



Mass Intentions

- Monday** **January 9th** Baptism of the Lord
5:00 p.m. Vicki Krugman
- Tuesday** **January 10th**
8:30 a.m. Julius Korzan
- Wednesday** **January 11th**
5:00 p.m. Frank and Florence Kaminski
- Thursday** **January 12th**
8:30 a.m. Fr. Joseph Weigand
- Friday** **January 13th**
8:30 a.m. Ted Hedley
- Saturday** **January 14th**
9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Keys Family
4:30 p.m. John Daly
- Sunday** **January 15th** 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary Parish
9:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of Herman & Dolores Plas Family
11:00 a.m. John and Irene Polacsek

Readings for the Week of January 9th

- Mon: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17
Tue: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab & 5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 1:21-28
Wed: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 1:29-39
Thur: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11; Mk 1:40-45
Fri: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Os 78:3 & 4bc, 6c-7, 8; Mk 2:1-12
Sat: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
Sun: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

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: *Arlene, Barbara, Betty, Bev, Carmen, Charlie, Chris, Janice, John, Lois, Mary, Nicki, Pat, Sharon, Tom, Tony, Violet* and all who have asked for our prayers.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Faith Direct (12/15/16)	\$8,226.00
Christmas Collection (12/25/16)	\$26,115.50
St. Mary Education Endowment Trust Fund	\$1,972.11
Envelopes	430
Solemnity of Mary (01/01/17)	\$10,697.33
Helping Hands Ministry	\$ 1,739.06
Envelopes	

Thank you for your generosity.

[2nd Collection January 8th - Capital Improvement Fund]
[2nd Collection Jan. 15th - Catholic University of America]

Matching Funds Grant total: \$25,000.00!
Thank you!!



My Friends,

This year, 2017, is the bicentennial year for the City of Elyria. There are various civic events that are being planned throughout the year. The area churches are also organizing to celebrate the year. As I have mentioned in previous letters, we are promoting the Compassionate City initiative. Each month, the participating churches will focus on various groupings of people whom we will treat with 'acts of kindness.' In the month of January, we are focusing on the homeless. We are asking that you do something in support of the homeless. Among the suggestions would be to help with a hot meal, collect food or clothing, make a charitable donation, or even buy a homeless person a lunch or a cup of coffee. We hope to have a trifold available soon at the entrances of the church to guide us through this bicentennial observance. As time goes on we intend to involve the civic, business and educational communities in this effort of growing into a city known for its compassion.

In the month of February we will have an opportunity to deepen our faith life with a special program offered by the Jesuit Retreat House. Entitled *The Pilgrim Way of Ignatius Loyola*, we will meet on the Thursday evenings of the month to hear, reflect on and share the fruit of St. Ignatius' spiritual exercises. Topics will include: *What Happens When You Encounter Christ?*, *What Do I Want?*, *What is My Deepest Desire?*, *Is it Possible to Find God in All Things?*

Because the number of participants will be limited, you will need to register ahead of time. There will be trifolds at the church entrances explaining the program with directions on how to register. The parishioners of St. Jude are also being invited to participate in this spiritual program. As we begin a new year, I hope you will take this opportunity to deepen your spiritual life.

Fr. Charlie

Snowfall of Cash Winners:

January 1 st : \$100	John Schill
January 2 nd : \$100	Patricia Krischer
January 3 rd : \$100	Jodi Denes

All winners are notified by phone and/or email and names will be posted on the board outside the Weigand Room.

Thank you to all who sold and/or purchased Snowfall of Cash Calendars.

'SNOWFALL OF CASH' **Winners** will be notified by phone and/or email and names will be posted on the board outside the Weigand Room.

Stubs can still be turned in for a chance to win a cash prize for days remaining in January. Additional Calendars are still available in the Parish Office.

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD



This Week in our Parish

Monday January 9th
5:30 p.m. Helping Hands Ministry - Conference Room
5:45 p.m. Girl Scouts - Green Room
6:30 p.m. P.S.R. - St. Joseph & Marian Buildings
7:30 p.m. P.S.R. Family Epiphany Prayer Service - Church followed by Reception in Weigand Room

Tuesday January 10th
5:00 p.m. Hot Meals - Cafeteria
6:30 p.m. P.T.U. Meeting - Cahill Library

Wednesday January 11th
2:30 p.m. Academic Challenge - Weigand Room
7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. - Conference Room
7:00 p.m. Choir - Choir Loft

Thursday January 12th
9am - 5pm Eucharistic Adoration - Lower Church

Sunday January 15th
9:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Children
11:00 a.m. Pre-School P.S.R. - St. Joseph Building
9-11 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks - Weigand Room
1:30 p.m. Secular Franciscans - Lower Church

200 Club Winners: 1/01/17 Bruce Barden #90
1/08/17 Maurita Ferguson #18

CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS:

On Thursday, March 16th 2017, Bishop Roger Gries will be celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation in our parish. Adults having received Baptism and First Holy Communion who wish to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, please contact Sister Mary Dorothy at the Parish Office 323-5539.



Altar & Rosary Society

St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society will meet Thursday, January 19th in the Lower Church at 11am for the Rosary and Benediction followed by a luncheon and business meeting in the Weigand Room.

All Ladies of the Parish are welcome to join us.

Book Club will meet Thursday, January 19th at 7pm in the Cahill Library. This month's book is: The Christmas Train by David Baldacci.



Blood Pressure checks will be available after the 8:00 & 9:30 Masses in the Weigand Room next Sunday, January 15th.



St. Mary School will host an **Open House and Breakfast** on **Sunday, January 29, 2017** from **9am to 12:30pm**.

Our school enrolls children in grades kindergarten through grade 8 with a preschool for three and four year olds. An extended day program is available for all students until 6pm. We invite all parishioners, especially parents considering a Catholic Education for their children, to meet our teachers, tour our buildings, and learn about our challenging curriculum in a Christ-centered environment. If you have any questions, please call the school office at 440-322-2808. See you on January 29th!

Families interested in St. Mary School Preschool and/or Kindergarten may come visit and talk to our teachers about the programs and curriculum. Call the school at 322-2808 to make an appointment. We are looking forward to your visit!



Our Parish will be serving dinner this Sunday, Jan. 8th from 5-6pm in the School Cafeteria. Volunteers are always appreciated to serve or help with preparation at 3pm.

...and Jesus said...FEED THE HUNGRY

Our next dinner for St. Joseph Catholic Overnight Shelter is January 21st. If you are able to furnish a pasta dish, salad, dessert or rolls please contact me by January 18th. We could also use a driver to take the meal to Lorain on that date.

Thank you ~ Maryann 440-458-6159

Mark your Calendars -



St. Mary Parish Night at the Races

Saturday, January 21st
5:30 - 10:00pm ~ St. Mary Hall

Tickets are \$20.00 - price includes Food, Dessert & Drinks. There will be Basket Raffles & 50/50 Raffle, Side Boards, and of course...**Horse Races!!**

2017 Calendars are available at the Church Entrances – please be sure to stop and pick one up.

The Elyria Hospitality Center is open on **Mondays, Wednesdays** and **Thursdays** from **10am-Noon**. Please contact them at 323-9409 directly if you have questions or need to make arrangements for donation drop-off. Thank you.