

CHURCH NOTES

The **Sunday collection** for January 17 was **\$10,165.04**, weekday was **\$188.45**, the collection for **Haiti** was **\$6,575.47** and **Little Sisters of the Poor** was **\$3,239.40**. Thank you for your generosity!

Please remember in your prayers the sick of our parish: Fr. Murphy, Jack Lawler, Sally Smith, Carolyn Voss, Donna Kay Kinney, Patty Everett, Marian Hardy, Dennis Hutzel, Adam Stropko, Pam Kirshner, Rhua Kepferle, Betsey Wilson, Elizabeth Brown, Marge Willis, Lola Davis, Erma McLaughlin, Alice Schutte, and all of our ill and homebound.

MASS INTENTIONS

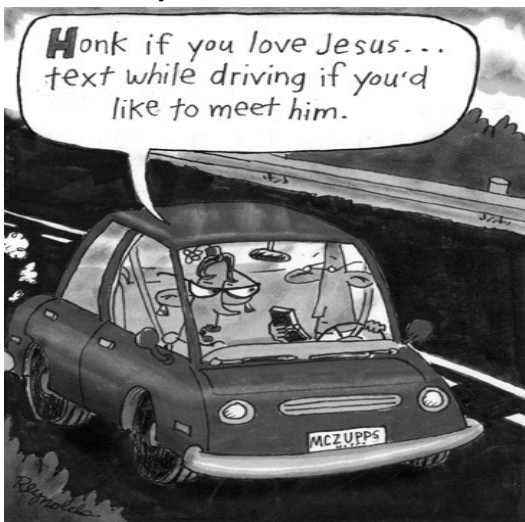
January 25 - 30

MON	6:00	+Favret and Dell Families
	11:30	+Mrs. Catherine Ponce
	12:05	+Msgr. Joseph Pfeiffer
TUES	6:00	+William J. Williams
	11:30	+Adolfo and Elvira LaVilla
	12:05	Sp. Int. Cyndi Niehaus
WED	6:00	+Noble Keith
	11:30	+Walter Stahl
	12:05	Special Intention of Donor
THURS	6:00	+Gregory Hocter
	11:30	+Roberta Arling (1 st Annv.)
	12:05	+Edward Vagedes (1 st Annv.)
FRI	6:00	+William J. Williams
	11:30	+George Schulenberg
	12:05	+Mark Ruwe
SAT	7:00	+Rev. Paul Huber (Annv.)
	11:00	+Harry and Elsie Franke

WEEKDAY PRESIDERS

Week of Jan. 25 - 29

6:00	Fr. Whitaker	CONFESSIONS	11:00-12:00	Fr. Casey
11:30	Guest		12:00-12:30:	Guest
12:05	Fr. Casey			



X-CETERA

Fr. John Murphy has moved to Colombiere Center. His address is 9075 Big Lake Road, Clarkston, MI 48346.

The **first-year novices** of the Chicago, Detroit, and Wisconsin Provinces are currently engaged in the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius, a 30-day, silent retreat. Please remember them in your prayers.

If you or someone you know **attended a Jesuit high school, college or university** anywhere in the world at any time, please let us know. The Jesuits of the Chicago Province are founding a group of local alumni of Jesuit institutions. Please call or e-mail the office your name and those you know who are alumni.

Hamilton County Park District 2010 Employment

Open House: February 6 from 9 am to 2 pm
 Open House Locations: Winton Woods, Sharon Woods, Miami Whitewater Forest and Woodland Mound. Hiring starts at 16 years of age. Visit GreatParks.org for more information.

VOCATIONS

If you would like to take the St. Joseph Statue for a month to pray for vocations, please call the office. Thank you for your assistance in promoting vocations to the Church.

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

DIVORCE CARE. St. Xavier will offer a DivorceCare workshop for those suffering the pain of divorce or separation beginning **Monday, January 25, 2010** from 7:00-8:30 in the undercroft. This workshop/support group will continue on Monday evenings for 14 weeks. The workshop is progressive, so please be prepared to make the commitment to attend all or most of the sessions. Call the office to register so that we have adequate materials. Cost is \$12 for workbook.

Tender Mercies – January 31st

Please call the office if you are able to help.

Caring Hands Homebound Ministry. If you or anyone you know is homebound, hospitalized, or in a care facility, even temporarily, please contact Barbara Westendorf in the church office.

On behalf of Catholic Charities of Southwest Ohio we'd like to extend a sincere thank you to our parishioners for their generous donations for the Gifts of the Magi.

St. Vincent dePaul Society meets every Saturday at 9 AM at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral. If you would like to volunteer, please call the church office.

PASTOR'S PACE

You may have heard that Fr. Murphy had been at Good Samaritan Hospital since January 5th. After two weeks of therapy since being admitted, his medical team decided Fr. Murphy would be best cared for at Colombiere Center, the Jesuit retirement home and infirmary in Clarkston, Michigan; by the time you read this, John will have moved there. It is uncertain whether John will be returning to the parish.

Good-byes are seldom pleasant yet are always necessary for those who have been involved in any type of relationship. We are working on a way to systematize a way for members of our community to extend their greetings to and well-wishes for Fr. Murphy since he will not be able to be present to receive them here; stay tuned for details.

Fr. Murphy has been part of our parish since September 2002. While many of you knew him from his celebration of the sacraments, there is far more to the man than he let on or would ever say about himself.

John Paul Murphy was born in Chicago on March 10, 1938; he is a twin. After attending Catholic grammar and high school he entered the Society of Jesus in 1956. After his novitiate and first studies in Milford, OH, he was sent to study Latin and Greek at Fordham University where he earned his PhD at the young age of 25. From there he was sent to study Philosophy at the Gregorian University in Rome. He returned to the United States for Theology studies and was ordained a priest on May 29, 1969. Following his ordination he went to Loyola University in Chicago where he was on the faculty in the Classics Department, becoming a fixture there until he left Loyola in 2002. During his time at Loyola, he served as Freshmen Dean and Chair of the Department. His time at Loyola was interrupted from 1993-1997 when he lived in Rome where he translated documents from Latin into English and Italian for the Curia of the Society, a work he continued on occasion while serving among us.

Fr. Murphy is able to read French, German, Italian, and of course, Latin and Greek. He has authored four books and has long been considered one of the finest Latin and Greek scholars in the worldwide Society.

In my estimation, John is one of the last "classic" Jesuits; he was formed by both the pre-and post-conciliar Church and able to adapt. He was a man of fierce loyalty to the Church and the Society of Jesus, obedient to the core, charitable to a fault, quite the domestic in our house (watering plants, emptying the dishwasher three times/day, washing linens, and offering hospitality to guests) and well-versed in matters as far-ranging as the Chicago Cubs to Cincinnati City Council proceedings.

John's quiet patience and presence will be missed. He relished his time here and the affection that so many of you extended to him in his tenure.

Let us remember Fr. Murphy and each other in prayer this week!
+Eric J. Knapp, S.J.

FAITH FORMATION

MARRIAGE PREP CLASS will be offered on Thursday, January 28 at 7:00 PM in the undercroft. Please call the office to register for these classes.

ARE YOU READY TO BE TRANSFORMED?

"Salt and Light: A Transformative Journey into Catholic Social Teaching," Now may be the time for you to join us on an adventure into the social dimension of the Gospel and our calling to be neighbor to all God's people and creation. Five Monday evening sessions starting January 25 at 6:30 PM in the undercroft. Please register by calling the parish office. All adults as well as junior and senior high school students are welcome.

Xpressions Book Club will meet Tuesday, January 26 in the undercroft. *The Devil's Advocate* by Morris West will be discussed. All are welcome!

SCRIPTURE STUDY CONTINUES

The Gospel of Luke: The Gospel of the Holy Spirit.

Tuesdays, **February 2, 9 and 16**, 7-8:30 PM in the Undercroft. What do people do when they are filled with the Holy Spirit? Luke gives us plenty of ideas in his gospel. You are invited to come and spend some time reading from Luke and discover what the Holy Spirit may be doing in our lives. Our presenter will be Fr. Tim Schehr. Fr. Tim is a professor of biblical studies at the Athenaeum of Ohio. He contributes commentary of the bible for St. Anthony Messenger Press and *The Catholic Telegraph*. Fr. Tim is a very popular presenter throughout the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Mark your calendars and bring your bible and a friend.

MEN OF ST. XAVIER

If you are interested in forming a men's prayer/study group, please contact the parish office. The group would meet once/week at a time amenable to those interested. More than one group is a possibility, depending on the number of those interested.

Praying with Ignatius: A Lenten Journey: Feb. 24, March 3, 10 and 17; 6 to 8:30 PM (Dinner Included!)

The Jesuit Spiritual Center will again offer a Lenten retreat entitled "Praying with Ignatius." Praying with Ignatius will offer an introduction to the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius and will seek to deepen the prayer habits and spiritual lives of attendees. Each evening will include a specific topic as well as prayer, scripture reading and small-group sharing. The retreat will be led by **Fr. Cy Whitaker, SJ**. The fee is \$75 for all four evenings, or \$20 for any given evening. For information, or to register, call (513) 248-3500, ext. 10 or visit the Center's website: www.jesuitspiritualcenter.com.