

At St. Colman's

our Parishioners work with specialized programs that provide educational opportunities free of charge to benefit all local community members. In particular, families interested in instruction in the Catholic faith for their children, newly arrived refugee families and their children looking for after-school programming and basic education, and all those interested in learning more about the cultures of our neighbors, find what they are looking for at St. Colman's. This collaborative spirit is exemplified by the use of our School Building — a description of all the programs in our School Building at 2001 West 65 Street this year follows:

St. Colman/La Sagrada Familia Parish School of Religion (PSR)

In the Fall of 2008, St. Colman and La Sagrada Familia Parishes merged their PSR's, with children in Grades 1 through 3 meeting at La Sagrada Familia and children in Grades 4 through 8 meeting at St. Colman's. The combined PSR meets every Saturday morning during the School year from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.. Additional meeting times for preparation for First Communion and Confirmation are scheduled for students and parents.

For more information contact:

- Sr. Wilma Apack, CSJ, St. Colman Parish Director of Religious Education at (216) 651-0550.
- Margie Matos, La Sagrada Familia Parish Director of Religious Education at (216) 631-6817.

African Immigrant Family Literacy Education Program (AIFLE)

AIFLE focuses on the whole family by supporting and sustaining immigrant (refugee) children and adults in learning. It also promotes parents' intensive and active participation in their children's learning by creating sustainable school-home partnerships. The following are the classes offered (all classes are free to all community members):

- Adult Basic Education
- GED/Adult Secondary Education
- Job search and training, life skills training (to start in Spring 2009)
- Nurse assistant training (to start in Spring 2009)
- Culturally appropriate literacy education

For more information contact:

Dr. Auxilia Munodawafa, Board Chair, (216) 849-9290 or
Dr. William Koomson, Director, (216) 651-8445 (M-Th, after 4:00 p.m.).

Refugee Family Center (STAIRS)

STAIRS provides a center where refugee youth and their families receive services that meet their needs. All students, volunteers, staff, and community members are provided quality after-school services in a safe environment. The STAIRS program enables an affirmative attitude towards academic, social, emotional, and cultural pursuits in all its participants.

- STAIRS educational and enrichment after school programs have grown to serve an average of 40 refugee students on 4 days per week (Monday to Thursday)
- STAIRS incorporates recreational activities including sports, field trips, and summer camps
- STAIRS Family Center Drop-In program encourages adult refugees to “drop-in” for help
- STAIRS offers basic computer classes and we are in the process of acquiring a grant to offer mathematics and science curriculum to all our students
- STAIRS serves families from Afghanistan, Burundi, the D.R. Congo, Liberia, Russia and Somalia, Tanzania, and other African countries

For more information contact:

Michael Kenny, Board Chair, (216) 526-1751 or

Dr. William Koomson, Director, (216) 651-8445 (Monday to Thursday, after 4:00 p.m.).

Casa Latina de Cleveland, Inc.

Casa Latina offers classes in visual arts and traditional Latina arts and dance to all neighborhood residents who are interested in rich Latina culture. We also offer counseling services for women and family members who are going through stress.

- Visual arts
- Aztec and Mexican dances. Students explore the history, costumes, and movement of Aztec and Mexican Folk Dance
- Spanish classes for adults in small group setting
- Clases de Espanol para Latinos
- Counseling Services

For more information contact: Ana M. Dumett, Director, (216) 744-9042.

For more information about St. Colman Parish, please call (216) 651-0550 or visit our website at www.stcolmanparish.org.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 14	Vigil: Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time
5:00 PM	Mary Jo Patton Rose Patricia Carey Martau
Sunday, February 15	Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time
8:30 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	William Coyle and Patrick McAuley
11:00 AM	Dana Care People of Saint Colman Parish
Monday, February 16	Weekday
8:00 AM	Ruth Marie McGinty
Tuesday, February 17	Weekday
8:00 AM	James F. Scharenberg
Wednesday, February 18	Weekday
8:00 AM	Scott Kenyon
Thursday, February 19	Weekday
8:00 AM	Mary Alice (Fox) Goebel
Friday, February 20	Weekday
8:00 AM	Communion Service
Saturday, February 21	Vigil: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 PM	Nancy Regan
Sunday, February 22	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Sr. Ruth Rodgers, CSJ
11:00 AM	John Buskirk People of Saint Colman Parish

Please pray for all those who have died especially Sr. Ruth Rodgers, CSJ, Mary Alice (Fox) Goebel and Scott Kenyon.

Also, please pray for those who are sick, including the following:

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| Sr. Alicia Alvarado OP | Andi Gazda | Jimmy O'Toole |
| John Andrako | Goersmeyer Family | Carol Owens |
| Tony Argento | Kathleen Gray | John Paluchniak |
| Joseph Assini | Paul Hanzel | Nathanel Paluchniak |
| Martha Balzano | Steven Harden | John Patton |
| Mark Balzano | Christine Haun | Alen Peck |
| Marky B. Balzano | Shannon Haun | Naldo Pellizzari |
| Peggy Balzano | Paul Havyarimana | Homobono Pinales |
| Bob Barrett | John Helmyer | John Podis |
| Lenore Begin | Greg Hillow | Jim Powell |
| Bergenstein Family | Ron Holowenko | Virginia Prosek |
| Virginia Bland | Ruth Ann Jedlicka | Richard Russ |
| Thomas Boehm | Bill Jordan | Jim Ryan |
| Maxine Boehnker | Sandy Kaplan | Julie Ryan |
| Clinton Burgan | Brendy Kazmierski | Patrick Ryan |
| Curtis Burgan | Phyllis Kazmierski | Walter & Flo Scharf |
| Sharon Burgan | William Kearney | Arline Schill |
| Mike Brosch | Lisa Kelly | Geoffrey Scott |
| Andy Bush | Sue Kiley | Barb Shaffer |
| Kathleen Bush | Klaus Family | Greg Shaffer |
| Michelle Caldwell | Jerome Lear | Robert Shaffer |
| Sue Campbell | Marge Leonard | Rita Sheehan |
| Kathie Carey | Benjamin Long | Zina Shyjan |
| Vera Coghlan | Carol Luecke | George Simakis |
| Condrich Family | Gen Mahon | Earl Simmons |
| Joe Conway | Alice Matarrese | Rich & Patsy Sirchen |
| Nadine Conway | John N. McCarthy | Skiba Family |
| Jeanette Conway | Mary Kay McConnell | Terrence Stiles |
| Marge Conway | James Meade | Steve Stropko |
| Maria Crus | Kathy Meade | Coletta Sweeney |
| Frank Divis Family | Ken Mead | Hazel Swindell |
| Mary Diamond | Bernadine Micle | Frank & Rita Szfranski |
| Janice Dickow | Lisa Mishaga | Anna Thomay |
| Michael Dittman | Elizabeth Monahan | Robert Thomay |
| Amber Dugan | Larry More | Rosemary Thomay |
| Irene & Lou Eller | Lindsey McMasters | Dominic Valentino |
| Mary Ellison | Katie Moran McNamara | Sue Valentino |
| Andrea Farnsworth | Rose Morrison | Charles White |
| Jason Federoff | Harry Moyer | Donald White |
| Anthony Fink Sr. | Thomas Mullen | Marian Wilde |
| Shaun Fink | Anna Nagorka | Helen Woisnet |
| Richard Fisher | Nancy Neville | Denise Wolf |
| Penny Foster | Gail Noonan | Kyle Wolf |
| Danielle Frank | O'Donnell Family | Michael Wolf |
| Tom Fraser | Erin Margaret O'Neil | Mike Zaletel |
| Mildred Fritz | Mekayla Ortiz | Sheila Zimmerman |
| | | Winnie Zimmerman |

Collection For the Weekend of February 8, 2009

General Collection: \$1865.00
Parish Improvement: \$1155.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Liturgical Reflection

Suffering faces the one afflicted with two alternatives. One can either dwell on the pain and thus despair of any hope for a better tomorrow (Job)... or one can allow that suffering to hone the spirit and enlarge the heart to accept the gracious, life-giving, healing power of Christ (Mark). Once restored, the former sufferer is called to minister with sympathy and strength (1 Corinthians) to all those in need. Like the wounded and risen healer, the sufferer can impart hope, joy and purpose to even the darkest days.

— P. D. Sanchez

✦ Please keep Joseph Tutu, our Drummer, and his family in your prayers. His trip to Liberia was made possible because of your generosity. He will be returning this week.

We mourn the deaths of the hundreds of thousands of people killed since the beginning of the war in Iraq and Afghanistan.....children, women, and men from Iraq, from Afghanistan, from the United States and from all over the world, including those from the US military listed here, whose deaths were confirmed during the past week:

US Deaths in Iraq

- ★SPC Christopher P. Sweet, 28, Kahului, HI
- ★SPC James M. Dorsey, 23, Beardstown, IL
- ★SGT Joshua Ward, 0, Not reported yet, TX

US Deaths in Afghanistan

- ★SSG Jason E. Burkholder, 27, Elida, OH
- 1LT Jared W. Southworth, 26, Oakland, IL
- LCpl Kevin T. Preach, 21, Bridgewater, MA

— lcasulaities.org, 02/5/2009



**The Tower Lights are being lit
In the Month of February
In Memory of
Neil (Bullet) O'Donnell**



Easter Candy Making: Do you know how to make candy? Or do you have unused candy molds or great recipes lying around? We know of quite a few talented candy-makers in our Parish and some of them have

offered to share their techniques and recipes with anyone interested at a **Candy-Making Session** on a Saturday toward the end of March. Easter candy will be sold at the Palm Sunday Candy and Bake Sale on Sunday, April 5, after the Masses. If you'd like to help plan this event, please come to a short **Organizational Meeting** to share your ideas, candy molds and recipes, on Sunday, March 1, in the Parish Hall at 10:15 a.m.

Colman Corner Update: Sales for our last two weekends totaled \$523.62. Thank you to everyone for their help and generosity!

☆ **The Parish Office will be closed Monday, February 16, for Presidents' Day.**

Roof debt collection report:

In August of last year we began placing a new envelope in your packets to invite you to help reduce our roof debt. Until that time, the Diocese had been assisting us by paying the interest on the loan each month. Your response has been tremendous as usual. By the end of December of 2008, you donated \$8,577 and in the month of January of this year you have already donated \$2074 for a total of \$10,651 to date. Thank you and let us thank God together as we look up now and then in the church at our beautiful illumined (and dry) ceiling.

Each year during the season of Lent we strive to work together to bring about another conversion in our lives as we prepare to renew our baptismal commitment at Easter time. We **PRAY** to strengthen our loving attachment to God, we **FAST** to diminish our attachment to what is not God in our lives and we **GIVE ALMS** to care for the less fortunate. These are the three traditional Catholic practices. This year at St. Colman we will again offer ample opportunity to engage in these three practices together for the six weeks of joyful renewal.

►We will start our preparation for Lent today and next week by providing **Almsgiving** opportunities. At the doors of the Church you will find the materials describing the **worldwide work** of Catholic Relief Services and inviting you to participate. An easy to assemble "rice bowl box" is available as well. The boxes can be placed on your dinner table to collect donations during Lent for the poor of the world. On Palm Sunday we will bring these offerings forward in a procession with the children of our families to help educate them about our great giving traditions.

►Next week we will hear from the Bishop about caring for the people in **our eight county Diocese** with our Catholic Charities Donations and we will be asked to make a substantial contribution or a pledge for the year. You may have already received a letter from the Bishop about this.

►Finally, in addition to our monthly Outreach/St. Vincent de Paul collection for the **needy of the neighborhood**, we will be collecting various personal hygiene and other non-food necessities for the families of the neighborhood concentrating on a different item each Sunday.

►Ash Wednesday is February 25th this year and we will have Mass and distribution of ashes at 8:00 in the morning and at 7:00 in the evening to begin this joyful renewing season.

The 2010 Census – A Great Way to Earn Extra Money

The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting temporary part-time census takers for the 2010 Census. The pay is good, the part-time hours are flexible, and the work is close to home. Thousands of census takers are needed to update address lists and conduct interviews with community residents. Most positions require a valid driver's license and use of a vehicle with mileage reimbursement. However, public transportation may be authorized in certain areas. Bilingual speakers are encouraged to apply! All census takers must be able to speak English, but bilingual skills in English and other languages are needed in communities that have a large number of residents who speak a language other than English. If you have such skills, we encourage you to apply. **Apply today by [contacting your Local Census Office](#) or by calling 1-866-861-2010! More information is available at <http://2010.census.gov>.**

FREE TAX PREPARATION: Don't pay filing fees or interest to get your IRS refund "faster" -- for-profit tax preparers are making enormous profits because they are really giving you a loan with high interest against the refund you expect when they offer immediate refunds. Get your taxes done for free **AND** the **entire** refund due to you by calling one of The Cuyahoga Earned Income Tax Coalition FREE tax preparation sites. The CEITC has organized expert volunteer tax-preparers at 38 sites around Cleveland where you can get **FREE tax preparation**. Some nearby sites are Merrick House West, 3167 Fulton Road, 281-4212, Old Brooklyn NFSC 4261 Fulton Parkway, 987-6620, Spanish American Committee, 4407 Lorain Avenue, 961-2100, and 35 other neighborhood centers. You can call any of these to make an appointment OR call First Call for Help by dialing 211, to ask for the Cuyahoga County Free tax preparation sites.

Sr. Kathy Thomas, CSJ, is the new Service Coordinator for Colman Court. Sr. Kathy's experience in working with people of all ages and backgrounds makes her an invaluable resource for the residents of the Building. Colman Court's telephone number is 631-6047 (the number is always on the front of our bulletin). Welcome to the neighborhood, Sr. Kathy!

NEIGHBORHOOD MEALS: Everyone is welcome to our next Neighborhood Meal on Saturday, February 21, in our Parish Hall. Doors open at 3:00 PM, and dinner is served at 4:00 PM.

Our 50/50 Raffle will be this Sunday, February 15, 2009 during Coffee and Donuts after the 11:00 AM Mass. Tickets are available at Coffee and Donuts after Sunday Masses. If you can help sell tickets please see Sue Franks, June Smith or Father Bob after Mass.

Please join us on Sundays at 8:30 AM near Mary's Altar for the Rosary.