



Mass Intentions

- Monday** January 23rd Day of Prayer
for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
5:00 p.m. Gale Jack Squires
- Tuesday** Jan. 24th Francis de Sales, bishop/dr of the Church
8:30 a.m. Dawn Pope
- Wednesday** January 25th Conversion of Paul, apostle
5:00 p.m. Deceased of the Kovacs & Pawelski Families
- Thursday** January 26th Timothy and Titus, bishops
8:30 a.m. Fr. Joseph Weigand
- Friday** January 27th Angela Merici, virgin
8:30 a.m. Jennie Daly
- Saturday** Jan. 28th Thomas Aquinas, priest/dr of the Church
9:00 a.m. Maxine and J. Norman Weber
4:30 p.m. Jeanne Esch
- Sunday** January 29th 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Helen Mahl
9:30 a.m. Joseph Lagrotteria
11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary Parish

Readings for the Week of January 23rd

- Mon: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30
Tue: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 10-11; Mk 3:31-35
Wed: Acts 22:3-16; Ps 117:1-2; Mk 16:15-18
Thur: 2 Tm 1:1-8; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8, 10; Mk 4:21-25
Fri: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:36, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34
Sat: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41
Sun: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Julia Krupka** and for the consolation of her loved ones.

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



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Sunday Collection (01/15/17)	\$9,880.12
Catholic University of America	\$548.10
Envelopes	246

Thank you for your generosity.

- [2nd Collection January 22nd - Tuition Assistance]
[2nd Collection January 29th - Capital Improvement Fund]



My Friends,

While everyone has an opinion about our new president and where the country is going, it is a time for us not to lose sight of what the gospels teach us and commission us to do. Both political parties have serious deficiencies in bolstering Christian values. Consequently, it is up to us to give witness to gospel truths in the public forum. Chief among the concerns in the days ahead will be to keep our focus on the common good rather than selfish interest. We can have endless debates about the role of government in addressing the needs of its citizens. Still for the disciple of Jesus, we need to be personally involved in promoting the wellbeing of every person we encounter. It is easier for a camel to get through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to get into the Kingdom. We find Jesus among the poor and those in need.

When we bring it down to the personal encounter, we ask what is one drop of water in the ocean of need? Some of us remember the Christopher's maxim. "If each of us lit just one small candle, what a bright world this would be." I have already mentioned the Compassionate City project for Elyria's bicentennial. In this month of January, we are emphasizing concern for the homeless. I hope you will consider addressing an 'act of kindness' toward someone in need.

This weekend, we also have Fr. Ed Wiczorek talking to us about 'Unbound.' This ministry seeks to put a name with our charitable gift. It connects us at a personal level. I have been supporting a young boy, Samuel Nunez, over the past few years. Presently, our 5th grade is working on becoming pen pals with him. This would be another way of building bridges rather than walls.

Finally, just a reminder that there is still time to register for the men's Cursillo this coming weekend. Also, we need your registration for *The Pilgrim Way of St. Ignatius Loyola*, that begins the Thursday's of February.

Fr. Charlie



Snowfall of Cash Winners:

January 10 th : \$100	Richard Mack
January 11 th : \$200	Mike Ziol
January 12 th : \$100	Gabe Torres
January 13 th : \$100	Laura Steidl
January 14 th : \$100	Pat Krischer
January 15 th : \$100	Jim Gurchik



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.

3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



This Week in our Parish

Monday January 23rd
5:30 p.m. Helping Hands Ministry - Conference Room
5:45 p.m. Finance Committee - Staff Room
5:45 p.m. Girl Scouts - Green Room
6:30 p.m. P.S.R. - St. Joseph & Marian Buildings
7:00 p.m. Stewardship - Conference Room

Tuesday January 24th
5:00 p.m. Hot Meals - Cafeteria
7:00 p.m. Evangelization - Conference Room

Wednesday January 25th
7:00 p.m. 1st Eucharist Parent Meeting - Weigand Room
7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. - Conference Room
7:00 p.m. Choir - Choir Loft

Thursday January 26th
9am - 5pm Eucharistic Adoration - Lower Church
6:00 p.m. Parish Council - Conference Room

Sunday January 29th
9:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Children
9am-12:30pm St. Mary School Open House & Breakfast
- School Buildings

200 Club Winner: 01/22/17 Frank Humphrey #35

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.

The Pilgrim Way of Ignatius Loyola *a program of Jesuit Retreat House*

You are invited to discover more about the dynamic practice of Ignatian Spirituality, a spirituality that helps us to be open to the call of God in our life.

Join us on Thursdays in February - February 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd from 7-9pm in the Weigand Room.

We will gather for: *Communal Prayer, Input/Teaching on the Spiritual Exercises, Personal Witness & Stories, Personal Reflection, Conversation & Fellowship.*

[Note: It is not necessary to commit to attending all 4 sessions.]

Registration Forms can be found at the entrances of the Church - completed forms can be dropped in the collection basket or brought to the Parish Office.

There is NO COST to participate in the program, however, registering helps us to plan for adequate seating.

Pre-Baptism Class will be held **Wednesday, February 8th** from **6:30-8:30pm** in the Weigand Room. Babies & Godparents are welcome. To register, please call the Parish Office at 323-5539. Our next class will be May 10th 2017.



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 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!

FIRST FRIDAY FORUM, FEBRUARY 3RD:

Come join us for a panel discussion/reflection upon: *"The Joys and Challenges of the Priesthood Today"*. Join the First Friday Forum for spiritual refreshment, fellowship & good food - LCCC Spitzer Conference Center at 11:30am. Tickets: \$18. RSVP by calling the reservation line 440-244-0643 or fflorain@gmail.com by Monday, January 30th.

Grief Support Group *"Hopeful Hearts"* for seniors 60+ will meet Tues., Jan. 24th, 1-2:30pm at Holy Spirit Family Ctr., 410 Lear Rd., Avon Lake. Meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of each month, and are for those who have lost a loved one in the past year. Open to the community at no charge, no reservations required. Sponsored by Hospice of the Western Reserve & Holy Spirit Bereavement Ministry. For more info. contact Chemarra Bryant, Bereavement Coordinator, HWR 440-892-6680 or Mary Lou 933-4423.

"Compassion The Musical" 2017

Calling on families, Adults, Young Adults, High School and Jr. High Students...God is choosing **YOU** - to be a messenger of the faith! How would you do that? Many ways but why not bring the Gospel message to LIFE! And this is how...Auditions for Cast & Crew will be held on **Sunday, January 22nd from 2-4:30pm at St. Joseph, 32929 Lake Rd, Avon Lake, OH.**

This is a great opportunity for family ministry during Lent. If you have stage experience, GREAT! If not, come & learn. For info. call 440-452-7085, 440-668-9437 or 440-465-1195 **OR** we'll see you at the auditions!!

Gentle Woman Fellowship meets on First Fridays at St. Clarence Parish Center, 30106 Lorain Rd., North Olmsted, 44070. Our next gathering is Friday, Feb. 3rd. We pray a rosary at 9:30 in the chapel followed by refreshments in the Terrace Room. All women are welcome. No reservations needed. Bring a friend. Questions? Call Mary Hoover at 330.636.1698 or Lillian at 440.284.9539

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