



St. James the Greater Parish Life Newsletter

Fall 2014



An "Underused" Sacrament

By Father Nolker

Here is a confession I think I will never hear.

Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. My last confession was months ago. My biggest sin today is that I ignored my spiritual wellbeing. I had heard that people should be anointed when they get seriously sick, but I just didn't bother. I guess Jesus could have comforted me with that sacrament during my recent illness but I didn't bother to receive the holy sacrament. I even knew for months that I was going to have very serious surgery for this but I just didn't bother with the sacrament. I was even in the hospital for a week and I didn't even bother then. So, my sin is that I didn't reach out for the grace Jesus was offering.

As I said, I've never heard that confession and don't expect I will but I should. Our efforts to get people to use the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick at the most appropriate times don't seem to sink in. For years and years we have been explaining how important it is to receive this wonderful sacrament to help deal with sickness and that it isn't the harbinger of death. Yet, we still hear seriously sick people say, "It's not time for anointing."

If a doctor says that a person can be healed of a sickness through a particular treatment, nobody says, "Well, I'll wait to the point that the treatment won't do any good anymore." The normal response is, "How soon can we do this?" For some strange reason, people think this sacrament should be put off as long as possible. For some, they may be denying the seriousness of the illness. For others, it is still that harbinger of death – or the way to try to slide into heaven at the very last moment. (Yes, some people actually think getting anointed just before death "fixes" everything.) The ritual book for the Sacrament of Anointing says, "The reception of the Eucharist as viaticum, food for the passage through death to eternal life, is the sacrament proper to the dying Christian... The sacrament of anointing should be celebrated at the beginning of a serious illness." {#175} Anointing is the sacrament of the sick so we can cope with illness and be helped to heal. The sacrament for the dying is Holy Communion. This doesn't mean that a dying person can't be anointed, but the anointing should happen long before that moment. After diagnosis, the reaction should be "How soon can I be anointed?"

It is also interesting that the Church teaches that the sacrament should be received by those who are suffering the debilitation of old age. (This is how the ritual describes it.) We aren't to be anointed simply because we hit a certain age. But when we begin to physically or mentally fail in a serious way, anointing is appropriate. We all know very active, healthy people in their 90s; they shouldn't be anointed because of age. But we also know people who are frail and weakened even in their 70s or 80s; they should be anointed.

When to be anointed or have your loved one anointed? Here is my own rule of thumb:

- Within 1 week of a diagnosis of serious illness (cancer, heart issues, etc.);
- A week before any serious surgery or procedure;
- Whenever the illness gets seriously worse;
- When the malady is chronic and becomes more debilitating;
- When the weaknesses of old age begin to seriously impair normal life.

The Lord Jesus didn't give us this sacrament to be used sparingly. This isn't one of the sacraments we can only receive once. I never should hear a confession like the made-up one above. Please use this great sacrament!



The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

will be celebrated at all Sunday obligation Masses on the weekend of
September 27/28.

The Church encourages us to continually pray for those who are sick, and to especially celebrate this sacrament with them. We invite everyone who has a serious illness or is suffering from the debilitation due to age to receive this sacrament of healing. This is a good time to make a special effort to bring someone to church who might not be able to join us weekly because of their illness.

Pastoral Report

July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014

General Statistics

2003	Registered households ¹
6248	Registered individuals
474	newborn to age 6
709	age 7 to 14
728	age 15 to 20
1243	age 21 to 35
1119	age 36 to 50
1244	age 51 to 65
661	age 66 to 80
298	over age 80
63	New households this year
113	Families deleted from the census
1187	Number of families contributing financially in the year
324	Number of school families contributing financially in the year ²
1315	Individuals participating in Sunday Mass (2013 October count)
24	Children participating in Children's Liturgy of the Word (weekly average)
57	Average participants at daily mass
	12 Average at 6:30 a.m.
	45 Average at 8:30 a.m.

Sacramental Celebrations

658	Masses celebrated (<i>excludes weddings and funerals</i>)
212	Sunday masses
446	Weekday masses
38	Funerals
49	Baptisms
47	Infants (<i>under the age of 7</i>)
2	Adults (<i>age 7 and above</i>)
6	Persons received into the Church by profession of faith
3	Children (<i>under the age of 7</i>) received by the profession of parents
3	Adults (<i>age 7 and above</i>)
69	First Communions
64	Children (<i>2nd grade</i>)
5	Adults (<i>age 7 and above received into the Church</i>)
85	Confirmations
80	7 th grade students
5	adults (<i>age 7 and above received into the Church or never confirmed</i>)
5	Weddings
2	With both parties Catholic
3	With one party Catholic
3	Couples prepared for marriage somewhere else
52	Opportunities for confession (<i>excluding penance services</i>)
4	Penance Services
1	For the whole parish
3	For school and PSR students
17	Individuals receiving communion at home weekly (<i>average</i>)
218	Individuals receiving the Anointing of the Sick
79	privately ³
139	at Sunday Mass in September

¹ This number reflects the census being done this year which surfaced families who have moved or did not return census information.

² There were 385 parishioner families with children in the school.

³ This number includes those done as emergencies at Mercy Hospital West for non-parishioners.

Other Prayer Services/Liturgies

48	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
4	The Way of the Cross
180	Divine Mercy Sunday Service (<i>attendance</i>)
75	Lenten devotions (<i>weekly attendance</i>)
316	Marian devotions (<i>includes prayer services, rosary before morning mass, etc.</i>)
1	Evening Prayer (<i>Sung from the Liturgy of the Hours</i>)
1	Morning Prayer (<i>Sung from the Liturgy of the Hours</i>)

Spiritual Formation Programs

(Numbers refer to the number of people participating.)

2	Catechumens (<i>persons not baptized</i>) participating in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
3	Candidates (<i>persons baptized in another denomination</i>) seeking membership in the Catholic Church through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Educational Programs

(Numbers refer to the number of people participating.)

619	Students in the parish elementary school
416	Families with students in the school
35	Teachers in the school
32	Students in the parish PSR program (grades 1-8)
22	Families with students in the PSR program
8	Teachers in the PSR program
20	Participants in the Pre-school religious education program
5	Teachers in the Pre-School program
61	Families participating in the First Communion/First Reconciliation program
79	Families participating in the Confirmation preparation program
5	Catechists certified this year by the Archdiocese (<i>total from basic through advancement to permanent catechetical leader certified this year</i>)
42	Adult Faith Formation

Liturgical Ministries

439	Participants in liturgical ministries
155	Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
22	Adult Choir
5	Adult Cantors
10	Adult Music Ensemble
4	Young Adult Cantors
13	Youth Choir
6	Adult Handbell Choir
53	Readers
46	Servers
50	Ushers
47	Bereavement Ministers
28	Children's Liturgy of the Word leadership

Descriptions of Some Program Activities

The Giving Tree

Each year the Giving Tree is an indicator of the generosity of the parish. This past Christmas, 1050 presents were donated to help 13 organizations care for the poor.

Cookie Connection

On the second Sunday of each month parishioners bring cookies and juice boxes for soup kitchens in the inner city. No count is kept of how much is donated monthly but it more than fills a car or van each time.

Saint Vincent de Paul

Those involved in Saint Vincent de Paul confidentially help an ever growing number of people in our area. The "Fifth Sunday collections" are their main source of income to help those in need. Each client is carefully screened for need and how best to obtain assistance for them.

The Father's Ministry

6:03 a.m. is early for many people, yet it is the start time on Fridays for the Fathers' Ministry. Over 70 men gather for prayer and reflection for about an hour to grow in faith themselves and in their roles as husbands and fathers.

Youth Ministry

This year saw the publication of the Charter on Catholic Youth Athletics by Archbishop Schnurr. After years of consultation, this Charter places athletics back under the control of the Archdiocese as a major part of youth ministry in the parishes. It stresses how athletics has to be clearly connected to the practice of the faith by coaches, athletes, and families. Our Athletic Club has been working on fully implementing the Charter.

The parish youth group of high school students now meets twice a month. Scheduled events included rock climbing, volleyball, a movie and discussions of religious topics that affect their lives. The focus is to provide a Catholic environment to know Jesus and to live faith in the Christ.

A Financial Review

By Finance Council

The 2013/2014 fiscal year for the parish closed on June 30. This year Sunday giving was under budget by \$88,300. Sunday collections totaled \$1,147,148. The average contribution of the 1,187 giving families was \$1,016, up about \$20 per household over last year. The parish ended the year with an \$18,840 deficit. The major factor contributing to the deficit was reduction in Sunday giving. Of our registered school families 15% of them gave nothing to our Sunday collection. The average donation of our school families was \$831.

Again this year, in an attempt to more accurately account for the cost of operating our school, we have made the following adjustment to the financial statements presented below. Portions of parish office staff salaries and benefits have been allocated to the school to cover cost of the accounting, payroll processing, tuition collection and other services performed by the parish staff for the school. This was done as a percentage of revenue from parish to school. Also \$15,000 is allocated to the school for their use of the parish gym and church hall. This adjustment was also made in the Budget statement presented below. These are standard adjusts made each year. The parish subsidy to the school this year was \$381,803.

The Festival, Holiday Bonanza & Fish Fry proceeds are not in the parish operating budget and are not allocated for parish operating but for capital improvements. 2013 Festival proceeds were \$62,300; the 2013 Holiday Bonanza made \$15,500 and the 2014 Fish Fry \$18,600. These proceeds were used for the following capital projects:

- o New doors for front of school - \$11,800;
- o Electronic sign- \$31,400
- o New roof for parish center -\$55,700
- o Camera's installed in Parish Center & Church doors-\$6,700;
- o Replacement & caging of stolen AC unit at Parish Center-\$4,000

Without the support of these fundraisers these items would be in the operating budget, therefore impacting tuition rates. We are very grateful for these successful events and appreciate our volunteers. In addition to the improvements that the parish fundraisers provided the PTO installed all new lockers in the school. Please continue to support the PTO fundraisers!

St. James Parish has funds on deposit at the Archdiocese of Cincinnati totaling \$274,423.

The funds are composed of:

- St. James School Restricted Fund [school] - \$100,350;
- Koch Memorial Fund [school] - \$38,982;
- Technology Savings [school] - \$84,022;
- Blue Ribbon Permanent Education Endowment Fund [school] - \$44,473;
- Mission Certificates - \$6,595.

These funds are held for specific purposes noted and are **not** available for the operation of the parish.

This year we do have parish debt to report due to the church renovation and school window replacement. The church renovation did exceed the budgeted amount. In the fall 2011 the parish had a pledge drive for these projects and you very generously pledged the \$1,500,000 goal. As of this print we have collected \$1,042,694. We have around \$149,000 left to collect. Thank you to everyone who is faithfully paying those pledges; we need them all. As of now (July 2014) our parish debt is \$197,557. As you can see we do not have enough outstanding pledges to repay this debt so if you can make an

additional payment or maybe you could not make a pledge at the time any donation would be helpful in our debt reduction.

Please take the time to review the accompanying financial report. Any questions or request for additional information may be directed to members of the Finance Council or Amy Klosterman at the parish office.

We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who financially supports our parish. As the Finance Council, we work hard to use your gifts to the Lord responsibly for the good of the Church. Every dollar you give benefits the people of this parish and furthers the work of the Kingdom of God. We hope that you will continue to share your blessings in the Stewardship Commitment for the coming year. Thank you in the name of the Lord.

Financial Statement - For Fiscal Years ending June 30, 2014 and 2013

	Actual 2013/2014 Parish	Actual 2013/2014 School	Actual 2013/2014 Total	Actual 2012/2013 Total
<u>Revenues</u>				
Sunday & Holydays	\$ 1,147,148	-	\$ 1,147,148	\$ 1,165,481
Other Parish Revenues	68,032	-	68,032	65,155
School Revenue	-	2,132,337	2,132,337	2,178,867
State Reimbursement	-	215,882	215,882	216,540
Total Revenue	\$ 1,215,180	\$ 2,348,219	\$ 3,563,399	\$ 3,626,043
<u>Expenses</u>				
Archdiocesan Assess	121,626	5,863	127,489	125,986
Salaries/Benefits	288,898	2,183,222	2,472,120	2,480,089
Other Expenses	186,938	162,299	349,237	326,083
Maint Salaries/Benefits	66,025	97,387	163,412	158,676
Other Maint	91,612	146,401	238,013	227,135
Utilities	64,322	69,259	133,581	122,154
Rel Ed Salaries/Benefits	25,790	51,579	77,369	85,171
Other Rel Ed Exp	7,005	14,012	21,017	20,842
Total Expenses	\$ 852,216	\$ 2,730,022	\$ 3,582,238	\$ 3,546,136
Subsidy to School	\$ 381,803	(381,803)		
Excess (Expense) - Parish	\$ (18,839)			
Combined Excess (Expense) Revenue			\$ (18,839)	\$ 79,907

2014/15 OPERATING BUDGET

The operating budget for the 2014/2015 fiscal year projects balanced revenues and expenditures of \$3,621,334, an increase of 0.1% over the current year's budget.

Revenues:

Sunday and holyday giving is projected at \$1,235,447, with no increase from this year's budget. There is no increase because when the budget was prepared in February 2014 our Sunday giving was under budget. We also considered that our families are continuing to pay their pledges for the church renovation and school window project. The parish needs on average \$1041 from every giving family to meet this budgeted amount. This figure is based on 1187 families giving something in 2013-2014.

School revenues are projected to be \$2,286,587 with tuition at \$1,933,707. The major difference being the Jon Peterson Scholarship the school is receiving, but the expenses are also reflected since this income is used to provide the additional services. The hardship allowance is projected at \$33,000 and is included in the parish budget. In addition to this amount, there is also the reserve generated by the school envelopes included in our Sunday envelope package. The school

projection is based upon enrollment of 560. The budgeted enrollment figure for last year was 594, and the current enrollment actually was 620.

Tuition was increased 1% this year the same as last year. The tuition for one child in the school will be \$3,465. For families who pay their entire tuition before August 1st a 3% discount will be given. Tuition for one child with this discount is \$3,311 a savings of \$104.

Expenditures:

Parish - The parish budget is increasing by \$13,184 or 1% from this year's budget. This is due to a slight increase in staff salaries and a 5% increase on health insurance premiums.

School - The school budget is projected to increase \$22,000 from this past year's budget. With the decrease in enrollment staff positions were eliminated, reducing the amount needed for teacher salaries. The increase is due to the services that will be offset by the Jon Peterson Scholarship. Teachers will receive a slight increase in addition to their step increase. The technology fund is budgeted at \$22,400 with an additional \$11,200 for technology supplies.

Maintenance - The total maintenance budget for 2014/2015 is \$538,758, a increase of \$4,500. The main reason for the increase is benefits, mainly health insurance. We continue to take advantage of cost saving rates and we are working with other parishes of the Archdiocese to buy in groups to get better rates. Capital allocations are included at \$20,000, the same as last year. Most major repairs and improvements are covered by holiday bonanza, fish fry and festival profits. There are no holiday bonanza, fish fry or festival proceeds incorporated in the operating budget.

This budget was approved by Finance & Pastoral Councils.

Budget For Fiscal Year July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015

	Budget 2014/2015 Parish	Budget 2014/2015 School	Budget 2014/2015 Total	Actual 2013/2014 Total
<u>Revenues</u>				
Sunday & Holydays	\$ 1,235,447	\$ -	\$ 1,235,447	\$ 1,147,148
Other Parish Revenues	69,300	-	69,300	68,032
School Revenue	-	2,126,187	2,126,187	2,132,337
State Reimbursement		190,400	190,400	215,882
Total Revenue	\$ 1,304,747	\$ 2,316,587	\$ 3,621,334	\$ 3,563,399
<u>Expenses</u>				
Archdiocesan Assess	133,000	5,500	138,500	127,489
Salaries/Benefits	324,024	2,223,388	2,547,412	2,472,120
Other Expenses	173,300	111,707	285,007	349,237
Maint Salaries/Benefits	73,565	102,938	176,503	163,412
Other Maint	80,955	147,000	227,955	238,013
Utilities	67,300	67,000	134,300	133,581
Rel Ed Salaries/Benefits	27,602	55,205	82,807	77,369
Other Rel Ed Exp	9,617	19,233	28,850	21,017
Total Expenses	\$ 889,363	\$ 2,731,971	\$ 3,621,334	\$ 3,582,238
Subsidy to School	\$ 415,384	(415,384)	-	-

Combined Excess (Expense)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (18,839)
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The “ACTS” Method of Prayer

By Fr. Tozzi

I am very happy that so many have found the “ACTS” prayer to be helpful. I started using it with our school kids to teach them how to pray after Communion. The teachers encouraged me to use it on Sundays too because it was so helpful. It is so easy to be distracted after Communion and think about the grocery list, what people in the pews around you are doing or what you need to do today or this week. Those things will still be there when you are done, I promise ☺Let’s spend some time with God.

From your heart, come up with prayers that fit into each category. Feel free to spend extra time meditating on one or more of these, taking it to a deeper level of thought and prayer. Go at your own pace.

Adoration – Say a prayer adoring God: I love you God. You are wonderful. Glory to God in the highest! Glory be to Him alone!(Look at Psalm 145 for more ideas)

Contrition – What do you need to tell God you’re sorry for? I’m sorry that I was rude, impatient, gossiped, road raged, was too hard on the kids, was too hard on my parents, gave my spouse a hard time, took out frustrations on others, lied, etc..... whatever happened in your day.

Thanksgiving – What are you thankful for? Thank you for my family, friends, food, health, life, material blessing, a beautiful day, for forgiving me, for the faith and receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, etc... all the good things in this life. Count your blessings!

Supplication (*asking for stuff*) – What do you need to ask God for? Maybe you need to pray for good health, for spouses, for the kids or grandkids, peace in the family, friends, help with work issues, help with school, for those you said you’d pray for and haven’t yet, etc...

Fr. Tozzi’s tip in asking God for things: Don’t pray as though you are demanding things or as if you can make God do things like He’s a magic genie in a lamp and you control Him, surprise.....you don’t. This type of prayer should be made in humility, acceptance and most importantly in the spirit of, “Thy will be done.”

How do we use the gift of free will?

By Theresa Hayes, Director of Religious Education



Recently, during my volunteer work (i.e., initial visitations as part of my Athenaeum field experience) at a Cincinnati hospital, I encountered my first professed atheist. After I introduced myself, asked permission to visit and was invited to sit down, I explained that I was a volunteer working with the chaplains. Immediately the individual’s demeanor changed to one bordering on anger and he proclaimed, “I do not believe in God; I do not believe in the devil. I face challenges with my heart, mind and family.” Through the grace of God, I was able to overcome my initial shock and attempted to assure the patient that his choices were to be respected. However, something prompted me to ask (to the discomfort of my supervisor) if, as an atheist, it would present a problem for me to keep him in my personal prayers. He responded perhaps with a tinge of sarcasm, and possibly attempting to placate me, with “Anything you want, Dear.” I thanked him for allowing me to visit and wished him and his family well.

God has gifted us all with intellect and free will. We are free to use our gifts to pursue desired knowledge, which will hopefully lead us to truth. It is our choice how we use that knowledge – whether it becomes a means to an end (for instance, allowing us to ease the pain of fellow humankind or helping us to find a way to eliminate others as competition in pursuit of a paid position) or an end in itself, where we accumulate knowledge for the sake of having knowledge (perhaps allowing us to elevate ourselves and lower the image of others in our own minds, but hopefully to share with others in a positive manner).

God also grants us the gift of faith. It is up to us to accept or reject it. In this world it is so easy to become preoccupied with accumulating and enjoying the comforts of our culture, including status, material gain, instant gratification, entertainment – to the point that these pursuits demand virtually total attention and dedication of our gifts and talents. We all are victims of this inclination through our human imperfection, and it takes commitment, self-sacrifice, perseverance and the grace of God to work against this. God reminds us, “Do not love the world or the things of the world. For all that is in the world . . . is not from the Father but is from the world. Yet the world and its enticement are passing away. But whoever does the will of God remains forever (1 John 2:15-17).”

We need to ask ourselves where we see our Creator in all of this. How do we seek to make Him the priority in our daily lives – or do we? How do we inspire our greatest treasures, the members of our families and parish and neighborhood communities, to do the same? Do we grant God’s desire for us to participate in weekly worship, to communicate with Him daily, to seek a close and meaningful relationship with Him, individually and through others that He sends into our lives? Do we ever just visit with Him quietly, in church, a natural setting, or a specially designed interior “spiritual space” that encourages us to just be and listen with the “ear of our hearts?” Or do we allow the powerful current of the river of our culture to pull us along, and to sometimes carry us into undertows that can snuff the life out of our spirituality?

God loves us so much that not only did He create us in His own image and likeness, but He also sent Jesus to teach us, model for us, and open the gates of Heaven that we might once again share eternal life with Him. He also sent the Holy Spirit to grant us special gifts and graces to overcome the challenges of this life. All we need to do is to choose to partake of God’s gifts in keeping with His holy will.

May we recognize and honor God’s guidance in our lives!

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



Jesus’ presence in the Eucharist is a mystery beyond our understanding ____ but ever true. Just as a single cell, at the moment of conception, contains the entire DNA of that child, the consecrated Host contains the entire Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus. We can’t see the miracle of either ____ but they’re ever true. “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.” John 20:24-29

You are invited to spend time with Jesus anyway you like. You may bring your own prayer books, use the books in church, read the Bible, pray the rosary, or just quietly enjoy the sweet peace that comes from simply being in the presence of God. The mere fact that you take time to spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, pleases Him very much and is in itself a prayer.

Jesus is exposed on our altar every Monday following the 8:30 am Mass until 6 pm.

Besides Exposition, Jesus is present in the Tabernacle in our beautiful new Adoration Chapel, which is open Monday through Saturday from 8 am until approximately 6 pm.

Come and visit Jesus and be His guest for He wants to bless each and every person with the gift of faith in His Eucharist Presence.

Movies Matter

By *Nic Kovatch*, Pastoral Associate



Some of you have attended my movies matter presentations here at the parish. I thank you for attending. I realized though it would be good for the whole parish to hear the message I talk about during those presentations.

Why do we tell stories? Since a movie is simply a story in a different format than reading would be. We love and learn stories because we are human. Being human is being a part of a story, the grandest story being told, that of Creation. God is a story-teller; therefore we are story tellers, because we are made in His image and likeness. We are characters in the grand story of life.

So why is it then that we are so attracted to stories? Why is it that growing up I loved the story of King Arthur and his knights of the round table? Why do we see so many super hero movies now? We tell, and invest in stories because they tell us about the heroes we long to be, and the villains we fear becoming. Think about it for a second, why is it that men love movies like Braveheart, or Gladiator? They show a hero, who lays down his life for a cause greater than himself. This is something written on to men’s heart, we long to lay down on our life for the good of another. St. Paul even talks about it in his letter to the Ephesians.

What about the villains? What is the most believable villain in any story? It is the one who is most human, the one that we can see existing in our world. Then when we take the time to analyze and think about it, we know that “the road to darkness is not a light switch.” It does not happen overnight. It is a process to which someone becomes evil in a story, or in life, since life is a story too.

And lastly I want to add that the movies that we watch reflect our culture. A lot of people wonder that we even have a culture. We do, I promise you, spend some time with people from different cultures/countries and they will tell you things that are quintessentially American. But none the less we only sit and watch a movie if it reflects something of the culture that we are a part of. You would turn it off if you could not get into the story. It is relating something of our life that is we buy in and keep watching. Take the time now, I encourage you, ask yourself what are the types of movies,

and books for that matter, that you watch/read the most? What are the movies that have stayed with you over the years? What are the movies that you have shared with friends? Then talk about it with God, He loves to hear great stories, I promise.

p.s. If you enjoyed this article and want to see some great movie clips, and what you can get out of them please check out my blog: whystoriesmatter.blogspot.com. (*Just to note: new are usually published on Fridays*)

Adult Faith Formation Series *On Thursdays, Church Hall*

Genesis
9:30-10:30 am

7 Virtues
7:00-8:00 pm

Come join me, Nic Kovatch, in an adult faith formation series where I will present topics for a deepening of our faith. In the morning I will be doing a series on the major stories in Genesis in the Fall and the New Testament in the Spring. If you cannot make the morning series no worries! I will be offering one in the evening as well. I will be presenting the 7 virtues in the Fall, followed by the 7 Deadly Sins (and their corresponding virtues) in the Spring (*note change in location*). Each session will be about an hour long, and will run for 6 weeks. You do not need to attend each one to gain something. Any questions please contact me via email nkovatch@stjameswhiteoak.com or 513-741-5325.

Fall '14 – Church Hall

Spring '15*

Genesis/Virtues

NT/Deadly Sins

- Oct. 2** – Adam and Eve – (morning)
- Prudence – (evening)
- Oct. 9** – Cain and Abel – (morning)
- Justice – (evening)
- Oct. 16** – Noah and the Flood – (morning)
- Temperance – (evening)
- Oct. 23** – Abraham and Isaac – (morning)
- Fortitude – (evening)
- Oct. 30** – Jacob – (morning)
- Faith/Hope – (evening)
- Nov. 6** – Joseph – (morning)
- Charity – (evening)

- Feb. 19** – Gospel of Matthew – (morning)
- Pride & Humility – (evening)
- Feb. 26** – Gospel of Mark – (morning)
- Envy & Kindness – (evening)
- Mar. 5** – Gospel of Luke/Acts – (morning)
- Anger/Wrath & Patience – (evening)
- Mar. 12** – Gospel of John – (morning)
- Sloth & Diligence – (evening)
- Mar. 19** – Paul's epistles- (morning)
Greed/Glut. & Generosity/Temp.– (evening)
- Mar. 26** – Other epistles – (morning)
- Lust & Chastity – (evening)

*morning in Seniors rm, evening in Marian rm.



Mariah Leigh Cassedy, daughter of Adam & Tiffany
Douglas Arthur DeTellem, Jr., son of Douglas & Jennifer
Michael John Flohr, Jr. son of Michael & Sarah
Hannah Elizabeth Flohr, daughter of Michael & Sarah
Christian Joseph Havlin, son of Jerome & Kelly
Ella Marie Kimball, daughter of Cory & Melissa

Ramey Lynn Mossburger, daughter of Brandon & Kendra
Jaxson Joseph Myers, son of Joseph & Jessica
Olivia Louise Mardelli, daughter of Vincent & Lenora
Eric Charles Vehr, son of Jonathan & Maria
Nora Jeanne Weishaupt, daughter of Eric & Beth



Roger and Marsha Balsly
Mark and Karen Bergen & Family
Paul and Pat Beumer
Charles and Betty Engle
Eugene and Sarah Gates & Family
Steve and Melissa Henke & Family

Nicholas Ranes & Jennifer Roedig
Jennifer Schoemaker & Family
Amy and Scott Smith
Darren and Stephanie Stoffregen & Family
John and Kaleigh Volz & Family



Claire Rebel, 5/26/14
Helen Buchholz, 6/14/14
Bud Froehle, 6/26/14
Debbie Fieger, 6/29/14
Barbara Moorman, 7/12/14

Donald Meyer, 7/8/14
Joanne Becker, 7/19/14
Mary Weddendorf, 7/22/14
Robert Schwieter, Jr., 7/25/14

St. James School Update

Dear St. James Parishioners,



The summer has been quite a busy one at St. James. Our wonderful PTO financed the installation of all new student lockers throughout the school. Through the Panther Prowl walk-a-thon funds, our cafeteria received a facelift with a new drop ceiling, lighting, new snack bar, replacement of wall carpeting with a smooth wall, and a fresh coat of paint all around. Our recent Class of 2014 donated a television for the cafeteria for announcements and pictures. In addition, our computer lab computers were upgraded and those computers were shifted down for use in the primary classrooms. We are grateful for the generosity that allowed for these projects to happen.

Our maintenance and cleaning crews have been very busy this summer as well. Classrooms have been cleaned, floors have been waxed, and many other projects have been completed. Several places throughout the school got a fresh coat of paint.

Our teachers and staff have been busy throughout the summer as well. Besides enjoying some much deserved time off, many of our teachers participated in trainings, seminars, and graduate work at the university level. Our teachers have been especially busy during the month of August. Each has been setting up their classrooms, working on lesson plans, and making sure everything is just right for the start of school.

All of this work is being done to prepare for our most important asset – our students. We do all of this preparation and maintenance work to make sure that we are ready for the students. We want to be able to provide for them the best possible education. We hope that as they return to begin a new year, the school is a place where they can thrive both academically and spiritually. We especially want to welcome with open arms all of our many new students and their families.

Besides welcoming our new students, we are excited to welcome several new talented teachers and staff members who will be joining our team this year. Mrs. Jennifer Waidmann is our new seventh grade English and reading teacher. Mrs. Janet McIntyre joins us as the new 7th and 8th grade math teacher. Mrs. Renee Boyett will be teaching computer and technology skills to students in kindergarten through 4th grade. Mrs. Anne Munro and Mrs. Kristy Staarmann will be aides for our students receiving extra support. We know that each of these teachers and staff members will add to the rich tradition of St. James School and we're excited to have them join our school community.

While a new school year is just beginning, it may be time for some parents to begin thinking about school for 2015-2016. We are always happy to provide information to our parishioners who are considering a Catholic education for their child. Please feel free to contact the school office at 741-5333 to find out more about our school or to schedule a tour.

Finally, we want to thank you for all of your prayers and support for our school. We feel blessed to be a part of such a wonderful, faith-filled community. If you ever have any questions about St. James School, please don't hesitate to contact us. We're excited to begin a new school year!

Sincerely, Michelle Hinton, Principal and Jeffrey Fulmer, Assistant Principal

***The St. James Memorial Fund Masses
will be celebrated on the following dates:***

Aug. 30 – 4:30 pm Nov. 30 – Noon
Sept. 28 – 8:00 am Dec. 27 – 4:30 pm
Oct. 26 – 10:00 am

*The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for
those enrolled in the Fund.*

**The following deceased members have been enrolled in the
Memorial Fund:**

Steve Large, Bonnie Haney and Dick Tensing

Dates to Remember –

Sept. 1	Labor Day – Mass at 8:30 am
Sept. 27-28	Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick at Masses Ministry Fair after all Masses
Oct. 5	Respect Life Sunday
Oct. 19	Mission Sunday
Nov. 1	Solemnity of All Saints
Nov. 2	Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day)
Nov. 9	Evening Prayer for the Dead
Nov. 23	Solemnity of Christ the King
Nov. 27	Thanksgiving Day Mass at 8:30 am
Nov. 30	First Sunday of Advent