

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY AUGUST 21 - St. Pius X

6:45 AM Peggy Haney - Family

TUESDAY AUGUST 22**- The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:15 AM Jack Rudo - Family

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 23 - St. Rose of Lima

6:45 AM Eileen Palisin - Anna Palisin

THURSDAY AUGUST 24 - St. Bartholomew

5:45 PM Joseph Reinartz - Family

FRIDAY AUGUST 25**- St. Louis of France; St. Joseph Calasanz**

8:15 AM Dorothy Gries - St. Mel School

SATURDAY AUGUST 26**- Vigil: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:30 PM Jack Muldoon - Family

SUNDAY AUGUST 27**- Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:00 AM St. Mel Parishioners

9:30 AM Samuel Padilla

- Emilia Caraballo & Niece, Carmen Padilla

11:30 AM Martin Joyce

- Mrs. Patricia McCool & Family



*Unless you eat the flesh of the
Son of Man and drink his blood,
you do not have life within you.*

John 6:53

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ez 24:15-24; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51

Friday: Ez 37:1-14; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34;

Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69

ST. MEL PSR NEWS

This September, our St. Mel Parish School of Religion program will begin for the 2006-2007 school year. I am seeking volunteers to provide religious instruction to school age children. PSR will meet every Tuesday evening from 6:30 PM-7:30 PM. If you are interested in enriching your faith and taking an active role in our Christian Community, contact Laura Ferguson at 216-251-0150.

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

2006: Regular	\$4228
Monthly	\$228
Capital Improvement	\$222
2005: Regular	\$3926
Monthly	\$247
Capital Improvement	\$936

In August 834 packets of envelopes were mailed out. Last week, 228 (19%) parish families/households contributed to St. Mel Church. Thank you.

"HURRICANE RECOVERY TASK FORCE"**NATIONAL COLLECTION - AUGUST 26/27, 2006**

A year after hurricanes, the Archdiocese of New Orleans and the Diocese of Biloxi are still trying to recover. The U.S. Bishops' Conference has encouraged that a national collection be taken up on the weekend of 26-27 August for this purpose. If you would like to help please make checks payable to St. Mel Church and indicate "Hurricane Recovery" on the check and drop it in the Offertory Collection next Sunday.

RCIA NEWS

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process by which adults prepare to join the Catholic Church. RCIA Sessions include prayer, education and discussion. Practicing Catholics are needed to be present and assist those interested in becoming Catholic. If you are willing to help with RCIA, please come to a meeting at the SVDP Lighthouse (3473 W 135th St) on Tuesday, August 22, 2006 at 7:00 pm. If you cannot make the meeting but are interested in helping, please call Fr. Mike Ausperk at SVDP at 216.252.2626, ext. 22.

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Church or do you know someone who would like to become a Catholic? Please call Fr. Mike Ausperk at St. Vincent DePaul Church at 216.252.2626, ext. 22 before August 25.

SERVERS THIS WEEK

8:15 AM Tuesday August 22 Rachele Adamczyk

5:45 PM Thursday August 24

Matthew Workman, Bret Bruening

8:15 AM Friday August 25 Shawn Dickinson

4:30 PM Saturday August 26

Paul Kuzma, Julie Seman, Megan Seman

7:00 AM Sunday August 27

Rebecca Gooding, Vincent Varouh

9:30 AM Sunday August 27


Thomas Adkins, Christina Luccio, Michael Stanton

11:30 AM Sunday August 27

Steve Gannon, Robert Stroffolino, Thomas Holian

PARISH CALENDAR

- MON. 21 SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE AND HOT DOG DINNER: 5:00- 7:00 PM.
- TUES. 22 ROSARY: 11:00 AM in the church.
- WED. 23 SCHOOL BEGINS: Students in grades 1-8 return to school in full uniform from 8:15 AM to 1:15 PM.

 KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION: Kindergarten students accompanied by a parent will have one orientation session with the teacher. Mrs. Gall will contact parents to inform them of their orientation appointment.
- THURS. 24 SCHOOL: 8:15 AM-3:00 PM.
KINDERGARTEN BEGINS: 8:15 AM-3:00 PM.
CONFESSIONS: 5:00-5:30 PM.
- FRI. 25 SCHOOL MASS: At 8:15 AM for grades 2-8.
- SAT. 26 CONFESSIONS: 3:00-4:00 PM.
- SUN. 27 COFFEE & DONUT SHOP: Open between the 9:30 and 11:30 AM Mass in the church hall.



**ST. MEL LADIES GUILD
RUMMAGE SALE**

Start gathering your clean usable clothing and other items that you no longer need and donate them to our rummage sale on September 16, 2006. More details later.



ST. MEL NIGHT AT THE RACES

This annual gala event, which benefits the St. Mel Athletic Association, is coming *Saturday, October 7, 2006.* Reserve the date on your calendars.

**ONE DAY AMISH BUS TRIP
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2006**

Franciscan Village, 3648 Rocky River Drive, Cleveland, is sponsoring an Amish Bus Trip. We will visit Ashery Country Store, Der Dutchman Restaurant for lunch, Holmes County Flea Market, Walnut Creek Cheese and Breitenbach Winery. Cost is \$39.00 per person and reservation deadline is Tuesday, August 29 at noon. 216-941-3330.

Open House/Hot Dog Dinner At St. Mel School

On Monday, August 21 from 5-7:00 p.m., the Staff of St. Mel School has cordially invited our families to our first ever Open House/Hot Dog Dinner. Our evening together will be filled with good food, good company and an informal way to gather and disseminate information for the coming school year.

The hot dog dinner will take place in the Hall, with the Parent Board being available to take membership fees. In addition, our first fund raising event of the year will begin that evening. A representative from Tupperware, Renea Tritt, will be in the Hall to hand out ordering information and answer questions about this wonderfully unique fundraiser that we hope all families will participate. **This fund-raising opportunity is available to our parishioners as well. The ordering catalogs are located in the Church gathering area. Please take one with you after Mass today.**

In the school building during Open House, all staff members will be in their respective areas to greet and converse with families about our exciting new school year. Not only is this a great opportunity to meet and talk with their new teachers, but also parents have a golden opportunity to bring and drop off their child's school supplies in their classroom.

Summer Update

While we were all enjoying time away from school or work Father Fedor, Mr. Beringo and his son Kevin, Mr. Jenkins, and three St. Mel alumni – Shane McNea, Matt Szucs, and Seamus Szucs – were diligently cleaning and preparing the building and grounds for a new year. The extra help that Father Fedor employs during the summer greatly assists both Mr. Beringo and Mr. Jenkins in handling the other building maintenance needs such as stripping and waxing floors, carpet cleaning, painting, refurbishing the Office, and *preparing all the bathrooms for new partitions*, to name a few. It is quite evident that Father Fedor is committed to making St. Mel Parish School a viable option in the West Park area for Catholic worship and a faith based education.

The 2006-2007 School Year

We are only days away from the beginning of a new school year at St. Mel School. The staff is eager to work with each of our families so every child will meet with success throughout the school year. We have some changes in our staff, our room configuration, our Parent-Student Handbook, in how we recognize our St. Mel students, how we communicate with our families, and how we have expanded some of our offerings-both curricular and extracurricular. The one constant at St. Mel School is a great tradition, with a vision and mission that revolves around our families who have chosen a Catholic education. *Mr. Thomas McFadden, Principal*