



## *The Shell*

*An e-letter for*

*Saint James the Greater Church, Cincinnati, Ohio*

*The Shell*, is a periodic email newsletter for the parishioners and friends of Saint James Church. This does not replace the Sunday bulletin or Parish Life. It's an opportunity for brief updates and news. A symbol for our patron saint is a shell and that gives the name to our e-letter.

March 3, 2014

### **The John Merritt Scholarships**

You may be aware that we have had some changes in the John Merritt Scholarship program of the parish. It was only for those students going into a Catholic high school from our 8<sup>th</sup> grade. That portion will continue but we have also been able to add scholarships to students attending our school. Applications for the high school scholarships have been received and will be awarded soon. Applications for scholarships for our grade school are due soon.

We are grateful to everyone who has contributed to the scholarship fund, especially those who have designated it as a memorial for a loved one. Our hope is that this fund will continue to grow and we will be able to increase awards to our students.

For your information here are the requirements applicants must fulfill for consideration:

The criteria are:

- 1) The student is a baptized practicing Catholic, whose participation in Sunday Mass is verifiable and known to the pastor;
- 2) The student's family offers gifts of time, talent and treasure to the parish;
- 3) There is demonstrated financial need;
- 4) Academic achievement is commensurate with ability;
- 5) The student is involved in at least one aspect of parish or school community life;
- 6) The student's family has applied for this scholarship.
- 7) *The student has submitted an essay explaining why Catholic education is important to him/her. [#7 is for the high school awards only.]*



### **Projects**

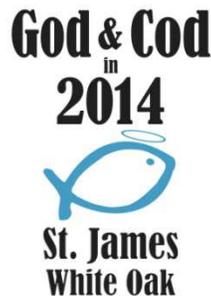
In the weeks ahead, you will see work being done on the parish center. A new roof has been badly needed and work will begin as soon as the weather permits. We will also be replacing HVAC for the building. A unit for the gym has died and another air conditioning unit for the

offices and meeting rooms has been stolen. When school is over for the year, the floor in the main entry hall has to be replaced since the tile is coming up.

Throughout the church, parish center and parking lots you will see security cameras being installed in the next months. This is part of our ongoing concern about safety. We may also have to change the locks on all the doors because it seems there are many unauthorized keys in the parish. You can guess the problems that brings. We are waiting for the full report from our consulting firm.



And just in case you might forget:



We are back for 2014 and the Lenten season is fast approaching! Please join us for good food and fellowship every Friday from March 7-April 11 from 4:30-8:00 in the church undercroft. We will once again be serving our delicious baked and fried fish, shrimp, LaRosa's pizza, North College Hill bakery bread, and Servati's pretzels.

As always, this event would not be possible without the hundreds of volunteers who donate their time. There are many opportunities to get involved so please sign-up now. What a better way to meet other parishioners if you are new to the church or school. It is as simple as visiting our website at [www.stjamesfishfry.org](http://www.stjamesfishfry.org) and clicking on 'Volunteers.'

Hope to see you in 2014!

The Fish Fry Committee