

<u>COLLECTIONS:</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Expected</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Week of March 2nd	\$20,649	\$15,000	\$5,649
Fiscal Year to Date (July 07- June 08)	\$626,503	\$656,000	\$61,503

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

Monday	–Dn 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13: 41-62 Jn 8: 1-11
Tuesday	–Nm 21: 4-9 Jn 8: 21-30
Wednesday	–Dn 3: 14-20, 91-92, 95 Jn 8: 31-42
Thursday	–Gn 17: 3-9 Jn 8: 51-59
Friday	–Jer 20: 10-13 Jn 10: 31-42
Saturday	–2 Sm 7: 4-5, 12-14 16 Rom 4: 13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1: 16, 18-21, 24 or Lk 2: 41-51
Sunday	–Is 50: 4-7 Phil 2: 6-11 Mt 26: 14-27: or 27:11-54



**FROM THE PASTOR:**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to take a few minutes and stress to all of you the importance of serving on parish council. This year we will have a couple of members stepping down because they are at the end of their term, so it is very important that we have members of the parish step up and fill these voids. So the obvious question is why is so important to have a parish council and what is its role? The importance of parish council and its members is that they are to be the voice of the parish in advising the pastor. Usually the only voice I hear from the parish is someone complaining, or from those people I know and see regularly, which does not give me a fair representative voice of the faithful. So the parish council is designed to bring a broader voice to the pastor, so the decisions can be made that represent and benefit the whole parish and hopefully not just a few. This is the goal of parish council, but if the same voices and the same people continue to step up then the whole parish will not be heard. Not only does the parish council act as the voice of the people in advising the pastor, but the parish council has the important responsibility of voting on the budget for the parish, and on other large monetary spending. So as you can see this position is very important to me and to the parish. So I would like to challenge you all to spend some time in prayer and listen to the Holy Spirit calling you to this wonderful position and if you feel called then act and get involved.

Blessings,  
*Fr. Eric*

### **EUCCHARISTIC FESTIVAL OF PRAISE:**

On Saturday March 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:30pm until 9:30pm St. Jude will be hosting an evening of powerful worship of our Eucharistic Lord. There will be great praise and worship music provided by local musicians. There will be several priests on hand providing the opportunity for individual confessions. I will be giving a talk on the Love and Mercy of God. There will be a social in the undercroft afterwards. And of course the most important aspect of the entire evening is that there will be two hours of Exposition. What a great way to kick off the holiest week of the year. Please mark your calendars and come out for a night of great praise and worship of our Awesome God.

### **GETTING TO KNOW YOU SESSIONS UPDATE:**

**This is sign-up weekend! If you've decided to attend a Getting To Know You session, please come to the vestibule after Mass on 3/8 or 3/9 to complete a Sign-up Form.** Those who sign up will be assigned to the specific sessions (based on the date preferences you indicate), depending upon availability. Letters will be sent in the following weeks to those who sign up, with more information regarding date, location and other details regarding the sessions.

Our thanks go out to those who have generously agreed to be the host households, and we look forward to the sessions in the months ahead. As well, many thanks to the team of volunteers that have helped coordinate this program.

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS:**

With Rosary-Sunday afternoons at 2 p.m.  
With Benediction-Wednesday evenings at 7:30p.m.  
With St. Jude students-Friday afternoons at 1:30p.m.

### **HOLY WEEK WORSHIP:**

Tuesday, March 18 –	Chrim Mass (at St. Peter-in-Chains Cathedral) 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 20 –	Holy Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30p.m.
Friday, March 21 –	Good Friday of the Lord's Passion
	**12:00 Noon- Stations of the Cross
	** 2:00 p.m. – Liturgy of the Passion
Saturday, March 22 –	Easter Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection 8:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 23 –	Easter Sunday
	Masses at 8:30 and 11:00

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE:**

Please remember in your prayers ***Dolores Krauser*** and ***Anna Kruse***, who have recently died.

**ATTENTION LADIES:**

The Rosary Altar Society meeting is March 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the undercroft. Our guest this month will be our own ***Wallie Weber***. She will demonstrate for us how to make a Spring floral arrangement. Due to her work schedule, we will have our business meeting first and then her demonstration. Following her demonstration, we will be treated to delicious homemade desserts provided by our Hostess Committee. Bingo will close the evening. If you need transportation call our Transportation Coordinator, ***Mary Ann Standriff, 598-1024***. We look forward to seeing you.

**HEALING MASS:**

**All are welcome to a Charismatic Healing Mass** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:30p.m. at St. Theresa Church on Glenway Ave. Come and be prayed over for physical, emotional or spiritual healing or stand in for those unable to attend. Questions call ***Sue Friediger @ 451-2162*** or ***Fr. Tom Bolte @ 921-9200***

**VOCATIONS:**

**COLLEGE AGE MEN AND OLDER:** You have a first-rate opportunity to see if the priesthood is for you. If you have ever thought about being a priest, if you desire to be a force for the Lord as a priest, to spend your life for the salvation of souls, you are invited to an informative **WELCOME WEEKEND** at Mount St. Mary's seminary. The weekend will give you an excellent sampling of what it would be like for you to be in training for the priesthood. The date is Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. To get more information and to make a reservation, please call the Vocations office at **513-421-3131** or register online [www.cincinnati vocations.org/frm03282008.php](http://www.cincinnati vocations.org/frm03282008.php) by March 16<sup>th</sup>.

**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL:**

This weekend is the start of the Catholic Mission Appeal which was formerly called the Archdiocese Annual Fund Drive. The CMA funds six ministries: Catholic Social Services, St. Rita School for the Deaf, Pastoral Education (seminarians, deacons, and lay pastoral ministers), chaplains for hospitals and prisons, retired Archdiocesan priests, and college campus ministries. Please pledge your support for these very important regional church ministries. 100% of your contribution goes to these services. Our parish goal this year is \$28,000. To contribute please use one of the two envelopes placed in collection envelope

packets or the envelopes provided at the church entrances.

Please make all checks payable to **St. Jude Parish** and either mail to the church office or drop in the collection basket. If you wish to pay by a credit card please visit [www.CatholicAppeal.net](http://www.CatholicAppeal.net) and follow the instructions, these will be processed through a secured company called Pledge Connect.

### **GIRL SCOUTS:**

Congratulations to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Girl Scouts who received their Marian Award on February 24th at St. Ignatius. This is the culmination of 16 months of the study and devotion of Mary, our Blessed Mother. They have worked around busy schedules and made many sacrifices. It has been a pleasure to be able to share this experience with such outstanding girls. Note: *The names of the girls can be found in the printed bulletin.*

### **WYD PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND FESTIVAL SIGN-UPS:**

**Sunday March 9th...** The WYD Pilgrims will be sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 9th from 9:00am until 1:00pm. Come enjoy breakfast after or before Mass. Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, juice and coffee will be served. Donations of \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children are welcome. Monies raised from the breakfast will go towards the youth's 2008 World Youth Day trip to Sydney, Australia.

While at the breakfast sign-up to volunteer at this year's festival which is June 6th, 7th and 8th. Raffle tickets for the festival will also be on sale. If you have any questions, please call **Rick and Cindy Weidner at 574-9186.**

### **WORLD YOUTH DAY FUNDRAISER DINNER DANCE:**

Need an adult night out? Come enjoy a great time at the World Youth Day Fundraiser Dinner Dance! Join us for a Lasagna dinner (both meat and vegetable lasagna will be served), beer/wine and soft drinks, desserts dancing, silent auction and door prizes. The dance will take place from 7:00pm-11:30pm on **Saturday March 29th** in the church undercroft. **Tickets are \$25/each or \$40/couple.**

All proceeds will benefit our trip to Sydney, Australia to see Pope Benedict at the 2008 World Youth Day. You can purchase tickets from **Mary Hornsby** in the school office or call **Cindy or Rick Weidner at 574-918.**

**GUIDE BOOK & DIRECTORY ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY:**

We have contracted Guide Book Publishing to publish a Guide Book & Directory for our congregation that will be updated and delivered directly to your homes annually. This book will be the Who, What, where, When, Why and How of our Church. The book is being provided at **no cost** to our Church. Local businesses are being solicited to advertise in the book. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the Church Office at **574-1230**.

**UPDATE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION:**

Does our church database have YOUR family membership record correct? Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Guide Book & Directory (if you haven't already done so). It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year. Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to Move soon? Do you want your information published? If you have not already informed the church office about changes to record, please let us know now so that the information in the Guide Book & Directory is correct. Please call the church office at **574-1230**.

**PRESCHOOL COORDINATOR NEEDED:**

St. Jude is in need of a coordinator for the Sunday Preschool Religion Program. You will be required to have a background check and fingerprinting to be eligible. The job involves coordinating the registration of children and class assignments, ordering supplies and books, and recruiting teachers and helpers for a small number of classes, from 3 to 5, depending upon enrolment. The coordinator also creates the schedule for the year and works with the teachers in planning lessons and special events for the year. If you have organizational and planning skills please consider this opportunity to become involved and to play an important role in the lives of some wonderful children. As an added bonus, there is a small stipend that goes along with the enjoyment of working with kids.

The classes are held during the 11:00 mass on Sundays from September through April. Classes are held for ages three through Kindergarten. Please contact **Isaak A. Isaak** at [iisaak@cinci.rr.com](mailto:iisaak@cinci.rr.com), or **Janna Smith** at **598-5256**, [janna@swathdesign.com](mailto:janna@swathdesign.com) with questions.

**RESPECT LIFE –PRAYER FOR LIFE:**

Join believers throughout the world in praying the Lenten Prayer for Life, found at [www.PrayerCampaign.org](http://www.PrayerCampaign.org). Sponsored by Priests for Life, this prayer campaign enables us to pray in the spirit of Lenten penance that the world may turn away from the Culture of Death and embrace a Culture of Life. Then, after Lent, this same campaign will provide a

prayer for the Easter Season, focusing on the victory of life. Pray these daily prayers with your families!

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### **MUSIC AND WORSHIP CORNER:**

#### *Music Ministry Mass Schedule*

3/16	4:30 – Cantor	8:30 – Choir	11:00 – Children
3/23	No 4:30 Mass	8:30 – Children	11:00 – Choir
3/30	4:30 – Youth	8:30 – Cantor	11:00 – Choir
4/6	4:30 – 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion	8:30 – Cantor	11:00 – Choir

### **PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION:**

Weather permitting; each Palm Sunday Mass next weekend will begin outside. Parishioners will be invited to gather on the sidewalk outside the east entrance to church with palm branches for the Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem. After the palms are blessed, all those outside will move directly to their pews as the ministers process through the church during the entrance hymn and finally to the sanctuary, where Mass will continue as normal.

### **VOCATIONS VIEWS:**

On the Web: [www.combonimissionaries.org](http://www.combonimissionaries.org) The Comboni Missionaries of the Heart of Jesus. These Missionaries are renowned for their work in Africa and throughout the world, and locally for a wonderful Nativity display at their Nagel Rd. Provincial Headquarters.

The Combonis help operate St. Charles Borromeo Church in Carthage, a parish set aside by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati for the Hispanic community. Our own **Isaak Isaak** has worked and traveled with the Comboni Missionaries.

Vocations Videos: The Vocations Office of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati provides two very well-made videos about vocations to the priesthood ('Fishers of Men') and consecrated religious life ('The Vocation to the Religious Life for Women'. St. Jude the Apostle parish has 2 copies of each DVD. Contact the parish office at 574-1230 to check one or both of these videos out.

Fast Fact: The entire baptized are called to a vocation. One's vocation and state of life will correspond with each other. It is the way we live out our relationship with God. Though the term vocation tends to connote ordination to the priesthood or diaconate, or consecration to

religious life, marriage and the single life are vocations, too. All vocations are gifts from God that hold tremendous importance in the Church.

Something to Consider: The Fifth Sunday of Lent - Jesus calls us forth from our graves of apathy and passivity. How will your new life make a difference? Consider ministry in the Church. (John 11:1-45)

Remember in Prayer: **Shawn Landenwitch**, from Our Lady of Visitation parish, studying for the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary. Pray for all discerning God's call.

Prayer for Vocations: God, our Creator, Life is Your gift to me. Through Baptism, You invite me to share the gift of my life in service to others. I ask LORD, "Who will be Your Priest, Deacon, Brother, Sister, Missionary, Lay Minister? Is it I?" Give me the courage and generosity to respond to Your love, to Your call. Give those you have called to the married and the single state the graces their lives require. I pray especially for those who serve You as Religious. Keep them close to You. This we pray through Christ our Lord. Amen. (from the USCCB Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life, and Vocations) All of us have a vocation — clergy and religious life, married and single. How are you living your vocation?

### **IN THE HOSPITAL AND IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Please remember in your prayers the following parishioners who were confined in the hospital this past week **Michael Nagy** and **Betty Culman** in Mercy Franciscan Hospital Western Hills and **Robert Vogeler** in Good Samaritan Hospital.

If you know of anyone who is hospitalized or homebound, please call the parish office. Also, please remember to pray for those confined to their homes and nursing homes.

### **BINGO WORKERS FOR FRIDAY, March 14<sup>th</sup>:**

Marsie Laine, Charm Siegel, Greg O'Brien, Lori Kraft, Sharon Brown, Patrick & Diane Wohlfrom, Mark Meinhardt, JoAnn Toepfer, Sandy Stauss and Mary Beth Wellbrock.  
CALLER: Tim Bley

### **SERVERS FOR THE WEEK OF March 10<sup>th</sup>:**

Monday— 6:30 a.m. Lillie Williams, Greta Busche  
Tuesday- 8:30 a.m. Alex Singler, Mitchell Harter  
Wednesday- 8:30 a.m. Emily Wagner, Kelsey Kurzhals,

Thursday- 8:30 a.m. Katie Kerr, Ellen Rielag  
Friday- 8:30 a.m. Emma Powell, Corbin Jasper  
Saturday- 8:30 a.m. Max Hammersmith, William Coors  
4:30 p.m. Nicholas Stalf, Kyle & Tyler Rickett  
Sunday- 8:30 a.m. Lindsey Mullen, Tori Weber, Lydia Fischesser  
11:00 a.m. Allison Loechtenfeldt, Samantha Florimonte, Delaney Greiner

### **CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:**

#### ***MONDAY-March 10***

2:30 Cub Scouts Den 2 (café)  
6:00 Cub Scouts Den 6 (café)  
6:00 Basketball coaches meeting (mr 3)  
6:45 PSR  
7:00 Rosary

#### ***TUESDAY-March 11***

9:15 Pathways Program  
2:30 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Girl Scouts (café)  
3:00 School Staff (mr 3)  
4:00 Market Day Pick-Up (U)  
6:00 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Brownies (café)  
6:30 Rosary Altar (U)  
7:00 Confessions  
7:00 Postpone sexual activity Parent night (A)  
7:30 Boy Scouts (café)  
7:45 Education Comm (mr 1)

#### ***Wednesday-March 12***

11:30 Legion of Mary (mr)  
1:00 Seniors (mr)  
6:00 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girl Scouts (café)  
6:30 Daisy Troop (café)  
7:00 Dare Graduation (A)  
7:30 Way of the cross  
7:30 Adult Choir (music Rm)  
7:45 Shepherds

#### ***THURSDAY-March 13***

9:00 Women's Prayer (mr)  
2:30 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Girl Scouts (café)  
8:00 Boosters (U)

#### ***FRIDAY-March 14***

9:30 Exposition  
2:30 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girl Scouts (café)  
7:00 Bingo

**SATURDAY-March 15**

- 7:00 Men's Prayer (mr)
- 7:00 Women's Prayer (U)
- 3:00 Confessions
- 7:30 Eucharistic Festival of Praise (C & U)

**SUNDAY-March 16**

- 9:00 RCIA (mr)
- 10:55 Pre School (s)
- 2:00 Way of the Cross

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:**

**MONDAY-March 10**

- 6:30 – Priest Intention

**TUESDAY-March 11**

- 8:30 – James Fallon-The Wernke Family

**WEDNESDAY-March 12**

- 8:30 – Gertrude Molloy-St. Jude Seniors

**THURSDAY-March 13**

- 8:30 – Pearl Mulvihill-Camilla

**FRIDAY-March 14**

- 8:30 – Daniel A Boller-Rem Anniv-Gayle Boller

**SATURDAY-March 15**

- 8:30 – Patricia Oppelt-Lorraine Brinck
- 4:30 – Ed Lally-Marian Doll

**SUNDAY-March 16**

- 8:30 – Living and deceased of the parish
- 11:00 – Bob Rueve-Anniv Rem-Family

**AREA HAPPENINGS:**

**St. Boniface fish fry is back.** Please join us on Fridays during Lent (except Good Friday). From 5:00-7:00p.m. Adults \$7:00 or \$7:50 (if you have baked fish or Shrimp) Kids \$5:50 pizza also available for kids for more info call church/541-1563 or cafeteria/541-5122

**Elder Glee Club presents their Irish Cabaret,** Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> 8:00p.m. at Fr. Reardon Hall, undercroft of St. Williams church. \$15 per person includes beer, soft drinks, chips and pretzels. For reservations contact Janet Wirthlin @ 941-4525.

**ST. DOMINIC** will host the "Last Seven Words of Christ" this is a moving portrayal in word and song of Jesus Christ's last moments of life. On Palm Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:00p.m. the

St. Dominic choir and soloists will present this hour-long program in church for more info please call 471-7741.

**On Sunday, March 16th** at St. Dominic Parish Center The Voice Of The Faithful Westside Affiliate will gather to discuss how to support those who have been abused by priest, support the priests of integrity and shape structural change within the church. Please join us. Time 1pm to 3pm. Any questions call 251-1791.

**Our Lady of Visitation** is going on a tour of the *Shrines of Italy*. It is open to anyone and we would like to invite you to come along. Some of the highlights include: Rome, Vatican City, Papal Audience, St. Peter's Basilica, St. John in Lateran, Tomb of Padre Pio, Assisi, and more... The 10 day tour is November 3-12, 2008, and includes 15 meals and airfare from Cincinnati from only \$2899. If you are interested in more information or you would like to go, please contact Karen Rhode at 509-3202 or kmrhode@aol.com by May 1.

**Mother of Mercy High School** 5th Annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 15, 2008, 1:00 p.m. (rain or shine). All children ages 10 and under are welcome to attend. Join us for an egg hunt, crafts, refreshments and a visit from the Easter Bunny in Mercy's front circle.

### **BOOSTER NEWS:**

#### ***Spring Soccer***

Still need boys for all teams and need girls for 5th/6th & 7th/8th. Please email **Steve** and **Patty Hessling** at [hess721@aol.com](mailto:hess721@aol.com) by the end of the week.

### **FESTIVAL NEWS:**

The 2008 Festival Team and the St. Jude Youth Group are co-sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast this Sunday after the 8:30 and 11:00 AM masses. Score a breakfast made by the young chefs and see what the Festival Team has in store for 2008. So....what's the catch? We'll have tables highlighting some items coming to the Bid-n-Buy this year. We'll unveil information on a new raffle coming soon (think Masters and golf), and, of course, we will have volunteer sign up sheets to help us close the roster of helpers we need before, during and after the festival.

**Pre-Grand Slam** raffle tickets will be available for purchase starting this Sunday in the undercroft. For those unfamiliar to this raffle, we sell 250 chances for \$100 each on the opportunity to win \$10,000! It's hard to find better raffle odds than that! **Juli Meade (598-6323)** and **Holly Hoeting (941-2220)** are leading the Pre-Grand Slam ticket sales campaign and could use help in getting the 250 tickets sold before the festival. We're looking for 10

new people to step up and take five tickets to sell....take to co-workers, clients, friends, etc and get a pool together! It would be great to go into June with all pre-sales complete. If you can help sell a handful, see us Sunday or call Juli or Holly.

### **PARISH COUNCIL:**

Would you like to be on St. Jude Parish Council?

### **What is a Parish Council?**

Parish Council is made up of the Pastor and six parish members who are voted into their position during the Parish Elections each May. The Council consists of a President, Vice President, Secretary, and 3 At-Large positions. The inter-council positions are voted on by the Council themselves. Each Parish Council meeting is also attended by representatives of the Education, Finance, and Worship Commissions as well as the Boosters.

### **What is the function of the Parish Council?**

The St. Jude Parish Council's mission is to "be an informational, consultative group of parishioners that represent the parish community." The primary concerns of the Council "will be the spiritual well-being of the parish community, communications throughout the parish community, and providing the pastor with parish resources."

The Parish Council is not a governing body, but a group of parishioners whose responsibility it is:

- To share, in a consultative manner only, in the decision-making of the parish, and assist in implementation of these decisions.
- To determine priorities in the parish according to its needs.
- To represent all the people of St. Jude Parish.
- To provide for communication, coordination, and cooperation among parish organizations.

### **How big of a time commitment is required to be on Parish Council?**

Parish Council meets once a month on the last Monday of the month for about 60-90 minutes. There are no Parish Council meetings in July and December. The only further time commitments consist of voluntary projects that a member may want to pursue and possibly an additional meeting in January or February regarding approval of the parish budget. Each Parish Council term lasts 3 years from the time of election.

### **What is a typical Parish Council meeting like?**

- ✓ The Council will listen to updates from each of the various parish commissions in attendance, as well as the Pastor, and discuss what issues are before those commissions and the Parish.
- ✓ The Council gives feedback to the commission representatives on a wide range of

issues. The idea is to promote proper communication between the commissions, the Pastor, and the parish community as a whole and to make decisions which are in the best interest of the parish.

**Why would I be interested in becoming a Parish Council member?**

Parish Council is an excellent way to become more familiar with the issues that the parish faces each year, financially, spiritually, educationally and how all these issues are related. Don't be confused or frustrated, get involved and help be a part of the future direction of St. Jude. Elections are held in the first and 2<sup>nd</sup> weekends in May.

Please consider Parish Council as a way to get involved in the St. Jude community. Any questions or to submit your name for the elections in May, call Parish Council President **Rob Reid @ 598-9753** or email **Rob @ [rob.reid@dinslaw.com](mailto:rob.reid@dinslaw.com)**

***Get involved and be a part of it all, you'll be glad you did!***