

Monday, February 26 – Lenten Weekday
Nothing scheduled

Tuesday, February 27 – Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. for religious vocations

Wednesday, February 28 – Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. for mentally ill

Thursday, March 1 – Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. Paul Wongroski (one month)

Friday, March 2 – Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. for peace

Saturday, March 3
5 p.m. Russell Roth

Sunday, March 4 – Third Sunday of Lent
8 a.m. William & Suzanne O'Neil
10:30 a.m. Gilbert Kirsch
1 p.m. for the people of God



Saturday, March 3– 5 p.m.
Greeters: Nancy Hill & Deb Oswald
Musicians:
Proclaimer: Carl Hill
Servers: Leigh Morris & Ann Spieles
Comm. Ministers: Dolores & Jim Spieles
Ushers: Team #1 (Paul Murphy, Jean LaFountain, Don Davis, Dick Alig)

Sunday, March 4 – 8 a.m.
Greeters: Lisa & Steve Pursel
Musicians:
Proclaimer: Sue Restivo
Servers: Nick Barone, Olivia Gigax, Madie Hasapes
Comm. Ministers: Sue Creps, Rhoda & Tom May
Ushers: Team #3 (Louis Buckenmeyer & Mel Augustyniak)

Sunday, March 4 – 10:30 a.m.
Greeters: Rose & Matea DeLeon
Musicians:
Videographer: Eric Waldron
Children's leader: Toni Schindler
Proclaimer: Ann Flory
Servers: Mallorie & Madison Strauss, Nick Weigand
Comm. Minister: Grace Potter & Pam Weigand
Ushers: Team #5 (Mike Vasquez, Jim Miller, Nick Grabowski, Tracy Elson)

Communion for shut-ins: At home: Wauseon – Rhoda & Tom May;
Delta – Carol Keil; Fulton Manor & Heartland – Grace & Mike Potter
Church cleaning this week – Sharon Miller



Sunday, February 25

9 a.m. – Book study – Pope John XXIII Room
9 a.m. – R.C.I.A. – Youth Room
10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. -- Confirmation Retreat – whole building
5 p.m. – Spanish Stations - church

Tuesday, February 27

9 a.m. – Women's social time & Rosary – downstairs
5:30 p.m. – K. of C. – PLC, kitchen, South Wing

Wednesday, February 28

6 p.m. – New server training – church
6-6:50 p.m. – Games, open gym, supper – BH/PLC
7 p.m. – Book study – North Wing
7 p.m. – Parish & Life Teen penance service -- C
7 p.m. – Grade 8 – Pope John XXIII Room

Thursday, March 1

6:40 p.m. – Stations of the Cross -- church

Friday, March 2

12:05 p.m. – Ecumenical Lenten service – Christ United Methodist Church
4:30-7 p.m. – Fish fry – Parish Life Center & kitchen
5:30 p.m. – Spanish Bible study – North Wing

Sunday, March 4

9 a.m. – Grade 4 penance service -- church
9 a.m. – Book study – Pope John XXIII Room
9 a.m. – R.C.I.A. – Youth Room
4 p.m. – Guadalupe Society – North Wing
5 p.m. – Spanish Stations -- church

Do You Have a Soft Spot for Shut-ins?

We need one more person to take communion to shut-ins at the Wauseon nursing homes once a month. You don't need to be a Eucharistic minister currently. Interested? Please contact the parish office.



CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection for February 18		\$5,960.00
Envelopes & checks	\$5,514.00	
Loose cash	446.00	
<u>Roof fund</u>		\$138.00



The school shooting which occurred outside Fort Lauderdale in Florida on Ash Wednesday has prompted me to reflect on the use of social media and how we respond to people who make threats using these means (and in other

ways). The perpetrator of this crime had sent warning signals, and yet little was done (or was able to be done) about this. Schools and their staff members, just like those in our parish who work with youth, are required by law to report even suspicions that a minor has been sexually abused. Yet those who threaten violence often go unreported or not investigated. Fellow students may fear that they will be called “snitches” if they do that, or they may feel there is not a “safe” vehicle to express their concerns. Too often we dismiss these threats as child’s play. Even if some are, it only takes one serious one neglected to result in a tragedy.

Social media is never private. All of us who use these vehicles should be aware of that and conduct ourselves with respect in using these means of communication. In our country we value freedom of speech. But freedom of speech does not include the right to cry “Fire!” in a crowded building. In many ways, the quick development of social media has outpaced our ability to deal with issues related to its abuse. As a society we need to look at this. There are no simple solutions, but we must work on solutions on all levels: local, state and national. The fact that a young man with his history was able to pass a background check and (at the age of 18) buy such a weapon points to a weakness in our system, which needs to be addressed.

I would like to remind you that we will have Stations of the Cross this Thursday at 6:40 p.m. The following Thursday will be our Parish Mission. Since setup will be taking place, there will not be Stations; but I will be available for the Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation) at 6:30 p.m. in the back of Church.

Fr. Dave

Have Some Shoes—Any Condition—to Get Rid of?

The Knights of Columbus will be doing a Soles4Souls shoe collection again this year. Drop your unneeded shoes in the collection box located in the church vestibule. Any shoes—no matter the style or how worn or even if only a single shoe—are acceptable. The collection will end the weekend of March 24-25. Thank you for supporting this project.



El tiroteo que ocurrió afueras de Fort Lauderdale en el estado de la Florida el Miércoles de Ceniza me ha llevado a reflexionar sobre el uso de las redes sociales y cómo respondemos a la gente que amenaza usando estos medios (y de

otras maneras). El autor de este crimen había enviado señales de advertencia, sin embargo, muy poco fue tomado (o pudo ser tomado) en cuenta. Las escuelas y los miembros de sus equipos, justo como aquellos de nuestra parroquia que trabajan con los jóvenes, están requeridos por ley de reportar sospechas de que un menor ha sido abusado sexualmente. Pero, aquellos menores que amenazan con violencia muchas veces no son reportados o investigados. Sus compañeros pueden temer a que los señalen como “soplones” si los reportan. Además, piensan que no hay un lugar “seguro” para expresar sus preocupaciones. Muchas veces descartamos estas amenazas como juego de niños. Aún si algunas lo son; solo toma una seria, una descuidada, para resultar en una tragedia.

Las redes sociales nunca son privadas. Todos los que usamos estos vehículos, deberíamos tomar en cuenta eso y comportarnos respetuosamente cuando usemos estas formas de comunicación. En nuestro país realmente valoramos la libertad de expresión. Pero la libertad de expresión no incluye el derecho de gritar “¡Fuego!” en un edificio repleto de gente. De muchas maneras, la evolución rápida de las redes sociales nos ha dejado atrás en nuestra habilidad de lidiar con problemas relacionados a su abuso. Como sociedad, necesitamos analizar esto. No hay soluciones simples, pero debemos trabajar en soluciones a todos niveles: municipal, estatal y nacional. El hecho de que un joven con tal historial pudo pasar una verificación de antecedentes y (a la edad de 18 años) comprar tal arma, demuestra la vulnerabilidad en nuestro sistema y tiene que ser destacada.

Me gustaría recordarles que tendremos las Estaciones de la Cruz este jueves a las 6:40 p.m. El jueves siguiente, será nuestra Misión Parroquial. Como la preparación se llevará a cabo, no habrá Estaciones de la Cruz ese día. Pero, estaré disponible para el Sacramento de la Penitencia (Reconciliación) a las 6:30 p.m. en la parte trasera de la Iglesia.

Padre Dave

Something to Think about: Life is an open book full of blank pages. You write the story as you go.



You or a family member may need this service some day. If you'd like to give 1½ hours one day the week of March 12 to drive or take the meals into the Wauseon homes, please sign up in the vestibule no later than Sunday, March 4. Questions? Call Jim Spieles (419.335.4104).

Reminder on Lenten Practices

Catholics 14 years of age and older are expected to abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent. On Good Friday (March 30) Catholics 18-59 years of age are expected to fast as well. Fasting means taking one main meal and two small meals with no food in between.

Lenten Opportunities

*Stations of the Cross -- Thursdays at 6:40 p.m. (except March 8); Spanish Stations of the Cross Sundays at 5 p.m.

*Mass -- Tuesday through Friday at 8:30 a.m.

*Women pray the Rosary every Tuesday, at 9 a.m., downstairs; fellowship follows

*Ecumenical Lenten service -- each Friday, at 12:05 p.m., at Christ United Methodist Church (downtown Wauseon). Light lunch follows at 12:30 to accommodate people's lunch hour

*Parish mission -- Thursday, March 8, at 7 p.m. with Luminous Ministry (Carol and Kristen Kurivial)

Be a Pencil in God's hand. [Mother Teresa]

Mark Your Calendars for the Easter Party

On Sunday, March 25, the parent group will host an Easter party, which will coincide with a breakfast and plant sale. We'd love to see lots of people there.



If you'd like to help, candy donations are needed to put in the Easter eggs. Wrapped pieces of candy that would fit in an Easter egg work best. If you'd like to donate candy bags that don't include individually wrapped pieces, they'll be used for the prize baskets. The parent group also could use toys, books, and religious items to put in the prize baskets. Our church community is always so generous! Thank you for your help to make this event a success. You can donate items in the church vestibule, church office, or religious education office.

For Caregivers of Children and Adolescents with Emotional or Behavioral Problems

NAMI Four County is offering a free, five-week family mental health education class for parents or other family caregivers. The peer-led class starts Saturday, March 17, from 12-2:30 p.m., at St. Martin's Lutheran Church, Archbold. Each week's class focuses on different aspects. Registration by Monday, March 12 is required; contact Lisa Holley at 419.438.7384 or lholley1983@gmail.com.

To make the class more accessible, gas cards will be provided to participants who might not be able to afford to drive to Archbold. Free childcare will be offered on a limited basis if requested ahead of time.



Fish and Lent Go Together

This Friday our K. of C. will be serving all the fried and baked fish you can eat here from 4:30-7 p.m. The meals cost \$8.50 (ages 7-12, \$4.50; under 7 or 90 and over eat for free). Carryouts are available. St. Therese Rosary-Altar Circle will receive a portion of the proceeds and assist Team 1.

Religious Vocation Highlight

Did you know that half of the newer religious Sisters and Brothers have said that they were 17 or younger when they first considered a vocation to religious life? Do you have daughters/sons or grandchildren or nieces/nephews in this age range? Have you asked them if they've ever thought of becoming a Sister or Brother? If not, why not do so this week?

40 Days for Life Campaign

Catholic Charities is hosting the ecumenical campaign through March 25. Participate by prayer and fasting, community outreach, and/or peaceful vigil. You can sign up at www.40daysforlife.com/toledo to pray for an hour in front of Capital Care Network, the Toledo abortion clinic, 1160 W. Sylvania Ave.



Since the international 40 Days for Life Campaign began in 2007, over 750,000 volunteers in over 40 nations have stood in prayerful witness to the dignity of human life at abortion clinics. Over 14,000 lives have been saved, 170 abortion workers have quit their positions, and 90 abortion facilities have shut down! To learn more, email Peter Range at prange@toledodiocese.org.

Not So Different from Jesus' Time

In the average Catholic parish, 7% of the parishioners are doing just about everything. Jesus said to his disciples, "The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few." Apparently the data wasn't much different 2,000 years ago!

Some parish communities are more engaged and vibrant than others, but all of them are constantly looking for ways to get more people involved. Lent, Easter, and the events surrounding them just seem to be more appropriate opportunities to get involved.

Of course, Jesus is the reason for all seasons if you are a disciple of Jesus Christ. Also, the call to discipleship is about much more than just what happens in a church. It's about laboring in the fields every day of the year and in every aspect of our lives. The Good News of Jesus Christ is operative at all times in all places. If we are to truly be his disciples, then we will not only find ourselves in the mentioned 7%; but we also will find ourselves bringing that Good News into our workplaces, our schools, and our families. The bolder we are in witnessing to the truth about Jesus and the stronger we are in our stewardship, the greater the chance that others will see him as the reason for all seasons and they will help us raise that percentage in parish communities everywhere.

A Lenten Challenge: Invite one person to come with you to a seasonal event at your parish, particularly someone who has little family or friends in the area.

Just A Thought: Sympathy is two hearts tugging at one load.



IN SYMPATHY May Thomas Shope be cuddled in Jesus' loving arms. We extend our sympathy and prayers to parents Dustin and Antoinette Shope and brothers Joey and Wade on infant Thomas' death. Please remember them in your prayers, thoughts, and actions.

Napoleon St. Augustine Catholic School Pre-K and Kindergarten Open House

Visit classrooms on Sun., Mar. 11, from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Special education services, free kindergarten tuition for EdChoice qualifying students, affordable onsite morning care and aftercare are available as well as many other features. See flyers on bulletin boards for more details or call 419.592.3641.

Free Basic Tax Filing

You may qualify for free help in filing your federal, state and school district taxes if your individual income is \$65,000 or less. To schedule an appointment in Wauseon or Delta with Northwest Ohio Community Action Commission, call 419.784.2150 ext. 1129 or email taxes@nocac.org. Check for more information on the bulletin boards in the entrances.

If You Didn't Receive Your 2017 Donation Statement, contact the parish office. Mary Ritter, who processes these, works Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Area Happenings: (flyers posted on bulletin boards)

**Tues., Feb. 27 – Mood disorders support group, ADAMhs Bd., across from 4 County Career Ctr., Rt. 66 south of Archbold; 11 a.m.

**Thurs., Mar. 1 – Survivors after Suicide support group – 4-County ADAMhs Bd., across from 4 County Career Ctr., Rt. 66 south of Archbold; 7-8:30 p.m.; acknowledge survivor's pain in a safe environment and teach healthy coping skills

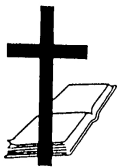
**Sat., Mar. 3 – comedian Michael Jr., County Line Church of God (near Fort Wayne, Ind.); 260.484.1029 or TrinityCommunications.org

**Fri., Mar. 9 – Hospice Beacon of Hope Dinner & Charity Auction, Archbold Evangelical Church. 6 p.m. dinner. Tickets \$22 at 419.445.5128

**Sun., Mar. 18 – Newsboys United with Zealand, Allen County Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne. 260.484.1029 or TrinityCommunications.org

Parish Religious Education

Confirmation students, service project sheets are *very past due*. Information sheets with Confirmation name and sponsor's name *also are well past due*. Turn these in *immediately* as we need to begin preparing the Confirmation program for the Diocese.



Come for games, open gym, and supper Wednesdays. This week pizza is on the menu.

First Communion parents are reminded to mark your calendars for the March 17 retreat. All students and a parent are required to attend, beginning at 1 p.m. and ending with five o'clock Mass.

Eighth graders and Life Teen students who plan to attend the Ark Encounter trip on April 14 need to turn in their permission slip and \$40 to the religious education office as soon as possible.