

<u>COLLECTIONS:</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Expected</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Week of March 23 rd	\$ 25,684	\$ 20,000	\$ 5,684
Fiscal Year to Date (July 07- June 08)	\$682,589	\$615,000	\$67,589

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday –	Is 7: 10-14, 8-10 Heb 10: 4-10 Lk 1: 26-38
Tuesday –	Acts 4: 32-37 Jn 3: 7-15
Wednesday –	Acts 5: 17-26 Jn 3: 16-21
Thursday –	Acts 5: 27-33 Jn 3: 31-36
Friday –	Acts 5: 34-42 Jn 6: 1-15
Saturday –	Acts 6: 1-7 Jn 6: 16-21
Sunday –	Acts 2: 14, 22-23 1 Pt 1: 17-21 Lk 24: 13-35

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Divine Mercy Sunday

On Feb 22, 1931, Sister Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun, received the first of many revelations pertaining to her mission in life: that is to be the secretary, apostle and messenger of the The Divine Mercy to all mankind. She described this revelation as: “in the evening, when I was in my cell, I saw the Lord Jesus clad in a white garment. One hand raised in the gesture of blessing, the other was touching the garment at the breast. From beneath the garment, slightly drawn aside at the breast, there were emanating two large rays, one red, and the other pale. In silence I kept my gaze fixed on the Lord, my soul was struck with *awe, but also with great joy...Jesus said to me, paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: Jesus I Trust in You (Gesu, Ufam Tobie). I desire that this Image be venerated, first in your chapel, and throughout the world. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over its enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I myself will defend it as My own glory....I desire that there be a Feast of Mercy. I want this image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter; that Sunday is to be the Feast of Mercy.”* Jesus goes on to state to Sr. Faustina, “I desire that priests proclaim this great mercy of Mine towards souls of sinners. Let the sinner not be afraid to approach Me. The flames of Mercy are burning Me-clamoring to be spent; I want to pour them out upon these souls.”(47-52 diary) And again in the fall of 1936 our Lord again appeared to Sr. Faustina explaining the full meaning and grace of venerating and celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday. Jesus told her, “Tell the whole world about my inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My Mercy. The

soul (person) that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity....the Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter.” (699 Diary) It took awhile but in 2000 Pope John Paul II and the Congregation of Divine Worship decreed that throughout the world the second Sunday of Easter will be recognized as Divine Mercy Sunday.

St. Jude will be celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, veneration of the Divine Mercy Image, confessions, rosary and the chaplet of Mercy from 2pm to 4pm (or until all confessions are heard). I invite you all to experience the fullness of God's infinite mercy and join us in celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday.

Blessings,
Fr. Eric

Just a Note: Next Saturday, April 5th First Communion will be celebrated at the 4:30pm Mass.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE:

Please remember in your prayers Florence Leslie Patterson, who has recently died.

Online contributions:

We are now offering to our parishioners, the ability to make donations through the use of credit card or Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT). It's an easy, convenient and safe way for your Sunday offering. You may make a onetime contribution or set it up the way you usually donate; weekly, monthly or annually. For parishioners who still want to put something in the basket as it goes by, or for the school families your next set of envelopes will have a box you can check to indicate an electronic contribution. Visit our home page at www.stjudebridgetown.org and following the instructions. If you have any questions concerning this please contact the Parish Business Office.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU UPDATE:

Letters have been sent to all participants, confirming their session date and providing directions and other details. If you signed up to participate in a Getting To Know You session, but have not received your letter, please contact Bill Schinkal at 941-3903.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:

Today a second collection will be taken up for the St. Vincent de Paul Society and their work with the needy.

Attention Lectors:

Copies of the Sunday Lector schedule for the remainder of the church year can be found in an envelope in the sacristy. Please check your name off the list when you take your copy. (Electronic copies have been forwarded to those who provided an e-mail address. Please check your e-mail.

Cub Scout Car Wash:

Saturday, April 12th, 9a-3p at Jeff's Marathon. Bring your cars and let your Cub Scouts wash away your winter blues! Thanks!

Catholic Ministries Appeal Update:

Thank you to everyone who has donated to this worthy cause. Our goal for the Parish is \$28,000, to this date we have collected \$12,269. For families who haven't donated please consider this in the future. More information about the program and to pay by a credit card please visit CatholicAppeal.net and follow the instructions, these will be processed through a secured company called Pledge Connect. Thank you for your support.

All are welcome to a Charismatic Healing Mass on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:30p.m. at St. Teresa church, Glenway Ave. **The next Mass will be April 10th.** Come and be prayed over for physical, emotional or spiritual healing: or stand in for those unable to attend. Questions, call Sue Fruediger @ 451-2162 or Fr. Tom Bolte @ 921-9200.

FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS:

St. Jude Parish will celebrate First Communion with its second grade students during April. Most of the children will be receiving their First Communion during group celebrations on **Saturday, April 5th, at 4:30 Mass, and on Sunday, April 6th, at a Mass scheduled at 1:00 PM.** Some families may be celebrating First Communion with their children at different parish liturgies during **May**.

Practice night for the **Saturday Group** is **Tuesday, April 1st, @ 7:00PM** and **For Sunday Group** is **Thursday, April 3rd, @ 7:00PM**; Also **Wednesday, April 2nd is Picture Night** for both **Saturday, and Sunday Groups, @ 6:00PM.**

Please note: PSR Jesus Day will be on **Sunday, March 30th, 1:00PM - 4:30PM** where as **St. Jude School Jesus Day** will be on **Monday, March 31st, 8:15AM – 1:00PM.** We have already sent all the above info with 2nd Grade children to parents. Parents please return to the parish Office your child's **1st Reconciliation, and 1st Communion Form, and Video**

form as soon as possible. The above notice refers only for those who did not yet turn in their forms.

Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they finish their preparation to receive Jesus for the first time.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE FORMING:

Volunteers are needed for a new Hospitality Committee at St. Jude who will serve to assist in welcoming new members to our parish community, to help all members be more fully involved with parish life, and to promote the many good works of our parish ministries and organizations.

The Committee will include two groups of volunteers:

- A small group to staff the Hospitality Coordinating Team who will meet every few months to plan, organize, and run parish hospitality activities, and
- A large number of volunteers that the Coordinating Team can call upon once or twice a year to help with parish events by providing refreshments, or assisting with set-up, serving, and clean-up.

Please consider helping to make our parish community even more welcoming and alive, or perhaps you know someone with talent or experience you would recommend for this ministry. Contact Kathy Walsh 9598-6031 or e-mail jwalsh65@cinci.rr.com) or Melva Chandler (e-mail esuohthgil@aol.com) to join, or to obtain more information.

Respect Life - Divine Mercy and Pro-life:

Pope John Paul II declared the Sunday after Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday. Many of the faithful pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy regularly. There is a link between this devotion and the pro-life movement. Fr. Seraphim Michalenko, MIC, who was a principal translator of St. Faustina's diary, and the postulator of her cause of canonization, writes the following: "On at least three occasions, from 8:00-11:00 in the evening, she felt like her insides were being torn apart. She suffered so much that she thought she was going to die. The doctors couldn't figure out what was ailing her, and no medication was able to alleviate her sufferings. Later, she was given to understand that she was undergoing those pains for mothers who were aborting their children (Diary, 1276). "On another occasion, she had a vision of an angel coming with thunderbolts to destroy one of the most beautiful cities of her country. And she felt powerless to do anything about it (Diary, 474). What antidote did the Lord give her? The Chaplet of Divine Mercy. [She explained] that the city was to be chastised for its sins, primarily the sin of abortion." ("Wombs of Mercy," Marian Helpers Bulletin, Summer 1995, p.13).

Reprinted from www.priestsforlife.org

MUSIC AND WORSHIP CORNER:

Music Ministry Mass Schedule

3/30	4:30 – Youth	8:30 – Cantor	11:00 – Choir
4/6	4:30 – 1 st Communion	8:30 – Cantor	11:00 – Choir
4/13	4:30 – Children	8:30 – Choir	11:00 - Youth
4/20	4:30 – Cantor	8:30 – Cantor	11:00 - Choir
4/27	4:30 – Choir	8:30 – Cantor	11:00 – Cantor

VOCATIONS VIEWS:

Something to Consider: Through the gift of the Holy Spirit we are sent to share the peace of Christ. Believe in Jesus' call to you. Act on it! (John 20:19-31)

Transitional Deacon Ordination: Transitional deacons are men ordained deacons who will continue in study toward becoming priests. This year, on Saturday, April 26 at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral, ten men from Mt. St. Mary's Seminary in Cincinnati will be ordained transitional deacons! Seven of these men will later become priests for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, while three will serve the Diocese of Toledo. Say an extra prayer for these men — it's one of the largest classes in many years! Thanks be to God!

Fast Fact: Someone who made the trip around Ohio was Bishop Clarence Isenmann who was Auxiliary Bishop of Cincinnati (1954), Bishop of Columbus (1958) and later Bishop of Cleveland (1964). He was a native of Hamilton.

Catholic High Schools: Seminarians at Mt. St. Mary's are graduates from the following local Catholic High Schools: Carroll, Springfield Catholic Central, Bishop Fenwick, Badin, Elder, Moeller, LaSalle, Lima Central Catholic and Summit Country Day. Seminarians will be visiting our high schools this year for vocation talks.

On the Web: www.pcj.edu The Pontifical College Josephinum

Prayer: Has the power to change; has the power to influence — pray for vocations!

All of us have a vocation — clergy and religious life, married and single. How are you living your vocation?

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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.

IN THE HOSPITAL AND IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Please remember in your prayers the following parishioners who were confined in the hospital this past week. Mary littelman and Michael Nagy in Mercy Franciscan Hospital Western Hills. 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, APRIL 4th: Sue Armstrong, Mary Geers, Jeannie Gillispie, John Schoener, John Siemer, Dan Holiday, Sandra Feldman, Carrie Meade, Terry or Ken Mullen, Tracy or Rick Bono

SERVERS FOR THE WEEK OF March 31st

Monday- 6:30 a.m. Calvin Williams, Bradley Newell
Tuesday- 8:30 a.m. Katie Kerr, Lydia Fischesser
Wednesday- 8:30 a.m. Nicholas Gibbs, Frank Burdsall
Thursday- 8:30 a.m. Samantha Florimonte, Emma Powell
Friday- 8:30 a.m. Eric Bachus, Daniel Armstrong
Saturday- 8:30 a.m. Jacob Snell, Clay Benjamin
4:30 p.m. Craig Mullen, Lindsey Mullen, Joseph Miller
Sunday- 8:30a.m. Erin Glankler, Abby Lamping, Taylor Maas
11:00a.m. Zach Auciello, Ben Martini, Adam Bross

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY-March 31

8:15 St. Jude School Jesus Day (U)

TUESDAY-April 1

6:15 1st Grade Brownies (café)

7:00 1st Communion Practice Sat Group (C)

7:00 Confessions

7:30 Boy Scouts (café)

7:45 Education Comm Mtg. (mr 1)

Wednesday-April 2

11:30 Legion of Mary (mr)

1:00 Seniors (mr)

2:30 7th Grade Girl Scouts (café)

3:00 Confessions

6:00 1st Communion Pictures (C & U)

6:15 3rd Grade Brownies (café)

7:00 Baptism Class (mr)

7:30 Adult Choir (music Rm)

7:45 Shepherds

THURSDAY-April 3

9:00 Women's Prayer (mr 2)

7:00 1st Communion Practice Sunday Group (C & U)

7:00 La Leche Group (Kitchen mr)

FRIDAY-April 4

9:15 Exposition

2:30 6th Grade Girl scouts (café)

7:00 Bingo

SATURDAY-April 5

7:00 Men's Prayer (mr)

7:00 Women's Prayer (U)

3:30 confessions

4:30 1st Communion

SUNDAY-April 6

9:00 RCIA (mr)

10:55 Preschool (S)

1:00 1st Communion

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY-March 31

6:30 –Bruce Elchynski-Birth Rem-Family

TUESDAY-April 1

8:30 –Karen, Sally & Terry Neiheisel-Family

WEDNESDAY-April 2

8:30 –Alvin Heyob-Wedding Anniv-Family

THURSDAY-April 3

7:30 –Helen Weber-Frank & Ruth Altenau

FRIDAY-April 4

8:30 –Marie Weidner-Family

SATURDAY-April 5

8:30 –Special Intention of Brian McDonough-Tom & Trease Doddy

4:30 –Living and deceased of the parish

SUNDAY-April 6

8:30 –Paul Heil-Anniv Rem-Russ Heil & Family

11:00 –Aloys & Cecelia Staud-Anniv Rem-Family

Area Happenings:

Hope for Hannah Blood Drive at C O Harrison Elementary on Neeb Rd Tuesday April 8 from 1-7 pm. To register call Jill Eichhorn @ 673-6047. Appts taken first. Walk-ins welcome.

Neidhard-Minges Funeral Home is presenting “Griefology 101” this program is designed for all those who are grieving. Presented by “Dr. Ida Know” and her assistant “Wanda Findout” Sunday, April 13th from 1-3pm for reservations or more info call the funeral home @ 661-3022.

Festival 2008 - It Takes Everyone!

This week’s festival message is brought to you by <<Fill in your company name here>>.

Festival sponsorships are an economical way to get your company name in front of not only your fellow St. Jude parishioners, but the thousands of people who attend our festival. Contact Ben Stauss 295-2155 or bstauss4@yahoo.com for more info. The levels of sponsorships are as follows:

Level	Donation Amount	Benefits
Gold	\$700 (1 Left)	Banner, Ad in Bid n Buy book, Logo on WH Press Ad, Logo on Festival T-shirt, Hey Jude/Church Bulletin announcements, Name on Grand Raffle tickets, and PA spots during festival
Silver	\$400	Banner, Ad in Bid n Buy book thanking Silver Sponsors, Hey Jude/Church Bulletin announcements, and PA spots during festival
Bronze	\$250	Ad in Bid n Buy book thanking Bronze Sponsors, Hey Jude/Church Bulletin announcements, PA spots during festival
Booth	\$100	Booth Sign, Hey Jude/Church Bulletin announcements, PA spots during festival

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 2nd 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

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

EDUCATION COMMISSION

Are you looking for a way to get involved? Do you want to make a direct impact to your child's education at St. Jude? Are you passionate about St. Jude and all it has to offer? If so,

please consider joining the St. Jude Education Commission. The Education Commission is currently accepting nominations to serve a 3 year term beginning August 2008.

What is the function of the Education Commission?

The parish Education Commission is the basic unit for educational planning and policy making. There are two (2) important aspects of the parish Education Commission:

1) The Education Commission is a total commission, covering not just the Parish school, but also pre-school, religious education, adult education, and all other programs that fall under the heading of formal, organized teaching and learning, whether it be an on-going part of the Parish's life, or a temporary program.

2) The Education Commission is an advisory board, concerned with policy, not rule. Policy is defined as "discretionary guidelines for action", whereas a rule is a "specification of a policy". Rule-making is the administrator's function, and a method used to carry out the Commission's policies.

Another important function of the Education Commission is to listen. It is the group to which all members of the Parish can bring their concerns and suggestions regarding educational life.

Who serves on the Education Commission?

There are 3 permanent members (Pastor, Director of Religious Education and School Principal) and 9 elected members from the Parish. Elected members serve 3 year terms.

How often does the Education Commission meet?

The Education Commission meets on the first Tuesday of the month. (There is not a scheduled meeting for the months of July and December). Meetings typically last up 90 minutes.

What are some initiatives that the Education Commission has been involved with over the last few years?

- Spearheaded initiative to add after school care
- Spearheaded initiative to add kindergarten
- Implemented teacher Continuing Education fund and secured initial funding from PTO
- In conjunction with the school administration, helped define St. Jude's admission criteria

- Recommended that parents be given the opportunity to complete teacher evaluations twice per school year
- Organized the annual St. Jude School Open House during Catholic Schools Week

What do I need to do become a candidate?

To submit your name to become a candidate, please call Education Commission President Jerry Weber @ 941-6626 or email Jerry @ jerry.weber@ctghs.com .

Elections will be held the 1st and 2nd weekends in May.