

# On Eagle's Wings

April, 2011



St. John  
the Evangelist  
Catholic Church



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"They found the stone rolled away from the tomb; but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus...Why do you seek the living one among the dead." (Luke 24:2,5c) The empty tomb that they expected to find was not there. Jesus was missing from the tomb. Strangers speak of Jesus as "raised" from the dead. What can this mean to those who came to care for Christ crucified. Jesus is no longer among the dead. He had been raised just as he had said he would. All that he predicted about his suffering, death and the resurrection is no longer a dream but the reality of our salvation, lived out by Jesus himself.

The women return to the apostles with the great news. But it all sounded too much like nonsense for them to really grasp what had happened. Not until they came and saw for themselves did it begin to sink into their lives. Peter was amazed at his discovery and returned home with great joy. But their joy would not be complete until they encountered the risen Christ.

How do we view the empty tomb? Do we see that Jesus is no longer there? Do we realize what the good news is about the empty tomb? Jesus, the Son of God, has conquered death. He has won for us our salvation. He dies no more so that we might have life after death and so that we may live our lives on earth to the fullest. The mourning and sadness felt from the brutality of his suffering and death is now changed to great rejoicing and strains of alleluias. But we have to be able to recognize what the empty tomb represents and seek Jesus among the living.

The Easter season is a time of new life. We renew our baptismal promises at the Easter Masses. We welcome new people into our church with the wonderful joys of the Easter Vigil. The light of the new Easter candle reminds us that Christ leads us to the bright light of salvation. We rejoice and take down the purple of penance and put on the white and gold of Easter rejoicing. We see new life all around us. Spring has come and nature is bursting forth with new life. Can we take that new life and make it happen in our life? Can all the joys of Easter rekindle in our hearts the risen Christ? Is it possible to accept Jesus into our hearts and make things new? He calls us out of our tombs of sin and brings us to the new waters of baptism to remind us that we are still on our journey of faith that will lead us to the kingdom. It is important that we fix our sight on the light of Christ that leads us to the Father's house.

I hope the joys of Easter fill your lives! I hope that we all will gather around the altar and give praise to God for the wonderful gift that he has given us in this parish. Let us show our changed hearts and gratitude towards our God who loves us beyond our expectations. Rejoice and be glad for the Lord is dwelling among us. He has conquered death and offers us eternal life. The risen Christ is not among the dead but dwells among the living. What an awesome God we have. Happy Easter!!

HOLY  
WEEK  
~  
EASTER



## From the Business Manager

The 50/50 Split the Pot for Debt Reduction was a great success! We sold \$23,860 in tickets. Half of this amount was awarded to the cash winner and the other half (minus expenses) goes directly to debt reduction. Our winners this year were:

- Cash Winner of \$11,930 - Richard Lamping
- \$500 Winner - Bernice Blyskal
- \$250 Winner - Donald Stouffer
- Hi-Lites Spa Package Winner - Jeanne Barker

Congratulations to our winners and thanks to everyone who purchased tickets! Thank you also to Hi-Lites Salon for donating the \$200 spa package. We are very appreciative!

The Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) is underway for all parishes in our Archdiocese. Letters were mailed to all parishioners. Your pledge can be mailed to the archdiocese in the envelope provided or turned in at Mass on the weekend of April 2/3. The theme for the 2011 CMA is "Sharing in the Work of God" and is focused on "Feeding, Teaching, Healing". The Archbishop is asking every Catholic household to participate in the 2011 Catholic Ministries Appeal, which funds six vital ministries of our Archdiocese, with the percentage of the total allocated as follows: Vocations Development and Ministry Education (through The Athenaeum of Ohio/Mount St. Mary's Seminary)—26.4%; Catholic Charities and Catholic Social Services—25%; College Campus Ministry—13.1%; Support of Retired Archdiocesan Priests—16.3%; St. Rita School for the Deaf—7.3%; Chaplains for Hospitals and Prisons—11.9%. No portion of the CMA funds goes to any other use, including the administrative costs of conducting the Appeal. No gift is too small and all are appreciated. The overall goal for this year's appeal is \$4 million dollars. St. John Parish is asked to provide \$46,114 toward this goal. Your participation is critical! Let's show our support of these vital ministries by achieving our parish goal! For more information or to donate online, please visit [www.catholicappeal.info](http://www.catholicappeal.info).

Our Stewardship Drive for Time and Talent is wrapping up. 2011 Stewardship Forms were mailed to parishioners in mid-March. I hope that you have prayerfully considered the ways that you are able to minister and serve St. John Parish. Your gifts of Time and Talent are instrumental in helping this wonderful community live out its mission. You are asked to return your forms the weekend of April 2 and 3 or you can turn your form into the parish weekend or weekday office after this date as well. Please return your form; it is important for us to know where you would like to serve! If you have any questions about the ministries listed, please call the Parish Office at 777-6433 or email [info@stjohnwc.org](mailto:info@stjohnwc.org).

As many of you know, on the weekend of January 22/23 of this year, Father Daniel Malingumu from Tanzania came to speak at all of our weekend Masses. With the money collected that weekend, combined with regular quarterly donations to our Tanzania Promise ministry, we made a payment of \$34,000 to Millenium Promise in order to fund our obligation to the villages of Mbola in Tanzania. Thank you to everyone for their ongoing support of this important ministry for our parish!

May you have a happy and blessed Easter season!

*Kathy Meek*





## It's Time to Register Your Children for 2011-2012 Religious Education Opportunities

**PSR** - Our Parish School of Religion classes meet from 6:15-7:30 on either Tuesday or Wednesday evenings during the school year. Early bird registration ends on April 30th (\$60). As of May 1, the fee will be \$70 per child. Forms are available in the parish office or online.

**LORETO** - This is the parish's "home school" version of the Parish School of Religion. Students in grades 1-8 attend a two-week session during the summer (June 13-17 and 20-24) and 3 follow up sessions (two Generations of Faith events and one other short meeting) and this fulfills the year's PSR requirement. Deadline is May 1st and the fee is \$70 per child.

**Early Childhood Program** - Our "Sunday School" program for children ages 3 through Kindergarten (as of September 30) meets during the 9:30am Mass on Sundays from the end of September through April in the Education Center. Early bird registration (\$60) ends May 31st. As of June 1, the fee will be \$70 per child. Forms are available in the parish office and online.

### First Eucharist Schedule 2011

April 4	Show and Tell Mass - 7pm in Chapel
May 7	First Eucharist Retreat
May 15	First Eucharist - 9:30 Mass
May 21	First Eucharist - 5:00 Mass
May 22	First Eucharist - 11:30 Mass
May 28	First Eucharist - 5:00 Mass
May 29	First Eucharist - 11:30 Mass

**Vacation Bible School** - A summer "fun week" for children entering Kindergarten through 5th grade. July 11-15, 2011 from 9:30-Noon in the Parish Center. Registration deadline is May 31 and the cost is \$10 per child.

**Volunteering!** We rely on our volunteers in order to put on all of our Religious Education Programs. If you would like to learn how you can help, please contact Barb Conway or Sharon Miller in our parish office at 777-6433 or [bconway@stjohnwc.org](mailto:bconway@stjohnwc.org) or [smiller@stjohnwc.org](mailto:smiller@stjohnwc.org). There are many ways to help!

### YOUTH CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE 2011

April 3	Meeting #8 ~ 6:45-8:30 PM
April 10	NO MEETING..... Parish Mission (runs April 10-12)
April 17	NO MEETING..... Palm Sunday (Holy Week Begins!)
April 21	Holy Thursday, Mass of the Last Supper, 7:30 PM
April 22	Good Friday, Prayer/Veneration of the Cross, 7:30 PM
April 23	Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil Mass, 8:30 PM (approx.)
April 24	NO MEETING..... Happy Easter!
May 1	Meeting #9.....Special Activity/Meeting/Pizza Party
May 8	NO MEETING..... Mother's Day
May 14	Saturday, Rehearsal, 10 AM at Church ALL CANDIDATES & SPONSORS MUST Attend 5 PM Mass ~ Confirmation Celebration (Candidates be in Chapel at 4:30 PM.)



**The Faith Formation of your children is in your hands! We are here to help! Call the Parish Office if you have any questions about your children's Faith Formation!**



## News from St. Gabriel Consolidated School April, 2011 - From Joe Epplen, Principal

Science and Fairy Tales filled the air at St. Gabriel Consolidated School during the month of March. Our second annual Primary Science Night found students in grades 1, 2 and 3 engaged in the experiments of famous scientists. Our LABS theme (Learning About Brilliant Scientists) encountered famous scientists and inventors – Thomas Edison, Benjamin Franklin, Rachel Carson, Galileo, Marie Curie, The Wright Brothers and Isaac Newton. With the help of upper grade students, children were dressed as their respective scientist and performed experiments which typified the work of their scientist. There was also a room for storytelling about these famous and brilliant scientists. A clap of the hands brought scientists to life as a person posed as a wax character of each of the seven scientists. This event held on March 16th provided families with a perspective of the many elements of our science program and the involvement of upper class students and primary aged children proved to be a great opportunity for interaction across grade and age levels. The hallways were crowded with parents and grandparents and the entire program was deemed a success by all in attendance.

The following week was devoted to our annual curriculum week. This year we chose language arts and a Fairy Tale theme with the idea that the fairy tales selected would represent a variety of cultures. The week was kicked off with an assembly performed by a representative from the Cincinnati Arts Association. The assembly "Chicken Fishing in America" was an action packed mix of stories, drama and music selected from world folk tales, mountain and mermaid tales. The rest of our week included cross grade level readings, skits and music designed to emphasize the similarities of stories from different countries and regions of the United States as well as to point out the uniqueness of some individual tales. There was even a news broadcast seen on all of our smartboards regarding the events of the week and interviews about specific fairy tale characters. Students and staff had a rousing good time learning about and acting out these different tales and this program added to the awareness for the commonalities we all have regardless of the cultural backgrounds from which we come. March was an exciting month for all of our students and families!!

St. Gabriel Consolidated School ([www.stgabeschool.org](http://www.stgabeschool.org) or 513-771-5220)

### Lenten Fish Fry

Every Friday during Lent

4:30 – 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Center

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| April 1  | Benefits the Parent Boosters of the Boy Scouts |
| April 8  | Benefits Christ Renews His Parish              |
| April 15 | Benefits West Chester Fire Department          |



The menu includes a fish sandwich, cheese pizza, shrimp, fish, crab cake or combo meals! Side dishes include macaroni and cheese, green beans and cole slaw or apple sauce. Drinks are soda, tea, coffee and beer and there are many different desserts to choose from as well. The food is great and the prices are too!!

### Adult Confirmation

Are you a baptized Catholic adult still in need of Confirmation? Confirmation of baptized Catholic adults will occur on June 12, Pentecost Sunday, at the 9:30am Mass. Formation meetings will be held on Wednesday nights from 7-8:30pm from March 23 through April 27 at St. Max in their Conference Room. Call Jerry Barney at 777-6433, ext. 121 for further information.



Here at St. John Parish, God calls each of us to share our gifts with others as we share in the work of God: feeding, teaching, and healing. Archbishop Schnurr is asking every Catholic household to participate in this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal, which funds six key shared ministries of the Archdiocese. The weekend of **April 2-3** will be Catholic Ministries Appeal Commitment Weekend here at St. John. We ask every Catholic household to participate. Every registered parishioner should have received a letter week from Archbishop Schnurr. Please bring your completed pledge card and pledge envelope to Mass on the weekend of April 2-3 or mail them to the Archdiocese in the envelope provided. You can also make an gift online at [www.catholicappeal.info](http://www.catholicappeal.info) (click on "Make a Gift").

If you have not received a letter in the mail, we invite you to pick up a pledge packet from the CMA poster display in church. A sincere thanks to all from St. John who contributed to the 2010 Catholic Ministries Appeal. This year our financial goal is to raise \$46,114 from our parish. Please know that your participation counts and that **all** gifts matter. Thank you for your support!



## Be Loved! WOMEN OF THE WORD



Be Loved by the Lord Because We Are His BELOVED!

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WOW

Come Let God WOW You - AGAIN!  
Friday, May 6, 2011, 6:30pm-10:00pm  
St. John the Evangelist Favret Hall

WOW  
IX

Light Dinner and Dessert Served  
\$10 per Person

We are saving a place for you!  
However, space is limited, so please  
RSVP ASAP by Monday, May 2nd to  
Joanne McClain 265-3162 or [wow.rsvp@yahoo.com](mailto:wow.rsvp@yahoo.com)



Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God.  
1 John 4:7



**Lenten Parish  
Mission  
“Called, Blessed  
and Sent!”**

**During Masses April 9-10  
April 10, 11 and 12**

**7:00-8:30pm**

**In St. John Church**

Fr. Norm Langenbrunner and Jeanne Hunt preach all 4 weekend Masses on April 9 & 10. Afterwards, an evening Parish Mission will be given from 7:00 – 8:30 Sunday, April 10, Monday, April 11, and concluding on Tuesday, April 12. Is it time for you to be called, blessed and sent? Awaken your sense of vocation, recommit to your Baptism, count your blessings, give thanks to God! God gives us a mission to share our blessings with others. You can attend one or all of the three evening sessions. Fr. Norm and Jeanne will engage you and fill you with a sense of renewal in your faith this Lent!

*Alleluia!*  
**HE IS ALIVE!**

**2011 ST. JOHN LENTEN/EASTER SCHEDULE**

**WEEKLY LENTEN FISH FRY IN THE CENTER**

4:30pm to 8:00pm Fridays during Lent  
April 1, 8, 15

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN THE CHAPEL**

Every Friday During Lent  
7:00pm to 8:00pm - April 1, 8, 15  
Noon on Friday April 22

**LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES**

St. Susanna, Thursday, March 24 at 7pm  
St. John, Monday, April 4 at 7pm  
St. Max, Tuesday, April 12 at 7pm  
St. John Weekly on Saturdays at 4pm (except April 23)

**LENTEN RETREAT WITH FR. NORM LANGENBRUNNER  
AND JEANNE HUNT**

Preach all Masses April 9/10 at St. John  
“Called, Blessed and Sent!”  
7:00-8:30pm at St. John church each night  
Sunday, April 10, Monday, April 11, Tuesday, April 12

**ARCHDIOCESAN CHRISM MASS**

St. Peter in Chains Cathedral  
Tuesday, April 19 at 7:00pm



**HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 21**

Mass at 7:30pm in Church

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Begins Holy Thursday at 9:00pm and continues  
through Good Friday at 7pm in the Chapel

**GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 22**

Noon - Stations of the Cross in the Church  
7:30pm Communion Service in the Church

**HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 23**

Easter Vigil Mass 8:45pm in Church (No 5pm Mass)

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 24**

Masses at 8:00am, 9:30am and 11:30am in Church

**Stewardship 2011  
Change Our Hearts, Oh Lord!**

This year's stewardship forms were mailed in mid-March. The forms can be returned to Mass on the weekend of April 2/3 (or dropped at the church office any time). This spring, we will focus on only Time and Talent and we will have our annual financial campaign in September. Please prayerfully consider how you can contribute to you parish community through the gifts of your time and talent. Forms can be completed and returned to the Parish Office any time. The form is also available for completion online!





## “Change Our Hearts”

### Adult Faith Formation Opportunities for April/May, 2011

#### **An Introduction to the New Roman Missal: Why the change? What is it?**

**Wednesday, May 4, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

Our speaker is Jeremy Helmes, Pastoral Associate for Music and Liturgy at St. Max church. Jeremy has an M.A. in Theology degree and serves on the Archdiocesan committee charged with implementing the New Roman Missal for our Archdiocese.

#### **Catholics Returning Home**

**Wednesdays, from 7 – 9 pm, April 27 through May 25.**

**St. John - Staff Conference Room (basement of Favret Hall)**

Do you know someone who has drifted away from the Church? Most of us don't have to look very far to find non-practicing Catholics in our circle of family and friends. Many of us are concerned about these loved ones, but we don't know how to help them. Obviously, most of them are searching, but how can we help them find their way home? As baptized, practicing Catholics, we have a precious gift of faith and love from the Lord that needs to be shared with our non-practicing brothers and sisters. First, we need to pray for them. Next, we need to extend a personal invitation to them to come home to the Catholic Church. Most are just waiting for an invitation to return – mistakenly, they think they've been excommunicated and are not welcome to return for a variety of reasons. Are negative feelings toward the Church or its members keeping our brothers and sisters away? Many carry with them a tremendous amount of guilt and misinformation about the Church and are afraid of approaching the Church for fear of being rejected. You can make a dramatic difference in someone's life simply by reaching out to them and telling them that we miss them and want them to come home to our Church family. Please note: You do not have to attend each session. For more information contact Deacon Jerry Barney at 777-6433, ext 121 or [jbarney@stjohnwc.org](mailto:jbarney@stjohnwc.org).

## **Campton Mission Annual Spring Food & Clothing Drive**

**April 9/10 Before and After All Masses**



The Church of the Good Shepherd is our sister parish which serves the Appalachian people of Campton, in Eastern Kentucky. Many in their community have low incomes and are in need of food and clothing assistance. Donations of food and clothing will be collected at St. John church after all Masses the weekend of **April 9/10**. Look for the truck next to the church. The following food items are especially needed: peanut butter, spaghetti sauce and spaghetti, cereal, canned meats, fruit, canned pork and beans

and other canned vegetables. Any shelf-stable food product is accepted (please do not provide glass jar items). Any lightly used clothing for children and women is accepted. Usually, men are only interested in jeans and shirts (lightly used, of course). Any household knick knacks and kitchen utensils are also welcomed. If you have questions, please contact Jerry Barney at [jbarney@stjohnwc.org](mailto:jbarney@stjohnwc.org) or 777-6433. Thank you to Recker and Boerger for providing us with a truck for this clothing and food drive. And, as always, thank you to our parishioners for their support!



# Our Prayers & Sympathy Go Out To ...

## JANUARY

Jeanenne Denzler on the death of her aunt  
Barb Conway on the death of her granddaughter

## FEBRUARY

Dave Moushey on the death of his father  
The family of Elinor Gedney  
Hilda Michaels on the death of her husband Don  
Marilyn Havlin on the death of her mother and aunt  
Tim Havlin on the death of brother-in-law  
The family of Carolyn Baringhaus  
Ann McMackin on the death of her husband Kevin  
The family of Darlene Pierce  
Portia Thomas on the death of her husband Donald  
Doug Konitzer on the death of her mother  
Fr. Mark Burger on the death of his father  
Karen Barnes on the death of her mother

## MARCH

Fr. Phil Seher on the death of his mother  
Linda Bertaso on the death of her grandmother



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