

# Ninth Sunday of the Year

## March 6, 2011

*"Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like the wise man who built his house on rock..."*  
Matthew 7: 21-27

### The Dignity of Generosity

This happened in a small Virginia church years ago:

A widow with six small children was a long-time member of the congregation. Each month she gave the church \$4 - a tithe of her income. Members of the church council were moved by her generosity, but concerned that her gift added more to her hardship. They urged the pastor to talk to the poor woman and let her know that, given the weight of her responsibilities to her family, she should not feel obligated to give to the church.

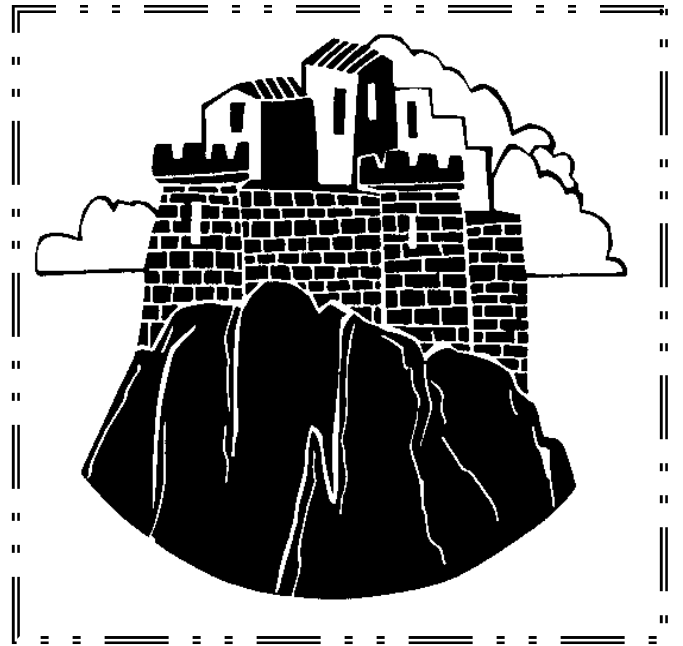
The pastor tells the rest of the story:

"I am not wise now; I was less wise then. I went and told her of the concerns of the church council. I told her as graciously and supportively as I knew how that she was relieved of the responsibilities of giving. As I talked with her the tears came into her eyes. 'I want to tell you,' she said, 'that you are taking away the last thing that gives my life dignity and meaning.'"

*Though poor and struggling herself, this woman's life is centered on the "rock" of humility and gratitude that is of God. She understands that the meaning of her life is found in the dignity of Gospel mercy, reconciliation and justice. She realizes that the values of selflessness and compassion that she instills in her children as a parent are as important as the food and clothing she struggles to provide them. Authentic faith is centered in the values of the heart, with an understanding of God's love for us and the irrepressible longing to respond to that love. The faithful disciple builds his/her "house" on the foundation of God's love and seeks to bring that love, with conviction, integrity and perseverance, into the lives of all who call that house their home and all who come to that house's table.*

### Recently Baptized

Elijah William Bartsch



### Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, March 7 - St. Perpetua & St. Felicity

5:15 PM Martin Galauner

Tuesday, March 8 - St. John of God

8:00 AM Betty Salajcik

Wednesday, March 9 - Ash Wednesday

8:00 AM Mary Kathleen Katila

7:00 PM Lila Fitzgerald (Living)

Thurs. March 10 - Thursday after Ash Wednesday

8:00 AM Richard Breiner

Friday, March 11 - Friday after Ash Wednesday

5:15 PM Betty Hoban

6:00 PM Stations of the Cross with Benediction

Saturday, March 12 - Saturday after Ash Wednesday

8:00 AM J.J. & Mary Anne Kelley

4:00 PM Living & Deceased of the  
Buddie & Geib Families

Sunday, March 13 - 1st Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM For the People of the Parish

11:00 AM William Nortz

## **IT'S UNDIE SUNDAY AGAIN AT ST. CLEMENT CHURCH**

**WE WILL BE COLLECTING DONATIONS OF NEW MEN'S UNDERWEAR FOR THE GUESTS OF ST. HERMAN'S HOUSE OF HOSPITALITY.**

**PLEASE BRING NEW MEN'S BRIEFS, BOXERS AND TEE SHIRTS TO CHURCH ON SATURDAY, MARCH 12 OR SUNDAY, MARCH 13. THERE WILL BE LAUNDRY BASKETS IN THE GATHERING AREA TO COLLECT THE PACKAGED UNDERWEAR.**

**MONETARY DONATIONS WILL ALSO BE COLLECTED AFTER EACH WEEKEND MASS AND WE WILL DO THE SHOPPING FOR YOU.**

**(PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ST. CLEMENT CHURCH)**

**THE BASIC EVERYDAY NECESSITIES THAT WE TAKE FOR GRANTED ARE VERY APPRECIATED BY THE MEN WHO VISIT ST. HERMAN'S.**

**PLEASE BE GENEROUS!**



### **Senior Clementines & Friends**

The monthly meeting will be Thursday, March 10th at 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at St. Clement Church hall. We are excited to have Mark Ronan and Jack Mizenko from the "Join the Band." The duo will bring percussion instruments and encourage audience participation. They promise their sounds of Irish and Non-Irish music will fill your hearts with gladness. Be sure to wear green! Any questions concerning this meeting, call Jean Lombardo at (216) 226-5878.

### **St. Edward High School Alumni Social**

Our Annual Winter Social, open to all alumni, will be held on Fat Tuesday, March 8th, at Wagner's Country Inn in Westlake from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. There will be great food, an open bar and door prizes. Tickets will be \$25 before the 8th, or \$30 at the door. Please contact the Alumni Office at 213-221-3776 for further details, or register online at [alumni.sehs.net](http://alumni.sehs.net).

*Faith gives us real eyes  
to realize  
where the real lies*

### **St. Edward's Upcoming Open House**

St. Edward High School

Open House

Sunday, April 10th from 12 noon to 2 pm

### **Living Stations**



St. Mark Parish will be presenting the Living Stations on Palm Sunday, April 17th and Good Friday, April 22nd at 7:00 pm in the church. We are inviting all high school students to participate. The organizational meeting is Monday, March 7th at 6:30 pm in St. Mark Church. This production is headed by Matt Shanafelt and has been previously presented at St. James Church. For more information contact Jason Mravec at 330-807-8332 or Matthew Shanafelt at 330-242-2509. You may also request information through email at [livingstations@hotmail.com](mailto:livingstations@hotmail.com).

### **Pot of Gold Winners**

(\$100) Alice Lopatka  
(\$25) Angie Battiato, Janet McMaster,  
Robin Groves, David Novotny,  
Jacklyn Struhar



## **Think Spring - Hopefully!!**

Spring is almost here! We hope!! As we enter a new month and prepare for a new liturgical season, let me personally thank you for your financial support throughout this winter. Because of your generosity we have been able to increase our support for Lakewood Catholic Academy, continue cleaning and painting of the hall, and do other much needed maintenance in the Church and Rectory. I am currently working with the Finance Council on future projects that I believe will continue to freshen up and make the facilities more useful for future programs and activities.

As we begin the season of Lent, I ask you to consider some particular Lenten practices. Lent is a call to a deeper experience of prayer. Please consider attending daily Mass during this season. Listening to daily readings as a journey toward Easter could strengthen your appreciation of Jesus' journey to the cross and resurrection. Also, consider some "Holy Time" in the Chapel. If you have not been to the Chapel before, or if it has been some time, plan to set some time aside to make a visit. Lent is a call to give alms. Saint Clement is very generous with its support of the Saint Augustine Hunger Center. In addition to this support, please consider supporting the St. Vincent de Paul Program through the poor boxes at the doors or the envelopes. This winter has put a great dent in their resources to help those in need. A few dollars could go a long way. Lent is a call for fasting. Though for many of us fish fries don't seem like fasting, they are an opportunity to gather as a community. Although Saint Clement does not have a fish fry, I encourage you to attend one of the neighboring parishes throughout the season. Again, an opportunity to grow as a community.

The special insert gives others opportunities for us to embrace this wonderful season. I pray that as a community we will see Lent as a journey toward Christ and one another. An opportunity to grow, share and build. May our Lord guide our journey.  
Fr. Workman

## **Finance Corner:**

Collection for weekend of February 27 - \$ 8,051.30

Envelopes used - 225

Children's envelopes - 18 \$ 71.29

Thank you for your continued support and generosity for the parish.

## **Scripture Readings for the Week**

Monday: Tb 1:3; 2:1-8; Mark 12:1-12

Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14; Mark 12:13-17

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2;  
Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9; Matthew 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9-14; Luke 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19  
Matthew 4:1-11

## **Ash Wednesday Masses**

**Ashes will be distributed at  
8 am and 7 pm Masses  
on Ash Wednesday**



Ash Wednesday, March 9th, and Good Friday, April 22nd, are days of abstinence from meat and also days of fast, that is limited to a single meal. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years and older. The law of fasting binds all Catholics from their 18th birthday until their 59th birthday. The other Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. People should seek to do more rather than less. Fast and abstinence on the days prescribed should be considered a minimum response to the Lord's call to penance and conversion.

## **Lenten Grace with Fr. Leo**

St. Angela Merici & St. Christopher present Fr. Leo, popular U.S. speaker, author and web show host. Fr. Leo is a dynamic priest of the Archdiocese of Baltimore and host of the award-winning web show "Grace Before Meals," which strengthens relationships around the dinner table. Fr. Leo brings practical and fun ideas to his real life approach in discussing important spiritual themes. Don't miss this unique and exciting presentation - a lively opportunity to grow in Body, Mind and Soul on Sunday, April 3rd at 2 pm at the Magnificat Center for Performing Arts, Rocky River. Following the afternoon session, which is geared to all ages, there will be an evening presentation at 7:00 pm for teens called "Spiritual Combat." Although there is no cost to attend either session, tickets are required and must be obtained online at [www.samparish.org](http://www.samparish.org). A freewill offering will be taken.

## Upcoming Marian Pilgrimage

Throughout our tradition, Mary has helped us grow closer to her son. People from around the world have traveled on pilgrimage to important Marian shrines to be helped by her intercession and experience a renewal of faith in her son. Fr. Workman is leading a tour of Fatima, Lourdes, Madrid and other spirit-filled sites in Europe this November. If you have ever wanted to experience the spiritual renewal that so many people talk about after visiting these places, join Father on what will be a unique experience of a lifetime. For more information, please call Fr. Workman at Saint Clement Parish (216) 226-5116 or email him at [stclementlakewood@cox.net](mailto:stclementlakewood@cox.net). The brochure is available through the Saint Clement web site at [www.saint-clement.net](http://www.saint-clement.net).

## Chili Cook-Off - Thank You!

I just want to thank everyone who came to the Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, February 12th. We had a very good turnout of about 75 people and 18 pots of chili to taste. I want to thank Sue Battiato and Kay Feser for helping me organize this event. Also, thank you to Jackie Ronan and St. Clement for donating prizes. In addition, thank you to everyone for setup or for staying to clean up. We hope everyone had a good time. Carol Speer

## Birthright Thanks You!!

For the sixth time, you, the parishioners of St. Clement Parish, have raised an astonishing amount of \$2,050.26. This has been given to Birthright to help pregnant women with a wide variety of free and confidential services, and most of the funds were in the form of loose change that will never be missed. Once again, thank you and God bless you for giving to Birthright and to those they help. If you still have a bottle, please feel free to drop it off at the rectory.



## “Celtic Feet”

The Burke School of Irish dance presents “Celtic Feet,” an afternoon of Irish dance and music on Sunday, March 20th at 3:00 pm at Magnificat High School. Tickets are available (\$15 in advance) online at [www.burkeirishdance.com](http://www.burkeirishdance.com), or at Casey’s Irish Import Store.

## Coffee & Donuts

Join us for coffee, donuts and conversation after the 9AM and 11AM Sunday Masses.



## Attention: LCA Families

All Lakewood Catholic Academy families who are registered at St. Clement: **if you have not** received a letter from Fr. Workman that was mailed out in February regarding an informational meeting in April, please call Fr. Workman at the rectory at (216) 226-5116.

## Lakewood Catholic Academy News

### Prayers Sought for LCA 7th Grader

LCA 7th Grader, Nick Ventura, was recently in a serious snowboarding accident in New York. He’s currently in the ICU at Women & Children’s Hospital of Buffalo. Nick and his family have been the recipients of many prayer intentions from the LCA community since the accident. We ask for and appreciate your prayers as Nick continues to heal.

### LCA Blood Drive is March 14th

LCA will be holding its annual “Pint Size Heroes” Blood Drive at the school on Monday, March 14th. Interested participants can sign up online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). Just enter the sponsor code **Lakewood Academy** or **44107** to make a reservation. Give the Gift of Life!

### Kudos to our Latest

#### CYO Sportsmanship Award Winners

Congratulations to LCA 7th grade boys’ basketball team coached by James Burns. The team was awarded the CYO Sportsmanship Award given out on February 26th at the Cleveland State University Boys Basketball Game. Players on the team include Tommy Bodziony, Ian Burry, Marty Caja, David Isabella, Gabe Militello, Charlie Pizak, Jack Seeley, Nate Smith, Ben Tennant and Luke Wagner. By placing the values of good sportsmanship at the “top of your game,” you make us all proud!

### LCA March Prayer of the Month is the Act of Contrition

Each month during the current school year, students at LCA are praying a special “prayer of the month” to begin their day at school. We choose classic prayers of the Catholic Church in order to expose our students to the rich tradition and variety of prayer. This month’s prayer is the *Act of Contrition*. We invite you to pray along with us each morning. *Oh my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended You and I detest my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell, but most of all because they offend You, my God, who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Your grace, to confess my sins, to do penance and to amend my life.*

Amen