



### **Finances for February 2/3, 2008**

Loose \$ 94.25 White Offering \$ 2637.25

Total: \$ 2731.50

Last Year: 2246.50

Thank you

*Invite a friend back home to St. Mary's, tell them we miss them.*

### **Mass Schedule**

#### **Monday, February 11, 2008**

8:00 A.M. - Steve Vnencak, requested by  
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Vnencak

#### **Tuesday, February 12, 2008**

8:00 A.M. - Rose Marie James, requested by  
The Matusick Family

#### **Wednesday, February 13, 2008**

8:00 A.M. - Theodore Mylet, requested by  
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Davenport

#### **Thursday, February 14, 2008**

8:00 A.M. - John Jacobs, requested by  
Wife and Children

#### **Friday, February 15, 2008**

8:00 A.M. - John Kania, requested by  
Jack, Bernie and John Herold

#### **Saturday, February 16, 2008**

5:00 P.M. - Frances Bianca, requested by  
Henry and Joan Davenport

#### **Sunday, February 17, 2008**

8:30 A.M. - Parishioners  
10:30 A.M. - Ann Zajac, requested by  
Anne Zielinski

### **Altar Servers Schedule**

#### **Saturday, February 16, 2008**

5:00 P.M. - Kimberly Price, Gabrielle Konopczyk,  
Ryan Konopczyk

#### **Sunday, February 17, 2008**

8:30 A.M. - Sean Ashford, Christopher Lukashewski  
John Sidonis  
10:30 A.M. - Abby Wasiakowski,, Leigh Anne Machowski,  
Kevin Cardoni, Jacob Cardoni

### **Lector Schedule**

#### **Saturday, February 16, 2008**

5:00 P.M. - Megan Swartwood

#### **Sunday, February 17, 2008**

8:30 A.M. - Amanda Matusick, John Baab  
10:30 A.M. - Jo Ann Gulvas, Patti Heller

### **"Nite at the Races"**

St. Mary's is sponsoring a "Nite at the Races" on Saturday, March 1 in our Social Hall. For only \$10.00 you may buy a horse and you may name him or her which ever your preference may be. To be listed in the program, we must have your horse's name by February 17. If you have a large group and would like to reserve a table, we can do that too. Call the rectory to place your reservation (868-5855). A table sits ten comfortably. Beer and refreshments are included in your horse price, and there is no horsing around about that! If you prefer to just come and bet, admission is \$5.00 and that will also include refreshments.

### **Altar and Rosary Society**

The next meeting for Altar and Rosary will be on Monday, February 18th at 7:00 P.M. in the rectory meeting room. All are welcome to attend.

### **St. Theresa Guild**

The next meeting for St. Theresa's Guild will be on Tuesday, February 12, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. in the rectory meeting room. All women of the parish are welcome to attend.

St. Theresa's Guild will be selling "Bon-Ton Community Day" booklets. Booklets cost \$5.00 and include a coupon for \$10.00 in merchandise and four 20% off coupons for Saturday, March 1-Bon-Ton Day. All monies raised from the sale remain with our parish. Please support this fund raiser.

St. Theresa Guild members will be selling Lotteries for the month of April. Please help support their fund raiser.



### Military Prayer List

The following Military people are now serving in a dangerous place.

<i>Michael Boothe</i>	<i>Derek Jankowski</i>
<i>Ryan Curry</i>	<i>Christopher Kenney</i>
<i>Jonathan Cupina</i>	<i>Andrew Lukashewski</i>
<i>Charles Dixon</i>	<i>Brian Lukashewski</i>
<i>Peter Dolan</i>	<i>Joseph Lukashewski</i>
<i>John Folmar</i>	<i>Shane Ottman</i>
<i>Michael Janosov</i>	<i>Adam Wendalski</i>

### Parish Sick List

*Come to us, O risen Savior, faithful physician of our bodies and souls, and grant relief to our sick and aging who suffer:*

Christopher Badman	Donald Myers, Sr.
Emma Kate Badman	Dorothy Novicki
Thomas Bodek	John Paul Magauran
Dianne Burick	Loretta Mikolajczyk
Jennifer Haydt	Wayne Justin Parks
Henry Davenport	Michael Popiak
Diane Kovaleski	R. T.
Betty Ann Levy	Helen Sherksnas
Adrienne Wanyo	Donald Taney, Sr.
	Marie Zajac.

### Easter Flowers

If you would like to donate an Easter Plant to decorate the church for this year's Easter celebration, please call the rectory. 868-5855.

### Valentine's Day 2008

It's not too early to think about the BEST present you can give each other for Valentine's Day. ~A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend~ where you can have a face-to-face, heart-to-heart encounter with the one you've decided to spend your life with. The next weekend will be held in Bethlehem, February 15-17, 2008. For more information call 1-800-787-7679 or on the web at [www.meallentown.org](http://www.meallentown.org)

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 10, 2008

"If death began its reign through one man because of his offense, much more shall those who receive the overflowing grace and gift of justice live and reign through the one man Jesus Christ. To sum up, then, just as a single offense brought condemnation to all men, a single righteous act brought acquittal and life."

Lent is all about dying and rising. We begin a time period leading to the Paschal Mystery, the dying and rising of Jesus. We wish to die to many things – sin and selfishness expressed through our pride, lust, evil desires, anger, gluttony, envy and sloth. These sins are real in our world and unfortunately in our lives. Maybe it's been a time since we saw a list of the capital sins. Lent is the proper time to stop, look and listen and root them out of our lives.

As we do so we rise to a new life of grace in the Lord. The gift of justice speaks of my right relationship with God and with others. Jesus offers me this grace and invites me to accept this gift. The second beatitude "Blessed are the sorrowing; they shall be consoled" is directed to me, I ask forgiveness for my sins, for which I am truly sorry. I realize that they cause a separation from God and cause me great harm.

Beginning this first week of Lent I ask the grace of repentance for my sins and those of humankind and resolve to use the gift Jesus gives me for forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. "Blessed are the sorrowing, they shall be consoled." (May we suggest that you take this verse and repeat it as your slogan or mantra this entire week.)

### A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

In today's gospel Jesus cautions it is not enough to provide food for our children; "one does not live on bread alone." Let Lent 2008 be a time when you are "led by the Spirit" to explore new ways to be a moral guide to your children.

