

The Old Testament reading for today is the beginning of the Sinai covenant - so called because scripture presents it as occurring on Mount Sinai following the Exodus from Egypt and during the wilderness wanderings of the Israelites. Unlike the covenant with Noah that we heard two Sundays ago, the Sinai covenant was a bilateral covenant: duties were required of both God and the people. The passage that we hear today presents the first words of God about what the Sinai covenant entails. The Ten Commandments come first. These laws are called apodictic: they apply throughout life and are not relevant only to certain specific situations.

The Ten Commandments are the beginning of the covenant. There is an order to them that places the commandments pertaining directly to worship of God before those treating one's relationship with others. The first four commandments are about the former and the last six about the latter relationship. The idea behind the order appears to be that a strong relationship with God will buttress one's relationships with others. An even prior recognition of the liberation God has provided in one's life supports one's relationship with God: "I, the LORD, am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery" (Exodus 20:2).

First things first. Attention to those who have cared for us will be a basis for care in other areas of our life. This may be why the first commandment after the four commandments dealing with God, themselves prefaced by what God has done for us, is the commandment to honor our father and mother (20: 12). How we treat others is nourished or undernourished by the pattern of care or neglect we show for those who have been our primary caregivers. Care for those who have expended themselves for us promotes, and should lead to, the expense of our own selves for others.

*Scripture Reflections and Commentaries by  
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### Readings for the Week of March 15, 2009

Sunday	Third Sunday of Lent Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; Ps 19; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25
Monday	2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42 and 43; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday	Saint Patrick, bishop Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 2; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday	Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop, doctor Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday	Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 ; Ps 89; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Friday	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday	Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Lent 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

**POPE BENEDICT XVI on LIFE** "In the light of my recent Encyclical Letter on Christian Love, I would like to underline the importance of the service of love for the support and promotion of human life. In this regard, even before active initiatives, it is fundamental to foster a correct attitude towards the other. The culture of life is in fact based on attention to others without any forms of exclusion or discrimination. Every human life, as such, deserves and demands always to be defended and promoted." Address on February 5, 2006.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Stations of the Cross** will be held every Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m. On the First Fridays, March 6 and April 3, they will be held after the 7:00 p.m. Mass.

**St. Raphael's needs our help!** St. Ann's will be collecting food and personal care and household items every weekend during Lent.

**St. Ann's Lenten Penance Service** will be held on Wednesday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m.

**P.A.C. Annual Lenten Fish Fry** will be held Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> in the school cafeteria. Dinners start at 5 p.m. Ala Carte prices.

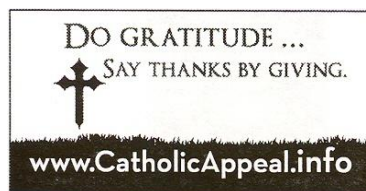
**Spruce up your Catholic Faith** this Lent by participating in an adult faith formation program with Deacon Mike Mignery. Deacon Mike will be teaching and moderating a Dr. Stephen Ray and Defending the Faith Series. How do we speak about our Faith when someone asks us? Meetings will be March 19th and March 26th, from 7pm to 8:30pm, in the school cafeteria.

**The C.R.E.W.** Youth Group will be selling reasonably priced crucifixes throughout Lent as a fundraiser for Vacation Bible School this year. We will be located at the main entrance of church after Mass or in the parking lot if the weather is nice. Also look for us at the Lenten Soup and Bread Dinners, First Friday Masses, and the Fish Fry. We are also looking for donations of large shoeboxes for VBS. There will be a basket in the main entrance of church to collect these. Thank you so much for your support. For more information, contact Erin Hingsbergen at 513-856-8945.

### EDUCATION STEWARDSHIP SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

This subcommittee will hold its first meeting on Tuesday, March 24, 2009 in the school cafeteria at 7 p.m. This initial organizational meeting will focus on setting our goals and priorities. This is an open meeting, so everyone is invited. Even if you did not sign up for this subcommittee, but you would now like to join us, please come to the meeting. We look forward to seeing you at this meeting.

*Amy Nusky, Chairperson, Fr. Mondiek, Pastor, Donna Weber, Principal.*



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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



**This Week in our Parish**

**Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass  
 9-10 a.m. CCD classes  
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass  
**Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**  
 7-8:00 p.m. Pack 907  
**Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:00 p.m. Lenten Penance Service  
 8:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul  
**Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**  
 7-8:30 p.m. Deacon Mike Mignery Presentation  
**Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**  
 5:00 p.m. P.A.C. Lenten Fish Fry  
 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross  
**Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**  
 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Confessions  
 4:40 p.m. Rosary before Mass  
**Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
 7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass  
 9-10 a.m. CCD classes  
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass

**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION - ST ANN PARISHIONERS:**  
 In order for ST. ANN PARISHIONERS to secure a spot in our KINDERGARTEN for the 2009-10 year, you must have your child's name on our register by Friday, March 13, 2009. Beginning on Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> we will begin to accept registration for students from other parishes. Once those names are accepted, they will be guaranteed a spot in next year's Kindergarten class.

**Notes from the Rosary Society**

- Easter Flowers** – All parishioners received an envelope for Easter flowers. The Centennial committee has asked for the Rosary Society to replant the flower bed in front of the outdoor shrine. We plan to use the money not needed for the Easter flowers for this purpose. We appreciate any contribution you may make. Thank you.
- Morning of Reflection** - It will be held on Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:30 to 12:00 in the church. Father Mike Pucke will be the presenter. The morning will include a talk, the rosary, time for confession and mass. All parishioners and their friends are welcome.
- Membership Drive** – We appreciate all those who used the pink envelopes for their dues for the Rosary Society. We appreciate your support and encourage all to join us.
- Desserts for the Fish Fry on March 20<sup>th</sup>** – the Rosary Society would appreciate any contributions of desserts for the Fish Fry. Brownies, cake, pies and cookies are all needed. Please call 863-1700 for pick up or further info.
- Easter Greetings-** The Rosary Society sends Easter cards to all those we don't have an opportunity to come to church and participate in activities. We want to make sure that all those parishioners are remembered. Please call 863-1700 and let us know of anyone who should be remembered.

**Put on those walking shoes** and join us in preparation for St. Ann Centennial's Family Fun Day 5k walk/run! We will be meeting Saturday mornings starting March 7, 2009 in St. Ann's parking lot at 8:30am. This will be a walking group preparing for our 5k event! All abilities are welcome! If you have any questions or to RSVP, you can contact Angela at [angelagoldschmidt@yahoo.com](mailto:angelagoldschmidt@yahoo.com) or call (513) 377-7060.



**Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> Third Sunday of Lent**  
 5:00 p.m. Doris Landrum and Frank Jost (Family)  
**Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> Third Sunday of Lent**  
 8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People  
 10:30 a.m. Sylvia Williman (Ron & Angie Salyer)  
**Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> Lenten Weekday**  
 7:15 a.m. Tess Fontaine (Max & Carol Kiep)  
**Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> Lenten Weekday**  
 7:15 a.m. Janice Ruhl – Birthday Remembrance (Family)  
**Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> Lenten Weekday**  
 7:15 a.m. Deceased members of the Kroeger Family  
**Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
 7:15 a.m. Communion Service  
 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church in Hamilton  
**Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> Lenten Weekday**  
 8:00 a.m. Ruth Huentelman (Anthony & Sue Angilecchia)  
**Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
 7:30 a.m. Intentions of the Celebrant  
 5:00 p.m. George Baker – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary (Family)  
**Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
 8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People  
 10:30 a.m. David Vinson -16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Family)

Budgeted Weekly Offering	\$ 12,072.00
03/08/2009	\$ 8,910.15
Shortfall	\$ (3,161.85)
Year to Date Budgeted Offering	\$ 434,592.00
Year to Date Actual Offering	\$ 342,718.55
Shortfall	\$ (91,873.45)

**GIFT CERTIFICATE FUNDRAISER UPDATE** Bob Evans and Frisch's gift cards are now available in \$10 and \$25 denominations. We also sell gift cards for many other popular stores and restaurants. They may be purchased at all the weekend Masses, at school, and at the Parish Center. We urge you to support this important fundraiser. It's s-o-o-o easy!  
*St. Ann Grocery and Gift Certificate Committee*

**ST. ANN MEMORIAL LANDSCAPE BRICKS** We are close to placing another memorial brick order for the sidewalk outside of the church on the parking lot side. Forms are available at the Parish office and on our website at: [www.stanncc.org](http://www.stanncc.org). For more information you may call the parish offices at 863-4963.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL ISSE Rummage Sale– funds raised will help support International School to School Experience. The proceeds will help the students traveling to Peru in May. It is Saturday March 28, 2009 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm in the Sacred Heart School Cafeteria. Please drop off donations at SHS Cafeteria March 22 thru March 27th. Drop off times are as follows: Sunday 8:30 am– 12:30 pm. Weekdays 3:30 pm to 7:00 pm Questions? Call Kathy 858-4210 or email at [kmiddendorf@sacredheart-fairfield.org](mailto:kmiddendorf@sacredheart-fairfield.org).

**Don't miss Badin High School's** musical production of *Cinderella*, March 19-22. Performances are 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Matinee performance on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Buy tickets through the school office at 863-3993. \$10 per ticket. Value tickets of \$8 each are available when you purchase six or more tickets for the same performance.

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