

**THE WEEK AHEAD****TUESDAY – FEBRUARY 19**

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

ACT – 6:30 p.m. – Ed. Bldg.

Faith Formation – 6:30 p.m. – Ed. Bldg.

Finance meeting – 7:00 p.m. - upstairs

**WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 20**

Confirmation interviews – Parish Office

Religious Ed. – 6:30 p.m.

Stations of the Cross – 6:45 p.m. – Church

Pastoral Council – 7:00 p.m. – Parish Office

**THURSDAY – FEBRUARY 21**

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, Dorothy Hardebeck, Paul Huber, Jacob Johnson, Rob Karmon, Lynda Keillor, Clifford Kneuen, Paul Koors, June Laudsburg, Aaron McCrary, Tim McNeal, Ralph Meer, Ginny Meyerrose, Kaitlyn Miller, Roy Miller, Larry & Nellie Pfeister, Gish Ray, Dottie Ricke, Ruby Rodenbeck, Carol Rosebrough, Lawrence Schoettmer, Leonard 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.

**LENT****WEBSITE**

www.stmarysgreensburg.com

**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”***

“Together” with the great gift of God’s grace, we will 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 pray to accept 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.”*

**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 be praying the Stations of the Cross, along with the opportunity to receive the Holy Eucharist on the Wednesday evenings of the Religious Education program when the church is available. Please watch the bulletin. Stations of the Cross will begin at 6:45 p.m. and last approximately 30 minutes. We hope you will plan to be there as together we pray this special Lenten devotion.

**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.

**Parish Mission** starting Sunday evening, February 24<sup>th</sup> and ending Thursday evening February 28<sup>th</sup>. 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!

**Catholics Returning Home**

Do you know someone who has left the Church? Most of us do not have to look very far to find non-practicing Catholics in our circle of family and friends. Many of us are concerned about these loved ones, but we don’t know how to help them. Obviously, most of them are searching, but how can we help them find their way home?

As baptized, practicing Catholics, we have a precious gift of faith and love from the Lord that needs to be shared with our non-practicing brothers and sisters. First, we need to pray for them. Next, we need to extend a personal invitation to them to come home to the Catholic Church. Most non-practicing Catholics are waiting for an invitation to return. Many mistakenly think they are excommunicated and are not welcome to return for a variety of reasons.

Many non-practicing Catholics carry with them a tremendous amount of guilt and misinformation about the Church and are afraid of approaching the Church for fear of being rejected. You can make a tremendous difference in someone’s life simply by reaching out to them and telling them that we miss them and would like for them to come back home to our Church family.

Here at St. Mary’s Parish we have a special program to help non-practicing Catholics return to the Church entitled “Catholics Returning Home.” The series will begin after Easter (We hope to have a specific date for you next week). Please pass this article on to anyone who might be interested. For more information call Anita Navarra, 663-8427, [anavarra@stmarysgreensburg.com](mailto:anavarra@stmarysgreensburg.com).

### **Bible Study – The Resurrection and the Life**

“Crossing a threshold” is usually associated with a momentous event. It’s a deliberate and conscious choice to move from one place to another. Something similar happens when you step over the threshold into God’s Word. You feel the light of God’s presence and love streaming into your life in a whole new way. Our newest study began last week with 15 participants and will focus on realizing how the Resurrection offers us hope for the future and gives purpose for everything we do today. The Resurrection is God’s greatest victory and the fulfillment of humanity’s deepest longing.

**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. Also, please consider stopping in at Adoration Chapel during Lent, to pray before the Blessed Sacrament as a way to deepen your prayer life.

**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.

**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. **(We need meals on Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday)**

*Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) **Men’s Weekend – February 16 & 17, 2008*** - We are very excited about being able to offer this program at St. Mary's. We ask that you keep our participants and team in prayer during their weekend. Participating in the men’s weekend are: Dan Geis, Don Yager, Tom Tulley, Harry McCullough, Matt Bower, Gabrielle Abellada, Ken Rennekamp, Joe McCullough, Carroll Hoeing, Patrick Stewart, Ryan Kennelly, Walt Johnson, Dave McCullough, David Hartman, Bill Wenning, John Pratt, Joey Roberts, Todd Reisman Keith Stier & Tim Fry.

### **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.**

**Please pick up your pictorial directory at the parish office.**

### **Dear Community,**

We had a full house for the men’s CRHP weekend. The presenting team did a good job. They were well prepared. We pray that the experience was good for the men making the weekend. God bless you all. No school on February 18. It’s President’s Day.

Fr. Lucas will be visiting a friend in Pittsburgh from February 18-21. His priest friend will be returning to Uganda.

I will be the chaplain at our local hospital from February 19-25. When you register at the hospital, please tell them you belong to St. Mary’s. I will visit you. Sometimes if your name is not on the Catholic list, I don’t know you are in the hospital. I visit the hospital in Greensburg a couple times a week and I visit Columbus Regional Hospital whenever I know a parishioner is present.

Our parish council meeting is February 20<sup>th</sup>. Please pick up your packets.

We have Stations of the Cross and Holy Communion every Wednesday night at 6:45. Parents of our CCD children, please come to church while your children are at religious education classes.

We will have a penance service for the 4-6<sup>th</sup> grades this Thursday at 8:30 a.m.

Today’s gospel describes the transfiguration of Jesus, as the disciples witnessed the blinding light, the prophetic vision and the voice speaking from the cloud. If the disciples had any questions about this Jesus they were following, the Transfiguration was the astounding answer.

### **This Week’s Joke**

Two little boys were best friends at church, but they both had a reputation for getting into trouble. One Sunday, one of the boys was home sick, but the other boy, not wanting to let his friend down, was twice as bad as normal. As he was running through the sanctuary after church, the pastor grabbed him and angrily said, “Where’s God?!” The little boy was frightened and didn’t know what to say. The pastor continued. “I want you to go home and think about it and I don’t want you to come back until you can tell me where God is.” The boy went home and called his sick friend on the telephone. “Guess what,” he said. “They’ve lost God, and they’re trying to blame that one on us too.”

Keep smiling, Msgr. Knueven

**MASS INTENTIONS****MONDAY – FEBRUARY 18****7:15 a.m.** Communion Service**TUESDAY – FEBRUARY 19****7:15 a.m.** Lawrence Hellmich**WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 20****7:15 a.m.** Luella Brockman**8:30 a.m.** Rosemary Haag**THURSDAY – FEBRUARY 21****7:15 a.m.** Elizabeth "Betty" Gillman**2:30 p.m.** Elenora Bartholomew

(Hickory Creek Nursing Home)

**FRIDAY – FEBRUARY 22****7:15 a.m.** Raymond Schoettmer**SATURDAY/SUNDAY – FEB. 23/24****4:30 p.m.** Steve Simmons**7:00 a.m.** For all people**9:00 a.m.** Charles Hellmich**11:00 a.m.** Clara Stagge**SERVERS****WEEKDAY/FEB. 19-22 (Tues., Weds., Thurs., Fri.)****7:15 a.m.** Tanea Herbert – Claire Welage**SATURDAY/SUNDAY – FEB. 23/24****4:30 p.m.** Tommy Colson – Bryant Himes**7:00 a.m.** David Navarra – Jesse Elsner**9:00 a.m.** Megan Blankman

Miranda Kessens

**11:00 a.m.** Brent Bohman – Shine Duncan**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS****SATURDAY/SUNDAY – FEB. 23/24****4:30 p.m.** Karen Duggins – Rita Hellmich

Diane Humpert – Priscilla Kramer

Bert McQueen – MaryAnn Luken

**7:00 a.m.** Art & Ana Alunday

Jill Fuel – Carol Ann Nobbe

Rita Schoentrup – Linda Luber

**9:00 a.m.** Steve & Mary Adam

Rita Burkert – Karen Conley

Mark &amp; Lorie Young

**11:00 a.m.** Marietta Hagerty – Tom Ricke

Kim Meyer – Linda Simons

Clare Pratt – Darlene Banks

**LECTORS****SATURDAY/SUNDAY – FEB. 23/24****4:30 p.m.** Linda Ricke**7:00 a.m.** Dennis Doerflinger**9:00 a.m.** Laura Jo Tebbe**11:00 a.m.** Monty Shields

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday, February 23. Please call Joan if you are interested.

**From the Desk of the Principal**

Have your students told you about the Novena for Archbishop Buechlein? They have been praying the Novena each day in their classrooms, asking for God's healing grace to be bestowed upon the Archbishop. I hope you have also been praying this in your homes. Thank you for your prayers.

Also, thank you for taking the time to read the information about the possible change in dress code. To date, I have received 79 surveys. Thank you for taking the time to write your comments about the dress code. All your comments were given to the School Commission members at the February 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. The members of the Commission are reading those and praying for guidance. If you did not have a chance to return your survey, please do so and I will pass your comments along to the Commission members. This is a very difficult decision, but I know the Commission will do what they feel is in the best interest of our students.

The magazine drive is underway! This is one of only two fund raisers held here at St. Mary's School. Please continue to sell magazines to your family members and friends. Our goal this year is \$35,000. I know if we work together we can accomplish this goal. Got Weepuls?

On Wednesday, February 13, 2008 we will be recognizing the scouts (boys and girls) who attend St. Mary's School. If your child is in scouting, please have them wear their scouting uniform or girl scout sash to school. They will be part of the procession at the school Mass.

Also, please mark your calendars; Monday, February 18, 2008 there is **NO SCHOOL**. This is in honor of Presidents' Day.

On Tuesday, February 19, 2008, Sister Demetria will be here to share her experiences and knowledge of mission work in our world. Sister Demetria has visited here in the past and the students have learned much from her. This is one way we can share with our students the importance of doing for others. Ask your child what they learned from Sister Demetria.

Our annual science fair will be held February 25 -27. Many students have been working on their projects. I was very impressed with the work our students did last year and I am sure they will continue to do a great job. I hope you have the opportunity to visit the science fair on Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> to see the accomplishments of our students.

We are currently conducting registration for our 2008-2009 preschool and kindergarten classes. If you know of someone who is interested in sending their child to St. Mary's School next year, please ask them to call the school office.

**Catholic Schools Light the Way!**

## 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.

### Dear Parishioners, ***Restoration***

Keeping the Sabbath restores the whole person—heart, mind, and body. David penned a delightful picture of restoration in Psalm 23:

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul.

Take a walk. During the winter, build a fire and read by its glow. Simply snuggle and tussle with children on the couch. Dominoes or an easy board game may find their way into your day as well. Don't focus on winning but simply have fun playing together. Often, these games are the only time all week to truly get to play. Never take yourself so seriously that you forget what it is to play.

One important aspect of restoration is being unhurried. On Sabbath day, sleep in (as much as that is possible with children). Don't set any alarms. When a nap invites itself into your afternoon, welcome it with open pillows.

Unhurried living can extend to eating, too. With the exception of a special evening meal, do not eat at a specified time. Meals can be relaxed affairs that involve leftovers or simple food, such as peanut-butter-and-jelly sandwiches. Dirty dishes sit untouched until the next day.

Occasionally take advantage of cheap evening rates and phone far-flung family members. Rediscover the quiet joy of writing a letter to a friend. Moving a pen across real paper—instead of hurriedly banging out an e-mail—is refreshing after a week spent tapping away at a keyboard.

You may choose to engage in a favorite hobby, such as puttering around your garden or taking a walk in a park. Add new pictures and mementoes to scrapbooks. Whatever you do, make sure it gives your soul space to breathe. Excerpts of this article are from John Anthony Page, author of *The Almighty in the Ordinary* (Writer's Club Press).

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

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## YOUTH NEWS

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**Bible Verse of the Week:** "For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God" ~ Romans 3:23

### **Random Question**

Last week's winners: High School – Gina Ricke                      Jr. High – Stephanie Hoeing

*Last weeks answer:* Jesus cried because his friend Lazarus had died.

*This week's question:* **Who was the only bachelor President of the United States?**

### **Leader Board**

Stephanie Hoeing	9
Gina Ricke	8
Aaron Hoeing	6
Kelsey Johnson	3
Vanessa Lawrence	2

**Penny War Update:** These are the results as of Wednesday, January 31st.

1st ~ 7th grade (18,259)	4th ~ Freshmen (11,109)
2nd ~ 8th grade (13, 772)	5th ~ Juniors (8,612)
3rd ~ Seniors (11,786)	6th ~ Sophomores (7,157)

\*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.

**Senior Retreat:** Seniors this is a retreat just for you. Come join us for a laid back weekend. We will give you tips and advice to help survive the first year of college. Take a break from all the scholarship work and schoolwork to hang out with your friends and God for a weekend. The retreat is Friday, March 7-8.

**Freshmen/Sophomores:** If any of you are interested in helping out with the Jr. High retreat that will be held April 12 & 13, let me know.

**SMUBS:** St. Mary's Ultimate Bible Study is still going on for high school students on Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the basement. It is every Sunday except the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday (SMUS night) unless otherwise informed. It is a great study, we are learning a lot, you can come join anytime, it is not necessary to be there every Sunday. Hope to see you soon, **bring your friends they DO NOT have to be Catholic.**

**SAKed:** Do you still have a SAKed card lying around? Don't forget to pass those along and do a Simple Act of Kindness. It doesn't have to be something huge that is why it is called *Simple*. Get *Acting* today your *Kindness* will be appreciated. Don't forget to log them online.

**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.

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