

SS. Edward & Lucy News

SS. Edward and Lucy Parish is a Catholic community in Eastern Geauga County

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ISN'T IT AMAZING..

by Dan Gyure

that, most people attending mass at SS. Edward and Lucy never give a second thought as to how our Parish manages to look so good and function so well. Do you?

Now I know that God, Jesus, and Mother Mary are outstanding when it comes to working miracles, and that we are blessed with a great Pastor, Deacon, and fine secretary, but, come on., how do you think the other stuff gets done?

Allow me to enlighten you! There are a bunch of wonderful people that we sometimes refer to as volunteers. They will tell you that they are not volunteers but that they work for God, "The pay isn't much but, the retirement benefits are fantastic." They are modest yet comical.

Do you remember the mud stain that you accidentally ground into the church floor when you forgot to clean your shoes off and how it miraculously disappeared by next weeks Mass? How about the droopy altar flowers that suddenly came back to life seven days later. Then there was the Mother Daughter lunch that so many enjoyed. How about the fun you had winning something at the Chinese Auction? How tasty was that Chicken Dinner? It snowed but, the parking lot was cleared. Shut in parishioners had Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas dinners delivered to them. The Churches looked beautiful for the Holidays. The Sacred Vessels and the Gifts were prepared for Mass. Father usually has ministers and servers to assist with the Mass. The Parish Picnic was fantastic. The shut ins received communion. The Parish Council and Finance Committees helped the Pastor manage the Parish. The money

got counted after Mass. The Pastor was assisted in administering to the sick. The Newsletter is done in a very professional manner. The new stoves were installed at St. Lucy. Generations of Faith was well organized and interesting. The living Rosary was a beautiful and moving experience.

I could go on and on, but you get the picture. Hopefully, the next time you enter our churches and are in awe because it is clean, well decorated, and the Mass was inspirational and all you had expected it to be, you will now know that a wonderful bunch of volunteers (Our Parish Ministries) had a big, mostly unnoticed, part in making your experience memorable.

Thanks to all who contribute their Time, Treasure, and Talents to making SS. Edward and Lucy a vibrant Parish.

2012 GENERATIONS OF FAITH - THEME: PRAYER & SPIRITUALITY

Month	Theme	Church	Date	Time	Pot Luck Schedule
September	Exploring The Mass	St. Edward	Friday, 9th Sunday, 11th	6-9 pm Noon-3 pm	Picnic Foods
October	New English Translation	St. Lucy	Friday, 14th Sunday, 16th	6-9 pm Noon-3 pm	Pasta Night
November	Changes In The Mass	St. Edward	Friday, 11th Sunday, 13th	6-9 pm Noon-3 pm	Grandma's Favorite Recipe
December	Praying Thru Advent & Christmas	St. Lucy	Friday, 9th Sunday, 11th	6-9 pm Noon-3 pm	Holiday Cookie Bar or Side Dish
January	Types of Prayer & The Lord's Prayer	St. Edward	Friday, 13th Sunday, 15th	6-9 pm Noon-3 pm	Soups or Sandwiches
February	Devotions and The Rosary	St. Lucy	Friday, 10th Sunday, 12th	6-9 pm Noon-3 pm	Salad Bar (we will provide the lettuce)
March	Praying Through Lent & Easter	St. Edward	Friday, 9th Sunday, 11th	6-9 pm Noon-3 pm	Meatless Meals
April	Moving From Learning to Doing	St. Lucy	Friday, 13th Sunday, 15th	6-9 pm Noon-3 pm	Appetizers

PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION IN CAREY, OHIO

by Fr. Burkley



We are sponsoring a Parish Pilgrimage to the shrine on Wednesday, October 26. We will leave St. Edward at 8:00 am and return around 6:00 pm. We will travel on an Anderson 35passenger bus.

A pilgrimage is a spiritual experience that has been part of Christian life for centuries. We will travel for the purpose of experiencing a time of prayer in a place known to be of special significance. Since 1875 countless people have journeyed to Carey to offer prayer to Mary, Consoler of the Afflicted. This devotion is traced back to the second century. In the 17th century, as the plague ravaged Luxembourg, an image of Mary was enshrined in the town and countless miracles and favors were authenticated among pilgrims. A replica of this statue was commissioned and arrived here in 1875. Since then pilgrims have found health, comfort and consolation at this shrine.

We will arrive for Mass at 11:00am, with lunch available in their cafeteria. In the afternoon we will have outdoor Stations of the Cross (on the bus) and devotions

in the Basilica before we leave. Cost for the bus will be \$35. If you would like to join in this special pilgrimage, please call the office to sign up. Your payment should be in by October 15.

YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

by Mike Hollowell, Youth Director

Another year is upon us and several changes have occurred in the daily operation of the youth group. For a number of years we have relied on a few committed individuals to run the youth group. However, God has called them into other ministries and we are now without a youth director. I would like to personally thank Jerry and Melissa Joyce, Tom Williams and Sara Motz for acting as Youth Directors over the past years. I would also like to thank everyone else who have given their time, talent and treasure to support the youth of our parish.

With that being said, I will be acting as the youth director on a temporary basis. We are currently seeking others who would like to act as youth director on a more permanent basis, along with establishing a supporting cast of adults who are willing to share the workload. As a church, though well-intentioned, we have fallen short in providing the leadership, direction, protection and opportunities needed to help our youth to learn and practice their Christian faith in this secular world. The stakes are too high to allow the moral values of our teens to be instilled by Hollywood, ungodly music, unreal "reality shows", and a government that has taken God out of the equation.

As parents, as a community of believers, and as their brothers and sisters in Christ, we need to recommit ourselves to find ways to help our youth find true hope, purpose and meaning in life. We need to help them to understand that they are 'spiritual beings' and we are living in 'eternity' right now. Our time on earth is just temporary. We need to help them to experience the 'spiritual' part of life and not just the 'physical' part of it.

We need to help them to see the big picture that Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life and all hope, purpose and meaning comes from and through Him. This is the mission of the SS. Edward & Lucy

Youth Group and I am sure the secular world is not focusing on these items.

We have a lot of work to do. Before you know it your teen will be off to college or leaving home. We need to seize the opportunity at hand. Please help me to make sure our teens are spiritually prepared to face the excitement and challenges of life. I am currently planning the events for the upcoming year and I need your help. Please call me at 440-693-4094 and we will schedule a meeting in September that will allow all of those interested to share in this joyful workload.

THE MAYONNAISE JAR

by Anonymous

When things in your life seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day is not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar and 2 cups of coffee.

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly, he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and started to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured it into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with an unanimous 'yes.'

The professor then produced two cups of coffee from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar, effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

'Now,' said the professor, as the laughter subsided, 'I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things - God, family, children, health, friends, and favorite passions - things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full.'

'The pebbles are the things that matter like your job, house, and car.

'The sand is everything else - the small stuff.

'If you put the sand into the jar first,' he continued, 'there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life - If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you.

'So...

'Pay attention to the things that are criti-

cal to your happiness.

Play with your children.

Take time to get medical checkups.

Take your partner out to dinner.

There will always be time to clean the house and fix the dripping tap.

'Take care of the golf balls first - the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand.'

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the coffee represented. The professor smiled. 'I'm glad you asked. It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem,

there's always room for a couple of cups of coffee with a friend.'

A Sunday school teacher began her lesson with a question, 'Boys and girls, what do we know about God?' A hand shot up in the air. 'He is an artist!' said the kindergarten boy. 'Really? How do you know?' the teacher asked. 'You know - our Father, who does art in Heaven...'

EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES DISPLAY

by Fr. Burkley

From October 8 through October 17 we will host the Vatican International Exhibition 'Eucharistic Miracles of the World' in Rose Hall at St. Edward. This exhibit is composed of 126 miracles on 140 panels. These miracles occurred in countries around the world. The introduction to the display reads, 'The Real Presence of Jesus with his glorified body (in the Eucharist) is beyond the realm of purely sensory experience. The Eucharistic Miracles are extraordinary events concerning the Eucharist. These miracles strengthen our faith in the Real Presence, the presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist at Mass and 24/7 in our church Tabernacles. We are not obliged to believe in these miracles, but looking at all these miracles encourages us to understand, appreciate and love Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. The Eucharist is the true, great, inexhaustible daily miracle.'

We are grateful to Carol Seydel from the Real Presence Eucharistic Education and Adoration Association in Chicago for arranging for the display and Dr. William Ryckman for bringing the panels here from Pennsylvania as his effort to evangelize the parishes of our country.

The display will be open after all Sunday Masses and during the week from 9 am to 9 pm in Rose Hall. Please spread the word to your family, friends and neighbors. This is an important part of evangelization for all people to better understand the gift of the Eucharist.

Coming to Ss. Edward & Lucy Church
Vatican International Exhibition
Eucharistic Miracles of the World
October 8 - October 16, 2011



Sponsored by
Real Presence Eucharistic
Education and Adoration Association
(www.therealpresence.org)

Display will be at St. Edward Church * Rose Hall
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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil:
5:00 pm St. E, 6:30 pm St. L
Sunday:
8:30 am St. E, 10:30 am St. L
Mon. 6:00 pm St. E Chapel
Tues.-Fri. 8:00 am St. E Chapel

POLKA FEST IN OCTOBER

Sunday,
October 23

Noon
Polka Mass
1:30pm
Dinner Dance



Music by
Wayne Tomsic Orchestra

Dinner Reservations Required

Tickets may be purchased through our
Ticket Sellers or in the Church office

Dinner Reservations must be made

Join Us for:

Dancing

50/50 Raffle

Pork Chop Dinner

Baked Goods Sale

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DINNER DANCE
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QUESTIONS:

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Call Church Office

NO RESERVATIONS NEEDED FOR THE POLKA MASS

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