

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



In today's second reading, St. Paul distinguishes between two kinds of people: those who remain unmarried in order to be concerned about the things of the Lord, and those who marry and are anxious about the things of the world and about pleasing their spouse. None of this is intended to advise people not to marry or not to practice a secular occupation. St. Paul wants to make some observations about the normal characteristics of worldly-minded people. In his letter to the Corinthians, he adds that each person has his/her own particular gift from God by which it is entirely possible for that person to serve God "undividedly" in marriage and the world too.

*from a commentary by Hans Urs von Balthasar (1992)*

**RIGHT TO LIFE**

Seeing in an ultrasound the unborn child she is carrying has been a powerful influence on women contemplating abortion. One study showed 75.5 percent of undecided women decided not to have an abortion after viewing her baby's ultrasound.

*(The Southern Cross, August, 2008)*

**SUGGESTED PRAYER**

*For leaders of all churches that they may show concern for protecting the most vulnerable among us, we pray.*



Sat., Jan. 28	5:00 p.m.	(OLR)	Marvin A. Stibich
Sun., Jan. 29	8:30 a.m.	(STA)	For All Parishioners
	9:00 a.m.	(STS)	Raymond Gonzalez – Anniversary of Death, Ernest Szabo, Tony Schwendeman – 90th Birthday Remembrance
	10:30 a.m.	(HC)	Herb Ballmann, Stanley, Nellie Pamos
	11:00 a.m.	(OLR)	Philip Lange, Doris Hemmelgarn
Mon., Jan. 30	8:00 a.m.	(HC)	Marvin Naas – Birthday Remembrance
Tues., Jan. 31	8:00 a.m.	(STA)	Deacon Henry Beck
Wed., Feb. 1	8:00 a.m.	(HC)	For the Faithful Departed
Thurs., Feb. 2	8:00 a.m.	(OLR)	Special Intention
Fri., Feb. 3			NO MASS
Sat., Feb. 4	5:00 p.m.	(OLR)	For All Parishioners
Sun., Feb. 5	8:30 a.m.	(STA)	Mary Ann Borkowski, Larry Will – AKA "Pa", Phyllis Palmer
	9:00 a.m.	(STS)	Ernest Szabo
	10:30 a.m.	(HC)	Wilemaitis Family, Herb Ballmann
	11:00 a.m.	(OLR)	Rita Nartker, Paul Kuntz



**THANK YOU**

**YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND CHURCH**

	Jan. 22	St. VdeP	Sol. of Mary	Children's Env.
St. Stephen	\$ 637.00		\$ 8.00	
Holy Cross	\$ 599.10		\$50.00	1
St. Adalbert	\$1,127.00			
Our Lady of the Rosary	\$3,954.75	\$142.00		4

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 4-FEBRUARY 5, 2012**

**OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY – 5:00 P.M.**

Greeters:	Emily Morgan, Diana Whittle
Lectors:	Jim Pitstick, Mike Siefert
Offertory:	Ray Thies Family
Eucharistic Ministers:	Ray & Kathy Morgan, Pam Siefert
Servers:	Bobby Krupa, Flavio Moreno, Matthew Pitstick

**ST. ADALBERT – 8:30 A.M.**

Lector:	Eugene Jablinski
Eucharistic Ministers:	Br. Joe Fisher, Bob Gray, Aggie & Mike Marcellino
Server:	Bob MacClennan

**ST. STEPHEN – 9:00 A.M.**

Greeter:	Lou Durko
Lector:	Ann Siefker
Eucharistic Ministers:	Lou & Tillie Durko
Server:	Patrick Gooch

**HOLY CROSS – 10:30 a.m.**

Lectors:	Rimantas Liaugminas, Molly Walters
Eucharistic Ministers:	George Mikalauskas
Servers:	Betty B. Nash, Vic Biorseth

**OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY – 11:00 a.m.**

Greeters:	Sandy Kanak, Vicki Tischler
Lectors:	Michael Boland, Gus DeLucia
Offertory:	Teresa Niese, Mary Ann Zimmer
Eucharistic Ministers:	Nick Jobe, Paula Stibich, Heather DeLucia, Joseph Harber, Bill & Rosemary Evans
Servers:	Nicholas DeLucia, Donald & Joseph Fitzwater



**ST. STEPHEN**

**THE ROSARY** – St. Stephen Church would like to invite all the North Dayton Parishes to join them in praying the Rosary on the first Sunday, February 5, before the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Let us all pray for peace in the world, guidance for our political leaders and respect and love within our North Dayton community.

**HUNGARIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES** will be available at St. Stephen Church beginning Thursday, February 9, at 4:30 until 6:30 p.m. There is no charge for the class but the cost of the book will be approximately \$20.00. Payment for the book will be due at the first class. You will learn everyday words and basic conversation. Please call Michele LaFlame (937-278-5970) to register or for additional information.

**HOLY CROSS**

**ALTAR SOCIETY** – Annual dues for the Altar Society can be made by using the envelopes that are in the pews. All parishioners, both men and women, are encouraged to become members. In 2011, new albs were purchased for priests, servers, and Eucharistic Ministers and cinctures were purchased for the servers. Flowers were purchased for several celebrations. All vestments were cleaned. Your help in assisting the Altar Society to maintain the altars is greatly appreciated. Dues are any amount you would like to contribute. Envelopes can be dropped in the collection basket or given to Betty Nash or Judy Petrokas. Thank you. There will be a meeting on January 29 after Mass in the Church Undercroft. All are welcome.

**OF MUTUAL INTEREST**

**WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS** for Christina Arnold, Marilyn Baumgartner, Ray Beaty, Jerome Bialek, Joanne Clark, Kay Colucci, Elizabeth Daley-Hewitt, Eileen DeLucia, Al Dix, Donnie Fitzwater, Sr., Anne Gitzinger, Mary Hammond Family, Janet Haskins, John Kavy, Elizabeth King, Olga Kuritar, Ruth Lakner, Steve Lakner, Thomas Maslowski, Mary Mobley, Anita & Hal Nielsen, Sandy Storie and Julie Wilson.

**FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS** at St. Peter Church on February 3 are as follows: Mass at 7:30 p.m. followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES** – We are looking for articles for the upcoming newsletter. They are due February 2. Your articles can be anything of interest to the four parishes. One article we are looking for is, "Why are you Catholic and what keeps you Catholic?" Your article will be anonymous – no names – and can be sent to the Parish Office via the collection basket, e-mailed, snail mail or by dropping it off at the office. Thank you. Believe it or not – we are in the planning process for Lent. In recent years, the Sunday Brunch has been a success. We have a need for someone or a group to prepare a Lenten luncheon for the following dates: Sundays, March 11, March 18 and April 1. Call the Parish Office if you are willing to help with this. The deadline is February 2. This is the due date for the Newsletter and we would like to publish this information in it as well. Please keep our Confirmation Students in your prayers. They are preparing for the reception of the Sacrament on March 26 with the Archbishop.

**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** – Statements of financial parish contributions have been sent to all those who donated over \$250.00 in a one-time gift per IRS regulations and to those who have requested them. You may still request one by calling the Parish Office (228-8802).

**FISH FRY TICKETS** – The next OLR Fish Fry, and the last one until September, is scheduled for Friday, February 10. This is a Monte Carlo night and tickets will go fast! Advance tickets are \$13.00 each and can be purchased through the Parish Office. Please do not call Alice Shumaker for tickets. We are trying to let her get some rest and recuperate. Call or stop by the Parish Office during office hours, which are Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will have a Super Bowl party and open house at their hall at 4293 Powell Road starting at 6:00 p.m. on February 5. All are invited.

**BOB EVANS UPDATE** – The POND Community Fun Day at "our" Bob Evans on January 9 saw \$1,725.00 in sales with flyers, resulting in \$259.00 for our parishes. Our group consistently ranks as the highest repeat group in the company. Our next event is coming up February 20th (Presidents' Day) – please help out by eating at Bob Evans Restaurant on Harshman Road and earning 15% of your ticket. Remember, if you also use scrip, you will earn an additional 10% for OLR School.

**EUCHRE TOURNAMENT** – The time has come for the First Open Invitational St. Adalbert/Our Lady of the Rosary/Holy Cross/St. Stephen's Seniors Euchre Tournament. Plan on having fun and competing for cash dollars. The tournament will be held on Friday, February 17, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at St. Adalbert's old church hall. If it snows, we will schedule the event on Sunday, February 26, beginning at 4:00 p.m. The entry fee is \$10.00 per person. Teams will be decided before the tournament. We will need at least 20 participants but the more the merrier. Send in your entry and check to the Parish Office, 22 Notre Dame Avenue, Dayton, OH 45404 or drop in the collection basket. The deadline is February 10. Total monies (less expenses) will be awarded to the winning and runner-up team. Note – Please bring your own drinks – snacks will be provided.

**THE 2012 GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS** for couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary will be held at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception (Dayton) on Saturday, April 14, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. Reverend Lawrence Mierenfeld will be the principal celebrant. Couples celebrating their Golden or Silver Wedding Anniversary during 2012 should notify the Rectory Office (228-8802) no later than February 15, 2012.

**NINTH ANNUAL 4-PARISH MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION** – Join us for a special evening on Saturday, February 18, for our Mardi Gras dinner and dance at the Polish Club Hall on Valley Street. The time is 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. and the cost is \$10.00 per person (high school and older), which includes the dinner, refreshments, snacks and the dance. Dress is casual or dress up for Mardi Gras. Tickets must be prepaid and purchased in advance. Tickets will be sold after the weekend Masses, January 28-29, February 4-5, and February 11-12. No tickets will be sold or picked up at the door. You can make checks payable to your home parish. Tables for groups of 6 or more may be reserved by contacting Lena at 233-3531. Reservations may also be made by contacting Lena. We look forward to a fun evening of good food, friends and music as we celebrate before Lent begins.

**THE DAY OF CARING** – The annual pancake breakfast that supports the local hunger and homeless coalitions will be held on February 26. Our site this year will be St. Adalbert. The breakfast will be served from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. to enable us to accommodate all of the Mass times at all four parishes. This a very appropriate way to start the Lenten season. Last year, this event distributed in excess of \$40,000.00 to support many local ministries that care for the needy in our community. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults. Please reserve the date and join your friends at breakfast.

**THE DAYTON CATHOLIC WIDOW/WIDOWER ORGANIZATION (NAIM)** is now meeting at the Smith building on the St. Helen Parish campus, 5000 Burkhardt Road. The next meeting is February 6, at 1:00 p.m., followed by cards. A Valentine party is planned for February 11 at 6:00 p.m. For additional info, contact Tom Connair (291-4612) or Sunny Hickey (433-1437).

**ROBERT B. BREWSTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** – Carroll High School is currently accepting applications for the Robert B. Brewster Memorial Scholarship. All current 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th grade students who will be attending CHS in the fall are eligible. Applications for this scholarship can be obtained through the CHS Development Office (253-3338). Completed applications must be returned to CHS no later than March 31, 2012.