

THE WEEK AHEAD**TUESDAY – FEBRUARY 5**

Rosary for the unborn – 11:30 a.m. – Church
 Card Party – 1:00-4:00 p.m. – Ed. Building
 Adult Choir – 6:00 p.m. – Church
 School Commission – 7:00 p.m. - Office
 Pre-baptism – 7:00 p.m. – Parish office

WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 6

No Religious Ed. – 6:30 p.m.
 Catechist Workshops – 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY – FEBRUARY 7

RCIC – 5:30 p.m. – Parish Office
 RCIA – 7:00 p.m. – Church

PRAYER REQUESTS**Please pray for the sick and suffering and their families of our parish and community:**

Betty Behlmer, Rick Blair, Danny Burgmeier, Bret Dwenger, Linda Dwenger, Dorothy Hardebeck, Paul Huber, Jacob Johnson, Rob Karmon, Clifford Knueven, Paul Koors, June Laudsburg, Aaron McCrary, Tim McNeal, Ralph Meer, David Miller, Kaitlyn Miller, Roy Miller, Larry & Nellie Pfeister, Gish Ray, Dottie Ricke, Ruby Rodenbeck, Lawrence Schoettmer, Delores Simon, Dona Thomas, Amy Tonges, Clarence Veerkamp, Andy & Regina Weaver & Gary Wilkerson.

Please pray for all of our armed forces serving both abroad and in the U.S.

especially for: Ben Brancamp, Joe Davis, Chris Gauck, Jonathan Gibson, Adam Herbert, Todd Lecher, Jeff McNeal, Daniel Padgett, Brent Wright & Francis Young.

If you have a friend or loved one that you would like to add to our prayer list, please call the parish office @ 663-8427. They will remain on our list for 4 weeks.



Ash Wednesday/February 6

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BULLETIN DEADLINE

All bulletin articles will need to be in the office (e-mailed or written) no later than 11:00 a.m. on Monday.

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Lent 2008***“To Be Transfigured – Body, Mind, & Spirit”***

Our Lenten journey begins with the celebration of Ash Wednesday, February 6th. Once again the Church gives us an invitation to change, “to be transfigured,” a special “spring cleaning” so to speak. We should be different in some way by the time we reach Holy Week.—Through the three disciplines of Lent—**PRAYER, FASTING, AND ALMSGIVING**, we are given many opportunities to be “transfigured.” During our Lenten journey we will pray for the strength to take responsibility for our thoughts, our words, and our actions—for what we have done and what we have failed to do. Then, “together” with the great gift of God’s grace, we journey through this season of Lent and Holy Week, hoping to reach the goal of EASTER with joy in our hearts.—As a community of believers, we will make Easter visible to everyone, growing in His love and accepting God’s invitation to follow His teaching of “**LOVING and FORGIVING.**”

“Loving and forgiving are you, O Lord; slow to anger, rich in kindness, Loving and forgiving are you.”

Many opportunities will be provided to help us as we begin our journey to “**be transfigured**” in body, mind, and spirit.

Each family will receive Lenten booklets for family prayer – **BE RENEWED**. Also families of students in Kindergarten through 6th grade will be receiving special Lenten calendars. All Junior/High and High School will be receiving Scriptural bookmarks to use during the Lenten season.

Family Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday evening during lent, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Religious Ed families (and anyone else wishing to pray this special

Lenten devotion.) – This Lenten season we will also be praying the Stations of the Cross, along with the opportunity to receive the Holy Eucharist, each Wednesday evening as part of the Religious Education program. Stations of the Cross will begin at 6:45 p.m. and last approximately 30 minutes. This will give many of you who do not have the opportunity to take part in a Lenten devotion, a time for prayer. Realizing many parents use this time for shopping, we hope praying together for 30 minutes will still give you enough time to do your Wal-Mart run. We’ll be hoping to see you there.

The Assembly’s Book of Petitions will once again be placed in the rear of church for your special intentions. Each weekend we will pray for the intentions of the assembly.

Easter duty is the obligation to receive Holy Communion sometime between the first Sunday of Lent, and Trinity Sunday, May 18th.

Fast, abstinence rules for Lent: Ash Wednesday is February 6th which marks the beginning of Lent. This solemn season is a penitential period that leads to the celebration for Easter, on March 23rd. Ash Wednesday, February 6th and Good Friday, March 21st are days of complete fast and abstinence. **FAST** binds all over 18 and less than 59 years of age. On the days of fast, one full meal is allowed, two small meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one’s needs, but together they should not equal one full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed. **ABSTINENCE** binds all over age 14. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed. (NOTE: When health or ability to work is affected, the law does not apply.)

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time/ Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13~1 Corinthians 1:26-31~Matthew 5:1-12a
Ash Wednesday/Joel 2:12-18~2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2~Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Lent 2008 con't

Mark Your Calendars! Our community is having a Parish Mission starting Sunday evening, February 24th and ending Thursday evening February 28th. This will be a great time to be encouraged in our faith and to help bring us closer to our Lord Jesus. Plan to be there...and bring a friend!

Adoration Chapel - We need **permanent adorers** for the following hours: **Tuesday/5:00 p.m. & Saturday/7:00 p.m.** Please call Monica O'Brien at 663-2514 if you can take on a permanent or rotation basis. Thanks!

K of C will have Fish Fry's on Friday nights during Lent, beginning February 8th. Cost: Adult/7.00, Childen/3.50 and Children under 5 years free.

The **Greensburg & Millhouse Knights of St. John** will serve Chili and Mock Turtle Soup, Hot Dogs, Cookies and Drinks 11:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 10th at the Greensburg Knights of St. John hall on S. Wilder St. Carry-outs available. Free will offering will be taken. Everyone is welcome.

Fred Peers, a parishioner of our parish needs a ride to the 9:00 a.m. mass on Sunday. Prefer another gentleman or a married couple. If you can help please call Mr. Peers at 663-8553.

NEW BIBLE STUDY – The Resurrection and the Life – Begins the week of February 10. Jesus is God's greatest victory and likewise he is the fulfillment of humanity's deepest longing. Because of the resurrection of Jesus, a new age has dawned and life will never be the same again. What exactly did happen on Easter morning? Why did it impel the disciples to begin a journey that would transform the world? This book will help you understand what the Scriptures teach us about our own resurrection and how that hope gives purpose to everything we do.

Please call the parish office no later than February 4th to sign up for this 6-week study. Indicate if you prefer to meet in the morning or evening for your session and give a 1st and 2nd choice of days that work best for you. You will receive a letter letting you know when your group will meet.

VOLUNTEERS FOR MEALS – As you know, Fr. Justin Belitz will be with us for our parish mission in February. We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to prepare an evening meal for Fr. Justin and Msgr. Knueven. We need a meal each evening beginning February 23—28. For more information or to volunteer please contact Anita at the parish office, 663-8427. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

Catholics Returning Home

St. Mary's will offer a series entitled "Catholics Returning Home" beginning in April. The sessions are for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the Church. If you know someone who has left the Church, please invite them to join us. We will have more specific information concerning dates and session topics soon.

Dear Community,

We will have blessing of our throats today at all the Masses in honor of St. Blaise.

Our friends who are entering the Catholic Church here at St. Mary's will participate in the Rite of Election at the 9:00 a.m. Mass today. Then they will travel to Indianapolis to participate in the Rite of Election at the Cathedral of S.S. Peter and Paul, 14th and Meridian at 2:00 p.m.

Joan Koors and I will participate in the banquet for clergy and pastoral musicians on Monday, February 1st at Indianapolis.

I will attend the St. Pius X Knights of Columbus dinner for clergy at Indianapolis on Tuesday evening. I blessed that building when I was an assistant pastor of that building when I was an assistant pastor of St. Pius X church 1958-62 when it was constructed. I'm sorry that I will miss the school commission meeting that same evening.

Masses on Ash Wednesday will be at 7:00 and 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 and 7:00 p.m.

There will be a fish fry at the Knights of Columbus on Friday from 5-7 p.m.

The youth will be at the doors of the church this weekend, February 9, to collect for their Rock-a-thon (rocking chairs) to support the capital campaign. They will be rocking in the gym from 10:00 p.m.-10:00 a.m., all night. Twenty to thirty kids will be involved. Marilyn Hoeing is in charge.

There will be a Lenten Day of Reflection this Saturday, February 9th in church from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

You are invited to have chilie at Knights of St. John from 11-3 this Saturday, February 9.

The beatitudes tell us that we are blessed. Sometimes it seems nothing could be further from the truth. When Nick Vujicic was born in Melbourne, Australia, in 1982, he entered his life with both arms missing at shoulder level, and he only had one small foot with two toes protruding from his left thigh. His parents, and later Nick himself, were desperate and angry with God for having allowed this to happen.

But God had plans for Nick. He went to public school, high school and on to college to earn his degree. Today Nick is an inspiration to millions as a motivational speaker and the director for Life Without Limbs, an organization for the physically disabled. "My name is Nick Vujicic, he says, "and I give God the glory for how he has used my testimony to touch thousands of hearts around the world!"

This man was one of the sorrowing, one who was made lowly, yet now he looks with assurance to his inheritance in the Kingdom of God.

- ❑ Success is not a destination, it's a journey
- ❑ The most practical, beautiful, workable philosophy in the world won't work—if you won't.

Keep smiling, **Msgr. Knueven**

MASS INTENTIONS**MONDAY – FEBRUARY 4****7:15 a.m.** Communion Service**TUESDAY – FEBRUARY 5****7:15 a.m.** Eleanor Weisbach**ASH WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 6****7:00 a.m.** Sam Schwering**8:30 a.m.** Robert Young**5:30 p.m.** Joleen Connor**7:00 p.m.** Kathleen (Katz) Scheidler**THURSDAY – FEBRUARY 7****7:15 a.m.** Wilbur Senft**2:30 p.m.** Loretta Moore

(Odd Fellows Nursing Home)

FRIDAY – FEBRUARY 8**7:15 a.m.** Lorraine Bickle**SATURDAY/SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 9/10****4:30 p.m.** Nancy Keillor**7:00 a.m.** For all People**9:00 a.m.** Catherine Loechle**11:00 a.m.** Vera Hooten**SERVERS****WEEKDAY/FEB. 5-8 (Tues., Thurs., Fri.)****7:15 a.m.** Taylor Lang – Madelyn Hunger**ASH WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 6****7:00 a.m.** Taylor Lang – Madelyn Hunger**8:30 a.m.** School Liturgy**5:30 p.m.** David Navarra – Blake Rolf**7:00 p.m.** Sara Kramer – Sara Treash**SATURDAY/SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 9/10****4:30 p.m.** Lyndsey Louder – Ellen Weigel**7:00 a.m.** Tyler Luber – Jeremy Sherman**9:00 a.m.** Sabrina/Samantha McCullough**11:00 a.m.** Travis & Craig Schebler**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS****ASH WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 6****7:00 a.m.** Mike & Diane Novak

Diann Reisman – Marilyn Davis

Phyllis Schwering – Paulette Duerstock

8:30 a.m. School Liturgy

Mary Ann Luken – Susie Colson

Teresa Horan

5:30 p.m. Bob Scheidler – Rita Schoettrup

Karen Conley – Linda Ricke

Charles & Linda Greiwe

7:00 p.m. Glenn & Laura Jo Tebbe

Mary Ellen Menkedick – Priscilla Kramer

Tom & Jenny Schebler

SATURDAY/SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 9/10**4:30 p.m.** Sandy Meyer – Deb Greiwe

Bob Scheidler – Rosemary Schroeder

Johanne Davis – Kathie Davis

7:00 a.m. Mike & Diane Novak

Carol Schwendenmann – Greta Solgere

Marilyn Davis – Diann Reisman

9:00 a.m. Barb Noah – Steve Meyer

Anita Navarra – Mary Preble

Hank Martin – Pat Koors

11:00 a.m. Tom & Jenny Schebler

Bernice Menkedick – Bev Stiers

Tony Owens – Diana Robbins

LECTORS**ASH WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 6****7:00 a.m.** Hugh Miller**8:30 a.m.**

School Mass

5:30 p.m. Ed Dwenger**7:00 p.m.**

Peg Polanski

SATURDAY/SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 9/10**4:30 p.m.** Rick Nobbe**7:00 a.m.**

Dick Glaser

9:00 a.m. Glenn Tebbe**11:00 a.m.**

Youth Mass

A special collection will be taken Ash Wednesday for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.**Music Ministers**

You are invited to participate in a Lenten Retreat for Pastoral Musicians presented by Fr. William Munshower at the Fatima Retreat House, Friday February 22nd and Saturday, February 23. Please call Joan if you are interested.

2008 PARISH PICNIC AND YOUTHFEST

The date for the Parish Picnic has been set for Sunday, September 14th. The date for the Youth fest has been set for Saturday, August 16th. More information about both events will be shared in the following months. Please make a note on your calendar now as we will be celebrating St. Mary's 150th anniversary.

Please pick up your pictorial directory at the parish office.

If you had your picture taken you will receive a free directory. If you did not have your picture taken but would still like a directory you can purchase one for \$10.00. If you submitted a photo for the directory it will be included with your new book.

We have found a directory with several missing pages; if you have one of these books you can stop by the office and pick up a new one. If your picture has been omitted from the directory please contact Brian Wenning @ 663-4757.

Congratulations to the following students who have been chosen to represent St. Mary's School at the Batesville Deanery Academic Meet: Tom Lawrence, Tanea Herbert, Joe Buening, Josh Kinker, Michael Blankman, Ry Burkert, Deven Mitchell, Molly Oesterling, Nick Oesterling, Allison Hamilton, Spencer Kuehl, and Kyle Colson. These fifth and sixth grade student will compete in the Academic Meet on Saturday, February 23, 2008 at Oldenburg Academy. Good luck Academic Team.

Thank You

The first and second grade students of St. Mary's School would like to thank all of those who supported their Coat Check at the SMAFA Chili Supper. With your help, the students raised \$85.25 for Riley Hospital for Children. That's a lot of coats! Thank you again for your generosity.

Parish Mission- February 24 – 28, 2008

Friar Justin Belitz, OFM will lead our parish mission focusing on relationships. Relationships bring us great joy BUT can also bring pain and sorrow. This statement is true for us today as it has been for centuries. However, we all have free will. That means we can choose to enjoy all of our relationships, whether they are with ourselves, with others, with things, with life-experiences, or with God.

The key is Knowing how you relate, and Understanding 7 principles that govern all relationships. Join us for our parish mission to learn more about strengthening your relationships. . *“Relationships are essential to life. Use them to create a Full Life!”*

Sessions will be Sunday through Thursday at 7:00 p.m. (Morning sessions are Monday through Thursday at 9:15 a.m.)



Sunday pm (Mon. am)	How do you relate? The difference between the Creation Models Meditation on the Peace Prayer of St. Francis
Monday pm (Tues. am)	Two Principles that govern all relationships Meditation for healing any relationship
Tuesday pm (Wed am)	Principle 3 Meditation to help everyone relate to all of creation
Wednesday pm (Thurs am)	Two principles relating to giving and receiving Meditation on healing others
Thursday pm	Final 2 principles Meditation on Peace

A Social will follow Thursday evening in the Education Building.

Women – Have You Signed Up?

Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) is a process designed to bring members of a parish together in Christ. All of our commitments, including our commitment to Christ, need continued renewal if we are to be faithful. CRHP is an effective spiritual renewal process, which calls together the members of the parish in order to experience personal conversion and Christian community in the environment of our own parish.

We are very excited about being able to offer this program at St. Mary's. **A men's weekend is scheduled for February 16 & 17. And a women's weekend is scheduled for March 1 & 2** and will take place here on the parish grounds. Our number will be limited to 20 for each weekend and is open to men and women who are at least 19 years old. CRHP is for anyone seeking spiritual renewal, desiring to build up the Body of Christ or gain a deeper sense of purpose within the parish community. Praying for guidance is important. If you feel that Christ, through the Holy Spirit is calling you - COME! Call the office to reserve your spot.

We ask that you keep our participants and team in prayer during their weekend. Participating in the men's weekend are: Dan Geis, Don Yeager, Tom Tooley, Harry McCullough, Matt Bower, Wade Farr, Gabrielle Abellada, Ken Rennekamp, Kevin Foster, Joe McCullough, Carroll Hoeing, Patrick Stewart, Ryan Kennelly, Walt Johnson, Dave McCullough, David Hartman, Bill Wenning, John Pratt, Joey Roberts, John Pratt, Todd Reisman & Tim Fry.

**Vacation Bible School – Rainforest Adventure
June 9-13, 2008**

The Adult Catechetical Team (ACT)

The young children in our parish have religious education (CCD) and the older children have the St. Mary's Youth Group, but what is there in this parish for the adults that want to continue to grow spiritually. Does this need and desire stop when you graduate from high school?

This is where ACT – THE Adult Catechetical Team – comes in. ACT is a committee in the parish led by the Religious Education Director. The team tries to find ways to expose the adult members of our parish different spiritual aspects. ACT has tried various events to get and keep adults interested in their faith. The parish mission that will be held in February is sponsored by ACT. In the past, they also brought in the Christian Music group “Romans”, the production of “Late Night Catechism”, and the production during Christmas season of “The Christmas Angel” with Frank Runyeon. Various other programs have been held in our parish through the efforts of ACT.

Are you interested in helping on this mission to continue with the spiritual growth of our adult members of St. Mary's? Are you willing to put in an hour or two a month to do this? If so, contact Anita Navarra at the parish office. Anita can also answer any questions that you may have, or take suggestions for future activities that would be of interest to the parish.

**Dear Parishioners,
Communion**

David sought intimacy with God above all else. “One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple” (Ps. 27:4).

The Sabbath affords us a rich invitation to be fully present with God. It's an occasion to experience Him together with those closest to us, undistracted by the demands of work.

Such communion can take many forms. Perhaps you will enjoy a special meal together. It could also include an extended time of reading Scripture, praying together, worshiping, or partaking of the Lord's Supper at your local church. In traditional Jewish culture, the Sabbath was the zenith of the family's spiritual life each week. It was greeted with anticipation and openness; the rest of the week was but a prologue. **Excerpts of this article are from John Anthony Page**, author of *The Almighty in the Ordinary* (Writer's Club Press). *Anita Navarra*

HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS

The **Decatur County Family YMCA** will be hosting area youth and their parents for an exciting, new faith based purity program. **Transformed** challenges both junior and senior high teens and their parents to, “Be no longer conformed to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of their mind” (Romans 12:2). The Pregnancy Care Centers of South Central Indiana will be presenting this educational program, designed to address tough issues regarding sexual integrity from a Biblical perspective.

An introductory parent session was held **at the YMCA at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, January 24, 2008**. All additional sessions will be held **at the YMCA at 7:00 p.m. Thursdays, January 31st through February 21st**.

Please prayerfully consider participating as we strive to encourage, enlighten and empower teens and their parents through God's truths. **This program is not a mandatory part of our religious education program. We are informing parents about the program so that you have the opportunity to participate if you choose.**

You may contact Lisa Newton, Transformed Coordinator at 812-378-4114 or pcc-lisanewton@sbcglobal.net if you have questions or would like more information. You can also contact Anita Navarra at our parish office.

DVD Series has arrived. Fr. Bill Burton has created a 3-CD series on his program, “An Introduction to the Bible.” This set is available from our parish resource library located at the parish office. It can be checked out at any time for a 2-week period.

Sessions include an introduction to biblical texts focusing on geography and authors, Israel's history, prophetic works, the Jewish world of Jesus, an overview of the new testament, and the synoptic gospels.

Fr. Bill has been with us twice for personal presentations and has been very well received. The information he presents is very enlightening and gives a fresh view for reading scripture.

YOUTH NEWS

Andi's e-mail: andmackee44@yahoo.com

Bible Verse of the Week: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord and not for men" ~ Colossians 3:23

Random Question

Last week's winners: High School – Gina Ricke Jr. High – Vanessa Lawrence

Last weeks answer: Yo-yo translates from it Philippine origin to "come-come".

This week's question: **Who are the two mascots for Fruity Pebbles cereal?**

Leader Board

Stephanie Hoeing	7
Aaron Hoeing	6
Gina Ricke	6
Kelsey Johnson	3
Vanessa Lawrence	2

Penny War Update: These are the results as of Wednesday, January 23rd.

1st ~ 7th grade (18,182)	4th ~ Freshmen (11,109)
2nd ~ 8th grade (13, 501)	5th ~ Juniors (8,622)
3rd ~ Seniors (11,724)	6th ~ Sophomores (7,089)

*The penny war will go on until the end of Religious Ed. this school year.

Bible Challenge: Don't forget about the Bible Challenge that is going on. Memorize the bible verse that is in here each week. When ever you see me (ball games, grocery store, etc.) tell me that verse and get a point for your class. Each individual may only tell me the verse once in a week. For every 5 correct recitings your class will earn a piece of an ice cream sundae (bowl, spoon, ice cream, etc.). Teachers you can play too. Once your class has built a full sundae I will come to your class on a Wednesday night for an Ice Cream Party.

SMUBS: TIME CHANGE due to the Super Bowl. Bible Study will meet at 6:00 p.m. in the basement this Sunday so that we can be finished for the Super Bowl. Come join us and bring your friends!

Rock-a-thon 2: The Confirmation Class will be holding a **Rock-a-Thon February 9th into the 10th** in the school gym. They will keep rocking chairs rocking for 12 hours straight. This was the same thing they did as a class project in 6th grade here at St. Mary's School, hence the 2. They are currently taking pledges and will be taking donations at the doors at all masses on this weekend. All the money raised goes to the Capital Campaign for our new school and church. Thank you in advance for your support.

Snow Tubing: High School will be having an Ultimate Weekend, February 23-24. This will be a Lock-in and Snow Tubing. We will start Saturday at 5:30 p.m., join us at 4:30 Mass if you want. We will have pizza, movies and games. Around 9:00 p.m. we will head to Perfect North Slopes to snow tube from 10:00 p.m. to midnight. Then we will come back to finish out the lock-in until 8:00 in the morning. **ANY** student in high school is welcome, bring your friends. **ONLY 30 SPOTS HURRY!!** Cost is \$20. Registration forms were handed out in class. *Sign up by Wednesday, February 13th.*

Youth Council meeting Monday, February 4th at 7:00 p.m. Don't forget your binders.

Can Collection – We are still collecting aluminum cans – bring yours to Msgr.'s garage anytime! This money collected will go towards helping the youth attend church camp.

Prayer for our Campaign

Heavenly Father,

Who gathers us into Your church; You have blessed us and St. Mary's Parish abundantly. We give you thanks for all that you have given and for this community of believers.

Give us the humility to listen to you and hear each other. Help us see clearly where we are and what you would like us to be and accomplish.

Send the Holy Spirit to guide us on our journey of hope and commitment. Open our minds and our hearts to evoke our passion to be like Christ and follow His mission for us.

Fuel us with love, focus us with faith and fill our hearts with joy at this opportunity to generously serve You.

Help us to give our best and to receive the best that others can give.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives, and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Just Little Reminders from St. Mary's School

- ❑ Box Tops and Campbell Soup labels are still being collected; there is a drop box in the back of church if you wish to drop them off there.
- ❑ Science Fair judging will be February 26th. It will be open to the public on February 27th. Come see the neat projects your St. Mary's kids can produce!
- ❑ It's back! The magazine sales will start January 31st.
- ❑ Sign up your Marsh Fresh Idea Card # so St. Mary's School can get rewards. Papers are available in the back of church. They can be put in the same box as the Campbell Soup Labels box. Thank you for your cooperation.

"Together We Make 'Cents'" Update...As many of you know, the students in preschool through sixth grade at St. Mary's School and St. Mary's Religious Ed have been earning pennies for the Capital Campaign in order to build a new church and school. The students were challenged to collect enough pennies to stack that would be equivalent to their own height in inches.

This has been a wonderful way to teach our children the value of stewardship: the giving of our time, talent, and treasure. The students were encouraged not to simply "beg" for coins, but rather, to find ways to work for them and to share some of their earnings with the Capital Campaign.

We are pleased to announce the results of the elementary penny campaign. The students were able to give \$3,072.09 to the Capital Campaign.

Thank you to everyone who supported our children in their quest of learning the value of stewardship.

St. Louis School 7th grade will host a Fish Fry on Wednesday, February 6, (Ash Wednesday) from 4 to 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Menu features baked or fried fish, cheese pizza, baked potatoes or fries, coleslaw or applesauce, drink and dessert. Carry out is available. Free will donation. All proceeds go towards the 8th grade 2009 class trip.

DINNER WITH JOHN PAUL II.

The Archdiocesan Pro-Life Youth Council invites you to join them on

Friday, February 22nd at 6 p.m. for a bountiful pasta meal and the movie "Pope John Paul II" starring Jon Voight. The dinner and movie will follow after the 5:45 p.m. Mass and Stations at Holy Rosary Church, 520 Stevens St., Indianapolis. In addition, a presentation of the March for Life 2008 will be shown during intermission. To purchase tickets, call Sister Diane at 317-236-1521 or e-mail dcarollo@archindy.org. Tickets cost \$10 per person by Feb. 14th or \$15 afterwards, but no later than Feb. 19th. The event benefits the Archdiocesan Pro-Life Youth Council and its pro-life initiatives.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

Abortion has touched the lives of so many people. Has abortion changed your life? If you are among the millions of women and men who suffer from the aftermath abortion, consider participating in a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. Through the weekend retreat, you will be immersed in a spiritual experience that addresses the spiritual wounds of abortion. Participants experience their sadness and grief in the company of others who share their deep pain. The retreat focuses on God's unconditional love and forgiveness in a confidential atmosphere. Memories of abandonment, pain and confusion are replaced by reconciliation and peace. **THE NEXT RETREAT IS SCHEDULED IN INDIANAPOLIS MARCH 28-30.** To register or learn more, contact Sister at 317-236-1521 or 800-382-9836, 3xt. 1521 or Bernadette Roy at 317-831-2892. All calls are completely confidential. Don't be afraid to begin the healing process.

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Date _____

As a convenience to St. Mary's Parishioners, we offer Automatic Debit Services for Sunday contribution commitments. Your checking or savings account can be debited weekly, monthly, or yearly in order to meet your stewardship pledge.

If you would like this free service, please complete the authorization below and return to the parish office. All information will be confidential. Questions may be directed to Sally Koors.

Automatic Debit Authorization

St. Mary's Church will electronically debit funds from your account according to the following terms:
Please include a blank voided check from the account that you want funds taken from.

Amount: _____ **Frequency:** weekly _____ monthly _____ yearly _____

Day/Date: _____ **Name of Bank:** _____

Account Holder's Name: _____

Type of Bank Account: Checking _____ Savings _____

Bank Account Number: _____ **Bank Account Routing Number:** _____

Said amount \$ _____ is to be applied to _____ contribution record at St. Mary's Church.
(Family Envelope #)

An electronic transfer deemed non-sufficient will be re-presented to your financial institution for its face value.

I hereby authorize St. Mary's Church to electronically transfer funds from my account according to the above terms.

(Parishioner Signature)

(Date)

Listed below are the names and contact information for members of St. Mary's Parish commissions. You are encouraged to contact any member for comments, concerns or questions.

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