



ST. FRANCIS de SALES OUR PATRON SAINT

This year, our patron saint's feast day fell on Sunday, January 24, 2010, and we celebrated with special readings and songs at all the Sunday Masses and Vigil Mass of Sunday.

St. Francis de Sales was a Bishop and Doctor of the Church. He was born in Savoy, France, in 1567. St. Vincent de Paul said of St. Francis, "He is a man who of all others, has reproduced most carefully, the love of the Son of God on earth."

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 17, 2010

The name *dies cinerum* (day of ashes) which it bears in the Roman Missal is found in the earliest existing copies of the Gregorian Sacramentary and probably dates from at least the eighth century.

On this day all the faithful according to ancient custom are exhorted to approach the altar before the beginning of Mass, and there the priest, dipping his thumb into ashes previously blessed, marks the forehead — or in case of clerics upon the place of the tonsure — of each the sign of the cross, saying the words: "Remember man that thou art dust and unto dust thou shalt return."

The ashes used in this ceremony are made by burning the remains of the palms blessed on the Palm Sunday of the previous year. In the blessing of the ashes four prayers are used, all of them ancient. The ashes are sprinkled with holy water and fumigated with incense.

The celebrant himself, be he bishop or cardinal, receives, either standing or seated, the ashes from some other priest, usually the highest in dignity of those present. In earlier ages a penitential procession often followed the rite of the distribution of the ashes, but this is not now prescribed.

- From *The Catholic Encyclopedia*



During Lent -The **Stations of the Cross** begin at 7:00 pm at a location to be announced following the **Soup Suppers**, which start a 6 pm in Johnson Hall.

Women of St. Francis

Monthly meeting of the Women of St. Francis - Thursday, February 11, 7:00PM - Johnson Hall.

The annual Nursing Home Valentine Party will take place on February 9, 6:30PM at the Flintridge Nursing facility, 65 McMillen Dr. Donations of individually packaged snacks, personal items (don't forget the men); holiday room decorations; candy (regular and sugar free) will be most appreciated. Questions or donations - contact project chairperson Irene Sasko @366-4421.

The beginning of a new year is the traditional time to remember the past and look to the future. With this in mind, the *Women of St. Francis* present the following:

Looking back:

- December of 2009 was a *month of giving time, talent and treasure* for The Women of St. Francis. Thanks to the success of our 2008-09 fundraising projects, the WOSF was able to purchase not one, but two new refrigerators for the Lamy kitchen.
- Members donated and sold homemade baked goods at our annual Christmas Bake Sale. Thanks to those who organized, baked, sold and purchased the baked goods, the sale was a great success. The proceeds from the sale will be donated to an "as yet to be determined" worthy cause.
- During the month of December the WOSF hosted receptions for the following functions: Confirmation, Sights & Sounds and First Reconciliation.
- The Chinese Raffle held at the Christmas Party netted \$40.00, which was donated to Smile Train - an international charity that provides cleft lip and cleft palate surgery to children in need, as well as providing cleft-related training to doctors.
- Our designated local charity for 2009-10 is St. Vincent de Paul. The generosity of our members permitted us to "adopt" a room at the new St. Vincent de Paul Center, providing bedding for 4 beds, complete with mattress covers, sheets, comforters, blankets & pillowcases. A lamp, chair and some nice pictures for the walls were added to give the room a feeling of home. After the Center is in full operation, some of the members are "teaming" up to cook and serve an evening meal (once a month) for the residents.

Moving forward:

- February 9 - Valentine Bingo Party - Flintridge Nursing Facility
- March 24 - Ecumenical Lenten Service and Lunch - 2nd Presbyterian Church
- TBA - Women's Day of Reflection (Check future bulletins for complete info on date and retreat leader)
- April 8 - Election of Officers for 2010-11
- May 6 - Card Party
- May 13 - Potluck, Installation of new Officers

Market Day

Well, with the New Year under way and the #1 favorite resolution of losing weight, **Market Day** can help. We have a number of low fat, low calorie items and they are clearly marked on the order form.

The sale in February will be on the 20th, 8:00 to 9:00 am in the School Cafeteria and in March on the 20th.

You may pick up an order form at the school or parish offices or after church in the gym.

As always you may call in your order to Natascha Bowman @ 349-8523 or order on-line at: www.marketday.com

Remember all profits go to help support our tech lab at St. Francis School.

Knights of Columbus

Father Bill Johnson

Council 11665

Upcoming Activities –

Feb. 3 – Business Meeting, 7:30 pm, Lamy Center, Multi-Purpose Room

Feb. 6 - Pray the Rosary at Mary statue at 9:00 am

Feb. 7? – Local Clergy Appreciation Dinner - date, location and time to be announced at the Feb. meeting

Feb. 14 – Valentine's Day

Feb. 16 – 4th Degree Meeting, Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center, Rosary at 6:30 pm

Feb. 17 – Ash Wednesday

Feb. 27 – Ladies Appreciation Night, TBA

Mar. 17 – Next 1st Degree, Candidate Call 6:30 pm, Multi-Purpose Room

The Knight's wish to thank everyone who attended our breakfast in January.

Save the Date!

Saturday, March 6, 2010

**13th Annual Columbus Catholic Men's Conference
Answer the Call!**

"Becoming the Man God Wants Us to Be!" □



***Lausche Building
Ohio State Expo Center
717 E. 17th Ave.
Columbus, Ohio 43415***

Join other Catholic Men from all over the Central Ohio area to support, challenge and affirm God's call to be the man He wants you to be. Capture a personal and spiritual vision of what it takes to be a Catholic man today. Challenge yourself to live your faith with courage and conviction.

Register now to attend the 13th Annual Columbus Diocese's Catholic Men's Conference!

To Register go to the website: **www.columbuscatholicmen.com**

Welcome New Parishioners!

**The following have recently joined the St. Francis de Sales family.
Please welcome Them!**

Jacob and Jo Hunt
Alecia Pollack

Kevin and Allison Nyers
Mark and Patricia Rakoczy & Family

We are so blessed to have you in our community!



Business Bits

By Christy McNabb

Happy New Year!

The New Year brings a sense of re-committal and freshness to everything. Whether it is starting a weight loss program or cleaning out your closets, the new year seems to get everyone motivated. This also includes our ministries in the church. As you recall, back in October, the Generations Campaign asked you to re-commit yourselves of your time, talent and stewardship. Those pledges are now input into our database and each ministry chairperson has received an updated list of those that are recommitting or are joining for the first time. Please, if you have not received a phone call or letter from the ministries you signed up for, please call the Parish Office. We will be sure to put you in touch with the corresponding ministry chairperson. If you signed up for a Liturgical Ministry, such as Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Communion (Mass, Homebound, Nursing Home and Hospital) or Lector, please watch the bulletin for training information. Training for these ministries occurs just once a year. We thank everyone for your support of our parish ministries!

Your new stewardship pledges also begin in January. If you signed up for EFT, these withdraws will occur based on your individual selection. If you have questions regarding your pledge, please contact our Parish Accountant, Amber McCracken at ext 235.

If you haven't turned in your yellow and/or green Generations pledge card, it is not too late! Just drop them in the offertory basket or mail them to the Parish Office.

Now on to the renovations in the church, at the time of this writing Terry Stewart and his crew from the Church Pew People Company are hard at work carefully taking out the pews one by one. In the coming weeks we'll be tearing out the flooring in preparation for the new hard wood, marble and carpet. If you haven't seen the flooring selections, please feel free to stop by the parish office for a sneak peak. Do you want to help tear out the old flooring? We need many hands to make light work of tearing and hauling out the old, please call me and I'll give you the details on how and when you can help.

I'd like to thank Thad Nutter, Nancy Allee, Joe and Trent Paul and my boys Nick and Nate for their assistance in the school bathroom renovations during Christmas break. Without their endless support of this project we wouldn't have been able to finish on time. Now both main and 2nd floor boys' bathrooms have new flooring and new-to-us partitions. Gone are the old brick partitions! As time permits, sinks and faucets will be replaced in the coming months.

So as you can see, a lot going on in the new year! Please keep the contractors, myself and Fr. Bob in your prayers for a smooth renovation!

Have a Blessed New Year!

CHRISTY MCNABB



ST. FRANCIS de SALES SCHOOL

-Our Music teacher, Katie Rodenberger has been working very hard with a group of students in grades 5 through 8 as they master the art of their string instruments. In December, these very talented students performed at our Christmas program. They also gave a special performance at Indian Mound Mall.

-Our students in grade 4 are hosting a special drive to help our troops in Afghanistan. They have named it; "Operation Subler" since all of the donations will be going to Fr. Carl Subler, our previous associate pastor, and his troops. The drive kicked off on January 4th. The students have placed collection boxes in the school halls. The school and parish community have been asked to donate the following items: candy, nuts, drink packets, personal hygiene items, and school supplies. The students will also sponsor a bake sale on January 27th. All of the proceeds and the collected items will then be sent to Fr. Subler.

-We are anxiously preparing to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. We will begin the week with an open house on Sunday, January 24th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. The week will include the following activities:

***Field trips to the ice skating rink.**

**Crazy hat day, pajama day, crazy hair day, fashion disaster day, and spirit wear day.*

**A "Coffee with the Principal" get together.*

**Activities by each grade level to support our chosen service projects.*

**8th grade volleyball game*

**A family movie night in the gym.*

This week is a wonderful time for our faculty, staff, parents, students and community to reflect on how blessed we are to have our school.

Register Now for 2010

st. francis de sales school

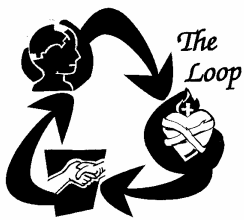
- PK-8th Grades
- PE, Library, Art & Music
- Smart Boards in every classroom & an IVDL lab
- Strings, Drama & Choir
- Spanish & Algebra (8th grade)
- After school sports programs

Register by Jan. 31st 2010 and we'll waive your registration fee! (New students only)

Prospective Parent Visit Days:
Friday, December 4th, 2009 - 9-2pm
Thursday, January 14th, 2010 - 9-2pm
Sunday, January 24th, 2010 - 11-1pm
Thursday, March 18th, 2010 - 9-2pm

**38 Granville St.,
Newark, OH 43055
740-345-4049**

Check us out on the web! www.cdeducation.org/schools/dso



LOOP students doing various crafts as part of their classroom celebrations of Christmas.





PLEASE JOIN US!



The Annual Pack 8 Super Bowl Pancake and Sausage Breakfast will be held on *SuperBowl Sunday, February 7, 2010, from 8 am to Noon* in the St. Francis School Cafeteria. Tickets are just \$5.00/person or \$15/family. See any Cub Scout to purchase your tickets or buy at the door. All proceeds benefit St. Francis Cub Scout activities such as the Pinewood Derby and Scout Summer Day Camp.
Enjoy good food for a good cause!



ADOPT A PEW PROGRAM
PLEASE COMPLETE BOTH SIDES OF THIS ADOPTION CARD

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

I/We do not wish to adopt a pew. I/We prefer to offer St. Francis a one time gift to help in the cost of pew refurbishment. Please accept our gift in the amount of: \$ _____ (no need to complete additional information) You will be recognized in our parish bulletin.

Pew Information

This information will need to be filled out completely to adopt a pew. Please make sure that the hand writing is legible.

Text for Plaque: Choose one of the following below.

(please print clearly or type)

In Memory Of: _____

Donated By: _____

Please fill out the below information completely:

Size of Pew adopting: _____ Please Note: 3', 4' 6.5', 12' pews are no longer available

Cost of Pew: _____

ADOPT – A – PEW PAYMENT OPTIONS
PLEASE COMPLETE BOTH SIDES OF THIS ADOPTION CARD

Choose One:

Automatic Withdrawal from Checking or Savings Account	Automatic Credit Card Charges	Pay Full Amount Now
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I hereby authorize St. Francis Church to establish automatic withdrawals from my Checking or Savings Account for pew payment	I hereby authorize St. Francis Church to automatically charge my Credit Card for pew payment	Pay Full Amount of Pew Now
My total Pew Adoption \$ _____	My total Pew Adoption \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> I/We wish to pay in full the amount to adopt-a-pew. Please accept my payment in the amount of : \$ _____ (cash or check enclosed)
Deposit \$ _____ <i>Amount of deposit (25% is requested)</i>	Deposit \$ _____ <i>Amount of deposit (25% is requested)</i>	
Balance Due \$ _____	Balance Due \$ _____	From my: <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card (Visa, MC) # _____ exp date: ___/___/___ 3- or 4 - digit security code: _____ Signature: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> I wish to pay in Monthly installments of \$ _____ to be paid on Choose 5 th or 20 th of the month (circle)	<input type="checkbox"/> I wish to pay in Monthly installments of \$ _____ to be paid on Choose 5 th or 20 th of the month (circle)	
From my: <input type="checkbox"/> Checking Account (attach voided check) <input type="checkbox"/> Savings Account (attach deposit slip)	From my: <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card (Visa, MC) # _____ exp date: ___/___/___ 3- or 4 - digit security code: _____ Signature: _____	From my: <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card (Visa, MC) # _____ exp date: ___/___/___ 3- or 4 - digit security code: _____ Signature: _____
Signature: _____	Signature: _____	Signature: _____

I understand that the pew I am adopting will be paid for in full within 24 months of purchase.

X _____
 Signature

Size:	Cost	Size:	Cost
17' (full pew)	\$1200.00 each	8.5' (half of the 17' pews)	\$600.00 each
8'	\$600.00 each	2'	\$300.00 each

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

- 2nd, 9th & 16th – Tuesday Evening Bible Study, 7 to 9 pm
- 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th – Bible Study Women’s 9:30 to Noon
- 8th & 22nd – Adult Bible Study, 7 to 9 pm
- 12th & 15th – No School, President’s Day Weekend
- 17th – Ash Wednesday
- 18th – Generations Mailing, 10 am to 1 pm
- 24th – Soup Supper, 6 to 7 pm
- 24th – Stations of the Cross, 7 pm
- 26th – News Deadline for Generations

March

- 2nd, 9th, 16th & 30th – Tuesday Evening Bible Study, 7 to 9 pm
- 3rd (cafeteria), 10th, 17th & 24th – Soup Supper, 6 to 7 pm
- 3rd, 10th (living stations), 17th & 24th – Stations of the Cross, 7 pm
- 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th – Bible Study Women’s 9:30 to Noon
- 8th & 22nd – Adult Bible Study, 7 to 9 pm
- 18th – Generations Mailing, 10 am to 1 pm
- 22nd – Parish Communal Reconciliation Service, 7 pm
- 26th – News Deadline for Generations
- 29th thru April 2 – School Spring Break

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