



St. James the Greater Parish Life Newsletter

Pentecost 2014

Giving Thanks

By Father Nolker

There is that holiday in November when everybody talks about giving thanks. During the rest of the year we tend to give thanks for the most obvious things. Good health. The birth of a child. No rain on vacation. We don't give thanks to God for some things because we are used to them; they are part of our lives and we take them for granted. I thought I might mention some things that are associated with our parish for which we ought to give thanks more often.

1. Low school tuition

Yes, you read that correctly – low school tuition. One of my classmates is pastor of a parish in Louisville, KY. His parish has relatively low tuition for their archdiocese. The 2013-2014 rates at his parish began at \$4,850 for 1 student and went to \$6,900 for non-parish families and families who do not contribute in the Sunday collection on a regular basis. Our rates started at \$3,430 and went to \$4,975 for non-parishioners. By comparison, our tuition rates are indeed low. Think of it this way, our families are paying \$19.00 a day for their child's education, which is the same as a large pizza at LaRosa's. When we consider the excellence of our school, this is a bargain. *For that we give thanks.*

2. Two priests

This is unusual in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. There aren't that many single parishes that have two priests. If there is a pastoral region where a priest is pastor of two or more parishes, there might be a second priest on staff, but not always. When Fr. Kindel left us, I was surprised that Father Bachman joined us. When he left, I was surprised that Father Tozzi joined us. What happens next? Who knows. We have more priestly ministry than some parishes that are much bigger than we are. This means we were able, for example, to have over 690 Masses last year and a lot of other things we may have to do without in the future. Right now we are very blest. *For that we give thanks.*

3. Volunteers

We don't always notice how many volunteers it takes to keep our parish going. For instance, we have 450 volunteers involved in liturgical ministries. At the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, have you ever counted how many Eucharistic ministers it takes to distribute Communion? Our older parishioners can remember back when only a priest or deacon could distribute Communion and it would take *forever* on Sunday. Just think of the long list of events in the parish and every one of them requires a group of volunteers. These are the people who make things happen. Their efforts are not always noticed but we all benefit from their active participation in the parish. *For that we give thanks.*

4. Crying babies

A priest in our archdiocese had an older woman complain one Sunday because a baby was crying during Mass. They hardly ever had any children much less babies at their Masses in that parish. The priest told her to be thankful for the baby being there; it was a joy for them to have the child with them. In fact, they needed to have more crying babies. Just a few years later, that parish closed because there weren't enough people to keep it going. Misbehaving children need to go to the cry room or outside for a few minutes to calm down. But we ought to enjoy the crying of babies because it means there is young life in our congregation. *For that we give thanks.*

I could make this list a lot longer. I'm sure you can add to it very easily. We need to be grateful for what God has given us. There should be a point in every day when each of us pauses to thank God for the things we take for granted and the things we may not see as the great blessings they really are. **Let us give thank to the Lord always!**

The Good Ol' Summertime

By Father Tozzi

Genesis tells us that on the 7th day, after creating everything, God rested. When you start to think about it, it doesn't make much sense. Why does *God* need to rest??? The trick to understanding it is that God created rest! Human beings need to rest and he taught us that and gave that to us. The Sabbath day, the day of rest, makes a lot of sense in resting and taking time to thank God. Unfortunately, in the modern day, Sunday, our day of rest, is often just as busy as any other day; business as usual. We have to be much more intentional about resting and having some fun. **Sunday Family Funday!**

Summer can be a great time for families and friends to get out of the house and do things together. Whether it's playing games in the backyard, grilling out, a trip to grandma's house, simply sitting on your porch, whatever it may be for you..... I hope you are able to spend time with those you care about in this beautiful weather. Just as our families and friends are gifts to us, beautiful days and cool evenings are also gifts to us from God. It can be so easy to get caught up in work, household and parenting (and grandparenting!) duties that we can forget we are also supposed to *enjoy* each other's company and *enjoy* the life and world that God has given us. This summer please try to make the most of the time God gives us together.





Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam!

By Theresa Hayes, Director of Religious Education

Is there any question that the reason we are here is to give honor and glory to God?

“God, infinitely perfect and blessed in Himself, in a plan of sheer goodness freely created man to make him share in His own blessed life. For this reason, at every time and in every place, God draws close to man. He calls man to see Him, to know Him, to love Him with all his strength” (“Prologue.” In *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, Liguori Publications: Liguori, MO, 1994).

God has made us all that we are and given us all that we have. We are called to be His People. God sent His only Son to show us how to use God’s gifts according to His plan for us. Jesus taught us that we need to open our eyes, hearts and minds to His truth. He created His Church to help us. As members of His Church, the Body of Christ, we are called to be His disciples, and as such to share the Good News with others. In order to do this effectively, we need guidance in our own spiritual knowledge and practice.

“Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children. . . Parents should initiate their children at an early age into the mysteries of the faith of which they are the ‘first heralds’ for their children. . . *Education in the faith* by the parents should begin in the child’s earliest years. This already happens when family members help one another grow in faith by the witness of a Christian life in keeping with the Gospel. Family catechesis precedes, accompanies, and enriches other form of instruction in the faith. Parents have the mission of teaching their children to pray and to discover their vocation as children of God” (In *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, Liguori Publications: Liguori, MO, 1994).

As explained in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, “Catechesis is an *education in the faith* of children, young people, and adults which includes especially the teaching of Christian doctrine imparted, generally speaking, in an organic and systematic way, with a view to initiating the hearers into the fullness of Christian life” (“Prologue.” In *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, Liguori Publications: Liguori, MO, 1994).

In our parish, we offer several programs to support our parish community members as they seek faith formation for themselves and the members of their families. For adults, we have the RCIA program and offer various adult faith formation opportunities during the seasons of our liturgical year. For children, we have our Saint James Parochial School (Grades K-8), our Parish School of Religion (PSR) program (Grades 1-7) on Monday evenings during the school year, our Sunday Preschool program for children (3-, 4- and 5-year olds) on Sunday mornings during the school year, our Children’s Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) program on Sunday mornings throughout the year during the 10:00am Mass, and our week-long Vacation Bible School (VBS) for children (entering Grades K-4) during the month of June.

Please allow us to support your critically important efforts to guide your children spiritually. Together we can grow through our efforts to always place God first in our lives – and to offer, as Saint Ignatius of Loyola articulated, “all for the honor and glory of God!” (“Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam!”)

Thank you for your support of our religious education programs, and your and your children’s enthusiasm in learning! God be with you in all you do!

Holy People

By Nic Kovatch, Pastoral Associate

So I am the new guy on the block. I am glad to be here at such a warm and welcoming parish. One of the things that I thought I could use this space for was to talk about the Youth Group that we are trying to keep, and continue to grow here at St. James. So you might ask then what is my vision for youth ministry? Well it is rather simple I want the youth of this parish to have a faith that is their own, something that is so apart of them that they cannot separate it out. The problem with an apparent lack of faith in the world is “Christianity has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and not tried. (G.K. Chesterton)”

I do not want to create a “little me”, or even a little “Fr. Nolker”, though he is a wonderful man, I want to help foster the development of a free person who is able to make their own decisions. “Only a faith arising from life experience and confirmed by it (and, therefore, *relevant* to life’s needs) could be sufficiently strong to survive in a world where everything points in the opposite direction. (Luigi Giussani)” I greatly desire to assist this faith for the people I interact with from the smallest child to people I visit in nursing homes.

I see the youth group forming into a community of people where they are educated to the meaning of the person, and ultimately all of existence. We are all made for this Person, this Presence. It will be only in seeking the Other, seeking out this amazing claim of Christians that we will at last find a place where our understanding truly begins to happen. It is only after seeking to know and see all of reality that we come to know the Divine. For the Divine became man. That sentence should make us pause in wonder. The permanent, eternal, limitless, infinite Creator became man, a temporary, finite, bounded creature. When you truly come back to that statement you recognize the task of all Christians is to proclaim that this man, Jesus Christ, is GOD. No other claim is quite like the one that Jesus made.

So please come be part of my community. I would love to be in relationship with another, because it is through you that I will come to a fuller understand of Another.

Tuition Changes with FACTS

By Amy Klosterman, Business Manager

In preparation for the upcoming school year we are making plans for improving the collection of tuition payments while increasing the efficiency of the parish office. Since the stability of our school and the quality of its programs are of the utmost importance, we are always seeking ways to make improvements to benefit everyone. We have partnered with FACTS Management Company to help us manage our tuition payment program. FACTS is used by many schools locally and over 6,000 schools nationally. We are excited to be working with them and are confident this program will offer greater efficiency and financial stability for the school while providing convenience to our families.

In the near future school families will receive an invite from FACTS Management that will include a set of instructions on how to create an account and set up a payment plan. Once your plan is set up, you will receive a confirmation. This partnership allows our families more flexibility in their payment plans and allows them web based access to their account so they can check their balances.

Vacation Bible School June 23 - 27 - 9:30 to 11:30 am



Summer is quickly approaching, and so is Saint James Vacation Bible School! Each day during the week of June 23 - 27 from 9:30-11:30AM, children entering Kindergarten through Grade 4 will participate in song, listen to stories and learn lessons from Holy Scripture, create reminders of important concepts, enjoy snacks and games, and pray. Lessons will focus on knowledge of faith and the importance of Christian service to family, friends, neighbors, community and most importantly, God. The cost is \$15.00 per child and registration forms are available online, in church, or in the Parish Office.

VIRTUS®-ready volunteers are needed and welcome! Adults are needed to lead groups, and to help with refreshments. This is also a wonderful opportunity for junior high and/or high school students to accumulate service hours!

Please contact us in the Religious Education Office (513.741.5335) to volunteer or for additional information. We hope to see you at this year's Saint James Vacation Bible School!



BAPTISM

Tatum Joseph Beckman, son of Joseph & Kathleen
 Aiden James Bosse, son of Keith & Jennifer
 Payton Elizabeth Driggers, daughter of Lucas & Ashleigh
 Preston Joseph Driggers, son of Lucas & Ashleigh
 Joshua Andrew Fouts, baptized at the Easter Vigil
 Samson Walter Gleason, son of Ronald & Rebecca
 Madelyn Sue Hartmann, daughter of Jeffrey & Rachel
 Tess Ann Hartmann, daughter of Jeffrey & Rachel
 Katlyn Nicole Havlin, baptized at the Easter Vigil
 Hazel Joy Himgurg, daughter of William & Amber
 Aiden Michael Hosbrook, son of Brandon & Stephanie
 Holly Marie Klotz, daughter of David & Elizabeth
 Amy Lynn Meyer, daughter of Timothy & Amy
 Makenna Nickol, daughter of Brandon Nickol &
 Amanda Jeffrey
 Bridget Ann Prendergast, daughter of Ryan & Jillian
 Bryce Lee William Tipon, son of John Tipon &
 Amanda Jeffrey



Mary Ann Adam
 Keith and Jennifer Bosse & Family
 Michael and Sarah Flohr & Family
 Chadwick and Michelle Fowkes & Family
 Bryan and Kathryn Hoelzer & Family
 Anthony Louderback & Carrie Bacon
 Donald Meyer
 Joseph and Jessica Myers & Family
 Vincent and Lenora Nardelli & Family
 Nathaniel and Patricia Powers & Family
 Jill Schwierterman
 John and Kimberly Stanberry & Family
 Matthew and Jill Veach & Family



Magdalene McCumber, 2/13/14
 Robert Weingartner, 2/15/14
 Esther Baumgartner, 3/1/14
 Jack Richter, 3/7/14
 A.J. Caños, 3/25/14
 Dorothy Salzman, 4/2/14
 Don Glardon, 4/5/14
 Jeffrey O'Hara, 4/5/14

Deborah Sonderman, 4/8/14
 Beatrice Heick, 4/11/14
 Joyce (Pearl) Dickman, 4/12/14
 Frank Klensch, 4/16/14
 Donald Overberg, 4/22/14
 Elvira Carroll, 4/23/14
 Robert Kist, 5/2/14
 Dorothy Burger, 5/4/14



ST. JAMES FESTIVAL NEWS

☆ **BENGALS SEASON TICKET RAFFLE** ☆ **9 HOLE MINIATURE GOLF** ☆ **SUNDAY CHICKEN** ☆
☆ **BLACK JACK & TEXAS HOLD'EM ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY ONLY** ☆ **BID-N-BUY** ☆
☆ **EARLY BIRD & WEEKEND SPLIT THE POT** ☆ **JEWELRY SALE** ☆ **BAKERY BOOTH** ☆

It's that time again! Include the St. James Festival on **July 25th, 26th and 27th** in your summer plans. The Major Awards tickets will be or have arrived at your homes soon to purchase yourself, or sell them to family, friends, neighbors or co-workers. The three Early-Bird drawings will occur on these Mondays, June 9th, June 23th and July 7th at 2:00 PM so get your tickets in early. Winning stubs are returned to the hopper for future drawings. Additional tickets are available in the Parish Office.

The Bengals Season Ticket Raffle returns! The tickets cost \$10 each and the winner receives **one pair of 2014 SEASON TICKETS to the CINCINNATI BENGALS (Section 343/Row 13/Seats 15 & 16) PLUS a parking pass for each game for Lot D.** There will only be **400** tickets sold. Drawing will be held at 9:00 PM on Sunday, July 27, 2014 at the Festival. Tickets will be sold after Masses. Order forms are in Parish Life and weekly bulletins.

Early Bird Split the Pot returns with chances available after Masses in the weeks leading up to the festival. These will be the same as our regular Split the Pot Raffles and will be drawn at 7:30 PM on Friday with a **Super Jackpot** to get things kicked off for the weekend. Buy tickets presale and get two for the price of one, BOGO!!! Don't miss out on getting your chances! We are adding a **Weekend Split the Pot** with tickets at \$1 each, 6 for \$5 and 13 for \$10. This raffle promises a pot of \$1000 or more!!!! **Black Jack & Texas Hold'em** will only run Friday and Saturday nights in the church hall due to the chicken dinner on Sunday.

Each night we're featuring the return of a different band for your listening pleasure. Friday starts off with **Second Wind**, Saturday we're proud to have **Blue Stone Ivory** and Sunday we welcome **OFF-R-ROCKERS**. In addition on Saturday and Sunday we are featuring some local entertainment. Saturday we bring you an energetic group, associated with the **East Side Players** from Blue Ash, with a "Glee" type presentation with a 100 YEARS OF BROADWAY! production. Sunday from 4:30-6:30 we will present **Dave Hils and his Friends** which is an acoustic group, offering a wide range of music, including songs from the 70's through the 90's. Come on up early, get a chicken dinner in the parish hall so you can relax and be entertained.

Jewelry Resale Booth is returning so plan to pick up unique pieces at a steal! We are asking parishioners to check your jewelry collections for those seldom used pieces of costume jewelry that are just taking up space. We are not asking for genuine gems, gold or silver. We want the costume jewelry that you may not want or wear anymore. We will clean it up and resell them to others. We will also accept small jewelry boxes, hats, belts, purses and scarves. Collections will begin June 1 and can be dropped off in boxes in the church hall or parish office.

Our **Baskets Booth** is making a strong return with many creatively themed baskets ranging anywhere from high school and college themes to family game/movie nights. The **Bid-n-Buy Booth** is returning in a big way so you can participate in silent auctions for tempting items including services, lawn care equipment, sports memorabilia, and much more.

Changes this year include the return of Hoop Shot, the addition of the Weekend Split the Pot and moving the Chicken Dinner to the parish Hall. We are also bringing a Top Notch 9 Hole Miniature Golf Game to the festival grounds. Be sure to check out the fun! You might even see a few characters running around!

Don't worry about going hungry at this year's festival. The **Bakery Booth** returns to help you to satisfy your sweet tooth. St. James Vino returns allowing adults to purchase glasses of various wines chosen especially for us by Piazza Discepoli along with glasses of Margaritas. From 4-6 on Sunday we will be offering **Chicken Dinners** with fried chicken from **Ron's Roost**. We are moving the dinner to the parish hall. We will offer a limited number of 2 piece dinners, either white or dark meat, along with green beans, slaw, a roll w/butter and a dessert for \$10. Pre-sale tickets available or be sure to come early because when they're gone, they're gone.

Want to **volunteer**? The sign up form is included in this mailing. Committee members will be available in the church hall before and after most masses in June and July. If you miss us look for links through the church website for the festival website. If you have not volunteered before, this year is your chance. High School students can get volunteer hours for set up and tear down as well as anytime throughout the festival. All volunteers are welcome!

Donations of any kind are also gratefully accepted. Consider donating services, tickets to sporting events, items you might find at a steal when shopping, new items you may have in your home that you're not using, items or services from your business or a cash donation to be used to purchase items to fill in our baskets. We are especially looking for a set of single game Bengal's Tickets from any season ticket holder who may not be able to get to every game.

Contacts can be made through our festival website at www.stjamesfestival.com. The website allows information to be obtained and more people to find out how great our festival. You can preview the bands, sign up to volunteer, and visit our sponsor links to see what they are up to. You also could call or email us direct at 385-7409, 706-0698 and klackman@cinci.rr.com. Mary and Kevin Lackman

Saint James Church Bengals Season Ticket Raffle

Terms and Conditions

1. The winner will receive a complete set of 2014-15 Cincinnati Bengals season tickets for SECTION 343 ROW 13 SEATS 15-16 and an individual parking pass for the Central Riverfront Garage. Winners are responsible for their own transportation to and from games any taxes applicable to the win.
 2. The price of each raffle ticket is \$10.00. The purchase of a raffle ticket is not a tax-deductible contribution. Payment may be made by check payable to Saint James Festival, attached to a completed registration form and mailed to Saint James Church, 3565 Hubble Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45247 or placed in an envelope and dropped into the collection basket during weekend Masses. A ticket stub will be sent by mail to entrants within five working days after receipt of completed registration form and payment. If an entrant's check is dishonored, Saint James Church will use reasonable efforts to notify the entrant by mail or phone; and, if unsuccessful, the entry will be declared invalid unless full payment is made prior to the drawing. By submitting a completed registration form, the participant is accepting these rules for the Saint James Church Bengals Season Ticket Raffle as stated.
 3. Completed registration forms (below) must be in the possession of Saint James Church (3565 Hubble Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45247) by 8:50 PM EST on Sunday, July 27, 2014 or before 400 registration forms are received, whichever occurs first, to be eligible for the Saint James Church Bengals Season Ticket Raffle. This raffle will run from May 15, 2014 to July 27, 2014. **The raffle will be held during the St. James Festival at 9:00 PM on 7/28/14.**
 4. Purchasers of raffle tickets must be 18 years of age or older.
 5. An entrant's chances of winning will be determined by the number of tickets sold and distributed. A total of only 400 tickets will be sold with each ticket having a 1-in-400 chance to win the Prize.
 6. The raffle will close at 8:50 PM EST on Sunday, July 27, or when 400 registration forms are in the possession of Saint James Festival or its representatives, whichever occurs first. Any registration forms and payment turned in after the closing of the raffle will be returned to the buyer. All registration forms will be recorded on a first come, first serve basis.
 7. The decision of Saint James Festival Committee shall be final on all matters concerning the raffle. This raffle is void where prohibited by law. No donation required, but we appreciate your support!
- Payment may be made by check payable to Saint James Festival. Mail to Saint James Church, 3565 Hubble Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45247 or place in an envelope and drop into the collection basket during weekend Masses-----

Saint James Church Bengals Season Ticket Raffle

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Zipcode: _____
Email: (optional) _____

Attention High School Students! Need Volunteer Hours?



The Festival Committee is looking for volunteers willing to give anywhere from 1 hour to 20+ hours helping with some of the behind the scenes activities. There are many opportunities available at a variety of times before, during and after the festival. You can sign-up for as little or as much as you would like. Some of the possibilities are listed below.

- Assist with moving equipment into the gym from storage (Last week in June or 1st week in July)
- Set up tables, chairs, and netting around booths etc. (Thurs., July 24th anytime)
- Finalizing set up and attending to last minute details (Friday, July 25th anytime)
- Game and Prize set up (Fri., July 25th 4-6 PM.) (Sat., July 26th 4-6 PM) (Sun. July 27th 3-4 PM)
- Game and Prize tear down (Fri., July 25th 11PM-12:30 AM.) (Sat., July 26th 11 PM-12:30AM) (Sun. July 27th 10-11:30 PM)
- Grounds clean-up (Friday and Saturday 11 PM-1 AM, Sunday 10 PM -12AM)
- Cleaning tables (wiping off and removal of trash) under the dining tent throughout the Festival
- Removal of all equipment, tables, chairs, netting, etc. from all booths (Sun., 10:30 PM.-12 AM)
- Tear-down of all equipment and cleaning of the grounds (Monday, July 28th 10 AM.-????)
- Assist with placing the equipment back into storage (usually sometime during the week following the festival)
- Assist with activities in the Kid's Zone Activity area any time for an hour or two during the festival hours of operation.
- Assist with chicken dinner on Sunday 3-7 PM

If interested, use the volunteer sign-up flyer, sign up or e-mail through the website (www.stjamesfestival.com) or contact Mary and Kevin Lackman 385-7409 or (klackman@cinci.rr.com). Any and all help is greatly appreciated.

SAINT JAMES PARISH FESTIVAL 2014

Volunteer Sign-Up

July 25th 6-12, July 26th 5:30-12 & July 27th 4-10:30pm

~ Visit www.stjamesfestival.com for more information ~

Take a moment NOW to volunteer your time and abilities to the success of the Parish Festival. Each year hundreds of volunteers are needed to staff, plan, run and organize the various booths, activities, food services, grounds, mechanical and electrical requirements, marketing, publicity, etc. Check the booth below or add a description of a talent you would like to offer, and you will be contacted as schedules are processed. Come, join our Parish Festival as a volunteer, and enjoy the fun!

Please Note: Children entering the sixth grade or younger are only permitted to work in the booth with their parent(s). Children under age 18 must have a parent/guardian signed permission form (see below*). In compliance with Ohio State laws, children are not permitted to work in gambling booths or near high temperature cooking equipment.

ALL FESTIVAL

Please list times and dates available for these activities

- Set-Up (Wed-Fri before festival)
- Tear Down (Mon.. after festival 10-6)
- Maintenance (present and on-call)
- Storage Run (Pick-up: last week in June or early July) (Return: week following the festival)
- Baskets Preparation
- Dining Tent/Table Clean Up
- Grounds Crew

CHILDREN'S

- Bottle Stand-Up
- Fat Cats
- Gold Fish
- Hoop Shot (Basketball)
- Kid's Corral: Duck Pond, Wheel of Fortune, Winnie's Sucker Pooh, Kerplunk, Kid's Zone
- Ring Toss
- Roll-A-Score
- Tattoos & Such
- Miniature Golf: 9 holes
- Lily Pond
- Sports

GAMES OF CHANCE

- Beat-The-Dealer
- Big 6
- Black Jack/ /Texas Hold 'em
- Chuck-A-Luck
- Jumbo Poker
- Split-The-Pot/Weekend Split-the-Pot
- Mug Slide
- Instants
- Mystery Money

GENERAL

- Baskets For All Occasions
- Bid-n-Buy/Jewelry Sale
- First Aid (Dr.'s, Nurses & EMT's)
- Ham/Langen Gift Certificates
- Volunteer Soft Drinks (inside Gym lobby)

FOOD

- Beer
- Wine "St. James Vino"
- Funnel Cakes/Fried Pickles
- LaRosa's Pizza

- Pretzels & Nachos Cotton Candy/ Popcorn
- The Grill
- Soft Drinks (outside on grounds)
- Frozen Delights
- St. James Bakery

COMMITTEE POSSIBILITIES

The festival is looking for couples and individuals to join the planning Committee. Learn by "shadowing" a year or two to get the feel of what it takes to plan, organize, and execute this amazing event.

- Yes, I am interested in finding out more about the Festival Committee. Please contact me as soon as possible.
- Maybe I am interested in how the Festival Committee plans, and organizes this event, but I need more information.
- No, I cannot commit to the Festival Committee, but would be willing to help out with smaller projects involving the festival (ie: donations, sponsorship, set up/clean up)

If you have not volunteered for the festival before please consider doing so. It is a great way to get involved, meet your neighbors and fellow parishioners, and have fun in the process. Sign up to participate and support your Parish family. If we all work together, we can continue to make this an enjoyable event for our Parish and our community!

- I/we will not be available to volunteer, however I/we would like to make a monetary donation of _____

- I/we would like to **volunteer to work at** the booth(s) indicated by the checked box to the left. I/we understand that the Booth Chairperson will call to arrange the date and time to fit my/our schedule.

- I/We would like to chair/co-chair one of the booths as indicated by the checked box to the left

Please Print

Name _____

Spouse _____
(If working in the same booth)

Phone _____

Age (if under 18) _____

E-Mail _____

***Parent's Signature**

(For permission for your child between the seventh and twelfth grade, to work in a booth independently of you.)

Please state times/dates available for the activities requiring such:

Turn this form into the Parish Office or drop in the Sunday Collection basket at mass. Questions call: Mary and Kevin Lackman 385-7409 klackman@cinci.rr.com

Dear Fellow Parishioner,

The 2013 parish festival was a very successful and the Bid N Buy booth was very successful as well. The Bid N Buy booth contributed \$3,475.00 profit to St. James.

This year, 2014 we would like to continue our success again but we need your help!

Our committee is asking for donations of art, furniture, and collectables and anything you feel is good for our booth. If you have something taking up space in your home, we can certainly use it as a Bid N Buy item for this year's festival. Our committee will even give you a receipt for tax purposes after the item is auctioned. This is a Win, Win solution for you and for St. James the Greater.

If you have any questions, or need my guidance with your items, please contact me and Thank you for helping St. James with this project and may God Bless You and your family.

Glenn R. Grothaus, Bid N Buy Chairman and Festival Sponsorship Specialist

Phone: 513-385-6417 **Email:** Cintiredlegs@aol.com **Web:** www.stjamesfestival.com

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION

Dear St. James Parishioners,

In the educational world, June marks the end of the year. It is a time to wrap things up, pack up classrooms, send students and teachers off to enjoy a summer break, and graduate a talented group of students from our school. While June can be a time of sadness to see students leave our school or to say goodbye to beloved staff members choosing retirement, it is really a time of great celebration. It is a time to look back over the school year and remember the great accomplishments of our students, to be thankful for the learning that has taken place, and to see how the love of God has been ever present in our school community.

We begin our celebration with the graduation of the Class of 2014. Our 8th graders will graduate on Tuesday, June 3, 2014. They join a long line of St. James alumni. We are excited and confident in knowing that we will be graduating students truly prepared for high school. All of the students have received a Christ-centered education that has challenged them toward personal and academic excellence. We wish each graduate a big congratulations on all of their accomplishments and we wish them luck as they move onto the next chapter in their lives.

We'd like to congratulate three of our graduates who were selected to receive scholarships to high school in honor of former St. James principal, Mr. John Merritt, and former teacher, Mrs. Bev Merritt. Cole Tereck and Elizabeth Riedel were selected to receive the John Merritt Scholarship. Clayton Dangel was selected to receive the Bev Merritt Honorary Scholarship. Mrs. Merritt passed away earlier this year. Each of these students is very deserving of this honor.

We also extend our good luck wishes and congratulations to two beloved teachers retiring from St. James this year. Mrs. Alice Sexton and Mrs. Pam Vollman have decided to step away from teaching. We wish them well and are forever grateful for their service to our school and to the many students whom each have taught and touched their lives.

Congratulations, too, to all of our second grade students who made their First Holy Communion in May. Our students have taken an important step in coming to know Jesus Christ and making him the center of their lives. St. James School is proud to help facilitate their spiritual journey through our Church's holy sacraments.

While the school year is ending, we are certainly not finished with our work. Summer is a time for teachers to become students themselves and for our staff to prepare for another exciting school year. The dates and times the school office will be open during the summer are as follows:

- June 9 – June 20 Monday-Friday; 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
- July – Open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 am – Noon
- August – Reopens Monday, August 4 Monday-Friday; 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Our first day of school for the 2014-2015 school year is Wednesday, August 27, 2014. The School Kick-Off Day will be held on August 25 from 2:00-4:00 pm. Between now and then, you'll be able to see many of our teachers and staff at the festival. Be sure to visit the St. James Parish Festival on July 25-27 and stop by the Chuck-a-Luck booth to say hello and try your luck.

Finally, we'd like to offer our thanks and gratitude for your continued support of St. James School. Last month, our students participated in our fifth annual Panther Prowl walk-a-thon. Together we reached and exceeded our goal. We're excited to begin our cafeteria renovation project this summer with the funds raised from the walk. Your support is invaluable! Whether you offered financial support, cheered on our students at a sporting event, volunteered in our school, or offered your prayers for our school community over the past year, we are thankful for our parishioners.

We wish everyone a very relaxing and safe summer.

Sincerely, Michelle Hinton
Principal

Jeffrey Fulmer
Assistant Principal

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

June 29 – 10:00 am
July 27 – Noon Nov. 30 – Noon
Aug. 30 – 4:30 pm Dec. 27 – 4:30 pm
Sept. 28 – 8:00 am
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:**

Robert Weingartner, Barbara Sucietto, Jack Richter, Arthur
Caños, Dorothy Smetanka, Frank Klensch.

Dates to Remember –

June 15	Father's Day
June 24	Nativity of St. John the Baptist
July 4	Independence Day
July 25	Feast of St. James the Apostle
July 25, 26, 27	Festival Weekend
August 15	Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary (Holy Day)
August 22	Parish Picnic
August 27	First Day of School