

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY FEBRUARY 13

6:45 AM Marguerite E. Duffy - St. Mel Ladies Guild

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 14 - Ss. Cyril and Methodius

8:15 AM Sylvia Coleman - Jean Marie Brenner

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 156:45 AM Deceased Members of the Karbowski Family
- Family**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 16**

5:45 PM Bill Langtry - Rick & Barb Greenwood

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 17**- The Seven Founders of the Order of Servites**8:15 AM Deceased Members of the
Rainey-Fischer-Archibald Families - Bob Rainey**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 18****- Vigil: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:30 PM Paul & Pauline Wancho - Family

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 19**- Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:00 AM St. Mel Parishioners

9:30 AM Cosmo & Carmella DiBiasio
- Daniel DiBiasio

11:30 AM Joseph Reinartz - Family



*Whether you eat or drink, or
whatever you do,
do everything for the glory of God.
1 Corinthians 10:31*

REMEMBER IN PRAYER Margaret Nemenz & John V. Fitzgerald who died on February 1, 2006. *May God grant peace and comfort to their families and friends.*

PLEASE PRAY for our parishioners who are in the hospital: Olga Corrigan, Marie Hancock, and Florence Lamoureux.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following 8th grade students who received their First Holy Communion on February 10, 2006: Zachary Caraballo, Amanda Thurman.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21


Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27; Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Jas 2:1-9; Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26; Mk 8:34 — 9:1

Saturday: Jas 3:1-10; Mk 9:2-13

Sunday: Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25; Ps 41;
2 Cor 1:18-22; Mk 2:1-12**LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION**

Our Weekly Offering		2006: Regular	\$4644
		Monthly	\$430
		Capital Improvement	\$464
		2005: Regular	\$5065
		Monthly	\$562
		Capital Improvement	\$818

In February 852 packets of envelopes were mailed out. Last week, 246 (21%) parish families/households contributed to St. Mel Church. Thank you.

BAPTISMS We welcome into God's family, the following, who were baptized on February 5, 2006:

Halie Rose Beane Johnathan Donald McCann
Amanda Marie Thurman

**ST. MEL ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER**Sponsored by the
St. Mel Athletic AssociationSaturday February 18, 2006
in St. Mel Hall
5:00 - 7:30 PM

\$7.00 - Adults; \$4.00 Children (4-12);
3 and under FREE

Dinner includes: spaghetti & meatballs, bread butter,
salad, beverage and dessert.

Extra meatballs and refills on pop are available
for a minimal price.

SERVERS THIS WEEK6:45 AM Monday February 13

Jake Pavlac, Courtney Flynn

8:15 AM Tuesday February 14

Ronan Forrestal, Nicholas Barber

6:45 AM Wednesday February 15

Bret Bruening, Thomas Adkins

5:45 PM Thursday February 16

Emily Armstrong, Aaron Thompson, Jr.

8:15 AM Friday February 17

Joseph Cavin, Shawn Dickinson

4:30 PM Saturday February 18

Julie & Megan Seman, Samantha Sneed

7:00 AM Sunday February 19

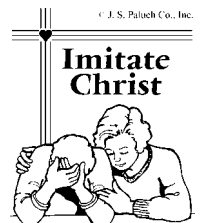
Rebecca Gooding, Katie Schmitz

9:30 AM Sunday February 19





Laura Swartz, Ronan Forrestal, Rachael Sedlak

11:30 AM Sunday February 19

Lori Hardony, Molly & Bride Sweeney



PARISH CALENDAR

- MON. 13 JR. CHOIR PRACTICE: 6:00-7:15 PM.
ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE: 7:30 PM.
- TUES. 14 ROSARY: 11:00 AM in the church.
 SKATING PARTY: 6:30-8:30 PM at Brookpark Skateland.
PSR CLASSES: 6:30-7:30 PM in the school.
- WED. 15 EARLY SCHOOL DISMISSAL: 1:15 PM.
- THURS. 16 CONFESSIONS: 5:00-5:30 PM.
- FRI. 17 SCHOOL MASS: At 8:15 AM for grades 1-8. Bishop Gries is guest celebrant. All are invited to attend.
 PIZZA LUNCH: For the school children.
- SAT. 18 CONFESSIONS: 3:00-4:00 PM.
SPAGHETTI DINNER: 5:00 - 7:30 PM in the church hall. *See Annual Spaghetti Dinner page 2.*
- SUN. 19 COFFEE & DONUT SHOP: Between the 9:30 and 11:30 AM Masses.
 FOOD COLLECTION: Place non-perishable food, soaps, paper goods, money and grocery store gift cards in the containers found in the gathering area.
 BLOODMOBILE: 9:00 AM-1:00 PM in the school auditorium. Donors are now required to bring names of any medication that is currently being taken. Please bring some form of identification.
RCIA: 12:00-2:00 PM in the rectory meeting room.

ST. MEL SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB MEETING

Monday, February 20 1:00 PM in the Small Hall

Shake the Winter Blahs.

Get Together With Your Senior Peers.

Might Have a Few Red Valentine Hearts With Your Favorite Amorous Message on Them.

Chit-Chat - Refreshments - Bingo

Membership Open For New Members.

Leo: 216-671-2457

Dorothy: 216-941-8389

Leo Corrigan

NEW PARISHIONERS Our parish community extends a warm welcome to Jim & Susan Mitchell.

BAPTISM CLASS

A baptism class will be held on Monday, March 20, 2006 at 7:00 PM in the rectory meeting room. All parents expecting their first child must attend a Baptism Class prior to having their child baptized. It is suggested that you attend this class during the second trimester of pregnancy. You must register prior to attending. Call the rectory during business hours (M-F 9 AM –Noon & 1-4 PM). The next class will be held in June.

ST. MEL SCHOOL NEWS**To our Parishioners:**

Beginning Monday, February 13, St. Mel School will be blocking off the two entrances to our school, hall, and church from Harley. This will take place Monday-Friday from 2:45-3:15 p.m. We apologize in advance if this causes any inconvenience for our parishioners. As you can imagine arrival and dismissal are very busy times for us school folk. Although most of our parents/guardians are very accommodating with our procedures, some choose to ignore our procedures and “do their own thing.”

The **ONLY** reason we are taking this action is for student safety. We have established a one-way traffic flow in our parking lot from Grapeland to Harley and allow curbside pick-up on Harley. The attitude of a minority of parents suggests that their schedule is more important than anybody else, even at the cost of student safety. Therefore, we must be proactive, not reactive, and always be on watch for a safe dismissal for all our students.

The students and staff of St. Mel School thank you in advance for your support of our new initiative.

Respectfully,

Thomas E. McFadden

Principal

IT'S CYO SOCCER TIME !!

Anyone interested in having their son play boys C.Y.O. soccer, please contact Mr. Chris McGinty at 216-476-8903. We are constructing both JV (5th & 6th) and Varsity (7th & 8th) squads for this Spring season. Team enrollment into the League is due by February 15th so please call as soon as possible. Thank you for your time.
Chris McGinty

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ST. MEL FISH FRY

We are looking for volunteers to help in the kitchen filling orders for this year's Lenten Fish Fry. No experience necessary. Come meet some new parishioners and join the fun. All interested please call Diane Bonoan at 216-252-5328.

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK**CASEY O'CONNOR D.D.S. - ORTHODONTIST**

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FOR THE GLORY OF GOD

The entire history of the Jewish people is directed toward one goal: that God might be glorified through the chosen people. Christians, too, are called to “do everything for the glory of God.” In today’s scriptures Paul reminds us that the best way for us to glorify God is to seek to benefit “the many,” as Christ did when he shed his blood for all of humankind.



The reading from Leviticus explains one way the Jews sought to benefit the many, by keeping lepers and leprosy away from the chosen people. Jesus finds a better way. He cures the leper, who immediately re-enters the community to spread the good news about Jesus to everyone who will listen. In this way both Jesus and the leper fulfill their calling to glorify the God who fills us “with the joy of salvation.” © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Many of our customs surrounding critical illness come from antiquity, and yet attitudes have certainly changed. Death was an all-too-familiar presence then, and people tended to see it as a natural and unavoidable part of life, not a personal catastrophe. People tried to review their lives, settle their affairs, say farewell to their dear ones, and welcome the deathbed vigils and prayers that assured them of God’s love and forgiveness. What people most feared was sudden death. It was dreaded and never discussed.

The faithful filled the catacombs with consoling images of the good shepherd carrying the sheep to safe pasture, or the faithful in glory seated at banquet tables. The prayer texts from the time are consoling and positive, and many inspired our modern prayers. The care of the dying flowed directly from Roman pagan practice; it was home-based and family-centered. Pagans didn’t especially fear death, but they were terrified by the dead. Christians, on the other hand, consoled their sick with psalms of joy and faith in the Resurrection. The goal was to assure the sick person of God’s love, and that the ties that bind the dead and the living would endure. —James Field, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

IN LOVE

I met in the street a very poor
young man who was in love.
His hat was old; his coat was worn;
the water passed through his shoes;
and stars passed through his soul.

—Victor Hugo