

<u>COLLECTIONS:</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Expected</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Week of April 6 th	\$ 17,060	\$ 15,000	\$ 2,000
Fiscal Year to Date (July 07- June 08)	\$730,328	\$660,000	\$70,328

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday –	Acts 14: 5-18 Jn 14: 21-26
Tuesday –	Acts 14: 19-28 Jn 14: 27-31
Wednesday –	Acts 15: 1-6 Jn 15: 1-8
Thursday –	Acts 15: 7-21 Jn 15: 9-11
Friday –	1 Pt 5: 5-14 Mk 16: 15-20
Saturday –	Acts 16: 1-10 Jn 15: 18-21
Sunday –	Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17 1 Pt 3: 15-18 Jn 14: 15-21

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Jesus doesn't care what I look like...

So often I have heard young people say, "it doesn't matter what I look like when I go to Church, because Jesus doesn't care as long as I go." And while there is a great deal of truth in this statement, which is Jesus is primarily concerned with the fact that we go to Church. There is also the truth that we should be concerned about what WE look like at Church. The statement should more properly read like this, "though Jesus doesn't care what we look like, we should care." Because the truth of the matter is we are presenting ourselves to the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords, the Son of God, our Redeemer and we should be dressed accordingly. This past Saturday night I witnessed the wedding vows of a lovely couple and it was a lovely ceremony, with everyone dressed so well, in their tuxedos, fine dresses, and suits. I think it is safe to say that most people enjoy a wedding and enjoy getting dressed for a wedding. Every Sunday is the wedding feast of the lamb. In Revelations there are several passages that make reference to the wedding feast of the Lamb. One particular passage is in chapter 21 verse 9 which states, "come, I will show you the Bride (the Church), the wife of the Lamb." In Matthew chapter 22 Jesus tells a parable, "the wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy." My point is that if we can spend a great deal of time and energy to dress up, and put on our best clothes to show respect to the couple getting married; if we can take the time to put on our best clothes, to go out to a fine restaurant to dine on a sumptuous meal or to go to a banquet in honor of someone who is getting an award. Then surely we can take the time each Sunday to dress up and honor the King of Kings, the Son of God with our best and to dine on the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation. Not because He demands it of us, but because we desire to show Him the respect that He deserves. Sunday should be a day that is set aside for the Lord, as a day we give him our best, in our words, our Love, our prayers, and even our dress. Every action says that we Love the Lord our God with our whole heart, mind, soul and body. So I would just like to challenge you to give our Heavenly

Father your very best every Sunday, because He has given us His very best and continues to give us His best every Sunday, His Son our Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessings,
Fr. Eric

Additional Adoration and Devotions:

The favorable response to recent additional times of Eucharistic adoration and devotion indicates that our parish is hungry for more devotional prayer and worship of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Because of this, St. Jude is offering additional times of adoration on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Tuesdays each month.

Exposition will take place immediately before the normally scheduled Tuesday evening Confessions. Adoration and devotions will continue during and after the Sacrament of Penance, concluding with Benediction.

Make plans to bolster your prayer life with this mid-week opportunity for confession and worship of our Eucharistic Lord this month on April 22, and April 29, beginning at 7 pm.

BEREAVEMENT MEETING:

Monday April 21st will be the next Bereavement Meeting at 7:30pm in the new building. New members are always welcome to this ministry of caring.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE:

Please remember in your prayers Florence Patterson, Robert Zahnies, Robert Feist and Marian Riga, who have recently died.

CLASSIC MOVIE NIGHT:

St. Jude will host a 'classic' movie night for our older audience on Thursday, May 22nd in the undercroft at 7:00p.m. There will be more details to follow but for now mark your calendars and plan on attending.

Parish Contribution Envelopes:

Envelopes should be mailed in the next week, if for some reason you don't receive yours please contact the parish office as soon as possible. This way we can track any problem that occurs. Thanks for your help

Bundle Sunday:

Just a quick note to remind everyone that St. Vincent de Paul's Bundle Sunday will be on Saturday the 3rd of May and Sunday the 4th of May. The truck will be open at 8:00 AM both days and close at 6:00 PM on Saturday and 2:00 PM on Sunday. If you have a donation of a large furniture item we suggest you call St. Vincent de Paul directly and have the item picked at your home. The phone number to call is 421-CARE (2273). Thank you for your donations to St. Vincent de Paul.

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.

THIRD ANNUAL FAMILY ROSARY RALLY:

Sunday, May 18th @ 2:00 p.m. at Elder High School Stadium. Music, Rosary, Benediction
Lasting about 1hr. Free parking, Handicap Access to Stadium

VOCATIONS VIEWS:

Something to Consider: "How can we know the way?" Jesus shows us the way. Believe and He will do great works in you. (John 10:1-10)

Fast Fact: Chatfield College in Brown County, Ohio is named for Julia Chatfield, an influential Ursuline nun. Chatfield College also has a campus at Findlay Market in downtown Cincinnati.

On the Web: www.oldenburgfranciscans.org - Sisters of St. Francis of Oldenburg, IN

Priesthood Ordination: Saturday, May 17, 2008 at 11:00 am at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral in Cincinnati three transitional deacons (Jason Bedel from St. Martin - Cheviot, Ryan Ruiz from St. Mary – Urbana, and Ed Pratt from Holy Family - Middletown) will be ordained priests for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Remember these men in your prayers.

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

Written by Rev. Mr. Ed Pratt, V Theology, Mt. St. Mary's of the West Seminary

A New Deacon in the Family:

Parishioner Marty Bachman, son of Vern and Judy Bachman will be ordained to the transitional diaconate on Saturday, April 26 during an 11 am Mass at St. Peter-in-Chains Cathedral. This is one of the final steps in Marty's journey to the priesthood, which, God willing, will lead to his priestly ordination in May, 2009.

During his final year at the seminary, Marty will have the faculties of a Deacon, which will allow him to proclaim the Gospel and serve as Deacon at Mass; and administer the sacraments of Baptism and Marriage. We look forward to Deacon Marty being with us at many Masses and celebrations in the coming year.

After the 8:30 Mass next weekend, the Vocations Committee will serve coffee, juice, and doughnuts to honor the new Deacon and give parishioners the opportunity to share their personal congratulations.

Parish Vocations Kit Sign-Ups:

Support vocations and bolster your family prayer life by having the 'Vocations Kit' in your home for a week. The Vocations Kit contains a crucifix, candles, prayer guides, rosaries, and other holy helpers to help your household pray that more men and women respond to the call to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated religious life. Sign up for the Vocations Kit by calling Mary Ellen Kreutzer at 574-0895 or e-mail mek574@aol.com.

Prayer for Priestly and Religious Vocations:

O Holy Spirit, Spirit of wisdom and divine love, impart Your knowledge, understanding, and counsel to youth that they may know the vocation wherein they can best serve God. Give them courage and strength to follow God's holy will. Guide their uncertain steps, strengthen their resolutions, shield their chastity, fashion their minds, conquer their hearts, and lead them to the vineyards where they will labor in God's holy service. Amen.

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PTO NEWS:

"Volunteers don't necessarily have the time, but they have the heart."

The goal of the St. Jude PTO is simple: Create a better school and promote increased educational values for our children. The PTO has helped create an atmosphere where the principal and teachers can accomplish their instructional goals and objectives. The result: our children have the highest opportunity to achieve their highest potential.

As the end of the school year approaches, it is a time of transition for a few of the PTO board members. These positions include President, Vice President and Corresponding Secretary. We are passionate about the mission of the PTO. However, term limits outlined in the by-

laws require some of us to pass the baton. It is time for others to accept the challenge and bring new energy, excitement, and ideas to the board.

We realize a first reaction may be “I do not have time.” It may seem overwhelming at first, but there are other board members, past members, and wonderful parents willing to help at all times. The support of the St. Jude community has been and is amazing. It will be a new challenge, but with a plan, strategy, organization skills and the support from friends and family, you can make it happen. Volunteers are the precious resource and lifeblood of St. Jude School. The contributions and good work of the PTO must continue for our school to continue to progress.

There are so many good reasons to get involved. Most can be summarized in three words: Make a difference.

Affect the learning success of the children of St. Jude,
Support our teachers and principal who affect the lives of our kids every day, Have fun getting to know and work with new people.

Please consider this opportunity to contribute to the success of St. Jude. If you have any questions, please call Kim Cole (574-8801;kimberly.cole@53.com)or Chris Hoferer 941-2149 tomhof@fuse.net).

MERCY ICE CREAM SOCIAL:

Mother of Mercy invites all 7th grade girls and their parents to an ice cream social Tuesday, April 22nd from 7:00 to 8:30p.m. to reserve your space call 661-2740.

BINGO WORKERS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 25th: Dan Meade, Dan Kuderer, Tim Rhoads, Tom Tressler, Laura & Randy Culman, Glen Jarvis, Chris Shewmaker, Jay Dennis, Mark Knue, Ken Heckman, Ray Wellbrock, Kay watts and Linda Morgan. CALLER: Dan Meade

SERVERS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 21st:

Monday-	6:30 a.m. Breanna Brunsman, Kelsey Kurzhals
Tuesday-	8:15 a.m. Christopher Walters, Jacob Tiernan
Wednesday-	8:15 a.m. Emma Powell, Corbin Jasper
Thursday-	8:15 a.m. Nick Kroger, Johnny Lane
Friday-	8:15 a.m. Emily Wagner, Natalie Phipps
Saturday-	8:30 a.m. Jacob Hoferer, Max Hammersmith
	4:30 p.m. Samantha Florimonte, Courtney Reder, Cheyenne Martinez
Sunday-	8:30a.m. Greta Busche, Sara Auciello, Emily Helbling
	11:00a.m.Sam Schultz, Brady Schultz, Tom Elder

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:

MONDAY-April 21

- 2:30 8th Grade Girl Scouts (mr 3)
- 7:00 Rosary
- 7:30 Bereavement Ministry (mr 1)
- 7:30 St. Vincent (mr 2)

TUESDAY-April 22

- 2:30 5th Grade Girl Scouts (café)
- 6:00 2nd Grade Brownies (café)
- 7:00 Confessions
- 7:30 Boy Scouts (café)

Wednesday-April 23

- COSI All Day (old Gym)
- 11:30 Legion of Mary (mr)
- 1:00 Seniors (mr)
- 6:00 Market Day Pick Up (U)
- 6:30 Daisy Troop (U)
- 7:00 8th Grade Girl Scouts (U)
- 7:00 Finance Meeting (mr 1)
- 7:30 Adult Choir (music Rm)
- 7:45 Shepherds

THURSDAY-April 24

- COSI All Day (old Gym)
- 9:00 Women's Prayer (Kitchen)
- 2:30 4th Grade Girl Scouts (café)

FRIDAY-April 25

- NO SCHOOL
- 9:15 Exposition
- 7:00 Bingo

SATURDAY-April 26

- 7:00 Men's Prayer (mr)
- 7:00 Women's Prayer (U)
- 3:30 confessions

SUNDAY-April 27

- 10:55 Preschool (S)
- 1:00 Baptism

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

MONDAY-April 21

6:30 – Priest Intention

TUESDAY-April 22

8:15 – Lucy Hennigen-Alan & Margie Burke

WEDNESDAY-April 23

8:15 – Marie Meiners-Larry, Martha, Jenny, Krista and Matt

THURSDAY-April 24

8:15 – George Guenther- Anniv rem-Family

FRIDAY-April 25

8:15 – John Mittlehauser-Dana & Dick Brauns

SATURDAY-April 26

8:30 – Fred Bengal-Birth Rem-family

4:30 – Living and deceased of the parish

SUNDAY-April 27

8:30 – **John Schraml-Joan Schraml**

11:00 – Carl Schwarz-40th Anniv Rem-Family

HONOR ROLL:

La Salle High School-First Honors-Nicholas Bachus, Elliott Ross.

SETON HIGH SCHOOL-First Honors-Morgan Pennekamp. **Second Honors**- Arianne Krekeler, Lynn Jennings.

MOTHER of MERCY HIGH SCHOOL-First Honors-Katherine Dowling, Terese Ostendorf, Katelyn Bachus, Gabrielle Coors, Kari Hetzel, Karina Kurzhals, Kelly O'Brien, Elaine Simpson, Abbey Driskell, Jenna Beall, Megan Glankler, Michelle Keller, Allison Rellar and Alyson Schneider. **Second Honors**-Alexa Benjamin, Allison Cremering, Jordan Hayhow, Kassandra Kurzhals, Madeline Meinhardt, Kaitlyn Miller, Michelle Peterman, Melissa Rapien, Kimberly Schloemer, Alexis Schmitz, Morgan Wagner, Emily Wellbrock, Olivia Meinhardt, Erin O'Brien, Maria Ricke, Samantha Theders, Kristen Spicker, Elizabeth Stalf, Anna Winter, Emma Blake, Katlin Frimming, Jennifer Horn, Mary Kenning, Maria Schmitz and Allison Siemer.

BOOSTER NEWS:

BULLDOG BASKETBALL – SUMMER SKILLS CAMP – For boys and girls basketball players currently in 4th through 8th grades. St. Jude will be holding a summer long skills camp Monday and Friday mornings in the new gym from 10am – 1pm. Camp begins Friday, June 13th and ends July 25th. Come work on individual skills this summer to improve your game.

Guest instructors include Joe Schoenfeld, head coach at Elder High School. Camp cost is \$20 (not included in the family plan, separate fee), which includes a camp T-shirt. Sign-ups will be April 20th in the undercroft following 11:00 am Mass. Specific camp times will be based on the number of sign-ups. Any questions, please contact John Dressman at j_dressman@yahoo.com. This camp is not intended to take the place of any high school or other camp players want to attend

Fall Sports Sign Ups:

Reminder - Fall Sports Sign Ups are Sunday, April 20, 2008 after 11:00 Mass in the Undercroft. The sports holding signups are Football (K-8), Soccer (1-8), Cheerleading (K-8), Golf (Boys 7-8) and Girl's Volleyball (4th-8th) the sign up form can be downloaded from http://www.stjudebridgetown.org/boosters/stj_sports_form.pdf.

The Girls 5th & 6th B basketball team came in 2nd Place in the Mercy Championship on Monday, April 14 to Our Lady of Visitation 11-10. The girls showed their poise as Visitation jumped out to an 11-6 lead early in the 3rd quarter and then the team shut down Visi's offense and closed the gap to a last second shot that didn't fall the Bulldogs' way. This loss ended a fun 11-game winning streak. The 13 wins and 4 losses. Lady Bulldogs have 2 more games to end the season. Congratulations go to Kirby Sullivan, Sydney Loebker, Taylor Maas, Lillie Williams, Abby Lamping, Brooke Benjamin, Shelby Mitchell and Hannah Sheehan. The coaches are Larry Loebker, Brian Lamping and Dan Mitchell.

St. Jude Festival 2008 - It Takes Everyone!

6 weeks to go and a good opportunity to highlight some changes to the festival for 2008.

First and foremost, we're a week later than usual so mark your calendars if you haven't already - June 6th, 7th and 8th for the mother of all festivals! We have several Gold and Silver Level sponsors this year highlighted by this year's festival headliner, JTM. For sponsor info, contact Ben Stauss at bstauss4@yahoo.com.

The Bid-n-Buy team has been working on some upgrades to the items up for bid. Vacation condos, patio sets, sporting events, home electronics...hold that purchase and do it in the form of a donation to the parish. Look in the bulletin next week for a flyer with details.

The Grand Raffle has a new option for the lucky winner. The winning ticket in 2008 has the option of \$10,000 cash, a Harley XL1200N or an all inclusive trip for two to the 2009 Masters Golf Tournament. Tickets will be sent home next week in the Wednesday envelope and also mailed home to families w/o school kids. And don't forget the pre-Grand Slam raffle tickets for sale after church every week...250 chances sold. \$100 each for a chance at \$10,000 (and a second place prize of \$1000).

The big white tent of years past won't be there this year. Mother Nature doesn't scare us (but we are accepting all prayers for good weather!).

The very attractive and sensory pleasing path to the festival from the ballfields that led you past the dumpster and port-o-lets is redesigned. In its place, we're offering five booths to vendors. Think Homearama's vendor tent on a reduced scale. (There are a couple slots left...call/e-mail Tom Hoferer (tomhof@fuse.net) or Dan Cole (dancole1962@yahoo.com) for more info).

Musical entertainment on Friday night by the "Sullivan Janszen Band" and on Saturday from "One Night Stand." The UC Bearcat Caravan will be bringing their football toss to the kids lot on Friday. WGRR will be on site Sunday afternoon.

A few new games and attractions: Left-Center-Right on the main ground, karaoke for the youngsters on the upper lot and a competition obstacle course to challenge kids of all ages. There is a unique sponsorship available for the obstacle course. This is a sure fire attraction for kids and parents and your banner would have exclusive exposure to those eyes on the upper lot. E-mail Ben Stauss if interested at bstauss4@yahoo.com.

That all being said...we have a few needs. For set-up, we need to rent a lift with a bucket extension or "boom.": If you have access to such equipment or can help us get a reduced rental, let us know. We still need volunteers to help in the Money Room as well as a Monte Carlo banker. And a few kids booths need staffed. The more people that help, the easier it becomes for the entire team. Give us a call or shoot an e-mail to Tom or Dan.

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 to 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.

ST. JUDE ATHLETIC BOOSTER ORGANIZATION
Open Positions for the 2008-2009 Season

OFFICERS

The officers of the Boosters are elected positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. All officers will be elected members. They will be elected to one two (2) year term.

Duties of the Secretary

The Secretary is responsible for all records of the Boosters (except financial books kept by the Treasurer); records the minutes of all regular and, if applicable, Executive Committee meetings; and handles all correspondence pertinent to the Booster's operations. The Secretary is to provide monthly Booster Meeting Minutes to the Publicity Chairperson for posting on the St. Jude Website.

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

The officials are appointed by the elected officials as their term expires. The length of a term is two years.

Duties of the Fund Raising Director

The Fund Raising Director is responsible for the overall all fund raising events conducted by the Boosters; presides over committees appointed by him/her to conduct these events; and reports results of these events to the membership. Fund Raising Director in conjunction with each Sport Coordinator will ensure that appropriate fundraising events are capture to help subsidize sport expenses if necessary.

Duties of the Athletic Director

The Athletic Director will work with the Treasurer to maintain the use of a Vendor's List for purchasing. The Athletic Director will ensure that Coordinators provide and comply with a budget for all purchases. The Athletic Director will also enforce the guidelines surrounding uniform colors (True Red and Athletic Gold). The Athletic Director is responsible for purchasing equipment and uniforms for all teams, maintenance of such property, and inventories of same.

Duties of the Field Director

The Field Director and his/her committee is responsible for maintaining/improving the field, field equipment and field structures by providing a budget for this purpose, and reporting activities to the Executive Committee. The Field Director is responsible for all scheduling of field usage by working with Coordinators using the fields. The Field Director in conjunction with the Field Sport Coordinators is responsible to communicate schedules on the St. Jude

Website. The Field Director adheres to Parish Sport Field usage rules and has total authority to close the fields for inclement weather or other unplayable conditions.

Duties of the Gym Director

The Gym Director and his/her committee is responsible for maintaining and improving the gym, working with Coordinators to provide a budget for this purpose, and reporting activities to the Executive Committee. The Gym Director is responsible for all scheduling of gym usage by working with Coordinators using the gym. The Gym Director in conjunction with the Gym Sport Coordinators is responsible to communicate schedules on the St. Jude Website. The Gym Director adheres to Parish Sport Gym usage rules and has total authority to close the gym for scheduled maintenance and/or parish approved events.

Duties of the Governing Director

The Governing Director and his/her committee is responsible for enforcement of our St. Jude Booster Constitution and Code of Conduct. The Governing Director is responsible to investigate and communicate all finding to the Executive Committee and Pastor. The Governing Director is responsible to adhere and maintain the Code of Conduct. A Governing Committee may be formed to assist in making updates and/or develop written procedures in the Code of Conduct for the disposition of complaints of misconduct and/or other grievances. Any amendments to the Code of Conduct must be approved by the Executive Committee.

COORDINATOR & SUPPORTING SPORT POSITIONS

Track Coordinator

The Track Coordinator and his/her committee is responsible for the St. Jude Track Program, selection of coaches, sign-ups and any try-out guidelines, balance a budget, and adhere to St. Jude Booster Constitution, Code of Conduct and League Guidelines.

Boys Basketball Coordinator

The Boys Basketball Coordinator and his/her committee is responsible for the St. Jude Boys Basketball Program, selection of coaches, sign-ups and any try-out guidelines, balance a budget, and adhere to St. Jude Booster Constitution, Code of Conduct and League Guidelines.

Concessions (Basketball, Volleyball, Baseball, and Softball are needed)

Supports all sports by running Concession Program and are responsible for the Inventory of items and the opening and closing. Work closely with Sport Coordinators for the scheduling of Volunteers.

To apply for any of these positions submit an email to [st.judebridgetown.org/Athletic Boosters](mailto:st.judebridgetown.org/Athletic_Boosters).