemy that Jesus would presume to do what they thought only God could do. Jesus knows what they were thinking, and then raises the question of which is easier: to say your sins are forgiven or to tell the paralytic to walk.

Jesus claims divine power to forgive sins by making the paralytic walk. If he proves the harder thing by making him walk, then he proves the "easier" by forgiving his sins.

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## The Weekday Bible Readings

MONDAY  
James 3:13-18  
Psalm 19:8-10,15  
Mark 9:14-29

TUESDAY  
James 4:1-10  
Psalm 55:7-11,23  
Mark 9:30-37

WEDNESDAY  
Joel 2:12-18  
Psalm 51:3-6a,12-14,17  
Matthew 6:1-6,16-18

THURSDAY  
Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
Psalm 1:1-4,6  
Luke 9:22-25

FRIDAY  
Isaiah 58:1-9a  
Psalm 51:3-6a,18-19  
Matthew 9:14-15

SATURDAY  
Isaiah 58:9b-14  
Psalm 86:1-6  
Luke 5:27-32

### DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19, 2012

**SUNDAY MASS**  
10:30 a.m. Mass from Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on St. Gabriel Radio (820 AM), Columbus, and at [www.stgabrielradio.com](http://www.stgabrielradio.com).

Mass with the Passionist Fathers at 7:30 a.m. on WWHO-TV (the CW), Channel 53, Columbus. Check local cable system for WWHO's cable channel listing.

Mass from Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, Birmingham, Ala., at 8 a.m. on EWTN (Time Warner Channel 385, Insight Channel 382, or WOW Channel 378)

(Encores at noon, 7 p.m., and midnight). Mass from Kenton Immaculate Conception Church at 10 a.m. on Time Warner Cable Channel 6 (Hardin County).

Mass from Portsmouth St. Mary Church at noon on Time Warner Channel 24 in Scioto County.

**DAILY MASS**  
8 a.m., Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Birmingham, Ala. (Encores at noon, 7 p.m. and midnight) See EWTN above; and on i-Lifetv (Channel 113 in Ada, Logan, Millersburg, Murray City and Washington C.H.; Channel 125 in Marion, Newark, Newcomerstown and New Philadelphia; and Channel 207 in Zanesville); Noon, St. Gabriel Radio (820 AM), Columbus, and at [www.stgabrielradio.com](http://www.stgabrielradio.com).

We pray Week III, Seasonal Proper of the Liturgy of the Hours

# DISBELIEF IN OUR MODERN WORLD & HOW TO OVERCOME IT

Although some in more well-to-do circles might make fun of those of us who grew up in places like Marion, Ohio, thankfully, it gave me a unique perspective of the world and the Catholic Church. All too often, our modern world has become too aloof and too subtle in its faith. Subtle and aloof were rare in the working-class world of Marion in which I grew up. Faith was real while growing up in Marion and attending St Mary Parish and graduating from St Mary grade school and Marion Catholic High School. Sadly, I knew adults that strayed from their beliefs, but none who were proud of it. Yes, we also had some terrible scandals in my childhood parish, but the problems that

resulted from it made it clear to see the distinction between good and evil. Unfortunately, today we have far too many people who think there is no such thing as good or evil, or black and white. They seem to think they are too smart for God or any church, let alone the Catholic Church.

There seem to be two groups of those who have fallen away from faith. Catholics Come Home is a rapidly growing organization that was started by Catholic businessman Tom Peterson. He found that most fallen-away Catholics didn't leave for some theological reason; they admittedly left for more mundane reasons, such as a change of address or simple laziness. When invited, they jump



THE TIDE IS TURNING TOWARD CATHOLICISM  
David Hartline

at the chance to come home. I have interviewed Peterson, and his organization's success is amazing. In the Diocese of Phoenix alone, 92,000 fallen-away Catholics registered in a parish as a result of the program and are now actively involved. This is the low-hanging fruit of the Catholic world. It is very easy to bring them home. They just need an invite.

This leads us to the second group, which has fallen away from faith (Catholic or otherwise). They will say they are

against organized religion or they had some bad experience (we all had one or two), but, in all honesty, it really comes down to God. Most of these folks just don't like the way God has ordered things in our world, so they take it out on religion. Sadly, this starts a train wreck of bad decisions, because too many in the Church try to lure them back with gimmicks rather than the truth.

It never ceases to amaze me when I read about some famous rock star, whom I in my youth had seen in concert, angrily commenting on his upbringing. Some of them were raised Catholic but rebelled against

the Church, claiming the path of the Church was too strict, so they tried every other path, which only made them more miserable. This isn't anything new. Most students complain about authority or a demanding teacher or coach, but secretly enjoy the structure and growth these people provide.

Militant disbelief started on a widespread level during the French Revolution in 1789. Soon thereafter, liberty, equality, and fraternity went out the window and many of the faithful were killed - not just the elite or the Church hierarchy, whom the mob had set up as a straw man, but simple peasants, nuns, and priests. Afterward, churches were vandalized and desecrated in ways too vile to mention in this column. Joseph Stalin in the Soviet Union, Mao Zedong in China, Pol Pot in Cambodia, and Fidel Cas-

tro and Che Guevera in Cuba all used this model to try and reconfigure their societies in general and destroy the Catholic Church in particular.

We should take this all into account when we hear people say that militant disbelief doesn't harm anyone. We should all take this into account when we see people wearing T-shirts that celebrate the aforementioned individuals. Jesus told us that He wouldn't acknowledge us at heaven's gate if we wouldn't acknowledge Him here on earth. He even spoke more harshly of the punishments those individuals who actively conspired against Him would receive. Let us continue to pray that faith overcomes militant disbelief in our modern world.

*Hartline is the author and a former teacher and administrator for the diocese.*

## CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

# Spring Clean-up!

**CEMETERY** field workers will be removing winter-time and artificial decorations from graves and mausoleums at all Catholic cemeteries beginning March 1, 2012.

**WE** request that families wishing to retain any personal keepsakes, to please remove them by March 1.

**DUE** to the number of decorations involved, the cemetery staff can not be responsible for collecting or storing personal items. Thank you for your cooperation.

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## "On Holy Ground": Diocesan Youth Rally set for March 10-11

All Catholic teens in the Diocese of Columbus are invited to take part in a weekend of music, inspiration, making new friends, and celebration of our Catholic faith with Bishop Frederick Campbell. The Diocese of Columbus Youth Rally on Saturday and Sunday, March 10 and 11, at Westerville St. Paul Church, 313 N. State St., will feature Father Steve Ryan, SDB, director of youth ministry for the Salesians of Don Bosco, as keynote speaker.

The theme will be "On Holy Ground."

Advance registration is required. Interested high school students should register through their parish youth ministry leader. The cost is \$60 for both days and includes lunches, dinner Saturday, and a T-shirt. Registration forms are available on the web at <http://www.coltsdioc.org/Offices/OfficeofYouthandYoungAdultMinistry/YouthMinistry.aspx> or [youthministry.coltsdioc.org](http://youthministry.coltsdioc.org)

## Voice of Democracy Winner

Columbus Bishop Watterson High School senior Nick Mosko won the Voice of Democracy contest sponsored by Firefighters VFW Post 3426 in Columbus, then finished fourth out of 30 post winners and 450 entries overall in District 11, earning \$800 in scholarship funds.

Participants in the VFW's nationwide contest, for students in grades nine to 12,

wrote an essay on the theme "Is There Pride in Serving in Our Military?" and submitted a three- to five-minute recording of a reading of the essay.

Mosko, field commander of Watterson's marching band this past fall, has been accepted at The Citadel, the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, and Virginia Military Institute.

## Would you like to help JOIN? ~ It is really easy!

The Columbus Bishop Watterson High School Italian club is sponsoring a pasta dinner to benefit the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 11, at Columbus St. John the Baptist Church, 720 Hamlet St.

The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (spe-

cial family rates are available). This includes all of the pasta, meatballs, sausage, salad, and homemade Italian desserts you can consume.

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## Pray for our dead

**ANTES, Dolores, 84, Feb. 11**  
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, Columbus

**BLACKMER, Bentley J., 68, Feb. 10**  
St. Paul Church, Westerville

**COVELLE, Charles Jr., 61, Feb. 6**  
St. Rose Church, New Lexington

**DiPAOLO, Josephine C., 89, Feb. 8**  
St. Bernadette Church, Lancaster

**DONSON, Frederick W., 83, Feb. 8**  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

**ENDICOTT, Evelyn, Feb. 6**  
St. Philip Church, Columbus

**EVANS, Pauline T., 88, Feb. 7**  
St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

**FALTER, Richard L., 80, Feb. 11**  
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

**GREULICH, Joseph F., 87, Feb. 6**  
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

**GROSSMAN, Betty J., 91, Feb. 7**  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

**HARRINGTON, Ann J., 85, Feb. 7**  
St. Paul Church, Westerville

**HOLMES, Donald, 82, Feb. 12**  
Sacred Heart Church, Coshocton

**JOSEPH, Eddie Jr., 88, Feb. 5**  
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville

**KAEPFNER, Jeffrey A., 61, Feb. 10**  
St. Stephen Church, Columbus

**KAPS, Virginia E., 89, Feb. 6**  
Our Lady of Peace Church, Columbus

**KAUFFMAN, Mary V., 95, Feb. 10**  
St. Catharine Church, Columbus

**KING, Paul A., 91, Feb. 9**  
St. Rose Church, New Lexington

**KIRBY, Benedict, 57, Feb. 8**  
St. Mary Church, Portsmouth

**KOLZ, Margaret, Feb. 10**  
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

**LUCAS (DeFRANCISCO), Louise C., 95, Feb. 9**  
St. Margaret of Cortona Church, Columbus

**MAGERS, Dorothy L., 71, Jan. 29**  
Church of the Nativity, Utica

**McLOUGHLIN, Anthony W., 83, Feb. 11**  
Our Lady of Peace Church, Columbus

**POTTER, Judith, 70, Feb. 3**  
St. Rose Church, New Lexington

**PROTO, Frank L., 95, Feb. 6**  
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

**ROGAN, Alfred C., 84, Feb. 7**  
Our Lady of Peace Church, Columbus

**SCHMIDT, Harry E. "Hank" Jr., 97, formerly of Columbus, Feb. 11**  
St. Leo Church, Bonita Springs, Fla.

**SIGNORACCI, Michalina, 91, Feb. 8**  
St. Joan of Arc Church, Columbus

**STONECIPHER, Jean C., 85, Feb. 8**  
St. Brendan Church, Hilliard

**TOLES, Edison W., 85, Feb. 4**  
St. Dominic Church, Columbus

**ZANES, Mary M., 85, Feb. 10**  
Christ the King Church, Columbus

## Clara B. Smithberger

Funeral Mass for Clara B. Smithberger, 105, who died Monday, Feb. 6, was held Friday, Feb. 10, at Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton Parish. Burial was at St. Mary's Cemetery, Fulda, Ohio.

She was born March 22, 1906, in Noble County to Maurice and Teresa (Heil) Hohman.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence, and 12 brothers and sisters. Survivors include sons, Clarence (Barb) and Robert (Joanne); daughters, Rita (Roger) Eppley, Annette (Ronald) Schafer, and Elaine Sturm; 16 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

## Faith James Honored



Faith James, an eighth-grade student at Columbus St. Catharine School, was honored by Columbus City Council at its 13th annual awards event. The Urban Community Recognition Committee gave her a plaque award for her more than 150 hours of volunteer service with the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department and with recreation departments in Worthington, Westerville, and Groveport. Photo courtesy Dana Watters-James

## Annual Scouting Program

The annual St. Tarcisius medal program sponsored by the diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting will take place on Friday and Saturday, March 9 and 10, at Mari-on St. Mary Church, 251 N. Main St.

The St. Tarcisius medal is available to anyone, male or female, who is at least 11 years old and registered in Scouting.

Participants will learn to appreciate their Catholic faith more through small-group discussions, led by older Scouts, centered on the Eucharist and its meaning.

The program also will include learning exercises and activities, skits, and food. It will begin at 6:30 p.m. Friday (check-in at 6) and conclude with 5 p.m. Mass Saturday, when the medals will be presented.

St. Tarcisius was a 12-year-old boy who secretly carried the Eucharist from the catacombs in Rome in the third century to Christians who were condemned to die. He was beaten to death by a mob of other youths when he refused to give up the Eucharist to them.

The fee of \$20 per person (\$25 after Saturday, March 3) will include meals, the medal, and program supplies. Participants will need to bring their own sleeping bag and water bottle or camp cup. All other dining utensils will be supplied.

For more information, go to the Catholic Scouting committee's website, [www.cdeducation.org/oym/dccs](http://www.cdeducation.org/oym/dccs), or call Chuck Lamb at (614) 882-7806.

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### FEBRUARY

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ST. ANDREW CHURCH**  
1899 McCoy Rd. Upper Arlington  
**FEBRUARY 24, MARCH 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
4:30 - 7:00 P.M.**  
**BAKED COD OR DEEP FRIED PERCH  
SIDES, DESSERT & BEVERAGE INCLUDED  
ALSO CHEESE PIZZA & MAC 'N CHEESE**  
ADULT \$8, CHILD (UNDER 12) \$4  
CARRY OUT \$7 (NO DESSERT OR BEVERAGE)

**LENTEN FISH FRY**  
**FRIDAYS 5-8 pm, Feb 24 - Mar 30**  
**ST. MICHAEL CHURCH**  
5750 N. High St., Worthington  
**FISH DINNER: REG/\$8; SMALL/\$6  
MACARONI-CHEESE DINNER/\$6**  
**Dine In, Drive Thru & Carryout**

**ST. JOAN OF ARC PARISH**  
10700 Liberty Rd, Powell  
**WEEKLY FISH FRY**  
FRIDAYS FEB. 24 — MARCH 30, 5:30 — 7:30 PM  
(SPONSORED BY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS)  
**ALL YOU CAN EAT MEAL INCLUDES  
BAKED & FRIED FISH, FRENCH FRIES MAC  
& CHEESE, GREEN BEANS,  
COLE SLAW, ROLLS, SOFT DRINKS**  
Adults: \$8.50, Seniors: \$7.50, Children: \$4, Carry-out: \$8.50

All fund-raising events (festivals, bazaars, spaghetti dinners, fish fries, bake sales, pizza/sub sales, candy sales, etc.) will be placed in the "Fund-Raising Guide." An entry into the Guide will be \$18.50 for the first six lines, and \$2.65 for each additional line. For more information, call Deacon Steve DeMers at 614-224-6530 or 800-511-0584.

#### 'Happenings' submissions

Notices for items of Catholic interest must be received at least 12 days before expected publication date. We will print them as space permits. Items not received before this deadline may not be published. Listings cannot be taken by phone. Mail to: The Catholic Times Happenings, 197 East Gay St., Columbus, OH 43215 Fax to: 614-241-2518 E-mail as text to [tpuet@colsdio.org](mailto:tpuet@colsdio.org)

**ST. CHARLES PREPARATORY SCHOOL  
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SUNDAY, FEB 19 - NOON -7 PM**  
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in the Robert C. Walter Student Commons  
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BAKED), CHOICE OF TWO SIDE DISHES,  
BEVERAGE AND DESSERT INCLUDED.**  
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ADULTS / \$8.50 - CHILDREN / \$3.50  
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**16, THURSDAY**  
**Dominican Life of the Mind Lecture**  
7 p.m., Colonial Room, Sansbury Hall, Ohio Dominican University, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Dominican Life of the Mind lecture with Sister Margaret Mayce, OP, representative for the Dominican Leadership Conference at the United Nations, speaking on "Eradicating Poverty: What Is Our Role?" 614-251-4722  
**20s Group Meeting at Columbus St. Patrick**  
7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Weekly meeting of parish's new 20s Group. All young adults invited. Begins with Holy Hour, followed at 8 by program. 614-406-9516

**16-19, THURSDAY-SUNDAY**  
**'Into the Woods' at Bishop Hartley**  
7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Bishop Hartley High School, 1285 Zettler Road, Columbus. School drama department presents musical "Into the Woods." 614-237-5421, extension 242

**17-19, FRIDAY-SUNDAY**  
**'Alice in Wonderland' at Bishop Ready**  
7 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. Saturday, 2 and 7 p.m. Sunday, Bishop Ready High School, 707 Salisbury Road, Columbus. School drama department presents "Alice in Wonderland." 614-276-5263

**18, SATURDAY**  
**Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City**  
9 a.m. Mass, St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave., Plain City. Saturday Life and Mercy Mass, followed by rosary and confession. 614-565-8654  
**Charismatic Prayer Meeting at Church of Our Lady**  
9 a.m., Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. Citywide charismatic prayer meeting sponsored by diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal. Mass at 9, followed by prayer meeting at 9:45 and fellowship at noon. Theme: "Personal Holiness: Exercising Your Faith." 614-237-7080

**NFP Information Session at Newman Center**  
10 a.m., St. Thomas More Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Ave., Columbus. Information session for Natural Family Planning. Register at [www.buckeyecatholic.com/mariage](http://www.buckeyecatholic.com/mariage).  
**St. Brendan School Dinner and Auction**  
5:30 p.m., St. Brendan School, 4475 Dublin Road, Hilliard. Ninth annual dinner and auction to benefit the school and faith formation students through building renovations and more. Sponsored by parish Home and School Association. 614-876-6132 or 614-527-8847  
**St. Joseph Cathedral Mardi Gras Gala**  
6 p.m., Athletic Club of Columbus, 136 E. Broad St., Columbus. Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral Mardi Gras gala to support the Clara Hudak Scholarship Fund, providing support for students to attend Catholic schools. 614-203-2222

**Portsmouth Notre Dame Schools "Bid Your Heart Out"**  
6:30 p.m., Friends Community Center, Southern Ohio Medical Center, 1202 18th St., Portsmouth. Portsmouth Notre Dame Schools' seventh annual "Bid Your Heart Out" auction, dinner, and dance. 740-353-2354  
**Mardi Gras Party at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal**  
7 to 11 p.m., Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. Mardi Gras party with music, games, king cake, door prizes, and beads. Non-alcoholic beverages and snacks available; BYOB. 614-861-1242  
**Holy Rosary/St. John Mardi Gras**  
7:30 to 11:30 p.m., Campion Hall, St. John Center, 648 S.

Ohio Ave., Columbus. Mardi Gras sponsored by the Community of Holy Rosary and St. John the Evangelist, with gumbo cookoff, buffet dinner, music, dancing, raffles and prizes. No tickets at door. 614-252-5926, extension 1

**19, SUNDAY**  
**St. Christopher Adult Religious Education**  
10 to 11:15 a.m., St. Christopher Parish Center, 1420 Grandview Ave., Columbus. "Amazed and Afraid: The Revelation of God Become Man," Part 1 of Father Robert Barron's "Catholicism" series. 614-488-9971

**Black History Month Program at St. Dominic**  
Following 11 a.m. Mass, St. Dominic Church, 453 N. 20th St., Columbus. Black History Month program honoring elder members of the parish. 614-252-4913  
**Praise Mass at Seton Parish**  
11:15 a.m., St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, 600 Hill Road N., Pickerington. Praise Mass with contemporary music by parish's small musical groups. 614-833-0482  
**St. Padre Pio Secular Franciscans**  
2 to 5 p.m., St. Matthew Church, 807 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna. Rosary and ongoing formation followed by social time, general meeting. Liturgy of the Hours, and initial formation with visitors.

Dave Orsborn, SFO 614-282-4676  
**40 Days for Life Kickoff Rally**  
2:30 p.m., Korean United Methodist Church, 5899 Cleveland Ave., Columbus. Kickoff rally for 40 Days for Life vigil. 614-445-8508  
**Lee Roessler Concert at St. John Neumann**  
6 p.m., St. John Neumann Church, 9633 East State Route 37, Sunbury. Concert of worship and praise music with the Lee Roessler Band. 614-419-6004

**20, MONDAY**  
**Red Cross Bloodmobile at Church of the Ascension**  
1 to 7 p.m., Church of the Ascension, 555 S. Main St., Johnstown. American Red Cross bloodmobile visit. 1-800-448-3543

**Holy Hour for Vocations at St. Patrick**  
7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus. Holy Hour for priestly and consecrated vocations. 614-235-7435

**The Lamb Catholic Worker Prayer Group**  
7 p.m., St. Thomas Church, 2692 E. 5th Ave., Columbus. Meeting of The Lamb Catholic Worker Charismatic Prayer Group. 614-832-9525

**21, TUESDAY**  
**Serra Club of North Columbus Meeting at Josephinum**  
Noon, Jessing Center, Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus. Serra Club of North Columbus meeting, with Father Raymond Larussa, pastor of Powell St. Joan of Arc Church, speaking. Reservations required.  
**Rosary for Life at St. Joan of Arc**  
Following 6:15 p.m. Mass, St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell. Recital of Rosary for Life, sponsored by church's respect life committee.  
**Prayer Group Meeting at St. Mark**  
7 p.m., St. Raymond Room, St. Mark Center, 324 Gay St., Lancaster. Light of Life Prayer Group meeting. 740-653-4919

**'Landings' Meeting at Newman Center**  
7 p.m., St. Thomas More Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Ave., Columbus. Seventh meeting of eight-week "Landings" program for returning and inactive Catholics. 614-291-4674, extension 100

**NFP Information Session at Delaware St. Mary**  
7 p.m., St. Mary Church, 82 E. William St., Delaware. Information session for Natural Family Planning. 740-362-6644





THEATER PRODUCTION

# ELEPHANT'S GRAVEYARD



The Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School drama department will present the central Ohio premiere of George Brant's award-winning play, "Elephant's Graveyard," at 8 p.m. Thursday to Saturday, Feb. 23 to 25, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26 at the campus theater, 2010 E. Broad St. Tickets are \$10 for

adults and \$5 for students.

"Elephant's Graveyard" is the true tale of the tragic collision of a struggling circus and a tiny town in Tennessee. Set in September 1916, the play combines historical fact and legend, exposing the deep-seated American craving for spectacle, violence, and revenge.

"They hanged the elephant."

It was an act of cruelty that seems almost impossible to imagine, much less accomplish, yet history assures us that on Sept. 13, 1916, in the dusty little burg of Erwin, Tenn., that's what happened. As punishment for killing one of its handlers, an elephant with a circus

that was passing through the region was strung up like a human criminal and executed. Playwright George Brant has recounted the whole sordid story for us in a play that, as produced by the St. Charles drama department, cracks our hearts without ever showing us a drop of blood, a hanging chain, or a trunk.

## BOOK REVIEW

By Sarah Reinhard  
Reviewed By David Garick

I've always enjoyed daily Lenten devotional guides. I think it really helps to have a tool that leads you day by day through prayer and meditation to focus on the spiritual renewal we seek through our annual experience of Christ's passion and resurrection.

I think that's especially true for children. It can be difficult to children to grasp the concept of a period of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving as a penitential act. And anyone with children will understand how difficult it can be to maintain that exercise of spiritual cleansing for 40 days.

Local author Sarah Reinhard has done a wonderful job of adapting the idea of daily Lenten reflection to the mindset of children. Her new

# WELCOME RISEN JESUS

booklet "Welcome Risen Jesus" is a simple, colorful, and easy-to-follow tool that will provide children and the whole family with ideas that make the Lenten experience interesting and meaningful.

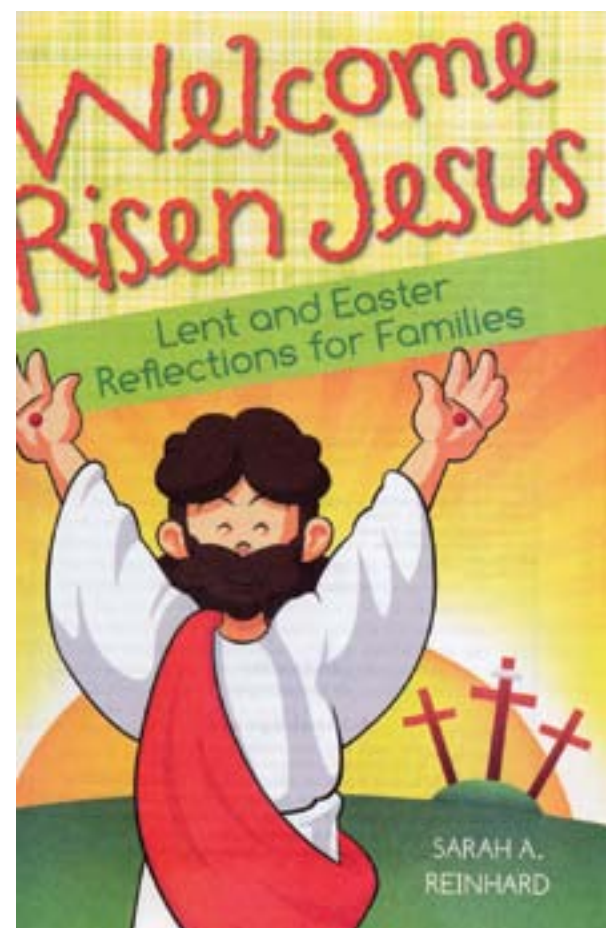
Each day has a brief Scripture read, a reflection to think about some sort of activity that the child can accomplish as an act of charity to others, a small sacrifice that can be made just for that day, and a prayer. These simple daily devotions take very little time, but they allow the family to gather together in a common experience of faith. And, while it can be especially difficult for a child to maintain the promise to give up a particular thing for six weeks of Lent, this offers instead a daily opportunity to make a simple sacrifice just for that one day that makes the concept

continually fresh and new.

Thankfully, "Welcome Risen Jesus" does not conclude with the end of Lent. It continues on through Holy Week and then shifts in tone from penitential reflections to daily occasions of thanksgiving and praise through the Octave of Easter.

This is a devotional guide that will really help focus children's minds on the core issues of faith, while involving the whole family in an exercise of spiritual renews. "Welcome Risen Jesus" is published by Liguori Press and is available at Generations Religious Gifts in Columbus and online at Amazon.com.

Sarah Reinhard has also published "Welcome Baby Jesus," a booklet of Advent and Christmas reflections, and she is writes a regular column in *Catholic Times*.



## NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD IN PHOTOS



The Christ the Redeemer statue is seen atop Corcovado Mountain in Rio de Janeiro on Feb. 7. World Youth Day will be held in Rio from July 23 to 28, 2013  
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The casket of Cardinal Anthony J. Bevilacqua is seen during his funeral Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul in Philadelphia on Feb. 7. Cardinal Bevilacqua, who led the Archdiocese of Philadelphia from February 1988 to October 2003, died on Jan. 31

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A sign in response to the violence in Syria is seen during a Feb. 11 Mass at a church in the West Bank town of Ramallah. As a sectarian conflict in Syria intensified, Pope Benedict XVI called on all Syrians to begin a process of dialogue and reminded the government of its duty to recognize its citizens' legitimate demands  
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# Clergy Who Cook

The Columbus Diocese's most courageous priests and deacons showcased their culinary talents at Clergy Who Cook, a fund raiser for seminarians which took place at the Pontifical College Josephinum on Friday, January 27.

Nine area clergy were joined by priests who belong to the Josephinum faculty and seminarians at the college in preparing their finest dishes. More than 300 guests laughed and chatted their way through the evening, enjoying samples of each dish and voting for the top chef.

Tickets were sold out more than a week before the event, which is in its second year. A few new elements were added for 2012, such as the presence of Robin Davis, food editor for *The Columbus Dispatch*, who served as judge. Davis presented the Most Creative award to faculty members Father John Heisler and Father Walter Oxley, who teamed up to make Rigatoni Norcina. The Louisiana Shrimp and Corn Bisque made by seminarians Brian Seiler and

Dale Meade of Alexandria, La., was chosen Most Complex. The People's Choice award, determined by guests by way of cash donation, went to Father David Sizemore for his Seafood Ceviche with Mango Relish.

Guests also enjoyed the culinary creations of Father James Black, Father Shawn Corcoran, Father Michael Dosch, OP, Father Peter Gideon, Father Kevin Lutz, Deacon Andrew Naporano, Father Patrick Toner, and Father Michael Watson.

"Clergy Who Cook is a great event both to plan and to attend," said Carrie Gram, Josephinum advancement director. "Everyone involved contributes their talent, humor, and enthusiasm, which make it such a fun and successful evening."

The evening's success was due in part to its many sponsors: Edward Jones; Stifel, Nicolaus & Co., Inc.; Carmen and Marjo Angelo; Alan and Ellyn Dekker; Frank and Marilyn Dono; Lester and Marci Maynard; Leonard Barbe



**Father David Sizemore, pastor at Sunbury St. John Neumann Church, successfully defends his 2011 "top chef" title at the Pontifical College Josephinum's Clergy Who Cook fund raiser with his Seafood Ceviche with Mango Relish**  
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Clergy Who Cook is presented by The Friends of the Josephinum, a group of laity that raises funds to assist semi-

narians with scholarships, medical and dental expenses, books, and emergencies. Members of the group, founded in 1984, are actively involved in the Josephinum community as friendship families, tour guides, clerical volunteers, and event fund raisers.

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