

From Father Chuck's Desk... This weekend the Church celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday. Pope John Paul II established this special day in which we focus on a core value of Christ's ministry and sacrifice for us. We know that we need mercy and we know that when we pray we are invoking not only the One who is able to forgive us, but also the very source of love and mercy. Our Easter joy is based on the forgiveness we have received and in our restored relationship to God who wants to enable us to be in right relationship with Him and with one another. By the power of the Holy Spirit in the sacramental life of the Church we rejoice also in the mercy available to us who acknowledge our sins, firmly commit ourselves to avoiding our prior sinful choices, try to make some form of retribution to those whom we have hurt by our sins, and ask for forgiveness in humility and simplicity of heart.

Knowing that we can easily be distracted or tempted provides us with inspiration to strive for a life of virtue. Temperance in our consumption of food and drink, prudence in our choices of how we spend our time and with whom, modesty in how we dress and in our speech, wisdom in the care we take with ourselves, are just some of the important factors that build us up as a family of faith. Warm weather is upon us. The air conditioning is working well in our parish buildings. Just as we do well to see food and drink as blessings to be used in moderation and fast before mass in order to be better disposed to the grace of God in His Word and in the Eucharist, so with our choice of clothing we honor our own bodies and show respect to others who come to church for a holy encounter with God among God's beloved children. May we enjoy the results of our hunger for holiness and our simplicity of heart as we gather for liturgy and in our daily lives.



Congratulations to Carter Grant Cavalier who will receive the Sacraments of First Holy Communion today. Carter has been working hard in preparation of this day and for his

Confirmation, to be held this Wednesday, April 14 at SS. Simon & Jude. Please keep him and his family in your prayers as they celebrate and in the days to come. **We also extend a special welcome** to family and friends who are joining us for this celebration!

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL will meet this coming Tuesday, April 13, at 4:30PM in the rectory meeting room. All members are urged to attend. If unable to attend, please notify the office.

FINANCE COUNCIL will hold a meeting on this coming Tuesday, April 13 at 6:30PM in the rectory meeting room. Please make every effort to attend. If unable to attend, please notify Carol at the office.

2010 DIOCESAN LENTEN APPEAL


As of April 6 we have collected a total of **\$ 14,560.00** in pledges and gifts (**51%** of our parish goal of \$28,500 from a total of **112 households** (26% of our parish). A *"Special Thanks"* to those who increased their gift over last year.

ST. THOMAS MORE UNIVERSITY PARISH—6th Annual Health Fair and Step Into Spring Walk if being held on Saturday, April 17. Join friends and family in church parking lot at 8:30am and start the day with a 1.5 or 3 mile walk along Hoodbug Trail, organized by the Health and Physical Education students. Come early and get a free t-shirt! Participants are eligible to win great prizes. Health screenings offered during the fair include peripheral artery disease (PAD) screening, bone density, body mass index and blood pressure. There will be classes on healthy cooking, a children's corner (with crafts and face-painting), interactive challenges with WiiFit, strategies for preventing and managing diabetes, and much, much more! The fair is supported, in part, by a grant from the IUP Center for Civic Engagement and Student Leadership. There will be raffles throughout the day and free refreshments. Grand prize is a bicycle. Please join us!

VISITATION CHURCH, MT. PLEASANT is holding an **All You Can Eat Pancake, Egg & Sausage Breakfast** on Sunday, April 18 from 8am-12noon in the Visitation community center. Adults/\$5; Children(10 & under)/\$2.50; Toddlers/Free. Buckwheat cakes will be available as well as take-out. Tickets can be purchased at the door. **Come join us!**

2ND ANNUAL ST. BERNARD SCHOOL 5K WALK/RUN will be held on April 24. The school is accepting sponsors for this wonderful fundraiser until April 9. For more information, please log on to stbernardlc.org.

CARENET VOLUNTEERS WANTED Are you willing to visit an elderly or disabled citizen about once a week and provide them friendship, compassion and practical services? Your reward will be the satisfaction and enjoyment of helping others. Training for new volunteers is being held the 3rd Saturday of each month, 11AM--12:30PM, followed by a light lunch. A volunteer manual is provided at the trainings. To volunteer or for more information contact: 724-465-2865 or care_net@verizon.net. **CareNet** is a United Way agency serving Indiana County.



If you know of someone who is in need of prayer, or if you would like to join the parish prayer chain, please call Thelma Fabin at 724-479-0103 or contact the parish office. Please pray for the wholeness and healing of:

Cecilia Anderson; Ethel Bellas; Lois Bevil; Dana Bowser; Ryan Brennen; Ann Burtick; Rachel Burtyk; Elia Calvetti; Millie Caratelli; Marie Colosi; Jordan Cornman; Frank Davis, Jr.; Richard DeLuca; Betty Dice; Pat Doyle; Kira Drakulic; Rhonda Earhart; Lauren Eshbaugh; Linda Exler; Jason Faust; Grace Gaydosh; Carmella Gary; Ben Goss; Judie Hawk; Evelyn Innocenti; Dolores Kolakowski; Lang Family; Tammy Lawson; Jim & Peggy Marsh; Jason Maudie; Alice McCracken; Ryan McCracken; Conrad McQuaide; Jackie Mignogna; Trevor Minich; Bob Moretti; James Morgan; Chad Park; Joy Patterson; Alice Petracca; Jason Pike; Jemma Premus; Gloria Prymak; David Puzak; Bill Riedinger; Rose Rocco; Paul Rogel; Robert Romance; Parker Scarry; Mabel Setlock; Toot Shearer; Jessie Slansky; Pearl Sleigh; Chester Socol; Catherine Stercho; Donald Stitts; Kathy Tarr; Jack Turner; Darlene Woodrow; Jack Yard; Connie Zagurskie; Katrina Zuchelli.

Please take a moment to carefully read the names on our prayer list. If you notice someone who has recovered from his/her illness, or perhaps has passed away, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you.