

**From the Desk of Father Gonser**

A blessed and happy New Year to all of our parishioners and guests. On behalf of my staff, I offer sincere greetings for a happy new year filled with God's blessings.

My sincere thank you to all who attended the liturgies during Christmas and New Year's. Attendance was high and the offertory collections were very generous in spite of our difficult economic times. Our parishioners are very supportive by rising to the challenge of stewardship. I am confident our parish will continue to reach out with generous and open hearts to all who are in need, not only spiritually but financially as well. To meet this need we are increasing our monthly contributions to Community Care. In addition we are receiving more donations, not only of food, but also monetary donations. Our Lord will certainly bless our parishioners who reach out in charity to serve the needy in our community.

Thank you again to those who decorated our Church so beautifully both inside and out, and to those who provided the great music at all of the masses. A special thank you to the adults and children who put on a very beautiful play before the Christmas Eve Mass.

Happy New Year and remember to tell your fellow parishioners about the Annual Parish Party on January 23.



Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:1b-2

**Mass Intentions**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Bob Steffen (Syl Steffen & Family)  
 Sunday 9:00 a.m. St. Julie Billiard Parishioners  
 10:30 a.m. William Fortsythe (Ellen McI ntyre)  
 Monday  
 Thru No Masses  
 Friday  
 Saturday 5:00 p.m. Nancy English (Marian English)  
 Sunday 9:00 a.m. John Minnich (Don & Linda Braun)  
 10:30 a.m. Intention of Celebrant

**NTV NEWS**

This month's Fourth Week meeting turned out to be a good time for the 18 students who braved the snowy weather. Fr. Bob and our band of traveling actors and actresses did a fine job acting out the Nativity Gospel. We ate pizza, of course, and shared ideas about Christ's life before his active ministry at 30. We then took over St. Peter's Gym for some B-ball. Finally, to humor me, we played a "Silly" game. More games left to play next time.

**The Week Ahead**

January 3, 2010

- Sun.** No PSR  
Cursillo Group Mtg., 6:00
- Tues.** Family Choir, 7:00 p.m.
- Wed.** Rosary, 7:30
- Thurs.** PrimeTimers, Lunch at JVS  
Sunday Choir, 7:00 p.m.  
K of C, 3rd Degree
- Sat.** Right to Life Signature Ads
- Sun.** PSR  
Right to Life Signature Ads  
Confirmation Sponsor Mtg., 9:15-10:15  
Theology of the Body, 11:30-12:30

**Coming Events**

- January 13**  
Evangelization Meeting
- January 17**  
New Parishioner Breakfast  
Bowling Party
- January 23**  
Parish Family Night, St. Peter's Gym
- January 28-31**  
Men's Cursillo
- February 17**  
Ash Wednesday
- February 20/21**  
Men's Renewal
- March 4-7**  
Women's Cursillo
- March 6**  
Confirmation Mass
- March 7**  
Appreciation Brunch
- March 13/14**  
Women's Renewal

**Family Perspective**

In today's gospel, Christ's gift, which is for all people, is revealed to the Magi. We reveal through our families the presence of Christ in our lives. Our gift of love, like Christ's, is meant to be shared with everyone.

**Religious Education**

**PSR - Parish School of Religion, K-8** (Sundays, Sept.-May, 9:00 a.m.)

**NTV - New Teen Mission, High School Religious Education**  
*Spiritual Formation, Social Activities and Service Opportunities*

**Parish Family Night**

Mark your calendar for our annual Parish Family Night this month on Saturday, January 23, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at St. Peter's Gym. There will be free food and entertainment for the young and young at heart. Signup sheets are at the back of the church for helping with food, games, registration, set-up and clean-up.

**Bowling Party**

St. Julie's Parish will hold its second annual Bowling Outing on January 17. We will meet at Spevock's Bowling Center in Avon Lake, between 3:30-5:30. Please feel free to invite all your family and friends to join in the fun. The cost is \$12 per adult, which includes unlimited bowling, shoes, chips, pop, and pizza. Children under 10 will be half price. There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of church. Contact Nancy [nancy-stjbc@windstream.net](mailto:nancy-stjbc@windstream.net)

**Praying in Color**

Praying to God can take various forms. One very rewarding and relaxing way is to explore art. Our church is offering a four-week course, entitled, Praying with Color. Each week our teacher, Carrie Vall, will introduce a new meditation with an accompanying artistic exploration. The dates are: Jan. 21, 28, Feb. 4 and 11. There is a class limit of 12 men and women. Teens are most welcome! The fee is \$25 for all four classes. (You do not have to be able to draw a straight line.) Sign- up today, and

experience the gift of spiritual expression. Contact Nancy for further information, 327-1978.

**Thank You --Thank You**

Dear Congregation,  
 Thank you for your prayers for our daughter, Natalie (great-granddaughter of Joe & June Kearney) during her heart surgery and procedures these past couple of months. The cardiologist has given her a good report at our last visit. We are happy to say that Natalie now weighs 11½ pounds and is a very happy, alert little girl. We look forward to introducing her to you all when we move to Cleveland this month. Thank you again for your prayers and support.

Sincerely,  
 Joy, Josh & Natalie Campbell

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Making 37 trays and four platters of cookies seemed like a daunting task. With your generosity of homemade cookies, we were very successful. The clients of Community Care were extremely grateful. I can say that not one of them "forgot" their tray. I want to thank you for taking the time to give to those who may not have anyone to share in their holiday spirit. You were able to provide a wonderful treat. Terri Lanser  
 P.S. A special thanks to Norma Horak who tirelessly helped me to assemble the trays.



the health of, and caregivers of Donna Hurley (former organist at St. Julie's), Patrick Tinic, Bella Chamberlain, (daughter of Stasia Yanasak), Eleanor Huffman, Pat Frick, Jeanne Friedl, (mother of Nancy Dominak), Natalie Campbell, (great-granddaughter of Joe & June Kearney), Matthew Rodriguez (son of Dave & Debbie), Anthony Monachino (brother of Grace Fritz), Norma Hurst (mother of Ed Hurst), Raymond Francis (father of Judy Francis), Alicia Kereky (daughter of Tom & Jude Saal), Shawna Spann, and Kaylee Neumeister (granddaughter of Pat Hoffman); for true and lasting peace in the New Year; for the youth and young adults in our parish; for increased vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life in our parish and diocese.

**World Mission Sunday**

Thank you for your parish's contribution of \$376 to the World Mission Sunday appeal. Your parish's prayers and financial sacrifice continues to make the spread of the Gospel message of Jesus Christ possible in areas of the world much less fortunate.

God Bless you and your parish for their generosity and interest in the missionary work of the church.

Rev. R. Stephen Vellenga

**Financial Misconduct Hotline**

The Diocese of Cleveland subscribes to a third party monitoring service to report instances of suspected financial misconduct in its parishes, schools, and Diocesan offices. Suspected instances of financial misconduct can be reported anonymously by calling 1-866-235-1723 or by logging on to the Diocese of Cleveland home page [www.dioceseofcleveland.org](http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org) and clicking on the Financial Misconduct link.

**Parish Stewardship**

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| <b>Dec. 27:</b> Envelopes used: 255 (out of 611 mailed) ... | \$4655         |
| Average per Envelope.....                                   | \$18           |
| Children's .....                                            | \$106          |
| School Subsidy .....                                        | \$115          |
| Capital Improvement .....                                   | \$632          |
| <b>Net Offertory .....</b>                                  | <b>\$5508</b>  |
| <b>Christmas.....</b>                                       | <b>\$15784</b> |
| Mass Attendance .....                                       | <b>618</b>     |

*Thank you for sharing your blessings*

# News & Events

## Liturgical Ministers Schedule

### Sat, Jan. 2, 5:00

(L) Vickie Fisher  
(C)  
(EM) Don Braun  
Marian Juskiewicz\*  
Agnes Klimkowicz  
Annamarie Pabian  
\*Sacristan

### Sun, Jan. 3, 9:00

Michelle Dieterich  
Cindy Naprestek  
Laura Eland  
El Lis  
Mary Kay Polomsky  
Tagliaferri\*

### 10:30

Lisa Palazzo  
Missy Birt  
Tom Lamoda  
John Palazzo  
Cathy Sliter  
Pat Liccardi\*

### Sat, Jan. 9, 5:00

(L) Ed Hurst  
(C)  
(EM) Ed Hurst  
Judy Murphy  
Jill Papesch  
Beth Paoloni\*  
\*Sacristan

### Sun, Jan. 10, 9:00

Beth Krosse  
Diane DeMelo  
Joanne Carter  
Diane DeMelo  
Brenda Klein  
Sheila Forman\*

### 10:30

Berry D'Antonio  
Barb Arguello  
Barb Arguello  
Joe Kotarsky  
Joanne Robejsek  
Mike Yarosh\*

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## Right to Life Signature Ad:

Next weekend after all masses, we will be collecting signatures for the Lorain County Right to Life Signature Ad. The Ad will appear in area newspapers on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, the 37th anniversary of the Supreme Court decisions that decriminalized abortion-on-demand throughout all 9 months of pregnancy. Since 1973, over 50 MILLION babies have been killed by abortion in the U.S. However, the annual Signature Ad does make a difference! The Ad contains educational information and the names of all the signees. Each year, people contact Right to Life after seeing the Ad. The Ad touches hearts and saves babies' lives. Please add your name to the people in our County standing for life by signing up for the Ad. A donation of \$5 per name is requested to cover the cost of placing the Ad in the newspapers. Thank you and God bless you!

## Opportunities for Spiritual Development

Christ Renews His Parish Retreat will be on February 20/21 for the men, and March 13/14 for the women of St. Julie's and St. Peter's. Please contact the church office, 327-1978. Joe Dominak is the Lay Director for the men and Aileen Fonda is the Lay Director for the women. This is a great way to meet and pray with fellow parishioners.

Cursillo Weekends will be offered this winter. The Men's weekend is scheduled for January 28-31, while the Women's is March 4-7. Call the office for inquiries and ask for Deacon John Rivera.

## St. Peter's School News

Catholic education is so much more than a Christmas present! It is the gift of a lifetime, a gift that keeps on giving! Come and see what Catholic school is about by coming to our **OPEN HOUSE FOR FUTURE FAMILIES** on Sunday, January 31, beginning at 11:00 a.m. at St. Peter's School. We provide an educational program from preschool through grade eight. We have all day kindergarten. We are happy to serve all families in N. Ridgeville who desire a faith-based education!