

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
FEBRUARY 12, 2012

Monday, February 13

8:15AM Brian Petrowske by M/M Stan Eggemeyer

Tuesday, February 14, Ss. Cyril and Methodius

8:15AM Virginia Misuraca by Evelyn Wittenborn & Carl & Tootie Gardiner

Wednesday, February 15

10:00AM Wilmarth Steibel by Alvia Doer

Thursday, February 16

No Mass

Friday, February 17, The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

8:15AM Carl Gardiner by Jack & Bernice Prather

Saturday, February 18

5:00PM Earl Lee Helmers by Darrel, Mike, Patrick & Peggy

Sunday, February 19

9:00AM For The Parish

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK FEB. 12TH THRU FEB. 19TH

Sunday 10AM - 11AM PSR Class
Preschool Sunday School During 9AM Mass

Monday 11AM - 1PM K of C Luncheon
7PM Council of Catholic Women Meeting @ KC Hall

Tuesday 7PM Fanning the Flame Discussion Group
Mass at 8:15AM (Grs. 5/8)

Wednesday 10AM Mass at Chester Rehab Center
1:30PM Confessions at Ruma Convent
Fr. Gene's Day Off

Thursday Early Dismissal from School at 1:30PM (Bus Service Available)

Friday All School Mass @ 8:15AM (Grs. 5/6)
Mass at 5PM

Saturday 9AM Mass Children's Liturgy Grs/ 3/4

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR: What would you say is the oldest, most frequently sung, most translated, most memorized, most beloved song text in the Christian world today? An astute and surprising answer might be the *Gloria*, "Glory to God in the Highest." In three weeks' time, the Lenten fast will begin, and the Gloria, sung at the beginning of Sunday Mass, will be silenced. It is an heirloom from a treasury of hymns spun from the songs of praise on the lips of Mary, Elizabeth, and Zachary. We move in the prayer from the song of the angels at the first Christmas, to the praise of God, and to a final plea to Christ to continue and complete his work in us. For nearly 1500 years, the singing of the Gloria has been a sign of the festive quality of a particular Mass. From the beginning it was a song of the people, not of the choir or clergy. These last few Sundays of winter Ordinary Time allow us a chance to savor the hymn and give ourselves over to the chorus. How is the song of praise arising from your pew? If you claim the song as yours, its absence from Lent will be more striking, and its return at Easter will cheer your heart.

SERVERS SCHEDULE: Feb. 12, 5PM, Nick Heffernan, Jared Meyer; 9AM, Rachael Niermann, Hannah Schweizer

OUR GIFTS TO GOD for February 6th: \$5,288.75 from 159 env.; V. Lights, \$37.00; Children, \$3.50.



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: HOLY UNION -
The union of man and wife is from God.

THE CCW (Sodality) meeting will be Monday, February 13 at the K of C Hall. The meeting will begin at 7PM followed by refreshments. All Parish women are welcome. If you need a ride call Veneta at 618-521-4119 or Sheila at 618-615-6644,

K OF C FISH FRY: The next fish fry is Friday, Feb. 17th for the benefit of St. Mary's Help A Student. Fish Fry on Feb. 24 for the benefit of K.C. Newman Fund Fish Fry on Mar. 2 for the benefit of K.C. Scholarship Fund. Thank you for all your support.

BRAGGIN RIGHTS Game is March 31, 2012. This year it is Alumni Volleyball. St. Mary's gym will be open for practice every Sunday starting Feb. 5th from 10:30 - Noon. If you have any questions you can call Alison Blechle at 826-2992

THE NEWMAN AUXILIARY is having a Quilt & Cash Social Bingo on Sunday, March 4th, 2012 at St. John the Baptist Parish in Red Bud, IL. Refreshments begin at 11:30AM and Bingo starts at 1PM. Win quilts, cash, gift baskets, and door prizes. All proceeds help support the Newman Catholic Student Center at SIU-Carbondale.

ST. MARY'S SPRING QUILT BINGO is scheduled for Sun., March 11th. We are still in need of two(2) quilts. If anyone would like to donate one they can drop it off at the school office or contact Wendy Atchison @ 615-2197. If you do not have a quilt to donate but would like to help, donations are always accepted.

ACTS RETREAT FOR WOMEN.....(Adoration, Community, Theology and Service) Immaculate Conception Parish, Columbia, IL is hosting a Women's ACTS Retreat Feb. 23-26 at Sojourn Retreat Center in Dittmer, Mo. We invite the women of our neighboring parishes to join us. The retreat begins and ends at Immaculate Conception Church. The ACTS weekend inspires, encourages, and challenges. It is put on by lay women for lay women, with the support of parish priests. Take a leap of faith, put yourself in the hands of others, give yourself some quality time with Jesus. Make a retreat part of the beginning of your Lenten journey. Retreat fee: \$212 includes all transportation, food, lodging and community. Questions or need additional information? Contact Karen Lucash 314-740-2101 or the Immaculate Conception Parish Office 618-281-5105.

ST. MARY'S ANNUAL SPRING GALA DINNER & AUCTION will be March 24, 2012. Gala raffle tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. To date we have brought in \$591.00. **WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT** in donating new & quality items for the Silent & Main Auctions. Please turn in a **DONATION SHEET** for each item you donate. This is important. Return these via the collection or drop in the box in the rear of church. Donation slips should be turned in by the end of February. Cash Donations are also Welcome. Why not call a neighbor or family member & donate something together. For example: Any kind of Antique: Frames, pictures, dishes, furniture, unusual small tools or appliances, books; Handmade Items: Doilies, quilts of any size and type, wooden items, furniture, toys or even homemade specialty foods.