




Mass Intentions

- Monday February 27th**
5:00 p.m. Larry Jezewski
- Tuesday February 28th**
8:30 a.m. Dawn Pope
- Wednesday March 1st Ash Wednesday** 
8:30 a.m. Sister Mary Jane Rohr
12:15 p.m. Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary Parish
7:00 p.m. Douglas Beattie
- Thursday March 2nd**
8:30 a.m. Carl and Dorothy Diedrick
- Friday March 3rd Katharine Drexel, virgin**
8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of the Anthony Larizza Family
- Saturday March 4th Casimir**
9:00 a.m. Fr. Joseph C. Weigand
4:30 p.m. Dan Kulas
- Sunday March 5th 1st Sunday of Lent**
8:00 a.m. Eva Squires
9:30 a.m. Lou Hoover
11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary Parish

Readings for the Week of February 27th

- Mon: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27
Tue: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31
Wed: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2;
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thur: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Fri: Is 58:1-9; Ps 51:3-6, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Sat: Is 58:9-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sun: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19;
Mt 4:1-11



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Arthur J. Porn** and for the consolation of his 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, Betty, Bev, Carmen, Charlie, Doug, Gary, Grace, Judy, Kelly, Mark, Nichole, Pat, Sharon, Terry, Tom, Violet, Walt** and all who have asked for our prayers.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Sunday Collection (02/19/17)	\$7,892.16
Helping Hands Ministry	\$1,658.51
Envelopes	248

Thank you for your generosity.

[2nd Collection February 26th - Tuition Assistance]
[2nd Collection March 5th - Black & Indian Missions]



My Friends,

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday which begins our 40 day observance of Lent. We prepare ourselves to celebrate the paschal mystery through acts of self-denial and growth in the spirit. If sin ruptures our relationship with God, it is grace that restores us to God's favor. Jesus will summarize the whole law in two simple commandments. We are to love God with our whole heart and our neighbor as ourselves. Thus the Church offers us the Lenten disciplines prayer, fasting and almsgiving as a remedy for our sins.

In **prayer**, we restore our relationship with God. Prayer makes us conscious of God's presence in our life. The Eucharist deepens our bond with God. We are called into communion in His love. Find time to read the Bible. The pamphlet, *The Word Among Us*, is a helpful tool in reading the scriptures everyday. There are copies available at the church entrances.

Fasting assists us in disciplining the ego helping us to abstain from things that control our lives. We are becoming an addictive society where things become our gods.

Finally, **almsgiving** is the discipline that addresses our relationship with our neighbor. Jesus teaches us that we are to think of the other first. In fact, we are to lay down our life for them. We are so possessive of the things of this world. We are so preoccupied with things that we lose sight of the greater good that is ours in Christ.

The March bicentennial trifold is available at the entrances. This month the focus is on the addicted. There are some suggestions for an act of kindness that we might show toward those who suffer from debilitating addictions.

Finally, I encourage you to start your Lenten observance by attending the production of *Tetéléstai* here in the church this coming weekend. It will be a tremendous inspiration for entering into the spirit of Lent.

Fr. Charlie



March 1st, 2017

Mass Schedule:

8:30am, 12:15pm and 7:00pm

[Day of fast (ages 18-59) and abstinence from meat (age 14 and up).]

TETÉLESTAI

Cleveland Performing Arts Ministries' musical passion play "*Tetéléstai*" will be presented here at St. Mary Parish on **March 3rd, 4th & 5th**. Performances are at 8pm on Friday & Saturday and at 2pm on Sunday. Doors open approx. 1 hour before performance time. There is no charge, but free-will offerings will be accepted. Visit www.livethepassion.org for additional information.



Congratulations to
Cliff & June Essmacher
on the celebration of their

65th Wedding Anniversary ~ February 23rd.

8th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



This Week in our Parish

Monday **February 27th**
 5:30 p.m. Helping Hands Ministry - Conference Room
 5:45 p.m. Girl Scouts - Green Room
 5:45 p.m. Finance Council - Staff Room
 6:30 p.m. P.S.R. - St. Joseph & Marian Buildings
 7:00 p.m. Stewardship & Evangelization - Staff Room

Tuesday **February 28th**
 5:00 p.m. Hot Meals - Cafeteria

Wednesday **March 1st**
 11am-1:30pm Pierogi Lunches - Parish Hall
 7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. - Conference Room
 7:00 p.m. Choir - Choir Loft

Thursday **March 2nd**
 9am - 5pm Eucharistic Adoration - Lower Church
 7:00 p.m. Bible Study - Cahill Library

Friday **March 3rd**
 11am-1:30pm Pierogi Lunches - Parish Hall
 1:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross - Church
 8:00 p.m. **Tet lestai** - Church

Saturday **March 4th**
 8:00 p.m. **Tet lestai** - Church

Sunday **March 5th**
 9:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Children
 11:00 a.m. Pre-School P.S.R. - St. Joseph Building
 11:00 a.m. R.C.I.A. - Weigand Room
 2:00 p.m. **Tet lestai** - Church

200 Club Winner: 02/26/17 Gracie Seroka #16



The next Senior Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, March 7th at 12:00 noon in the Weigand Room. The cost of the luncheon is \$5.00. Our guest speaker will be Tera Rolf from the YMCA. She will speak on Diabetes

Prevention. Please call your reservation to Sister Mary Dorothy at 323-0140 by Friday, Mar. 3rd. Time will be available for those who wish to stay and play bingo. We look forward to a great meal, sharing new ideas and hope that you will bring a friend with you.



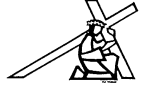
Pierogi Lunches begin Ash Wednesday, Mar. 1st and will continue for the next 6 Fridays in the Parish Hall 11am-1:30pm. Cost: \$6. Lunch includes: 5 Sophie Choice Pierogi, sour cream and/or onions, tossed salad, apple sauce, roll & beverage. Dine in or pick-up in the Parish Hall. Call 323-5539 x231 to place an order. Tell your friends...

*Pierogi Lunches can always use your HELP! From prep, to serving to clean up. If you are interested please contact Joyce Snyder at 440-775-1967 or chippers2@zoominternet.net.



Registration for the 2017-2018 school year for Preschool, Kindergarten and NEW students to St. Mary School has begun. Please contact the School Office at 322-2808 to set up an appointment to visit the School or for additional information regarding registration.

All are invited to join us for
Stations of the Cross
 on Fridays during Lent at 1:00pm in Church



St. Mary's PTU is having a **Reverse Raffle** on **March 11th, 2017**. All proceeds to benefit the school. Please join us for an evening of fun. Tickets are \$35/person which includes a chance at the Grand Mystery Prize, dinner, dessert, wine, beer & refreshments. We will be having a Chinese raffle, sideboards, 50/50 and music. Tickets are on sale now - only 200 tickets to be sold. Please take a flyer from tables in the back of the church for more details. For tickets, please call Mari Brosky 216-440-7991.

Our March Book Club book is titled Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson. We will meet on Thursday, March 16th at 7pm in the Cahill Library. All are welcome.



FIRST FRIDAY FORUM, MARCH 3RD: Come join us for a poignant reflection upon the call: "*Help! My Family Isn't Catholic Anymore*" Ms. Terry Baldwin, Dir., Office of Evangelization will be our speaker. 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, February 27th.

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THE UPPER ROOM: Are you a teen currently in 8th - 12th grade? Do you want to have a place where you can be yourself and be heard? Do you want to be comfortable in a non-judgmental setting? Do you want to build new or stronger friendships with others? Then it's time for you to join other teens in the Upper Room at St. Mary's in Elyria [Located in the Guardian Angel Building (3rd Floor)] on Sundays from 6-7:30pm. We share fun, friendship, food & faith, have time for great discussion and have a chance to just hang out. Bring your friends! If you've joined us in the Upper Room already, we hope to see you again. If you haven't been to the Upper Room yet, what are you waiting for? You can help make the Upper Room THE place to be!

Here is the schedule for the next few months... **Feb. 26, Mar. 12, Apr. 9 & 23, May 7 & 21, Jun. 11 & 25** (updates to the schedule can be found on the parish website)

SEARCH #190 WEEKEND RETREAT - Info can be found at <http://ccdole.org/events/search-190-50th-anniversary-weekend-retreat-high-school-teens> If you are interested, contact Randy Kula

STAY IN TOUCH WITH US: We're on the web www.stmaryelyria.org Just click on the "TeenJaM" link. Any updates to our schedule of events can be found here. Follow us on Twitter and Instagram at #TeenJaMElyria or request to join our Facebook group **teenJaMElyria**

CONTACT US: It would be great to hear from you. Contact us at: randy@saintjudeparish.org or 216-409-2639.