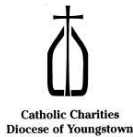


"If You Want Peace, Work for Justice" — Paul VI



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National Migration Week: January 8-14, 2006

Welcoming the Stranger Among Us Kit; Unity in Diversity



The vast array of resources in this kit have been designed to offer practical guidance for building more welcoming and inclusive parishes. Kit contains copies of published documents and related resources (several of which can be photocopied and distributed to small groups and in other community settings).

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A Letter from the USCCB Chair of the Committee on Refugees and Migrants

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I invite you to join in the 25th anniversary observance of National Migration Week. The theme for 2006 is *Journey to Justice*, a journey which each of us is called to make in solidarity with migrants, immigrants, refugees, human trafficking victims, and other people on the move seeking justice and peace. As the U.S. bishops wrote with our brother bishops from Mexico in the pastoral letter "*Strangers No Longer, Together on the Journey of Hope*":

From its founding to the present, the United States remains a nation of immigrants grounded in the firm belief that newcomers offer new energy, hope and cultural diversity. Our common faith in Jesus Christ moves us to search for ways that favor a spirit of solidarity. It is a faith that transcends borders and

bids us to overcome all forms of discrimination and violence so that we may build relationships that are just and loving.

Never has this call to solidarity been needed more than today. Too often those who have come to our land seeking a better life for themselves and their families face discrimination and exploitation. For that reason, the bishops, along with a broad coalition of Catholic organizations have committed themselves to changing minds and hearts through the national *Justice for Immigrants: Together on the Journey of Hope* campaign. National Migration Week provides parishes and schools with an excellent opportunity to give expression to the ideals of the campaign in their local communities. You can find out more about the campaign at www.justiceforimmigrants.org.

We invite you to engage in your own *Journey to Justice* through prayer, education, and parish outreach. To guide you on this journey, a wide variety of resources for parishes and schools have been developed and are available on the NMW web site at www.usccb.org/mrs/nmw.shtml.

When we make this journey we embrace the newcomers to our land as we reach out in a spirit of peace and hope. Together with them we are truly the Body of Christ.



Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Gerald R. Barnes
Bishop of San Bernardino

Prayer for the Journey

Mary, our Mother and our Lady of Guadalupe, we come to you as migrants and pilgrims, passing briefly through this world, as we journey to our true home in heaven. *Show us the Way.*

You were once a migrant too. Guide us along safe paths, protect us from evil, and free us from all fear. *Show us the Way.*

Teach us to welcome the strangers among us - immigrants, migrants, refugees, people on the move -- all sisters and brothers on the journey. *Show us the Way.*

Help us to seek justice for the oppressed, to bring comfort to the afflicted, and to offer hope and healing to all those we meet on the journey. *Show us the Way.*

Help us to recognize that the only path to your Son is the way of justice. Strengthen us to make straight this way before him. *Show us the Way.*

Open our hearts and minds to the suffering of victims of human trafficking, children held in detention, and other vulnerable persons in need of our hope and help in their time of struggle. *Amen.*



Oración para el Camino

María, Madre nuestra y nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, venimos a ti como migrantes y peregrinos, en nuestro breve paso por este mundo, de viaje a nuestro verdadero hogar que está en el cielo. *Muéstranos el camino.*

Una vez fuiste migrante tú también. Guíanos por senderos seguros, protégenos del mal y líbranos de todo temor. *Muéstranos el camino.*

Enséñanos a acoger a los extranjeros entre nosotros -inmigrantes, migrantes, refugiados, personas en tránsito-, hermanas y hermanos todos en el viaje. *Muéstranos el camino*

Ayúdanos a buscar justicia para los oprimidos, a llevar consuelo a los afligidos, y ofrecer alivio y esperanza a todos los que conocemos en el viaje. *Muéstranos el camino*

Ayúdanos a reconocer que la única senda hacia tu Hijo es el camino de la justicia. Danos fuerza para ir rectos por el camino que lleva a Él. *Muéstranos el camino*

Abre nuestras mentes y corazones al sufrimiento de las víctimas del tráfico humano, de los niños sometidos a reclusión, y de otras personas vulnerables que necesitan nuestra esperanza y ayuda en sus momentos de adversidad. *Amén..*

Sample Petitions of the Faithful

For an end to the violence and poverty that displaces so many people from their homes and homelands, we pray to the Lord. *Response: Lord, hear our prayer.*

For our leaders, that they may implement policies that allow for safe migration, just migrant working conditions, and an end to the detention of asylum seekers, while protecting our national safety, we pray to the Lord. *Response: Lord, hear our prayer.*

For our parish, that we may learn to recognize Jesus in the immigrants who come to our land and welcome them in his name, we pray to the Lord. *Response: Lord, hear our prayer.*

For refugees that they may find welcome in their lands of asylum until they may safely return to their homes, we pray to the Lord. *Response: Lord, hear our prayer.*

For migrant workers, that they may labor in safe and justice conditions, and that we who benefit from their labor may be truly grateful for what they provide, we pray to the Lord. *Response: Lord hear our prayer*

For unaccompanied migrant children, that they may be protected from all harm and reunited with loving families, we pray to the Lord. *Response: Lord, hear our prayer.*

For an end to human trafficking, that the dignity of all of God's children will be protected, we pray to the Lord. *Response: Lord, hear our prayer.*

Five Principals on Migration from Catholic Social Teaching

I. Persons have the right to find opportunities in their homeland.

All persons have the right to find in their own countries the economic, political, and social opportunities to live in dignity and achieve a full life through the use of their God-given gifts. In this context, work that provides a just, living wage is a basic human need.

II. Persons have the right to migrate to support themselves and their families.

The Church recognizes that all the goods of the earth belong to all people.¹⁵ When persons cannot find employment in their country of origin to support themselves and their families, they have a right to find work elsewhere in order to survive. Sovereign nations should provide ways to accommodate this right.

III. Sovereign nations have the right to control their borders.

The Church recognizes the right of sovereign nations to control their territories but rejects such control when it is exerted merely for the purpose of acquiring additional wealth. More powerful

economic nations, which have the ability to protect and feed their residents, have a stronger obligation to accommodate migration flows.

IV. Refugees and asylum seekers should be afforded protection.

Those who flee wars and persecution should be protected by the global community. This requires, at a minimum, that migrants have a right to claim refugee status without incarceration and to have their claims fully considered by a competent authority.

V. The human dignity and human rights of undocumented migrants should be respected. Regardless of their legal status, migrants, like all persons, possess inherent human dignity that should be respected. Often they are subject to punitive laws and harsh treatment from enforcement officers from both receiving and transit countries. Government policies that respect the basic human rights of the undocumented are necessary.

Strangers No Longer: Together on the Journey of Hope, November, 2002 (No's. 35-38)

Nine Challenges to Parish and Diocesan Social Concerns Committees

In their recent pastoral letter, "Strangers No Longer: Together on the Journey of Hope," the bishops of the United States and America jointly called upon their people to work towards just and lasting solutions to the complex issues of migration. We are all called upon to engage in a process of conversion, communion, and solidarity as sisters and brothers in God's family.

Specifically, in Sec. 42 of this document the bishops issued the following nine challenges to faith communities, which are presented here, along with possible responses to each challenge in italics. These suggestions should be looked upon as prescriptive rather than exhaustive. Individual parishes and diocesan organizations will surely identify additional ways to "welcome the stranger in our midst."

1. We call upon pastors and lay leaders to ensure support for migrant and immigrant families.

Offer parish education programs about Catholic Social Teaching and the migrant experience.

Include special prayers in the General Intercessions of the Mass that focus on the needs and rights of migrants and refugees.

Create opportunities for immigrants, migrants, and refugees to share their stories in the parish, the school, and the community.

2. We urge communities to offer migrant families hospitality, not hostility, along their journey.

Prepare welcome packets for newly arrived parishioners. Recruit volunteers to translate these materials into the primary languages of newcomers to your region.

Form a hospitality committee to make home visits to newly arrived members of the parish community.

Organize outreach to migrant or mobile populations in your community by posting flyers inviting newcomers to your parish (including Mass times) where migrant workers, seafarers, and other people on the move may see them.

3. We commend church communities that have established migrant shelters that provide appropriate pastoral and social services to migrants.

Contact your local diocesan resettlement agency to find out more about migrant shelters and needs in your area.

Volunteer to help staff the shelter on nights or weekends, prepare a meal, or offer transportation.

Organize a collection of household items, toiletries, cleaning supplies, and furniture to assist migrants and refugees in setting up their apartments in their new homeland.

4. We encourage Catholics and all people of good will to work with the community to address the causes of undocumented migration and to protect the human rights of all migrants.

Keep informed on issues related to immigration policies, such as border issues, human trafficking, immigrant detention, treatment of unaccompanied minors, and refugee admissions, and focus on the human impact of U.S. policy.

Organize educational activities to help keep all parishioners up to date on migration related social justice issues.

Develop a local grass-roots migration advocacy network, and join the USCCB/Migration and Refugee Services Advocacy Network by calling (202) 541-3208 or emailing mrspol@nccbuscc.org

5. **We call on the local church to help newcomers integrate in ways that are respectful, that celebrate their cultures, and that are responsive to their social needs, leading to a mutual enrichment of the local church.**
Celebrate multicultural liturgies frequently, integrating movement, music, art, and other cultural liturgical traditions such as processions and incense, particularly when the parish does not have the resources to offer regular services in the diverse traditions.
Recruit teams of lay ministers from various ethnic and linguistic backgrounds to assist parish leaders with pastoral duties such as shut-in visits, Eucharistic ministry, and multi-lingual religious education.
Identify multi-cultural liturgical resources such as song books, catechetical materials, and Bibles in needed languages, and raise the funds to obtain them for your parish.
6. **We ask that special attention be given to migrant and immigrant children and youth as they straddle two cultures, especially to give them opportunities for leadership and service in the community and to encourage vocations among them.**
Invite young immigrants or exchange students to share their personal stories with parish education programs.
Observe National Migration Week annually (usually the same week as Epiphany, though the date can be changed to accommodate parish needs. Encourage migrant youth to take a leadership role in the activities.
Provide community service opportunities for all of the youth of the parish, with a particular emphasis on the recognition that each of us bring unique gifts to the community.
7. **The Church on both sides of the border must dedicate resources to provide pastoral care for migrants who are detained or incarcerated. The presence of the Church within detention facilities and jails is an essential way of addressing the human rights violations that migrants may face when they are apprehended.**
Visit the MRS Advocacy web site at www.usccb.org/mrs/deten.shtml for recent statements and backgrounders on the issue of immigrant detention.
Find out if the INS has a detention facility or contracts with local city or county jails in your community. Organize committee to visit detainees.
Contact CLINIC [the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.] at www.cliniclegal.org/ for suggestions about protecting due process and human rights of newcomers to our country.
8. **We encourage local dioceses to sponsor pertinent social services for migrants and immigrants, particularly affordable legal services.**
Establish a relationship with your diocesan refugee resettlement offices and volunteer to have the parish assist in refugee resettlement.
Assist newcomers in finding housing, medical services, tutoring, English as a Second Language classes, and employment, and recruit local attorneys to provide pro-bono services and advice on immigration issues.
Recruit families in the parish to serve as "Partner Families" to help orient newcomers to parish life and ease their transition into the community.
9. **In many rural dioceses, the primary site of pastoral outreach for farm workers is the migrant camp, usually at a significant distance from the parish church. In this context we encourage local parishioners to be prepared as home missionaries and the migrants themselves to be prepared as catechists and outreach workers.**

Visit the USCCB Department of Migration and Refugee Services website @ <http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org> for further informational resources about immigration and the Church.

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Suggested Stewardship Bulletin Inserts for January / February

January 1, 2006 (Mary, Mother of God)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

The first reading today recalls God's special blessing upon the Israelites. The Lord has been gracious to us as well, pouring into our hearts that spirit which knows Him as Father and makes us His children. May we, like Mary in today's Gospel, treasure these things in our hearts and live gratefully!

January 15, 2006 (2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

In today's first reading, we hear Samuel respond eagerly, "Here I am!" each time the Lord calls him. May we, too, be listening for the call of God in our lives and be ready to say like the Psalmist, "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will."

January 29, 2006 (4th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Moses told the people, "A prophet like me will the Lord, your God, raise up for you from among your own kinsmen." God still provides among His people the gifts and talents necessary to continue the work of His Church. What gifts are yours to share?

February 5, 2006 (5th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Like St. Paul in the second reading today, the good steward can say, "I do all that I do for the sake of the gospel in the hope of having a share in its blessings."

February 19, 2006 (7th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Forgiveness, too, is a gift from God. Freed from the paralysis of sin, the man in today's Gospel was able to stand and give witness to the power of God. How do I let sin cripple me? Am I a good steward of the gift of God's forgiveness?

January 8, 2006 (Epiphany of the Lord)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

The three wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the infant Jesus brought Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh as part of their worship. What gifts have I brought to this celebration to offer to the newborn Savior?

January 22, 2006 (3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

There is a certain urgency in today's Gospel as Jesus calls His first disciples-Andrew and Simon, James and John. Each one follows Jesus *immediately!* To what is Jesus calling me--at *this* moment, in *these* circumstances.

February 12, 2006 (6th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

In today's second reading, St. Paul urges the Corinthians to "do all for the glory of God." If we follow that advice in everything we do, we cannot help but be good stewards!

February 26th, 2006 (8th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

St. Paul tells the Corinthians that they are living letters, "known and read by all." What does the letter of *my* life reveal to those who read it? Can they tell by the way I live that I belong to Christ and that all I am and have is His?

Intercessions for Life Jan. 2006

Jan 1st THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

For all mothers,
and especially those who await the birth of their child:
that through the intercession of the Mother of God
they might grow in love for their child every day;
We pray to the Lord:

Jan 8th THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

For all who dwell in the darkness of the culture of death:
that the Holy Spirit might enlighten their hearts
with the light of the truth;
We pray to the Lord:

Jan 15th SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For those who live on death rows throughout our country:
that through our prayers they might receive the gift of repentance,
and that all might come to know the value of their lives;
We pray to the Lord:

Jan 22nd THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For all who study for the medical profession:
that they might see their vocation as a gift from God,
and that they might grow in the Gospel of Life
as they prepare to heal and restore;
We pray to the Lord:

Jan 29th FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For the sick and the suffering,
and especially those near death,
that the wisdom of those who suffer,
and the value of their lives,
might be treasured by all;
We pray to the Lord:

The Feast of the Assumption is a day of joy. God has won. Love has won. It has won life. Love has shown that it is stronger than death, that God possesses the true strength and that his strength is goodness and love.

Pope Benedict XVI (Assumption, 2005)

A Day of Prayer and Penance for Life

January 23, 2006

In all the dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. The Mass “For Peace and Justice” (no. 22 of the “Masses for Various Needs”) should be celebrated with violet vestments as an appropriate liturgical observance for this day.

General Instruction of the Roman Missal, no. 373

God’s commitment to human life is at the very foundation of our life of faith. It commits us, if we are to follow Jesus, to be ourselves bearers and protectors of human life, especially the most innocent and vulnerable. ... When we commit ourselves to being pro-life and living that commitment, we are doing what every human being, without exception, should be doing. This is not a ‘catholic’ position. It is enjoined on us by our very humanity. It is inhuman to destroy innocent human life. It is human to foster and protect it at every stage.

Bishop William Murphy, Diocese of Rockville Centre, homily for Respect Life Sunday

Roe v. Wade is a travesty – an extreme case of judicial arrogance and constitutional invention – worthy of repeal.

Pro-choice syndicated columnist Charles Krauthammer,
“Nuclear? No Restoration,” *The Washington Post*, May 13,
2005

Roe is utterly indefensible as a matter of constitutional text. ... In fact, I know of no serious scholar, judge, or lawyer who attempts to defend Roe’s analysis on textual or historical grounds. A first-year law student who argued for such a position would likely get a “C-” in any good Constitutional Law course, and that’s only because of grade inflation.

Michael Stokes Paulsen, “The Worst Constitutional Decision of All Time,” Notre Dame Law Review 78 (2003): 995-1043, at 1007

The elderly and the sick, the weak and the forgotten, they deserve better than physician-assisted suicide. They deserve better. They deserve the truth that God who created them in His own image and likeness has endowed them with infinite value and lasting dignity. We need to develop an environment in nursing homes that allows our seniors to experience this truth daily.

Msgr. Michael Shugrue, vicar general Diocese of Raleigh, homily for Respect Life Sunday

Eagle of the Cross Nomination Form

The Eagle of the Cross is a national award given annually in the Diocese of Youngstown to outstanding juniors and seniors in high school, who show particular zeal in the improvement of their own parish ministry programs, high school ministry teams or youth work in general within the Diocese. Nominees must be Catholic and exemplify the qualities of moral integrity, prayer, good works and Christian leadership. This award from the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry is the highest honor a diocese may present to a youth. In the Diocese of Youngstown a maximum of 2 medals per county and 2 medals per catholic high school are awarded each year.

Nominations must be received at the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry by: **Friday, February 24, 2006**
Eagle of the Cross Awards: **Thursday, April 27, 2006**

Send or Fax nominations to:
Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry
144 West Wood Street
Youngstown, OH 44503
Fax: (330) 744-2848

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Nomination Category Catholic High School (in the diocese of Youngstown) County (Parish)

Nominee Name _____ County _____

Nominee Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Nominee Phone Number _____ Gender Female Male

Nominee High School _____ Grade Junior Senior

Nominated by _____ Nominator Phone Number _____

Nominator Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Nominee Parish _____ Pastor _____

Parish Address _____ Parish Phone Number _____

Pastor / Catholic High School Principal Signature _____

INSTRUCTIONS

- **Nominations may be submitted by: Pastors, Parish Staff, School Staff, Family Members or Friends.**
- **Multiple nominations for a young person will be judged together.**
- **Answers to the essay questions listed on this form is the principle material used for judging. Please give *Specific Examples*. Please be thorough.**
(An excerpt of your answers may appear in the program should your nominee be selected as a recipient.)
- **Use the back of this form (and additional paper, if necessary) to answer the essay questions about the young person you are nominating.**
- **Give as much information as possible, in order to assist the judges. If nominating a youth in the Catholic High School Category, please note non-mandatory activities/service.**
- **This award is not geared toward quantitative hours of service, but to the integrity of the individual and how well he or she is perceived as an outstanding Catholic Christian.**
- **Please have the nominee's pastor or Catholic high school principal sign the completed form. (Pastor for the County category or Principal for the Catholic High School category.)**
- **If you have questions, call Faye at (330) 744-8451, X281.**



Diocese of Youngstown
Office of Catholic Schools



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK ACTIVITIES
January 29 – February 4, 2006

This list represents those schools that have submitted their activities.

Please contact your local area Catholic Schools for a complete list of their Catholic School Week Activities.

**MAHONING COUNTY
YOUNGSTOWN**

St. Christine Elementary School

3125 South Schenely Avenue, Youngstown

Principal: Mrs. Doreen Demarco

(330) 792-4544

- January 29th Character, Compassion, Values: In Our Parish
Parish Mass for current and former students
- January 30th Alumni invited; Class of "85" recognized/Refreshments to follow in Gutman Hall
Character, Compassion, Values: In Our Community
Mass All-School Liturgy
Students will write "Thank You" letters to parishioners
- January 31st Service projects; partner with school affected by Hurricane Katrina
Character, Compassion, Values: In Our Students
Science Fair
Compassion Award in each classroom
Journal entries reflecting on values
- February 1st Character, Compassion, Values: In Our Nation
National Appreciation Day
Open House
Hall of Character on display
- February 2nd Character, Compassion, Values: In Our Vocations
Student activity assembly
Small group discussions with priests, deacons, etc.
- February 3rd Character, Compassion, Values: In Our Faculty, Staff and Volunteers
National Teacher Appreciation Day
Teacher/Staff Luncheon
Buddy Day/ Dress Down Day

For more information please call (330) 792-4544

Immaculate Conception Elementary School

810 Oak Street, Youngstown

Principal: Sr. Charlotte Italiano, OSU

For more information please call (330) 747-9471

St. Matthias Elementary School

2800 Shady Run, Youngstown
Principal: Mrs. Cheryl Jablonski
(330) 788-0241

January 30 th	Prayer Service in the morning. /Spelling Bee in the afternoon.
January 31 st	Special Person's Day / Book Fair
February 1 st	Teacher Appreciation Day lunch provided by the Home and School. Book Fair
February 2 nd	Parent- Teacher Conferences in the evening. Carnegie Science Museum presentation "Good Vibrations" Speech Contest judged by members of the Mooney Speech Team
February 3 rd	Student Appreciation Day Bowling for the whole school at 9:30a.m.. Lunch provided by Home and School. Dance in the afternoon. Handel's Ice Cream Social at 1:45p.m..

For more information please call (330) 788-0241

AUSTINTOWN**Immaculate Heart of Mary Elementary School**

4470 Norquest Boulevard
Principal: Sr. Ann Marie Boehnlein, SND
For more information please call (330) 799-1944

St. Joseph Elementary School

4565 New Road, Austintown
Principal: Mr. John Rozzo
(330) 793-1250

January 29 th	Announcements at weekend Masses
January 30 th	New K open house and tours
January 31 st	Physical Fitness Day Students and Staff
February 1 st	Mission Awareness Day
February 2 nd	Science Fair and Open House
February 3 rd	World Peace Program and Family Fun Nite

For more information call (330) 793-1250

BOARDMAN**St. Charles Elementary School**

7325 Westview Drive, Boardman
Principal: Sr. Mary Alyce Koval, OSU
For more information please call: (330) 758-6689

January 29th Kick off the week of Celebration. 1:00 p.m. Mass

St. Luke Elementary School

5225 South Avenue, Boardman
Principal: Mrs. Catherine Wigley
For more information please call: (330) 782-4060

CAMPBELL

St. Joseph the Provider Elementary School

633 Porter Avenue, Campbell

Principal: Sr. Bernadine Janci, SND

For more information please call: (330) 755-4747

POLAND

***Byzantine Catholic Central Elementary School**

5512 Youngstown-Poland Road, Poland

Principal: Mr. Michael Orenic

For more information please call: (330) 757-9185

Holy Family Elementary School

2731 Center Road, Poland

Principal: Mrs. Christine Kijowski

For more information please call: (330) 757-3713

STRUTHERS

St. Nicholas Elementary School

762 Fifth Street, Struthers

Principal: Miss Paulette Petrosky

(330) 755-2128

January 28th Mom & Dad's Spaghetti Dinner 3:30 p.m. –7:00p.m.

January 30th Faculty and Student Appreciation Day – Open House for Parents

January 31st Peace Mass Celebration....

Our 8th grade invites you to come celebrate and Worship the Lord – 9:00 a.m. Mass

February 1st Grandparents and Family Appreciation Day

10:00 a.m. Grandparents Appreciation Service in Church

February 2nd Buddy Day and International Dinner

New Kindergarten Buddy Day

February 3rd Spirit Day 1:00 p.m. "Spirit Rally"

9:00 a.m. Bowlathon at Holiday Bowl 5th –8th grades /"Bump or Bowl" Holiday Bowl 1st –4th grades

Kindergarten - "Surprise"

For more information please call: (330) 755-2128

HIGH SCHOOLS

YOUNGSTOWN

Ursuline High School

750 Wick Avenue, Youngstown

Principal: Ms. Patricia Fleming

For more information please call (330) 744-4563

Cardinal Mooney High School

2545 Erie Street, Youngstown

Principal: Sr. Jane Marie Kudlacz, HM

(330) 788-5007

February 1st Catholic Schools Week Prayer Service and Distinguished Alumni Award Presentation.

February 5th Open House/Spaghetti Dinner

The open house, which will conclude Mooney's "Catholic Schools Week" celebration. Information concerning registration procedures will be available and new student registrations will be accepted. An innovation to this year's Open House will be a tuition raffle sponsored by the school's Alumni Association.

In addition, the Cardinal Mooney Home and School Association will host a "Spaghetti Dinner" in the school cafeteria from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. The open house is open to all Cardinal Mooney parents, friends, alumni and to prospective students and their parents.

For more information call: (330) 788-5007

**STARK COUNTY
CANTON**

St. Joan of Arc Elementary School

120 Bordner Avenue SW, Canton

Principal: Ms. Mary Fiala

For more information please call: (330) 477-2972

St. Joseph Elementary School

126 Columbus NW, Canton

Principal: Ms. Linda Preece

(330) 454-9787

February 1st All School Mass followed by "Pastries for Parents"
Academic Olympics where representatives from each grade level will represent 4
countries and compete for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place metals.

February 2nd Jr. High wax museum of famous people

All school skating party 5:30-7:30p.m.

February 3rd Country Western Day (since we are the COWBOYS)

Afternoon party with line dancing, country music, etc

For more information please call: (330) 454-9787

St. Michael Elementary School

3431 St. Michael Boulevard NW, Canton

Principal: Mrs. Sally Roden

For more information please call: (330) 492-2657

Our Lady of Peace Elementary School

1001 39th Street NW, Canton

Principal: Mrs. Donna Mertes

For more information please call: (330) 492-0622

St. Peter Elementary School

702 Cleveland Avenue NW, Canton

Principal: Mrs. Ruth Joy

For more information please call: (330) 452-0125

ALLIANCE

Regina Coeli/St. Joseph Elementary School

733 Fernwood Boulevard, Alliance

Principal: Mrs. Claire Valentino

For more information please call: (330) 823-9239

CANAL FULTON

SS. Philip and James Elementary School

532 High Street NW, Canal Fulton

Principal: Mrs. Sharon Parish

For more information please call: (330) 854-2823

LOUISVILLE

Sacred Heart of Mary Elementary School

8267 Nickelplate Avenue NE, Louisville

Principal: Mrs. Christine Sbaraglia

(330) 875-1467

Kick-off Celebration of Catholic Schools--Stark Co. which will be expo at the Westfield Belden Village Mall Friday, Sat. and Sun. Jan.27-29th. Theme: Character, Compassion and Values

January 30th School Liturgy--we value our school

January 31st Day of prayer---dedicate one hour for prayer for others

February 1st Family groups for character--adding a pillar of character in the program

February 2nd Community Outreach--make and deliver blankets and scarves

February 3rd Student and Teacher appreciation day--we value our school

For more information please call: (330) 875-1467

St. Louis Elementary School

214 North Chapel Street

Principal: Sr. Carole von Buelow, OSF

For more information please call: (330) 875-5167

NAVARRE

St. Clement Elementary School

402 North Market Street, Navarre

Principal: Mr. John Mazan

For more information please call: (330) 879-2645

MASSILLON

St. Mary Elementary School

640 First Street NE, Massillon

Principal: Mrs. Donna Shadle

For more information please call: (330) 832-9355

St. Barbara Elementary School

2809 Lincoln Way NW, Massillon

Principal: Mr. Robert Otte

(330) 833-9510

January 29th Marketing Promotion at Westfield Center Mall-
One of 14 area schools promoting the values of Catholic Education;
Show runs 2/27 -2/29 during regular Mall hours.

January 30th "Student Professional Day" -
Students will choose a profession that they some day hope to pursue; they will dress the role and give a
classroom speech describing their profession.

January 31st "Show Compassion Day" -
Stewardship activity: A loose change collection will be taken.

February 1st "Student Appreciation Day" -
"Student Talent Show" at 7p.m. in Fr. Daum Hall

February 2nd "Family Open House"-
Parents, grandparents and friends are invited to visit the school, 10:00a.m. to 12:00p.m.

February 3rd "Spelling Bee" at 1p.m. in Fr. Daum Hall
"Spiritual and Physical Fitness Day"-
Activities will include both liturgical events i.e. morning Mass
and physical fitness events i.e. obstacle course challenge competition.

For more information please call (330) 833-9510

NORTH CANTON

St. Paul Elementary School

303 South Main Street, North Canton

Principal: Mrs. Jackie Zufall

For more information please call: (330) 494-0223

WAYNESBURG

St. James Elementary School

400 West Lisbon Street, Waynesburg

Principal: Mrs. Kathleen Untch

(330) 866-9556

Catholic Schools Week Activities

Activities for the week include:

Teacher Appreciation Day with brunch hosted by the office staff, cards and gifts from students;

Parent Appreciation Day with handmade gifts from the children

Teacher Switch Day with sixth graders preparing a lesson for each grade

J A in a Day Program sponsored by Stark County Junior Achievement

Crazy Hat Day

Math-a-thon to benefit St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital

Celebration of the Mass with gospel dramatization and music performed by fifth and sixth graders

For more information please call (330) 866-9556

HIGH SCHOOLS

CANTON

Central Catholic High School

4824 Tuscarawas Street W, Canton

Principal: Rev. Robert Kaylor

For more information please call: (330) 478-2131

LOUISVILLE

St. Thomas Aquinas High School

2121 Reno Drive NE, Louisville

Principal: Mr. Joseph Vagedes

For more information please call: (330) 875-1631

TRUMBULL COUNTY

GIRARD

St. Rose Elementary School

61 East Main Street, Girard
Principal: Mrs. Patricia Yacucci
(330) 545-1163

- Saturday: First Reconciliation for Grade 2 students
- Monday: Academic Day
Spelling Bee 1:15 PM
Dr. Alan Digianantonio - Pronouncer
- Tuesday: Alumni Day
Alumni – Storytime: Character, Compassion, Values
Storytime for students K-2, 3-5, 6-8
Witness talks for older students- Alumni Community Leaders are invited to talk with students
- Wednesday: Remembrance Day
Mass at 8:30 AM Reading of the St. Rose “Angels”
Donuts and juice/milk following Mass (Home and School Treat)
- Thursday: Sharing Day
Student Activities - Character, Compassion, Values
Students collect - Hats, gloves, scarves for needy/ School supplies for the needy
Band activities - Concert
- Friday: Beach Day
Beach Volleyball tournament Grades 7-8, Winner plays staff
Picnic Lunch - Families invited to bring a picnic lunch or purchase picnic style - hot lunch and eat with the students

For more information please call: (330) 545-1163

HUBBARD

St. Patrick Elementary School

38 East Water Street, Hubbard
Principal: Ms. Rita Gontaruk
For more information please call: (330) 534-2509

NEWTON FALLS

SS. Mary and Joseph Elementary School

709 Milton Boulevard, Newton Falls
Principal: Mrs. Kay Suzelis
For more information please call: (330) 872-7676

NILES

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Elementary School

309 Rhodes Avenue, Niles
Principal: Mr. Howard Mancini
(330) 652-5547

- January 29th Catholic Schools' Week Mass 9:30 AM; Super Sunday 1 to 4 PM in the gym and school, various family activities and presentations by the school and students
- January 30th Magic Carpet Theater: Children's theater presentation from the Oakland Center for the Performing Arts for Gr. K to 6
- January 31st School Spelling Bee 1 PM in the gym
- February 1st Student Appreciation Day, Gr. 3 - 6 Steelhounds hockey game and related activities, Gr. K to 2 bowling at McKinley Lanes
- February 2nd Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
- February 3rd Challenge 24 Tournament in the gym Gr. 2 to 6,
Math Day activities Gr. K - 1 in the classroom

For more information please call: (330) 652-5547

St. Stephen Elementary School

45 South Chestnut Street, Niles

Principal: Mrs. Judith Conti

For more information please call: (330) 652-5511

WARREN**Notre Dame School/Queen of All Saints Building**

3000 reeves Road NE, Warren

Principal: Mrs. Theresa Dolan-Dixon

(330) 372-2375

January 29th - February 4th Book Fair
January 30th School Spirit Day
January 31st Magic Carpet Theatre "The Dragon and the Princess"
February 1st Mass 8:30 am
Teacher Appreciation Day "Special Luncheon"
February 2nd Family Appreciation Day "Family Picnic"
February 3rd Student Appreciation Day "Disney Day"
For more information please call: (330) 372-2375

Notre Dame School/Queen of Peace Building

261 Elm Road NE, Warren

Chief Administrator, Notre Dame Schools: Mrs. Kathleen Victor

(330) 392-0389

Catholic Schools Week activities include the following:

Catholic Schools Week Mass

Pancake Breakfast

Speaker from the regional Airbase

Girls volleyball team vs. Faculty

Celebrate Heritage Day

For more information please call: (330) 392-0389

Notre Dame School/Queen of Apostles Building

1461 Moncrest NW, Warren

Principal: Mrs. Mary Jo Dugan

For more information please call: (330) 399-5411

WARREN**HIGH SCHOOL****John F. Kennedy High School**

2550 Central Parkway SE, Warren

Principal: Mrs. June Drennen

For more information please call: (330) 369-1804

ASHTABULA COUNTY

ASHTABULA

SS. John & Paul School/Mt. Carmel Bldg.

2150 Columbus Avenue, Ashtabula

Principal: Mr. Thomas Thornton

(440) 997-5821

Catholic Schools Week activities include the following

Bowling party for the staff and students

Spirit day where school colors and school clothing are worn

Movie day where students may choose a film they would like to watch

Teacher lunch provided by the PTO

School Mass

The school is also planning a presence at the weekend parish Masses with greeters.

For more information please call: (440) 997-5821

SS. John & Paul School/St. John High School Bldg

541 West 34th Street, Ashtabula

Principal: Miss Albina Larson

For more information please call: (440) 997-5531

GENEVA

Assumption Elementary School

30 Lockwood Street, Geneva

Principal: Mrs. Cheryl Woodward

(440) 466-2104

- January 29th Parish
Students will take part in the mass, they will be the lectors, ushers, and servers.
The students will have on display an " Assumption School Hall of Fame" A collage of pictures will be up for all parishioners to view at " Pastries with Parishioners" after the masses.
- January 30th Community
The students will show off their talents at the local nursing homes. The students will host a talent show for the residents at the homes. Assumption students will also make personal thank you cards for the supporters of the school.
The school will host an Open House during the school day and the students will become ambassadors for the school.
- January 31st Students
For a special treat of thanks to the students they will have a non - uniform day and a snow day to play in the snow outside, then warm up with hot chocolate and cookies.
- February 1st Nation
The students will wear red, white, and blue. The students will write and send letters to the Assumption Alumni who are in the military.
- February 2nd Vocation
The children will plan and have a prayer service and dedicate it to vocations. The students will also make cards to send to the retired religious.
- February 3rd Teachers, Staff and Volunteers
A special luncheon will be hosted for the teachers and the volunteers.
- For more information please call (440) 466-2104

PORTAGE COUNTY

KENT

St. Patrick Elementary School

127 Portage Street, Kent
Principal: Mrs. Lois Cavucci
(330) 673-7232

- January 29th Kick off week, Spelling Bee MS 10:15am
Tentative: Middle school and primary students get together for books, games, etc.
- January 30th Religion Challenges, 10:15am
Tentative: Guest speakers, Kent State athletes, on character and values.
- February 1st Hoops for Heart/Jump-a-Thon
Spirit Day (Dress down day): Character Education Theme: Fairness. Be proud of your team. Students will wear gear from their favorite sports team whether school, college, or professional.
- February 2nd Assembly, K-8: Character Development 8:30am
- February 3rd All School Mass, 8:30
Early dismissal/lunch with families.
- For more information please call: (330) 673-7232

MANTUA

St. Joseph Elementary School

11045 St. Joseph Boulevard
Principal: Miss Beth Frank
For more information please call: (330) 274-2268

RANDOLPH

St. Joseph Elementary School

2617 Waterloo Road RD 1
Principal: Mrs. Patricia Permetti
For more information please call: (330) 628-9555

COLUMBIANA COUNTY

EAST LIVERPOOL

St. Aloysius Elementary School

335 West Fifth Street, East Liverpool
(330) 385-5963

- January 29th Alumni and current school students' participation at weekend masses
Receptions in the school following weekend masses
Souper Bowl Dinner
Book Fair
- January 30th Book Fair
Pep Rally
- January 31st School assembly of ALBORADA
Family Lunches
Book Fair
- February 1st Family Lunches
Book Fair
Athlete Recognition Day/Spirit Day
Family Fun Night
- February 2nd Book Fair
- February 3rd Book Fair
Staff vs. Junior High Volleyball Game

SALEM

St. Paul Elementary School

925 East State Street, Salem
Principal: Miss Carolyn Hammer
For more information please call: (330) 337-3451

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