

| <u>COLLECTIONS:</u> | <u>Collected</u> | <u>Expected</u> | <u>Variance</u> |
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| Week of April 26 th | \$ 13,629 | \$ 15,000 | (\$ 1,371) |
| Fiscal Year to Date (July 07- June 08) | \$758,647 | \$690,000 | \$68,647 |

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| Monday – | Acts 19: 1-8 Jn 16: 29-33 |
| Tuesday – | Acts 20: 17-27 Jn 17: 1-11 |
| Wednesday – | Acts 20: 28-38 Jn 17: 11-19 |
| Thursday – | Acts 22: 30, 23: 6-11 Jn 17: 20-26 |
| Friday – | Acts 25: 13-21 Jn 21: 15-19 |
| Saturday – | Acts 28: 16-20, 30-31 Jn 21: 20-25 |
| Sunday – | Acts 2: 1-11 1 Cor 12: 3-7, 12-13 An 20: 19-23 |

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

After listening to the request of some members of the finance committee, and attending a workshop sponsored by the archdiocese, we are now offering to our parishioners, the ability to make donations online through the use of a credit card or an electronic fund transfer (EFT). It's an easy, convenient and safe way to make your Sunday offerings. You may make a one time contribution or set it up the way you usually donate; weekly, monthly, or annually.

Initially I was opposed to this idea for a couple of reasons, but the primary reason was theological. The act of taking out your wallet each Sunday and placing your envelope/money in the collection basket is not simply so that we can pay our bills; it is rather an act of giving to God. In the middle ages it was not money that was collected, but the food that was grown by the people, or the goods that they made by their hands to support the church. Today the 'goods' that are made by the people is money, that supports the church that is collected and brought forward. And like every act during Mass it is offered to God. So my initial concern was that through the electronic giving, there may not be the conscious act of giving to God during Mass. In other words, the basket is passed by without a single thought of giving to God, because the practical thought of, 'this is already taken care of electronically' exists. So to remedy this fear we have placed on the next set of church envelopes, a box that you can check marked, "electronic contribution." We ask you to check this box and place an empty envelope in the basket, if you are using e-giving. This will serve several purposes. One it will assist us in keeping track of your contributions for end of the year tax purposes. Secondly, if you are a school family then it allows us to keep track of the number of weeks for tuition rates. But primarily for the reason stated above, and that is the conscious act of giving to God at Mass.

Blessings,

Fr. Eric

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Please remember in your prayers Donald Stevens and Urban Taphorn, who have recently died.

ATTENTION PSR SECOND GRADERS

FIRST COMMUNION PICTURES ARE HERE AND MAY BE PICKED UP AT THE CHURCH OFFICE BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9:00 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.

WEDDING BANNES 2nd TIME

Tiffany Swigert of St. Jude and Joe Sparhawk of St. Jude.

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 Thursday, May 8th. Come and be prayed over for physical, emotional or spiritual healing: or stand in for those unable to attend. Questions, call Sue Fruegiger @ 451-2162 or Fr. Bolte @ 921-9200.

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE

The 8th grade class is having a flower sale to benefit our St. Jude family, the Bakers. Flowers will be sold during lunchtime 11:30-1:00p.m. May 8th and 9th.

CLASSIC MOVIE NIGHT--UPDATE

On Thursday May 22nd at 7pm St. Jude is proud to present our first Classic Movie night for adults. Our movie selection is the classic *Father Goose*. Father Goose is a fantastic movie that takes place during the early days of World War II in the South Pacific where "Walter Eckland (Grant) is coerced by his old friend, Commander Frank Houghton (Howard), into becoming a coast-watcher for the Allies. Later, Houghton finds a replacement. The only problem is, Walter has to retrieve him from a nearby island in enemy-infested waters. When Walter goes there in a dinghy, he unexpectedly finds Frenchwoman Catherine Frenau (Caron) and seven young schoolgirls under her care stranded there. She informs him that the man he came for was killed in an air-raid. He reluctantly takes them back with him. And this is where the real fun begins." So plan on joining us on Thursday May 22nd in the undercroft at 7pm to see this classic Cary Grant and Leslie Caron film. We will provide the popcorn and drinks will be \$1.

LIVING ROSARY

On May 7th, at 7:30 p.m. St. Jude will be having the Living Rosary in church. The speaker that evening will be Fr. Eric.

NEW MEMBERS IN CHRIST

Josephine Nakoya Weber daughter of Jerry and Kelley Dulaney Weber.

Alyssa Marie Grote daughter of Jeff and Colleen Kenney Grote.

Lydia Grace Johnson daughter of Mark and Jenifer Panaro Johnson.

James Patrick Kelly Jr. son of James and Amy Schroeder Kelly.

Tyler Daniel Haarmeyer son of Daniel and Maria Vollman Haarmeyer.

GOT YOUR BACK, JACK - BOWLING EVENT

Benefitting the Susie Baker Family, whom are members of our parish. Stump's Bowling Lanes Saturday, May 10th. 7:15 p.m. Registration Bowling, Door Prizes, Grab Bags, Raffles, LCR. Plenty of games and fun for Non-Bowlers as well! \$25 per Bowler (2 games 9 pin no tap format) \$10 for Non-bowlers Please come out for some fun and help support Susie and her family's Fight against cancer. If you would like to preregister, have any questions, or wish to donate items for the event please contact: Greg Carpenter :368-3755 (carp24@cinci.rr.com) or Jay Schuermann: 319-3234 (jschuermann@fuse.net) Monetary Donations can also be mailed to: St. Jude Church 5924 Bridgetown Road Cincinnati, Ohio 45248 Attn: Ken Schultz/Baker Family Fund.

God Bless You! The Jack Schuermann Family

SPRING TIME IS HERE

St. Jude Boy Scout Troop 871 Annual Flower sale is to be held on the following weekends. May 3rd & 4th and May 10th & 11th. There will be a large variety of hanging baskets and annuals available both weekends just in time for spring planting and Mother's Day. Please come out and support our boys.

SOPHIE MEINHARDT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

On April 23, the following 7th grade students were each awarded a \$500 scholarship for the 2008-2009 school year at St. Jude: Johnny Lane, Angela Blake, Alex Wendling, and Sara Freking. Congratulations! Look for their award winning essays on www.sopiesangelrun.org soon. Sophie's Angel Run 2008 will take place on Sunday, September 28 at 1:00 in conjunction with St. Jude's Oktoberfest.

Online contributions:

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concerning this please contact the Parish Business Office.

ROSARY ALTAR INSTALLATION LUNCHEON...

Installation of Officers and Luncheon to be held Sunday May 18, at Kenning's Circle "K" Restaurant, 6166 Bridgetown Rd., following 11:00 a.m. Mass. Payment must accompany reservations - \$5 R/A members, \$15 for non-members. Prepaid reservations may be made by dropping an envelope marked "R/A Luncheon" in the Sunday collection basket, in the white box in the vestibule, bring it to the May meeting, or mail to Mrs. Irma Sand, 2729 Werkridge Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45248-3930. Deadline for reservations is Tuesday, May 13. **Reservations and/or cancellations cannot be accepted nor refunds issued after May 13.** For general information call Joyce Franz, 598-9643 or Irma Sand, 451-3640

ATTENTION LADIES

The Rosary Altar Society meeting is May 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the undercroft. Once again we will be treated to the beautiful and talented voices of our Children's Choir. They always provide us with an evening of great pleasure and we look forward to their performance this year. Following our business meeting, your hostess committee will provide you with pleasure of another genre; delicious homemade desserts. Bingo will close the evening. If you need transportation call our Transportation Coordinator, Mary Ann Standriff, 598-1024. We look forward to seeing you at this our last meeting before summer break. Until our next meeting in September, we wish you a safe and happy summer.

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

CUB SCOUT NEWS

There will be a SPRING SIGN-UP for Cub Scouts on Tuesday, May 13th, at 7pm in the parish center meeting room 3. There will be an informational session for new scouts... returning scouts can simply sign-up. Cost is \$40 for the Spring (will be \$45 in the Fall). There will be reps from the Boy Scouts of America available that night.

FOOD FOR THE BODY/FOOD FOR THE SOUL

The body needs a source of energy through out the day to exist. The soul has essential needs as well that needs to be nurtured. One way to nurture the soul is reading The Catholic Telegraph. Throughout the year, The Catholic Telegraph will keep you informed about our faith through stories that make up the fabric of our lives. These are your stories about your church. So subscribe today by calling (513)421-3131 ext496 and we'll sign you up immediately and bill you for \$24 for a year subscription. For food for the soul, read and subscribe to The Catholic Telegraph today.

The American Chronic Pain Association has formed a new Chapter in Bridgetown. If you

would like to learn to deal with your pain in a positive way and become a person and stop being a patient, come to one of our weekly support meetings. For more info contact Jill McNamara.

Additional Eucharistic Adoration

Beginning May 6, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed during Tuesday evening confessions, beginning at 7 pm. St. Jude also hosts Eucharistic adoration all day Friday, and celebrates more formal holy hours the 3rd and 4th Tuesday evenings each month. When there are 5 Tuesdays in a month, the 5th Tuesday celebration will feature praise-and-worship music.

MUSIC AND WORSHIP CORNER

Music Ministry Mass Schedule

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| 5/11 | 4:30 – Youth | 8:30 – Choir | 11:00 – Children |
| 5/18 | 4:30 – Cantor | 8:30 – Cantor | 11:00 – Choir |
| 5/25 | 4:30 – Cantor | 8:30 – Cantor | 11:00 – Choir |
| 6/1 | 4:30 – Children | 8:30 – Cantor | 11:00 – Choir |
| 6/8 | 4:30 – Choir | 8:30 – Cantor | 11:00 - Youth |

Hallelujah Chorus

At the 11:00 Mass this weekend, the adult choir is singing the ‘Hallelujah Chorus’ from G.F. Handel’s *Messiah*. The text from this familiar classic is drawn from three verses from the Book of Revelation: "Alleluia! The Lord has established his reign, God, the almighty." (Rev. 19:6); There were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world now belongs to our Lord and to his Anointed, and he will reign forever and ever." (Rev. 11:15); and He has a name written on his cloak and on his thigh, "King of kings and Lord of lords." (Rev. 19:16).

G.F. Handel took just 24 days to compose the epic-length *Messiah* oratorio in 1741. King George II is credited with establishing the tradition of standing when ‘Hallelujah’ is sung at a concert. It’s not certain why King George II stood at this point of the oratorio, though it’s speculated that he stood out of respect for the King of Kings; because he was so moved and inspired by the performance; because his gout was acting up; because he needed to stretch his

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.

BINGO WORKERS FOR FRIDAY, May 9th: Marsie Laine, Charm Siegel, Greg O’Brien, Lori Kraft, Sharon Brown, Patrick & Diane Wohlfrom, Mark Meinhardt, JoAnn Toepher, Sandy

Stauss and Mary Beth Wellbrock. CALLER: Tim Bley

AREA HAPPENINGS

St. Dominic Church Festival May 23rd 6-11p.m. May 24th 5-11p.m.
May 25th 3-11p.m.

St. Antoninus Cub Scout Pack 614 its 3rd Annual Car show Saturday, May 17th (rain date: 5/24) School parking lot 9:00-3:00p.m.

St. Joseph Cemetery will host the annual lot owners meeting Monday, May 19th 4:00p.m.

Memorial Day Mass celebration will held Monday, May 26th at St. Joseph & St Mary Cemeteries at 11:00a.m.

SERVERS FOR THE WEEK OF May 5th

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| Monday- | 6:30 a.m. Bradley Newell, Max Hammersmith |
| Tuesday- | 8:15 a.m. Breanna Brunsman, Lillie Williams |
| Wednesday- | 8:15 a.m. Luke Stowe Bradley Newell |
| Thursday- | 8:15 a.m. Brooklynn Sturwold, Holly Meyer |
| Friday- | 8:15 a.m. Alex Singler, Alex Wendling |
| Saturday- | 8:30 a.m. Jenni Bessler, Baylee carswell |
| | 4:30p.m. Nathan Moorman, Mitchell Harter, Jacob Hoferer |
| Sunday- | 8:30a.m. William Coors, Eric Schneider, Jonathan Boiman |
| | 11:00a.m. Blaise Weber, Nicholas Duke, Nick Kroger |

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY-May 5

7:00 Rosary
7:30 Worship Comm (mr 1)
7:30 St. Vincent de Paul (mr 2)

TUESDAY-May 6

6:15 1st Grade Brownies (café)
7:00 Confessions
7:30 Boy Scouts (café)
7:45 Education Comm (mr 1)

Wednesday-May 7

11:30 Legion of Mary (mr)
1:00 seniors (mr)
2:30 7th Grade Girl Scouts (café)
6:15 3rd Grade Brownies (café)
7:30 Living Rosary

7:30 Adult Choir (music rm)
7:45 Shepherds

THURSDAY-May 8

9:00 Women's Prayer (Kitchen)
2:30 4th Grade Girl Scout (café)
8:00 Boosters (U)

FRIDAY-May 9

9:15 Exposition
2:30 6th grade Girl Scouts (café)
7:00 Bingo

SATURDAY-May 10

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

SUNDAY-May 11

10:55 Preschool (S)
1:00 Baptism

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY-May 5

6:30 –Priest Intention

TUESDAY-May 6

8:15 –Catherine Schott-Theresa Schneider

WEDNESDAY-May 7

8:15 –Catherine Meyer-Bud

THURSDAY-May 8

8:15 –Anna Kruse-Vern & Judy Bachman

FRIDAY-May 9

8:15 –In Thanksgiving for Linda Meyer-Family

SATURDAY-May 10

8:30 –Betty Beckman-Rosary Altar
4:30 –Pauline Schrand-Birth Rem-Family

SUNDAY-May 11

8:30 –Dianna Leinen & Joseph Kneip-Eldon & Donna
11:00 –Living & Deceased of the parish

Respect Life – Human Life Exalted

Jesus prayed on the night before he died, "Father, give me the glory I had with you before the world began." How is the glory he has in the Ascension different from the glory he had "before the world began?" It differs only in that now, he has it in a human nature. Our humanity has been taken to the heights of heaven, fulfilling the destiny God intended for

human life from the beginning. Revelation 3:21 declares, "To the one who gains the victory, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne." God's plan for us is not just that we will gather around the throne or fall down before the throne, but that we will sit with him on the throne!

This hope extended to the human family by the Gospel is directly contradicted when the same human beings destined for the heights of heaven are attacked by violence, degraded in their dignity, or put to death by things like abortion. The human nature Jesus brings to glory in the Ascension is the same human nature you and I share, and the same human nature that the babies in the womb share. Celebrating the Ascension in daily life means treating each human life as one destined to sit with Christ on his throne.

Reprinted from www.priestsforlife.org

VOCATIONS VIEWS

Something to Consider: Jesus summons us to spread the faith through the grace of baptism. You are being called to share your gifts. (Mt 28:16-20)

On the Web: www.emergingmodels.org The Emerging Models of Ministry project.

Thank You: The largest percentage of your gifts to the annual Catholic Ministries Appeal (formerly the Archbishop's Fund Drive) goes to support our priests—past, present and future. Your donations fund seminary education, clergy retirement and priestly ministry at hospitals, college campuses and retreat centers.

Want to know more about Priestly/Religious Formation? Talk to Father Eric about the Athenaeum of Ohio/Mount Saint Mary's Seminary, or contact the Cincinnati Vocations office (vocations@catholiccincinnati.org or 513/421-3131).

Remember in Prayer: Brian Phelps (home parish St. Ann's, Groesbeck), a seminarian at Mt. St. Mary's studying for priesthood for the Diocese of Cincinnati. Pray for all discerning God's call.

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

Prayer for Priestly and Religious Vocations: O Father, raise up among Christians abundant and holy vocations to the priesthood, who keep the faith alive and guard the blessed memory of your Son Jesus through the preaching of his word and the administration of the Sacraments, with which you continually renew your faithful.

Grant us holy ministers of your altar, who are careful and fervent guardians of the Eucharist, the sacrament of the supreme gift of Christ for the redemption of the world. Call ministers of your mercy, who, through the sacrament of Reconciliation, spread the joy of your forgiveness.

Grant, O Father, that the Church may welcome with joy the numerous inspirations of the Spirit of your Son and, docile to His teachings, may she care for vocations to the ministerial priesthood and to the consecrated life. Sustain the Bishops, priests and deacons, consecrated men and women, and all the baptized in Christ, so that they may faithfully fulfill their mission at the service of the Gospel. This we pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mary, Queen of Apostles, pray for us.

Pope Benedict XVI

HONOR ROLL

St. Xavier—First Honors- Gregory Bellman, Jacob Burkhart, Nathaniel DeMeo, Louis Kern, Ian Kerr, Brandon Kist, Alexander Rahe, Jonathan Ruther, Steven Schott, Michael Siemer, Robert Stinson and Bryan Walsh. **Second Honors-** Andrew DeZarn, Brian McCullough, Robert McCullough, Mitchell Schultz, Nicholas Siemer and Jacob Smith.

BOOSTER NEWS

BULLDOG BASKETBALL SUMMER SKILLS CAMP SIGN-UPS - It is not too late to sign up for the summer skills camp. I will be accepting registration forms (available on the Boosters' website) until May

12th; cost is \$20, a separate fee from the family plan or sports sign up fees. Checks payable to St. Jude Boosters. Please send forms to John Dressman, 3939 Von Rissen Ct., Cleves, Ohio, 45002 or drop off forms on May 12th at the concession stand at Field #1 between 6:30 and 8:00pm. Any questions e-mail me at j_dressman@yahoo.com.

FINAL FALL SPORTS SIGN UPS - The final Fall Sports Sign Up for 2008-2009 School year will be Thursday, May 8th, from 7:00-8:00 PM in the Undercroft. The Fall sports covered by this sign up are Soccer (1st-8th grade), Football (K-8th Grade), Girl's Volleyball (4th - 8th grade), Golf (Boys 7th & 8th grade), and Cheerleading (K-8). Fees are \$45.00 per sport, or \$360.00 for the Family Plan, which covers eight (8) sports sign ups. There is also a \$25.00 Booster Fee per family, which is payable now, even if your family is not playing any fall sports.

MAY BOOSTER MEETING - come join us on May 8, 2008 at 8:00 pm in the Undercroft for our monthly Booster meeting. It is election night for the new Booster Board and a chance to say a big "Thank You" to some departing members. Please plan on attending and casting your vote and saying " Thank You" for the impact the departing members have had on our parish!

Girls Basketball: Congratulations to the 5/6 A team for finishing second in the Mercy tournament. The team defeated Visitation, St. Al's, and St. Dominic before losing a fourth quarter lead to fall to St. Ignatius in the title game. Team members include: Haley Dannemiller, Emma Hatch, Julia Kennedy, Hannah Kern, Nicole Mielke, Courtney Reder, Katie Spurlock, and Brooklynn Sturwold. The team is coached by Julie Dalton and Brian Hatch.

Girls Basketball: Congratulations to the 5/6 B1 team for finishing as League Champions in the GWAC. The Lady Bulldogs clawed their way to a 9-1 season record, defeating Visitation on their home court on Sunday in what amounted to a showdown for first place. Team members include: Allie Ramsey, Katie Kerr, Elaine Niehauser, Emma Bley, Erica Stowe, Erika Schmitt, Kelsea Schloemer, Delaney Greiner and Lindsey Schumann. The team is coached by Tim Bley, Scott Greiner and Mike Schmitt.

Girls' Volleyball: St. Jude is hosting a girl's summer volleyball camp for incoming grades 3rd through 8th. Saint Jude players will receive a \$10 discount on their individual registration. This camp is open to the public, so register ASAP since space is limited. P.S. Please note that the instructional girl's volleyball league in November this year will be offered for 4th graders AND 3rd graders ... IF we can get enough coaches to cover all teams. Please spread the word about this new opportunity for 3rd graders and let me know if you are interested in coaching.

CAMP INFO ...

Located at St. Jude gymnasium 4- Day camp on July 28th, 29th, 31st & August 1st 3rd and 4th grade (instructional) 5:00-6:00PM the first three days and 4:00-5:00PM on August 1st 5th & 6th (Intermediate level) and 7th & 8th (competitive level of play) 6:00-8:00PM the first three days 5:00-7:00PM on August 1st

Five Star is offering a clinic on Sat. August 2nd from 9-12 and Sunday, August 3rd from 1-4 at Our Lady of Victory for those who have conflicts or if the above camp is filled. For more info contact Betsy.

Cost: \$85.00 per player (grades 5-8) and \$35 (grades 3-4) which includes a t-shirt (checks payable to **Five Star Volleyball**) Only **18** openings per age group PLEASE SEE St. Jude Website, Volleyball page, for registration form. All openings are on a first come first served basis. Must register by **July 25th**. For more information or to reserve a spot, please contact Betsy Jones at 251-0809 or emo52980@yahoo.com. Mail registration to Betsy Jones, 5538 Gwendolyn Ridge, 45238.

**Parish Center
Capital Campaign Summary**

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| Total cost of construction | \$2,500,000 |
| Pledges collected to date | \$1,719,412 |
| Current loan outstanding | \$906,445 |
| Expected pledge collections | \$97,000 |

Thank you to the following who were new contributors to this project: Morgan Gerth, John & Julie Schoenlaub, Steven & Beverly Baum

We currently project that the loan on the Parish Center will be paid over the next 15 years at \$115,000 per year for principal and interest. These payments will be an incremental component of our parish operating budget.

The five year capital campaign pledge commitment period ends in July 2008. Subsequently, unless parishioners make additional payments toward this project, or new pledges are received, we currently anticipate collecting only \$97,000 more in pledges. We continue to work very hard at collecting all pledges, and we provide new parishioners the opportunity to provide financial support to the parish center and capital campaign. All pledges collected will be used to reduce the principal on the loan, reducing the number of years that loan payments will be made. We hope to continue to obtain funds from existing and new families and reduce the number of years we have remaining on the loan.

If you have questions, please contact Ken Schultz @ 598-2103 or Dan Cole @ 574-8801