



Monday	Aug. 22nd Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary 5:00 p.m. Charles Babinec
Tuesday	August 23rd Rose of Lima, virgin 8:30 a.m. Joan Reitz
Wednesday	August 24th Bartholomew, apostle 5:00 p.m. Stanley Kaminski and Robert & Faith Boylan
Thursday	August 25th Louis; Joseph Calasanz, priests 8:30 a.m. Jason Novak
Friday	August 26th 8:30 a.m. Mike Higgins
Saturday	August 27th Monica 9:00 a.m. Marie Borgmann 4:30 p.m. Lorene Elbert
Sunday	August 28th 22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary Parish 9:30 a.m. Peg Thill 11:00 a.m. Richard & Patricia Hess 50 th Wedding Anniversary

Readings for the Week of August 22nd

Mon:	2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-5; Mt 23:13-22
Tue:	2 Thes 2:1-3, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26
Wed:	Rv 21:9-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Thur:	1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51
Fri:	1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13
Sat:	1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mt 25:14-30
Sun:	Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24; Lk 14:1, 7-14

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, Bette, Betty, Bev, Blair, Carmen, Carolyn, Charlie, Chris, Christian, Cookie, Donna, Doug, Kelly, Laureen, Leslie, Lois, Mary, Matt, Mitchell, Paul, Sharon, Tom** and all who have asked for our prayers.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Faith Direct (08/04/16)	\$6,021.00
Sunday Collection (08/14/16)	\$8,800.52
Tuition Assistance	\$744.15
Envelopes	231

Thank you for your generosity.

[2nd Collection August 21st - Faith & Values for Education]
[2nd Collection August 28th - Capital Improvement Fund]

My Friends,

It is hard to believe that school is right around the corner! While it is sad to see the summer coming to an end, it is also a time of excitement and new beginnings. We are blessed as a parish to have a school. It brings energy and enthusiasm to parish life. St. Mary's has passed the tradition of faith on to its children for close to 160 years. This is a wonderful legacy that we need to continue but it will take all of us working together as a parish family to make it happen.

A primary concern in continuing this tradition is our ability to finance it. One important way is by increasing our enrollment. Sometimes it is just a matter of letting people know of its availability. Word of mouth is the best way to encourage parents to look at the benefits of our school. When you look at the student/teacher ratio, it is more like an academy. Thanks to our endowment, sponsor-a-student, our monthly collection and the diocesan endowment, we have been able to award over \$50,000 in tuition assistance.

We continue to apply for grant monies and the PTU works hard to raise funds. Presently, they are working concession stands at the Cleveland Browns' games. They would very much appreciate volunteer help whether you have a child in our school or not. You can call the school office for more information on how to assist.

As we struggle to meet our financial obligations, I ask your continued support. We can still use sponsor-a-student donations, gifts to our school endowment, support from our alumni, the tuition assistance collections and of course support for the various student fundraisers.

We will continue to invite you to become a member of the St. Mary's Heritage Society. We have a number of parishioners who have included St. Mary's in their will. Thanks to Fr. Weigand's generous bequest, we were able to make significant capital improvements to our aging buildings. The Rooted in Faith monies helped us carpet the church and install a new boiler in the Guardian Angel building. (See bulletin insert).

Good things are happening here at St. Mary's. I hope you think so also and will support our efforts in any way you can.

Fr. Charlie



Our August Book Club book is titled Ordinary Grace by William Kent Krueger. We will meet Thurs., August 25th at 7pm in the Cahill Library.

All are welcome.



Blood pressure checks will be available 9-11am this Sunday, Aug. 21st in the Weigand Room.

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



This Week in our Parish

Monday 7:00 p.m.	August 22nd Stewardship - Staff Room
Tuesday 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	August 23rd Hot Meals - Cafeteria Evangelization - Conference Room
Thursday 9am - 5pm 4-6 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	August 25th Eucharistic Adoration - Lower Church SMS Preschool & Kindergarten - Meet & Greet in Classrooms - St. Joseph Building Book Club - Cahill Library <u>Ordinary Grace</u> by William Kent Krueger

200 CLUB WINNER: 08/21/16 Casey Lapchynski #180



The next Senior Luncheon will be Tuesday, **September 6th**. We will begin with lunch at Noon. The cost of the luncheon is \$5.00. Please call in your reservations to Sister Mary Dorothy at 323-0140 by Friday, Sept. 2nd. 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.



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a journey process for those interested in the Catholic Faith. If you have never been baptized, were baptized in another Christian community, or were baptized Catholic and have not received the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation, or know of someone interested in learning about the Catholic Faith please contact Sister Mary Dorothy at 440-323-5539.

COMING SOON - ALTAR & ROSARY PURSE SALE!

Please begin gathering any gently-used purses and wallets no longer wanted or needed. The A&R will hold a Purse Sale on Saturday, October 15 and will begin collections the weekend of August 27-28. Proceeds from the sale will assist the parish with expenses for wine, hosts, candles and altar linens.



PSR - our faith formation program for younger children and students attending public school begins soon. Registration forms are available outside the Weigand Room after all Masses next week or call the Parish Office 323-5539 for more information.

Elementary PSR Classes for grades 1 through 8 are held on Monday evenings from 6:30-7:45pm beginning with an **Opening Mass on Sept. 12th at 6:30pm in Church**, followed by a Program Information Meeting in the Weigand Room.

Pre-School PSR - for 3, 4 and 5 year olds will be held in the St. Joseph Building during the 11:00am Mass beginning on **Sunday, Sept. 18th**.

Liturgy of the Word with Children during the 9:30am Mass will begin **Sunday, Sept. 18th**.



The School Office is now open - office hours will be 9am-1pm until August 26th.

Back-to-School information packets will be available and should be picked up in the school office August 16th-26th between 9am & 1pm. Important forms and information are included in the packet, which is needed for the first day of school on August 29th. If you have any questions, please call the School Office at 322-2808.

Thurs., Aug. 25th - Meet & Greet from 4-6pm for Preschoolers, Kindergarteners & their Families

Mon., Aug. 29th - 1st Day of School. Start time: **7:45am.**

Fri., Sept. 2nd - Opening School Mass at 8:30am.

Wed., Sept. 7th - Back to School Night beginning at **6:30pm** in the Parish Hall.



All teens 8th - 12th grade are invited to get active with **Teen JaM**, a Teen Ministry for St. Mary & St. Jude Parishes in Elyria! Upcoming events are on the St. Mary and St. Jude websites. Just click on the **Teen JaM** link.

The Upper Room

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 meetings will be:
this Sunday, **August 21st** from 6-7:30pm
Sunday, **September 11th** from 6-7:30pm
Sunday, **September 25th** 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!

Questions? Contact Randy Kula at: randy@saintjudeparish.org or rlkula@cox.net or 216-409-2639

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP "Hopeful Hearts" is for grieving seniors 60+. It meets the 4th Tues. of each month from 1-2:30pm in the Holy Spirit Parish Family Center, 410 Lear Rd. Avon Lake. The next meeting is Aug. 23rd. Meetings are open to the community at no charge, are ongoing, with no reservations required. Sponsored by Hospice of the Western Reserve & Holy Spirit Bereavement Ministry. For more information contact: Chemarra Bryant, Bereavement Coordinator, HWR, 440-892-6680 or Mary Lou 440-933-4423.

Free Concert & Talk by Micheal James Mette, a Catholic performing artist who blends music, technology & testimony. His rock/pop style music is "*Passionate like Friday night, Reverent like Sunday morning.*" **Sunday, August 28th** Our Lady Queen of Peace, Grafton at 3:30pm. A great way to wrap up summer with a unique faith experience! Check him out at: www.michaeljamesmette.com.

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