

## An Invitation

We invite you and your family to join us this Lent as we prepare to celebrate the Paschal Mystery: the Suffering, Death & Resurrection of Jesus Christ during the Sacred Holy Week and Easter. It is this mystery that won for us our salvation. We invite you to join us in Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. We have planned many events to help you observe and enter spiritually into Lent. Also, please check the weekly parish bulletin for updated information. We are a vibrant, caring community that is rooted in the teachings of Jesus Christ who invites us to pray to God the Father, fast in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ, and give alms in the Spirit of charity. May you and your family have a Blessed Lent and a very Happy Easter!



Peace,

*Fr. Edward Kordas, Deacon Carl, Sr. Barbara Einloth, Rose Gordyan & the Entire Parish Staff*



## Mass & Distribution of Ashes

**Wednesday, February 17, 2010**  
**6:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.**

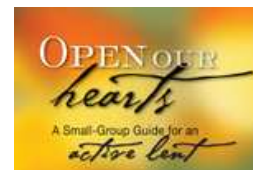
## Men's Scripture Group Sunday, 7:30 a.m. in Room 106 Book: *Open our Hearts*

- February 21 First Sunday of Lent, Led by the Spirit
- 28 Second Sunday of Lent, Shining Divinely
- March 7 Third Sunday of Lent, Investing in God
- 14 Fourth Sunday of Lent, Love Unconditionally
- 21 Fifth Sunday of Lent, Look Beyond
- 28 Passion Sunday, Faithful to the Mission



## Women's Scripture Sharing Group Thursday, 7:00 p.m. in Room 106 Book: *Open our Hearts*

- February 18 First Sunday of Lent, Led by the Spirit
- 25 Second Sunday of Lent, Shining Divinely
- March 4 Third Sunday of Lent, Investing in God
- 11 Fourth Sunday of Lent, Love Unconditionally
- 18 Fifth Sunday of Lent, Look Beyond
- 25 Passion Sunday, Faithful to the Mission



## PRAYER



**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Every Saturday, 4:00—5:00 pm

**Communal Reconciliation:**

Tuesday, March 16, 7:00-9:00 pm

**Individual Confessions:**

Monday, March 29, 7:00 pm

**Communal Anointing of the Sick:** Sunday, February 28, 11:30 am

**Stations of the Cross:**

Every Friday of Lent at 7:00 pm in the Church; including Living Stations on Good Friday at 8:00

**Morning Prayer:** Every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:45 am

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Every Thursday following Morning Prayer until 7:00 pm in the Chapel.

## ALMSGIVING

### ST. MARY PARISH 2010 ALMSGIVING CUP PRAYER

Lord, as we contemplate your Passion, we ask that You place in us a sense of compassion for those whose lives are most vulnerable. We pray that this compassion will move us to protect the vulnerable. May your redeeming love inspire our actions and affect the world.

AMEN

**We will be collecting Alms for 3 organizations as they strive to heal those suffering in mind, body and spirit.**

**Our Parish Alms Box will be in the White Narthex collecting for:**

- Local: **Blessed Trinity Parish in Akron/Grocery Delivery for Elderly Shut-Ins**
- National: **Maggie's Place**, [www.maggiesplace.org](http://www.maggiesplace.org)
- International: **Medwish International for Haiti Earthquake Relief**, [www.medwish.org](http://www.medwish.org)

### ST. MARY CHURCH PARISH MISSION - March 7-8, 2010 at 7:00 pm

Our Parish Mission, will feature Matthew Kelly the author of four of the top ten Catholic best-sellers including *Rediscovering Catholicism*. He has spoken in more than 50 countries and was invited to speak to over 50,000 teens last year. **Do not miss this opportunity to hear one of the most dynamic and sought after voices of our time.** This event is sponsored by the St. Mary Church Parish Mission and the Dave Gagat Foundation.

## FASTING



**Fasting Rules:** Ash Wednesday, February 17 and Good Friday, April 2 are days of abstinence from meat and also days of fast, which limits us to a single full meal. The law of fasting binds all Catholics from their 18th birthday until their 59th birthday. The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years and older.

**Seafood Dinners:** Every Friday of Lent, including "Fat Friday," February 12 through March 26, 5:00—7:30 pm in the Lower Hall. Sponsored by the St. Mary Men's Club. Go to [www.stmaryhudson.cc](http://www.stmaryhudson.cc) for menu and other information.