

## Parish Calendar May 2009

10 <b>Mothers' Day</b> God bless all our moms!  Our Sunday School will celebrate our moms!	11 NO Choir  Community Supper 4:30pm  <b>Why Catholic 5:45pm</b>	12  Bell Choir 5:30pm  Parish Council 7pm	13  Bingo 5:30pm	14    St. Matthias	15    St. Isidore the Farmer	16
17  FIREPROOF, the movie and Kung Fu Panda... Breakfast, lunch and popcorn!!  After the 9:30am Mass	18  Liturgy Mtg 5pm    St. John I	19  Bell Choir 5:30pm  CDA 7pm	20  Bingo 5:30pm    St. Bernadine	21    Ascension of Our Lord	22	23  <b>OUR NEW MASS SCHEDULE BEGINS</b> 4pm...Center 5:45pm...Church 9am...Church 11am...Center



**Liturgical Snippets for you...The Offertory...** This is the first principal part of the Holy Mass. The best gift we can offer God is a pure heart, humble and sorrowful for having offended Him by our sins. Offer your heart when the priest offers the oblation of this Sacrifice. At the Last Supper, Our Lord took unleavened bread and offered it to His Heavenly Father. The preparation begins with the ministers placing the corporal, purificator, chalice (unless it is prepared at the side table), and *Roman Missal* on the altar (73, 139). Then the faithful bring the bread and wine forward (along with monetary offerings). These are received by the priest celebrant or deacon at an appropriate place.

# Mother's Day

Loving God,  
we thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us,  
whose love is so precious that it can never be measured,  
whose patience seems to have no end.  
May we see your loving hand behind them and guiding them.  
We pray for those mothers who fear they will run out of love  
or time, or patience.  
We ask you to bless them with your own special love.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus, our brother.  
Amen.

### How Mother's Day Began

In the United States, Mother's Day started nearly 150 years ago, when Anna Jarvis, an Appalachian homemaker, organized a day to raise awareness of poor health conditions in her community, a cause she believed would be best advocated by mothers. She called it "Mother's Work Day." Fifteen years later, Julia Ward Howe, a Boston poet, pacifist, suffragist, and author of the lyrics to the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," organized a day encouraging mothers to rally for peace, since she believed they bore the loss of human life more harshly than anyone else. In 1905 when Anna Jarvis died, her daughter, also named Anna, began a campaign to memorialize the life work of her mother. Legend has it that young Anna remembered a Sunday School lesson her mother gave, in which she said, "I hope and pray that someone, sometime, will found a memorial mother's day." Anna began to lobby prominent businessmen such as John Wannamaker and politicians including Presidents Taft and Roosevelt to support her campaign to create a special day to honor mothers. At one of the first services organized to celebrate Anna's mother in 1908, at her church in West Virginia, Anna handed out her mother's favorite flower, the white carnation. Five years later, the House of Representatives adopted a resolution calling for officials of the federal government to wear white carnations on Mother's Day. In 1914, Anna's hard work paid off when Woodrow Wilson signed a bill recognizing Mother's Day as a national holiday.