




Mass Intentions

- Monday** July 3rd Thomas, apostle
5:00 p.m. Charles Babinec 
- Tuesday** July 4th Independence Day
9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of our Armed Forces
- Wednesday** July 5th Elizabeth of Portugal,
Anthony Zaccaria, priest
5:00 p.m. Ed Webber
- Thursday** July 6th Maria Goretti, virgin/martyr
8:30 a.m. Jeanne Esch
- Friday** July 7th
8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of the Anthony Larizza Family
- Saturday** July 8th
9:00 a.m. Olga Porter
4:30 p.m. Denis Kirkbride
- Sunday** July 9th 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Lawrence, Sr. and Edna May Coleman
9:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary Parish
11:00 a.m. Richard Plas, Jr.

Adult Mass Servers Needed: If you would be interested in being an Altar Server for weekday Masses and/or Funeral Masses [days & times vary] please contact the Parish Office at 323-5539. Prior Serving experience is appreciated but not necessary. Training will be provided.

Readings for the Week of July 3rd

Mon: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1-2; Jn 20:24-29
Tue: Gn 2:4-9, 15; Ps 112:1-9; Col:9:6-15; Mt 5:1-12
Wed: Gn 21:5, 8-20; Ps 34:7-8, 10-13; Mt 8:28-34
Thur: Gn 22:1-19; Ps 115:1-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8
Fri: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1-5; Mt 9:9-13
Sat: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1-6; Mt 9:14-17
Sun: Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30



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: **Bev, Beverly, Bob, Carmen, Carol, Dorothy, Doug, Ed, Jan, Jim, Joe, Kelly, Lois, Maggie, Mary, Mary Jane, Matt, Mitchell, Pat, Robert, Ronan, Roseanne, Stanley, Tom** and all who have asked for our prayers.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Sunday Collection (06/25/17)	\$8,724.57
Peter's Pence	\$779.36
Envelopes	230

Thank you for your generosity.

[2nd Collection July 2nd - Mission Cooperation Plan]
[2nd Collection July 9th - Helping Hands Ministry]




My Friends,
Whether you are talking religion or politics these days, we can't seem to get past the ideological debate. The traditionalists battle the progressives over the fine lines of dogma. Some go so far as to accuse Pope Francis of heresy! Conservatives and liberals take their political debates to the extremes arguing in favor of their ideology rather than what best serves the needs of the people. Christians are still divided today over how to interpret St. Paul's distinction between faith and works. We get so embroiled in the theological debate that we lose sight of Christ, the Truth who calls us into union with himself in the Father.

While some want to argue in their interpretation of St. Paul that faith alone is all that is needed for salvation, I think St. James has a point that our works reveal our faith. In Mt 25, the difference between a sheep and a goat is the works of mercy that are carried out. I bring all of this up because of the deep gratitude I feel for our faith community. This past week, I received a call from Catholic Charities to inform me that we had exceeded our parish goal by \$8,000!! St. James would certainly be very proud of us. We are truly a people of faith.

It doesn't stop with Catholic Charities. Each year our Helping Hands Ministry is able to assist those about to lose their apartment or utilities to the tune of \$30,000! We offer hot meals weekly to the hungry. We support the Hospitality Center with food collections. Many are assisted at our back door with emergency needs.

The answer to our debate is not about who is right or wrong. Rather, it is about walking in the footsteps of Jesus and following His example of love for everyone. If we all focused on this, we would find ourselves together. I have this dream for Elyria to become a 'Compassionate City.' I am so proud of our role as a parish community in working toward this goal.

Fr. Charlie

 **Wedding Banns**

II Christopher Dunigan & Rebecca Miadock

 **In Memoriam**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Julia A. Plas** and **James F. Dumski** and for the consolation of their loved ones.

SAVE THE DATE:

St. Mary Parish Feast Day Mass & Celebration

Tuesday ~ August 15th 5:00pm Mass
followed by an enjoyable evening of hamburgers/hotdogs, ice cream, Altar & Rosary Bake Sale, Basket Raffle, 50/50 Raffle & more - St. Mary Hall

Volunteers are needed for help with set-up, ticket sales & clean-up. If you are able to help, please contact Angie Pluta: 323-5539 or email: stmaryelyria@aol.com.

13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



This Week in our Parish

Tuesday July 4th
Independence Day



Thursday July 6th
9am - 5pm Eucharistic Adoration - Lower Church

Sunday July 9th
After Masses CYO Volleyball Registration - Weigand Room
5:00 p.m. Hot Meals - Cafeteria

200 Club Winner: 07/2/17 Chuck Martin #172

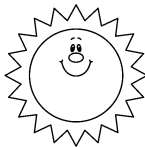


The next Senior Luncheon will be ***Monday, July 10th**. Janet Bird from the Lorain County Historical Society will be giving a presentation: **Home & Gardens of the 19th Century Elyria**

We will begin with lunch at Noon. The cost of the luncheon is \$5. Please call in your reservations to Sister Mary Dorothy at 323-0140 by Friday, July 7th. 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. [*New Day]

"CASH EVERY DAY IN JULY"

Please turn in your Cash Calendar ticket stubs - 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!

CYO SPORTS:

Football: Registration is currently underway and is open to any SMS, PSR student or Parish member in 3rd-8th grades. You can register on Sport Pilot by July 1st. If you have any questions about the program you can contact Greg Smith at smi810th@gmail.com



Volleyball: Registration will be taking place after Masses on July 9th. Volleyball is open to any students 2nd-8th grade that attend SMS, PSR or are parish members. If you have any questions about the program you can contact Jen Taylor at jennytaylor@gmail.com



Our Next Sport Committee Meeting will be: 6:00pm on July 18th at the Foundry Restaurant in Elyria.



The School Office will be closed June 23rd- Aug. 5th and will re-open on Monday, Aug. 8th [9am-1pm]. 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!

Can we help the St. Mary Playground Garden grow? How about a combo of vegetables & flowers? Something nice for our parishioners & neighbors. Call Pat at 323-8634 with ideas and/or to help.



Our Parish will be serving dinner next Sunday, July 9th, from 5-6pm in the School Cafeteria. Volunteers are always appreciated to serve or help with preparation beginning at 3pm.

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

Our next dinner to take to the Catholic Overnight Shelter in Lorain is Sat. July 15. If you can supply a pasta with meat, dessert, rolls or salad please call Maryann 458-6159 and thanks. I will need a driver to take the meal to Lorain.

TEEN JaM Info:

UPPER ROOM Dates: July 9* & 23
6-7:30pm [*July 9 time: 4-5:30pm]

HIGH SCHOOL CAMPOUT! SAVE THE DATES! July 14th-16th
Annual High School Campout. This year we'll be going to Pleasant Hill Lake Park in Perrysville, OH. Forms can be downloaded from the Teen JaM calendar on the parish website.

STAY IN TOUCH: www.stmaryelyria.org just click on the "TeenJaM" link. Follow us on Twitter & Instagram at #TeenJaMElyria or request to join our Facebook group [teenJaMElyria](https://www.facebook.com/teenJaMElyria).

Contact Randy Kula if interested in participating in any events: randy@saintjudeparish.org or 216-409-2639.

An Amazing Family Day



Are you looking for an opportunity for your family to grow in faith this summer - for FREE? Join us for a family retreat day on Sunday, August 6th at the 17th annual **FEST**, beginning at noon at the Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe. Outdoor Mass, Adoration, praise & worship (with for King & Country, Crowder, Matt Maher and Laura Story) and more will inspire you to experience the FULL LIFE that only Christ can give. Want to learn more? Head to www.TheFEST.us today!

Help Wanted: "Program Assistant PRN Position is now available at St. Joseph Men's Shelter. Check out Catholic Charities website for the job posting and to apply - www.ccdole.org. Click on the Careers tab, the job is posted under the Program Aides category."

Sponsor of the Week:

ROSS
BUILDERS CO. INC.

Please support our Bulletin Sponsors.

Hall Committee Members Needed - Anyone interested in being a part of the St. Mary Hall Committee, please contact Mary Jane at the Parish Office 323-5539 x222.