

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Friends,

One thing which is increasingly apparent to me is that our expectations of what a school can or should be and do are often awfully high.

I remember a story of a captain who approached a sergeant with a bit of bad news. "Sergeant," he said, "we just got notice that Smith's grandmother died. You would better go break the news to him.

The sergeant walked into the barracks, paused at the doorway and shouted, "Hey, Smith, your grandmother died."

The Captain was horrified. "Sergeant, that's no way to tell a man that his grandmother has died. Look how you've shocked him. You have to be a little more considerate and tactful in these matters. I think we'd better send you back to school to learn how to handle situations like this."

So the sergeant spent a year studying about human relations and how to develop tact. On the day he returned, the captain approached him.

"Well, sergeant, how did you do in school?"

"Fine," replied the sergeant, "I got fantastic grades and really learned a lot about human relations and tact."

"That's good," replied the captain, "because we've just got notice that Lopez's grandmother died. Go and tell him."

The sergeant entered the barracks, paused at the doorway and called his men to attention. When they were lined up he stepped forward before them and ordered, "All those with living grandmothers step forward. Not so fast Lopez!"

The function of a school is to be both informational and formational. Both elements go hand in hand in human development.

A difficulty arises, though, when we sometimes either expect the school to assume almost complete responsibility for passing on values to the student, or we think that the values one learns in the school environment need not be reinforced at home.

When it comes to our own parish elementary school, it seems to me that it is the responsibility of the institution to compliment the parental practice of instilling good values in children. Our school cannot take the place of the parents, nor can it be successful in imparting values if those values are not supported at home.

In St. Mary School, for example, children learn not only the moral values we profess as Christians, but also the attendant rights and responsibilities one has by baptism into our Catholic faith. If children learn in our school that certain attitudes or actions are moral or immoral, and those values are not reinforced at home in day to day living but are perhaps even contradicted, what message is communicated to the student?

Love,

Fr. Dave

### Schedule of Liturgies

**January 31 - February 8, 2004**

**SATURDAY**, January 31, Vigil: 4th Ordinary Sunday

4:30 PM Eugene Lucius; Paul & Maria Panuto

6:30 PM Michaelina Paulus

**SUNDAY**, February 1, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Larry Baumgartner; Martha Fleck

10:00 AM Philomena Longo; Frank Longo;  
Art & Margaret Steinmetz; Michaelina  
Paulus; Intention of Gertrude Ulm;  
Franklyn Ambrose

11:30 AM St. Mary Parish Family

**MONDAY**, February 2, Presentation of the Lord

**7:00 AM Mass at St. Francis Convent**

8:30 AM Hubert & Dorothy Elchert;

Eugene & Mary Elchert

**TUESDAY**, February 3, Blaise, bishop, martyr

6:30 AM Communion Service

8:30 AM Paul Elchert, Sr; Dec'd of Albert &  
Elizabeth Ranker Family

**4:30 PM Mass at St. Francis Convent**

**WEDNESDAY**, February 4, Weekday

**7:00 AM Mass at St. Francis Convent**

8:30 AM Philomena Longo

**THURSDAY**, February 5, Agatha, virgin, martyr

6:30 AM Communion Service

8:30 AM Neenan-Wolter Families

**4:30 PM Mass at St. Francis Convent**

**FRIDAY**, February 6, Paul Miki, priest and his companions,  
martyrs

**7:00 AM Mass at St. Francis Convent**

8:30 AM Michaelina Paulus

**SATURDAY**, February 7, Vigil: 5th Ordinary Sunday

4:30 PM Picciuto Families; James Jacob;  
Regina Bogner

6:30 PM Vincent Gaietto; Pauline Schumaker;  
Ed & Pauline Boehler

**SUNDAY**, February 8, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM George & Marcella Pahl; Donald Reinhart

10:00 AM St. Mary Parish Family

11:30 AM Tom & Mary Alice Marinis; Shawn Weber;  
Abused & Neglected Children of the Parish

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**, 10 a.m. Mass  
on the first three Sundays of the month.

**ROSARY FOR WORLD PEACE**: Saturday, 9 a.m.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**: St. Mary, midnight Mon-  
day through midnight Tuesday; St. Joseph, midnight Tuesday  
through midnight Wednesday.

**TIFFIN PRAYER GROUP**: Meets every Thursday at 7:45  
p.m., in private homes. Call Walter Beat at 419-447-1174 for  
any prayer requests or for the location of the gathering.



**Did you know our church is equipped with a listening assistance system for the hearing impaired. It is a portable radio with a headset that allows the listener to hear the audio feed from the church sound system directly through the listening device.**

**BINGO WORKERS** for today, February 1: Coordinator, Jan Betz; Gate, Jan Betz; Instants, Dan Traxler, Susan Wade; Floor, Julie Brickner, Lorraine Weinger, Sharon Weber, Regina Runion; Concessions, Laura Kommick

**CARMIE FABRIZIO SPAGHETTI DINNER** will be Feb. 15, at Camden Falls. Serving will run noon-2 p.m., with proceeds to go to scholarship fund. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and available at Fabrizio Chiropractic, Westgate Barbers or call Kathy Fabrizio at 419-447-1757.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!** Irish Reverse Raffle tickets will be mailed out soon to those who attended last year. This annual event will be March 13 at the Community Civic Center. The committee is accepting donations of appetizers and prizes. If you or your business would like to contribute, call 419-447-6181.

**FIRST FRIDAY BREAKFAST:** Fri., Feb. 6, 6:30 a.m., Calvert cafeteria, sponsored by Calvert Spiritual Boosters. Calvert graduate, Jason Perry, will present "Actions Speak Louder Than Words." For information contact Catherine Gase at 419-447-9074.

**ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL, FINDLAY,** will be offering an education series for the ongoing formation of adults. Next session will be Feb. 2, 7-9 p.m., Activity Center, "Introduction to Liturgy," reservations or questions 422-2646.

**TIFFIN K OF C BINGO:** Every Thurs. at K of C Hall, 49 E. Perry St. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Early birds at 6:30 p.m. Proceeds to benefit the Ritz Theatre.

**2003 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** will be sent out per your request. For your report, please contact Karen Fuller, Parish Office Manager, at 419-447-2087, ext. 11.

**MARRIAGE NEWS:** The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter will be held Feb. 13-15 at Days Inn, Findlay. 10 openings still available, \$50 reservation fee. Call for reservations 419-968-2947.

**HOPEWELL-LOUDON BBQ CHICKEN DINNER:** Fri., Feb. 6, 4 - 6 p.m., Hopewell-Loudon cafeteria, 1/2 BBQ chicken \$6, 1/4 BBQ chicken \$5. Tickets available in school office, Bascom Telephone Co. or from a sophomore student. Tickets must be prepaid by Feb. 2.



**DIOCESE OF TOLEDO MASS FOR SHUT INS:** The diocese's televised liturgy, *Sunday Catholic Mass*, will be broadcast on WTOL-TV 11, Toledo, from 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. every Sunday morning.



**ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY:** Fri., Feb. 6, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., Attica K of C Hall, adults/\$6.50, children/\$3.00, carry outs available.

**NORTHWEST OHIO RETROUVAILLE:** Retrouvaille is an international program for couples in "troubled and pain filled marriages". Next program will be Feb. 6-8, 2004. For more information and registration forms, interested parties contact Steve and Janet Kyle at 419-882-3086 in Toledo, toll free 1-800-470-2230, or www.retrouvaille.org.



**KLEPPER'S OF TIFFIN**  
419-447-7756

**Thank You to our Sponsor of the Week**

**LEONARD RISNER BENEFIT** to raise money for his liver transplant, Sat., Feb. 28, 7:30 - 11 p.m., Tiffin Knights of Columbus. Donations will be accepted. If you have any questions, contact Mystique (Risner) Thompson at 614-834-2939.

**VISA CREDIT CARD APPLICATIONS** from St. Joseph Federal Credit Union are available in the St. Mary School and parish offices. All members of St. Mary are eligible to apply for this card. A percentage of all purchases are paid back to benefit our school. Please pick one up today and support our Catholic Schools.

**SCAT DRIVERS** for Feb. 8 are Ken & Ann Jones.

**SATURDAY NITE BINGO,** Feb. 7, 5:45 p.m., St. Mary Rec Room, to benefit the Calvert after prom committee.

**PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION** for parishioners begins Mon., Feb. 2nd. Please call 419-447-5202 or stop in the school office to register. Open-enrollment for the general public will be Tues., Feb. 17.



**BLOOD PRESSURES** will be taken today before Masses in the vestibule and after Masses in the front pews of the church.

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL SCHOOL TUITION RAFFLE:** Tickets are still available, \$10 each. You can purchase a ticket at any three schools.

**SOARING SOLO:** The Solo Group is an area fellowship group for adult singles of all ages and faiths. The group meets every Saturday night at 8 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 96 S. Monroe St, Tiffin.

<b>Sacrificial Giving — January 25, 2004</b>		
<u>Description</u>	<u>Amt.</u>	<u>Env.</u>
Amt. Needed Each Sunday	\$ 13,000.00	
Sunday Offering	\$ 9,470.04	391
(Includes loose money/checks \$ 745.04)		
Difference	\$ 3,529.96	
Christmas	\$ 25.00	1
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 80.00	3
<b>Deposit</b>	<b>\$ 9,575.04</b>	
High School Offering	\$ 27.60	21
Children's Offering	\$ 63.48	60
Tuition Assistance	\$ 46.00	4
<b>Total Sunday</b>	<b>\$ 9,712.12</b>	
<b>CHRISTMAS TO DATE: \$46,796.93</b>		

**ST. MARY SCHOOL BOOSTER CLUB**  
**Sunday Night BINGO**  
...in the Recreation Room of St. Mary School  
Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Early birds at 6:30 p.m.  
Two Specials Two Jackpots  
**Handicapped Accessible \* Snacks Available**