



The Catholic Services Appeal is approaching fast! In two weeks, February 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will all be asked to make a pledge to continue all the services of the Diocese of Erie, as well as the projects for Sacred Heart Church. Last year, we did very well, I have to say. As of this writing, we had \$95,513 pledged, and \$87,275 had already been paid; which means, we are still waiting on \$8,238 to come in from the 2008 pledge. If all that does, then that all goes into our operating expenses. And, I have to tell you, the we are *way over budget* on the plowing, if those monies come in, as was pledged, we should be OK. Because of the amount of snow, we were losing dozens of parking spaces. So, we were forced to bring in a high-lift and trucks to remove the snow. We have a contract with Roosevelt Middle School to have spaces available for the teachers and staff, and we were losing so many with all the snow stacked up. However, I am just dreading that bill when it comes in. If you remember from the weekend of last year's Spaghetti Dinner . . . that horrendous storm dumped almost 2 feet of snow. The snow removal bill was \$4,500 *just for that weekend!* I expect this to be worse. So . . . to those that have not yet fulfilled the pledge for last year . . . *we are counting on it!* In the meantime, please spend the next two weeks praying about this year's pledge. After hearing my homily this week . . . the annual "Money talk" . . . you can understand the need for this pledge. This year, we are hoping to finally install a fire protection system, which we have never had before. And, with all the wood in the ceiling, and under the carpet . . . to say nothing about all the pews! . . . we need to protect the Church with a system that sends an immediate signal to the Erie Fire Department. Also, we do need to begin to re-cement the 26<sup>th</sup> Street sidewalks, and the curbs. *Our Diocesan Goal this year is \$45,166.* However, I truly believe that we are capable of bringing in **\$100,000**. Last year, 43% of the parish contributed, which is much better than previous years! Much better! It's not impressive, by any means . . . but, it is better. Now, if only the other 57% of the parish would contribute *something!* . . . *anything!!* . . . we would go right past the hundred grand. Let's all pray about it for the next two weeks. As the theme of this years CSA states, "*We are of One Heart and Mind*".

I did have another great time in California a few weeks back. Thanks to Greg Rubino, Jr. (SHS '91, Prep '95), I was able to meet Arnold Palmer again, and even Yogi Berra this year! It was nice and relaxing, to say the very least. I followed former Vice-President Dan Quayle and celebrity Michael Pena around . . . and walked away two holes before Michael Pena got a hole in one! (I think I went looking for a Bloody Mary at that time . . . and, wouldn't you know it!) It was the 50<sup>th</sup> Bob Hope Chrysler Classic, and it was fun to be there. I met my cousins for dinner in Palm Springs one night, and Alice Cooper was sitting 3 tables away. My cousin, Patty Eller, didn't believe that it was him. I told her, "*Patty, 4 hours ago, I was watching him putt. It's him!*" But, he kept his golf visor on . . . in a restaurant . . . which drove me crazy! My good friend, and neighbor, Fr. Larry Richards of St. Joseph's/Bread of Life . . . who I lovingly refer to as "Fr. Blowbag" . . . was in San Diego at the same time. So, I drove down the coast . . . in a red, Mustang convertible, no less . . . and spent some time with him. That was great fun. It doesn't look like Msgr. Kriegel will be able to join us for a mission this spring. His schedule has changed

considerably, since we last talked. And, he is finding it difficult to fit it in in our time frame. We'll keep trying!

By the way . . . did any young parent lose a right shoe, or rather "boot", for their baby? It looks to be brand new . . . it's the cutest little hiking boot I have ever seen! It has a little "Winnie the Pooh" on the side of it, too. But, we have it in the office, and my guess is that it's expensive. If no one claims it, I may hang it from my rearview mirror. But, then again . . . I may have to start explaining to everyone why I have it hanging there . . . and, that's how rumors start in this town. . .

Congratulations to all the Steeler Fans!! Have a great week!  
Fr. D.

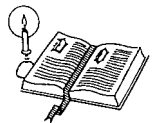
**WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT:**

	Feb. 1, 2009	Feb. 2, 2008
Repairs & Improvements	\$468.00	\$643.00
Fr. Engel Fund	\$70.00	\$135.00
Sacrificial Giving	<b>\$6,019.04</b>	\$8,192.38
Amount Needed	<b>\$7,250.00</b>	
Over/(Short)	<b>(\$1,230.96)</b>	

(\*includes loose money). Last week, out of 676 families of the parish, 303 envelopes (45%) were used, with an **average** Sacrificial Giving donation of **\$19.87**. Your parish depends on you for your weekly donation. Thanks for your sacrifice.

**CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2009**

On the weekend of February 22nd, everyone will have an opportunity to make their gift to the 2009 Catholic Services Appeal. Our parish goal is **\$45,166** and we would like to see all members of our parish make a gift to support this appeal. The theme of this year's appeal is "***Of One Heart and Mind***". It is when our Church joins together to further the mission and ministry of our Diocesan church that we truly are witnesses to Christ. We will be reminded over the next few weeks why it is important for us to support the CSA. There will be good information shared over this time that we ask you to reflect upon. All of it will help you better understand why the appeal is conducted each year, what this appeal supports and why you should give. Please take the time to prayerfully consider what you are able to give to support the CSA.



The **Knights of Columbus**, Sacred Heart Council #111818's annual fund raiser, "***Night Out***", will be held on Saturday, February 21st at 7:00 to 11:00PM in the Sacred Heart Auditorium. There will be over \$750 cash prizes, free food and beverages for \$10 per person. Come and enjoy an evening of fun and support your Knights. Tickets will be on sale in the vestibule of the church following the weekend Masses or by calling Judy at the rectory 456-6256, ext. 100. Only 500 tickets will be sold.

Please remember in your prayers our departed:  
†**Jean Fleming**, sister in law of Doug Fleming,  
and †**Arthur R. Krespan**.





## Masses For The Week

### Monday, February 9th

8:30 - Henry Stolz - Joe MacKrell and Family

### Tuesday, February 10th - St. Scholastica

8:30 - Mary Ann Alberstadt - Marge Alberstadt

### Wednesday, February 11th - Our Lady of Lourdes

8:30 - Loretta Loney - Pat and Tom Wojnakowski

### Thursday, February 12th

8:30 - Eileen Work - John and Linda Christea

### Friday, February 13th

8:30 - David Squeglia - Elaine Lamm

### Saturday, February 14th - St. Cyril and St. Methodius

4:30 - For the Parishioners of Sacred Heart Church

### Sunday, February 15th - The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 - John Novello - Family

11:30 - Thomas VanVolkenburg - Friends

### Priest Schedule for February 14th and 15th

Saturday, 4:30PM - Fr. Detisch

Sunday, 9:30AM and 11:30AM - Fr. Detisch

The Sanctuary Candle is burning in memory of †**Leonard Przybyszewski** by the Family.

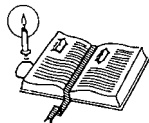
The Altar Bread and Wine are given in memory of †**Edward** and †**Susie Pilewskie** by the Family.

### Scripture Readings for Next Week

Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46 1 Corinthians 10: 31-11: 1 Mark 1: 40 - 45

### "Why Catholic?" Season Three

Instead of "giving up" something this Lent, let God give you something! God is constantly reaching out to us with love and forgiveness. Allow God to touch you this Lent by giving God some of your time.



Today at all the Masses, we will be inviting you to participate in one of our "Why Catholic?" small groups. Join with many of our parishioners in participating in a *Why Catholic?* small community. We will begin Book Three this Lenten season - **Life in Christ: Walking With God**. The first six sessions of this book centers on the Beautitudes and our freedom and responsibility, conscience, virtues, moral law and grace. This season will begin the week of February 22nd.

You will need not have participated in last years sessions to be a part of this season. All the sessions stand independently. So even if you can't make all six sessions, you can still participate in the experience. For more information, or to sign up, call Rebecca Flynn at the rectory at 456-6256, ext. 110.

The next Palanca Party is set for Sunday, February 8th at 2:00PM in the audi. Guys, please remember the Sunday meals, in the winter, are handled by all local parishes along with our Saturday breakfast help. The Cursillo Office is doing a census to update and create a data base, so please turn in the forms, and see Linda about getting one if you didn't get one, or go to the website at [www.ericursillo.org](http://www.ericursillo.org).



## THE WEEK AHEAD

**Monday** - Boy Scout Meeting at 6:00PM in the audi.

**Knights of Columbus Meeting** at 7:30PM in the sacristy.

**Tuesday** - The **Rosary** will be prayed at 2:00PM in church.

**Wednesday** - **Altar Society Meeting** at 7:00PM in the audi. The Board will meet at 6:00PM.

**Friday** - Church Cleaning Team #4 (Barb Selker and Maria Stevens team) is scheduled for Friday, February 13th.

**Sunday** - Pre-Cana will be held at Sacred Heart Parish.

**YOUTH GROUP NEWS** - Rising very early before dawn, He left and went off to a deserted place, where He prayed. Simon and those who were with Him pursued Him and finding Him said, "Everyone is looking for you."



Even Jesus needed to find rest. In today's busy world we must find our "deserted place" and find rest in God. I have always explained to our youth that everyone has a well and when other's drink from our well we become empty. God will restore our well when we find rest in Him. Even though "Everyone is looking for you", make sure you take time to pray in your "deserted place". Sacred Heart Youth Group meets every Thursday from 7-8:30PM in the Sacred Heart Auditorium. Please keep our youth ministry team in your prayers as we prepare for our 8th grade retreat at Blessed Sacrament on February 18th.

### **The McDowell Center for Performing Arts**

will present Arthur Miller's Tony Award winning play **The Crucible** on February 12th, 13th, and 14th, 2009 at 7:30PM in the Little Theatre (3320 Caughey Road).

The play, praised as "A Powerful Drama" by the New York Times, deals with the Puritan purge of witchcraft in old Salem. Yet, the play is more than a story of witchcraft. It is a statement of how bigotry and deceit can cripple a society and cause chaos among its citizens. Directed by Ken Falkenhagen and assisted by Michael Malthaner, The Crucible stars Marie Glaser, Dominic Barbaro, Kristie Bauman, Ryley Nesbella, Alexandra Schwartz, Sean Weese, Brett Niethamer and 15 other talented actors. Tickets are just \$5.00 and will be sold at the door prior to each performance.



Please call 836-6925 if you need further information.

### **SPECIAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

Are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2009 (60-50-40-25)?



If so, please let us know when it is! Also, you are invited to a special celebration on **Sunday, February 15th at the 9:30 Mass**. There will be a special blessing during the Liturgy, and a Reception to follow for you and your family in the sacristy after Mass. Please call Rebecca Flynn at the rectory at 456-6256, ext. 110.

Even if you are unable to come to the Mass, we would still like to hear from you and know when you will be celebrating that special occasion.