

 **Mass Intentions**

- Monday July 4th Independence Day** 
9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of our Armed Forces
- Tuesday July 5th Anthony Zaccaria, priest**
Elizabeth of Portugal
8:30 a.m. Linda Diedrick
- Wednesday July 6th Maria Goretti, virgin/martyr**
5:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of the Anthony Larizza Family
- Thursday July 7th**
8:30 a.m. Margaret Lafon
- Friday July 8th**
8:30 a.m. Sam Sottosanti, Sr.
- Saturday July 9th Augustine Zhao Rong, priest**
& companions, martyrs
9:00 a.m. Larry Sr. and Edna May Coleman
2:00 p.m. *Wedding: Eric Shade & Mary Milchen*
4:30 p.m. Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary Parish
- Sunday July 10th 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 a.m. Charles Babinec
9:30 a.m. Jeanne Esch
11:00 a.m. Eleanor Vargo



My Friends,

The celebration of this July 4th weekend gives us pause to remember and give thanks to God for the tremendous freedoms that are ours. Thanks to the wisdom and the courage of our forefathers, we live in a country of opportunity that is the envy of the world. It is the dream of so many throughout the world to become citizens of the United States. Yet we take for granted our freedoms and fail to understand the responsibilities that come with them. Often in the pursuit of our own free expression we fail to respect the same freedom for others. When everyone shared a common worldview, there was more unanimity in the exercise of freedom. We did not need laws to protect the rights of others. In a global, multicultural society, it becomes more difficult to resolve conflicting values in respecting the personal freedoms of each other.

A case in point is the difficulty the U.S. bishops have with healthcare that requires providing coverage for medical procedures that run contrary to our moral belief. How does one draw the line that protects the freedom of all. The bishops have asked for our prayers as they work to protect our religious freedoms.

We continue to wrestle with the second amendment right to bear arms. We think any effort to regulate guns is an impingement on my freedom and right to own a gun. We need to refine our debate so that everyone's right is respected.

A critical element in our discussion is recognizing the source of our freedom. In an increasing secular society, the individual person becomes the measure of freedom. This is the undertow that we are experiencing with a populist movement focusing on preserving their own individual freedoms. The missing piece in this puzzle is that true freedom comes from God. When we are attune to God's will, not only is the good of the self achieved but also the common good of the other.

Our prayer this weekend is that God will continue to bless us with His presence and be the guiding light in our pursuit of freedom and happiness.

Fr. Charlie

Readings for the Week of July 4th

- Mon Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 9:18-26
Tue Hos 8:4-7, 1-13; Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10; Mt 9:32-38
Wed Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 10:1-7
Thur Hos 1:1-4, 8e-9; Ps 80:2ac & 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15
Fri Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 & 17; Mt 10:16-23
Sat Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33
Sun Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37;
Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37

In your prayers...

This week, please remember all in our parish community, the intentions in our intention book, our family and friends in need, especially: **Adam, Barb, Betty, Carmen, Charlie, Chris, Kyle, Laureen, Leslie, Mary, Matt, Mitchell, Robert, Sharon, Tom** and all who have asked for our prayers.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Faith Direct (06/15/16)	\$4,044.00
Sunday Collection (06/26/16)	\$7,357.82
Peter's Pence	\$714.29
Envelopes	

Thank you for your generosity.

- [2nd Collection July 3rd - Helping Hands]
[2nd Collection July 10th - Capital Improvement]

 **Wedding Banns**

III Eric Shade & Mary Milchen



Our July Book Club book is titled Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail by Cheryl Strayed. We will meet on **Thursday, July 28th** at 7pm in the Cahill Library. All are welcome.

14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



This Week in our Parish

Monday **July 4th**

Independence Day



Tuesday **July 5th**

11:00 a.m. Hot Meals Planning - Conference Room
12 Noon Senior Luncheon - Weigand Room

Wednesday **July 6th**

6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts - Green Room

Thursday **July 7th**

9am - 5pm Eucharistic Adoration - Lower Church

Sunday **July 10th**

5:00 p.m. Hot Meals - Cafeteria

200 CLUB WINNER: 07/03/16 Sharon Riggs #182

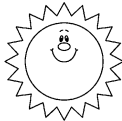


The next Senior Luncheon will be **Tuesday, July 5th**. We will begin with lunch at Noon. Our speaker will be Carl Keith from the Elyria Fire Department.

The cost of the luncheon is \$5. Please call in your reservations to Sister Mary Dorothy at 323-0140. We look forward to a great meal, good fellowship and game of BINGO for those who wish to stay. Bring a friend and enjoy a great afternoon.

"CASH EVERY DAY IN JULY"

It's not too late to take a chance ~ Calendars are still available in the Parish Office. Daily winners will be notified by phone and/or email + names will appear in the bulletin & on the Calendar Prize Board outside the Weigand Room.



Thank you to all those who sold & purchased tickets!

TEEN JaM Info:

Attention Teens in 8th-12th grade...

- Do you want to have a place where you can be heard?
- Do you want to be comfortable in a non-judgmental setting?
- Do you want to build new or stronger relationships with others?
- Do you want to strengthen your own Catholic faith?

Then it's time for you to join other teens at the Teen JaM "Upper Room" at St. Mary's in Elyria.

Our next meeting will be: **Sunday, July 10th from 6-7:30pm**

We will share faith, fun, friendship & food, have time for some open discussion and have a chance to just hang out. Bring your friends! You can help make "The Upper Room" THE place to be!

Our 1st High School Campout ~ July 22-24. If interested, please email or text Randy Kula at RLKULA@COX.NET or (216) 409-2639.



The School Office is closed and will re-open on Monday, August 8th. If you need to contact the School, please call 322-2808 and leave a message, the answering machine will be on and monitored. Have a wonderful summer!

[Registration Packets are available on the table outside the Weigand Room.]

Needed: **Sub for Cafeteria Manager** [to cover for meetings and/or emergencies] will train interested person. Please leave your name & phone number at 440-322-2808 and you will be contacted in August or early September.

CYO SPORTS:

Volleyball - Any PSR or day school student of St Mary's grades 2-8 interested in playing volleyball - please contact Jen Whitten, Athletic Director at 440-453-6810 or Jen Taylor, Volleyball Commissioner at 440-487-1178.



Football - Any PSR or day school student of St Mary's grades 2-8 interested in playing football - registration is now open. Please contact Greg Smith, St. Jude's CYO Football Commissioner at 440-258-2174 or email him at smi810th@gmail.com.



The FEST- EVERYTHING

Next month, thousands from across the region will come together for **FEST 2016** -- our Catholic Family **FEST**ival. **Come on Sun., Aug. 7th from Noon - 10pm** for great music - Newsboys, Michael W. Smith, Matthew West and Lauren Daigle. Visit over 150 activities & displays. Stop by the Marc's Mom's Relaxation Station for over 150,000 giveaways for moms. Dads can stop by the Dad's Den for inspiration & resources on how to be a strong man of faith. **The FEST is a day of faith, family & fun - EVERYTHING** - and it's all for **FREE** thanks to Marc's, Notre Dame College, Barons Bus Lines, Cleveland.com, PNC Bank, Sherwood Foods and Sanctuary Health Network. Parking is close & convenient. Get all the details at: www.theFEST.us or call The **FEST** Office at 440-943-7662. Join us at the Center for Pastoral Leadership (28700 Euclid Ave. in Wickliffe) for **The FEST!**



Our Parish will be serving dinner next Sunday, July 10th, from 5-6pm in the School Cafeteria. Volunteers are always appreciated to serve or help with preparation beginning at 3pm.

Please bring all '**Baby Bottle Campaign**' Baby Bottles [empty or full] to the Parish Office to be returned to *Birthright*. **Thank you** to all who gave so generously!



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