



2008 Bishop's Appeal

A heartfelt THANK YOU to those that made a commitment to the 2008 Bishop's Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church. To date, 127 of our families have responded. This is over 20% of our contributing families. However, we need the support of all members of St. Mary's if we are to be successful in reaching our parish goal of \$61,483.65.

If you have not yet responded to the 2008 Bishop's Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church, please do so at this time using the Commitment Envelopes available in the church pews or by sending your commitment to the parish office. We will be personally contacting parishioners that have not yet responded to the Appeal.

Our St. Mary's Parish goal for the 2008 Bishop's Appeal, "Together in Faith," is **\$61,483.65**. Because of the great generosity of the parishioners of St. Mary's, last year we exceeded our parish goal!

My Dear Friends in Christ,

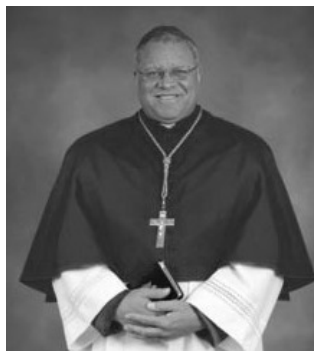
As we launch the 2008 Bishop's Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church, I pray that you will help ensure our campaign's success.

Your generous response will allow Catholic Charities to continue serving the growing number of our friends and neighbors in need. In addition, your assistance will support the diocesan ministries that enhance the spiritual life of our Church.

Together in faith, we can change lives.

Faithfully yours in Christ.

Most Reverend George V. Murry, S.J.
Bishop of Youngstown



Lenten Rice Bowls

Lenten Rice Bowls may be returned to the Church any weekend. You may place them on the communion rail. Please convert loose change into cash or a check. This will greatly assist the Parish Office. Thank you!

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to our CCD class of boys and girls who received First Holy Communion on April 19.

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| Carly Bennet | Cameron Ruffin |
| Lauren Dauk | Cheyenne Ruffin |
| Angela Dingler | Ava Sabo |
| Jacob Hershberger | Madison Secrest |
| Olivia Kroah | Karoline Smith |
| Victor Marcelli | Nick Speight |
| Corrie McElhaney | Emma Vaccaro |
| Michael Morgan | Hannah Willoughby |

Saint Mary's Weekly Offering

443 Families Contributed

Please mark your envelopes to assure proper credit.

Our parish stewardship for last week:

\$12,891.32

Thank you very, very much for your ongoing stewardship to your parish.

St. Vincent de Paul Society



The St. Vincent de Paul food pantry, located in the basement of the parish rectory, is always in need of canned fruits, vegetables, soups, tuna, crackers, and taxable items. We are also in regular need of plastic and paper grocery bags, as well as small coffee cans. To make a contribution to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, please use the anytime box at the base of the choir steps for all donations during the month. Many thanks, and may God bless you.

SOFTBALL

St. Mary's needs lots of players to fill out its Church League Softball roster. Young, old, or in between, come on out and have some fun (also beat up on the crew from St. Joe's). If you've seen us play, you know that skills are not required. For more information, please contact Jim Stein at 330-830-6310 or Tom Burgasser at 330-830-1484. Thank you.



St. Mary's 50 & Over Crowd

St. Mary's 50 And Over Crowd will meet Tue., May 6th at 10:45 A.M. in the Parish Ctr. Amy Heidt, a St. Mary's parishioner, will present a program on "Identity Theft and Ways To Help Prevent It From Happening To You." Lunch will be provided. For reservations call Rita Icedan 330-830-1586 or Harriet Louis 330-833-9276.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS

www.stmarybears.stark.k12.oh.us

After school activities for students this week: Power of the Pen, Tuesday, April 29th till 3:30; Tae Kwon Do, Friday, May 2 till 3:30.

Our Rotary Students of the Month for April are Jessica Logan and Tom Roth. Congratulations!

This week is National Volunteer Week. It gives us the opportunity to say THANK YOU to all the parents, grandparents, and parishioners who do so much all year long to make St. Mary's a truly great place for "Living, Loving, and Learning." We are grateful every day for the blessing you are to us and the great example you show to our students. We pray that God will multiply the good that you do and return it in blessings in your own lives.

Our second grade students celebrated "Jesus Day" on Friday, April 25th. This day is planned to help them prepare to receive their First Eucharist. They baked bread from scratch, made candles, had a prayer service, participated in a friendship activity, and received letters of affirmation and encouragement from parents and/or grandparents, godparents, and other relatives and friends. Please keep our second graders in your prayers as they continue to prepare this week and receive First Eucharist on Saturday, May 3rd.

The Massillon Museum's Annual Children's Art Show, "Celebration in Art," will open on Sunday, May 4th and will continue through May 25th. It is open to the public during regular hours and free of charge. Please stop by and see the artwork of many of our students.

Fourth quarter interim time ended Friday, April 25th. Report cards will be sent home on Thursday, May 1st. Please take this time to talk to your child/children about the importance of education. Spring weather may necessitate some continued encouragement to make the best use of the last part of this school year.

Give your child a gift of a lifetime. Education at St. Mary School is not as expensive as you may think. Registration for current and new students is now in progress. For Kindergarten registration, students should be five years old before September 30th. Please bring a birth certificate, social security number, immunization record and Baptismal certificate, if not baptized at St. Mary Parish. Busing is available from Tuslaw, Fairless, Perry, Jackson and Massillon. You may inquire about registration in the school office or call 330-832-9355 and ask to speak to Mrs. Shadle. Registration for Preschool is also taking place. Extended Day is available for all of our students including Preschoolers. If you are a parishioner, help is available from the parish for those who qualify. Please ask if you think you might need assistance.

We are once again participating in the Giant Eagle Apples for The Students Program. You can register at www.gianteagle.com or call 1-800-742-7753. Our school ID# is 3601.~ Once registered you can use your Giant Eagle Advantage Card to help us earn points toward educational awards. The Advantage Card also saves you money when shopping.

St. Catherine of Siena

(1347-1380)

The value Catherine makes central in her short life and which sounds clearly and consistently through her experience is complete surrender to Christ. What is most impressive about her is that she learns to view her surrender to her Lord as a goal to be reached through time.

She was the 23rd child of Jacopo and Lapa Benincasa and grew up as an intelligent, cheerful and intensely religious person. Catherine disappointed her mother by cutting off her hair as a protest against being overly encouraged to improve her appearance in order to attract a husband. Her father ordered her to be left in peace and she was given a room of her own for prayer and meditation.

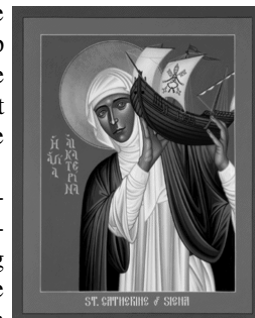
She entered the Dominican Third Order at 18 and spent the next three years in seclusion, prayer and austerity. Gradually a group of followers gathered around her—men and women, priests and religious. An active public apostolate grew out of her contemplative life. Her letters, mostly for spiritual instruction and encouragement of her followers, began to take more and more note of public affairs. Opposition and slander resulted from her mixing fearlessly with the world and speaking with the candor and authority of one completely committed to Christ. She was cleared of all charges at the Dominican General Chapter of 1374.

Her public influence reached great heights because of her evident holiness, her membership in the Dominican Third Order, and the deep impression she made on the pope. She worked tirelessly for the crusade against the Turks and for peace between Florence and the pope.

In 1378, the Great Schism began, splitting the allegiance of Christendom between two, then three, popes and putting even saints on opposing sides. Catherine spent the last two years of her life in Rome, in prayer and pleading on behalf of the cause of Urban VI and the unity of the Church. She offered herself as a victim for the Church in its agony. She died surrounded by her "children."

Catherine ranks high among the mystics and spiritual writers of the Church. In 1970 Paul VI named her and Teresa of Avila as doctors of the Church. In recent years, it has been suggested that she (among other possibilities) should be named patron of the Internet. Her spiritual testament is found in *The Dialogue*.

Catherine's book *Dialogue* contains four treatises—her testament of faith to the spiritual world. She wrote, "No one should judge that he has greater perfection because he performs great penances and gives himself in excess to the staying of the body than he who does less, inasmuch as neither virtue nor merit consists therein; for otherwise he would be an evil case, who for some legitimate reason was unable to do actual penance. Merit consists in the virtue of love alone, flavored with the light of true discretion without which the soul is worth nothing."

**SACRAMENT of BAPTISM**

Baptisms are celebrated on the **2nd Sunday** of the month after the 12:00 p.m. Mass. Parents must attend a baptismal preparation class prior to baptism. Please contact the Parish Center to register for the next session.

Important Sacrament Dates

**Confirmation,
and C. C. D.**

April 27 - Last CCD class

**May 4 - Confirmation Retreat -
Walsh University
2 SARTA buses - Leave 10:00am
Return 5:00pm
(Bus fare \$2.50)**

**May 18 - Confirmation Practice with
sponsors after 12:00noon Mass
St. Mary's and CCD**

**May 19 - SACRAMENT of
CONFIRMATION
for grade 8 - St. Mary's and CCD Monday
night 7:00pm. Note: Arrive no later than
6:15pm - Gather in the gym - student and
sponsor in procession formation.**

Annual Flower Sale

St. Mary's Boy Scout Troop 903 is taking orders for your spring flowers (from Mazzocca's Greenhouse) now. Order forms are on the bulletin boards and due by May 5. Delivery available or pick up Saturday, May 10th in the parking lot. Call Denise Campbell at 330-837-0471 if you have any questions.

SACRAMENT of HOLY MATRIMONY

Church law requires a **minimum** period of six (6) months for marriage preparation. Please contact one of the parish priests, prior to making **any** arrangements.

Help our school earn money by saving **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**.

It's easy, simply cut and save the box tops from many household products like Cheerios Cereal, Kleenex Tissues and Ziplock Bags. When you have a bunch, drop them in the collection box at the back of the church.

If you do a lot of shopping online, please consider registering with box tops and shopping at the marketplace. They have many stores, such as JC Penney, Kohl's, Home Depot, just to name a few, that will give a percentage of what you buy back to our school. The website is www.boxtops4education.com.

Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Youth Ministry News



Mass: Sundays at 12 Noon (LIFE TEEN Music Ministry)
LIFE Night: Sundays from 7:00pm-8:30pm - Youth Room

April 27: LIFE Night: "Big Deal" - Come to our "Camp" and learn more about the source and summit of our faith: the Eucharist.

*A Night with Food, Fun, Friends, and God ~
What could be better?!*

May 3: Festival of Praise, Steubenville & Lock-in for 9th-12th graders only. (No events scheduled for Sunday night, May 4.)

LIFE TEEN YOUTH MINISTRY:

Contact Jen Jablonski
330-833-8501 office 330-720-5766 cell
jenjab12@hotmail.com

LIFE TEEN MUSIC MINISTRY:

Contact Marie Garton
330-966-4679 home 330-495-9156 cell
vocalist1966@msn.com

www.lifeteen.stmarysonline.org

All Sports Camp

Hoover Park will host 7 weeks of an All Sports Camp from June 16 - August 18. The camp is for boys and girls entering grades 1-7. The All Sports Camp is designed to give boys and girls the opportunity to learn about a variety of sport and activities. Visit www.allsportscamp.net for more information.

Are you in a hurting marriage? ...

Please give Retrouvaille a try! This Catholic peer ministry, endorsed by Bishop George Murry, has helped many broken couples locally find healing. The next program in the Youngstown Diocese begins with a weekend retreat May 2-4 at the Avalon Inn in Howland. You can sign up now by logging on to www.retrouvaille.org or call toll-free at 1-800-470-2230.

A Night to Honor Mary

The Night to Honor Mary will be held on Friday evening, May 9 at 7:00pm at St. Paul Parish, North Canton. Bishop George Murry, S.J. will preside at this devotional service which will include scripture readings, a homily, hymns, and recitation of the rosary. Bishop Murry will also preside at another Night to Honor Mary on Friday evening, May 2 at 7:00pm at St. Columba Cathedral, Youngstown.





**SANCTUARY LAMP
INTENTIONS**

*for the week of
April 27, 2008*

- I. Jennie Hampup & Richard Loop (Sherrie & Jim Staley)
- II. Walter Eckroate (Gene & Dolores Fornash)
- III. In Memory of Francis Cicchinelli, Sr. (Children & Grandchildren)
- IV. In Memory of the Deceased Members of the Pizzino Families (Gloria & Family)

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

“Those who obey the commandments, Jesus says in today’s Gospel, are the ones, who really love Him. Does my stewardship reveal my love for Jesus?”

Are You Celebrating Your 25th, 40th, 50th or Over Wedding Anniversary this year?

The Diocese of Youngstown will sponsor two Wedding Anniversary Celebrations to honor couples observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and over wedding anniversary in 2008.

The Wedding Anniversary Celebration includes Mass with Bishop Murry, renewal of marriage vows, a personalized certificate for each couple, and a reception for the couples and their families.

The first celebration will be held on Sunday, June 22 at 2:00pm at St. Columba Cathedral in Youngstown. Couples planning to attend the June celebration should register at their parish by May 19.

The celebration will be offered again on Sunday, October 26 at 2:00pm at St. John the Baptist Church in Canton. Registrations for this event will be accepted in late summer.

Couples may register for the celebration that is most convenient for them regardless of their anniversary date.

SACRAMENT of HOLY ORDERS

If you are discerning a vocation to the priesthood or religious life, please contact one of the parish priests.

ST. MARY'S PARISH BINGO

TUESDAYS at

6:30 p.m. - Doors open at 4:30 p.m.

All Paper Games

\$1,200.00 JACKPOT

\$500.00 BNO GAME

(With 150 people in attendance)

Door Prizes & Lucky Jar

\$15 package-2/\$20-All 9's on (Buy 2 get one FREE)

MASSES AND NOVENA DEVOTIONS

Sunday, April 27, 2008

Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:30 am *Harold & Pat Bittner (Jim & Rita Knouff)*

9:30 am *Mary Margaret Marple (Friends of the Family)*

12:00 pm *People of the Parish / Tom Frank (The Eckroate Family)*

Monday, April 28, 2008

Easter Weekday

8:15 am *Novena & Holy Communion*

7:00 pm *Mary Ann Smith (Karen Harris)*

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Saint Catherine of Siena, virgin, doctor

8:15 am *Agnes Ceremuga (Joe & Mary Jane Perrotti)*

Wednesday, April 30, 2008

Easter Weekday

8:15 am *Edward Hollender (Family)*

Thursday, May 1, 2008

Easter Weekday

8:15 am *Bill Nelson (Bob & Carolyn David)*

Friday, May 2, 2008

Saint Athanasius, bishop, doctor

8:15 am *Patsy Ross (Tom & Jane Friedrichsen)*

Saturday, May 3, 2008

Saints Philip and James, apostles

8:15 am *In Thanksgiving for the Piaskowski Family*

Saturday Vigil Mass

4:30 pm *Bertha Henry & Richard Vollmer (Daughter)*

Sunday, May 4, 2008

Seventh Sunday of Easter

7:30 am *Donald Marcelli (Shirley & Niles Brannan)*

9:30 am *Gordon Slicker (Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kilway)*

12:00 pm *Virginia Kracker (Clem Kracker)*

LITURGICAL READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: (Easter Weekday) Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20

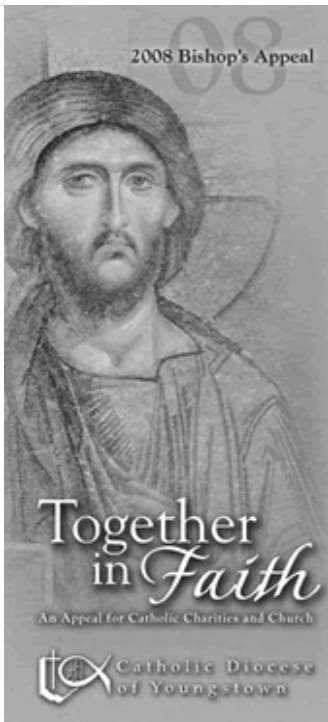
Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14

Next Sunday: Ascension of the Lord: Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

***St. Mary's Radio and
Web-Broadcast***

Our 9:30am Mass can be heard each Sunday on 1060 AM WILB radio **and** on the world wide web at www.livingbreadradio.com.



**Prayer for
2008 Bishop's
Appeal for
Catholic
Charities and
Church**

Oh, Lord, our God, we thank you for calling us together as your Church as we grow in our faith and love through your Son Jesus Christ.

In you, though many, we are one. We know that together, inspired and

empowered by your Holy Spirit, we are called to further your Kingdom here on Earth.

Lord, you are the giver of all we have and all that we are. Together we have all we need to answer your call.

Bless our efforts, Lord, that through our 2008 Bishop's Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church, we may call forth from each other the gifts you have given...gifts of time and abilities, of resources and devotion...to faithfully support the work of Christ our Appeal makes possible in the Diocese of Youngstown.

Make us ever more one in you, Oh Lord. May our offerings be made in the same spirit of sacrifice that Jesus taught us by his life and death for us.

Amen.

Congratulations to Mrs. Bonnie Longheier!

Mrs. Bonnie Longheier received the prestigious Golden Apple Award from the Diocese of Youngstown. We are lucky to have had Mrs. Longheier teaching first grade at St. Mary School for twenty-one years. We are grateful to her for the caring and encouraging ways in which she works with young students, faculty, and parents and all the hard work and creativity she puts into her teaching and into bettering our school and parish communities. We are so proud of Mrs. Longheier and all of our St. Mary's teachers!

**St. Mary's Parish Bulletin
Ad Spotlight**



Home of the Tugger
STANCATO'S
THE ULTIMATE IN COLLISION REPAIR
11969 Lincoln Way W., Massillon, OH 44647
Bus.: (330) 832-3043
FAX: (330) 832-1251
Joe Stancato John Stancato



Please Support Our Sponsors!

St. Joan of Arc Adult Choir Spring Concert

St. Joan of Arc Adult Choir presents: "Love is the Melody" Spring Concert on Sunday, April 27 at 2:00pm at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church (4940 West Tuscarawas St., Canton). For more information, call 330-705-8603.

Spaghetti Dinner & Art Show

Attention fellow parishes - Come join us for a Spaghetti Dinner and Art Show on May 3, 2008 at St. Clement's Boeff Hall located at 432 N. Market Street in Navarre. Dinner will be served from 5:00-7:00pm. Tickets are available at the door. Prices are as follows: Adults, 13 and up: \$7, Ages 5-12: \$5, 4 and under are free.

April Is Child Abuse Prevention Month

It is most appropriate that Child Abuse Prevention Month is held during the Easter Season. There is no better time than Easter to celebrate the protection of our most valuable gift from God - our children.

"We can never rest when it comes to protecting children and teenagers. They are gifts entrusted to us by God and our future is in their hands. The prevalence of child abuse in our society calls for vigilance of parents, pastors, teachers, indeed, all responsible adults.

Child Abuse Prevention Month deserves our attention in both prayer and action."

~Bp. Gregory Aymond, chair, USCCB Committee on the Protection of Children and Young People

For information on the Diocese of Youngstown Child Protection Policy contact Nancy Yuhasz, Chancellor, at 144 W. Wood St., Youngstown 44503 or phone 330-744-8451.

Attention: Any information or announcements to be published in the church bulletin should be sent to the e-mail address: stmarysparishbulletin@yahoo.com

All information must be accurate, grammatically correct (spelling, punctuation) readable and intelligible (easily understood) and received by 12:00 noon on the Monday before the bulletin date.