



Monday	September 25th
5:00 p.m.	Charles Gormley
Tuesday	September 26th Cosmas and Damian, martyrs
8:30 a.m.	Jeanne Esch
Wednesday	September 27th Vincent de Paul, priest
5:00 p.m.	Joseph C. Weigand
Thursday	September 28th Wenceslaus and Lawrence Ruiz, & co., martyrs
8:30 a.m.	Dorothy Diedrick
Friday	Sept. 29th Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, archangels
8:30 a.m.	Dawn Pope
Saturday	September 30th Jerome, priest/dr of the church
9:00 a.m.	Albert Koviak
4:30 p.m.	Ben Spillar
Sunday	October 1st 26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary Parish
9:30 a.m.	Therese M. Solet
11:00 a.m.	Marian Ternes

Readings for the Week of September 25th

Mon:	Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1-6; Lk 8:16-18
Tue:	Ezr 6:7-8, 12, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 8:19-21
Wed:	Ezr 9:5-9; Tb 13:2-4, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
Thur:	Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1-6, 9; Lk 9:7-9
Fri:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 ; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
Sat:	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15; Jer 31:10-13; Lk 9:43-45
Sun:	Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32

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: **Bob, Craig, Debbie, Don, Ed, Joe, Mark, Mary, Nick, Robert, Tanas** and all who have asked for our prayers.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Faith Direct 09/04/17	\$6,551.50
Sunday Collection 09/17/17	\$6,415.37
Tuition Assistance	\$884.09
Envelopes	200

Thank you for your continued generosity.

[2nd Coll. Sept. 24th - Catholic Communications Campaign]

*A Special 2nd Collection for the Victims of Hurricane Irma will be taken the weekend of September 30th/October 1st.

My Friends,

I would like to claim that it was the Diedrick family reunion that kept the Apple Festival dry this year. Not sure that it works that way. It did knock the Offertory collection down a bit so there better be two envelopes this weekend!

It was a wonderful weekend for the Diedrick clan beginning with the square dance in the barn on Friday night. It made me realize how fortunate I am to have such deep family roots. Whether you were 6 or 60, everyone was on the floor dancing. It made it a little difficult swinging your partner if you were the child, but it was something everyone could do together. Marriage and family is what life is all about and it is more the exception than the norm these days. It carries over into parish life. The only way a parish will remain vibrant in the future is if we can create strong family bonds together.

Each month through the coming year, we will have various groups speaking at the pulpit. In October, members of our Cana Club will inform you of the opportunity for couples to come together and support one another. There are times of faith development and times to socialize as couples and as family. There are many opportunities to enrich one's marriage commitment or even strengthen those that are struggling. We need to make this a priority as a parish this year.

The city of Elyria is presently formulating a program to support those in need of work that provides a sustainable wage. This is critical for the health of family life. One element in this effort is to have the various church communities provide mentors to assist individuals in finding work and become financially independent. The effort will be called *Elyria Works Now* and you will be hearing more about it in the future. Let us make the family a model for our church and our city.

Fr. Charlie

 **Wedding Banns**

II Karl Pippins & Laura Vasi



CLAM BAKE AT SCHUSTER'S FARM

sponsored by the St. Mary Sports Committee
at Schuster's Pumpkin Patch ~ 8638 Murray Ridge Rd.
Saturday, October 7th from 5-10pm

Tickets available in the Parish Office
[prices vary according to meal choice]

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



This Week in our Parish

Monday	September 25th
5:30 p.m.	Helping Hands Ministry - Conference Room
6:30 p.m.	P.S.R. - St. Joseph & Marian Buildings
6:30 p.m.	6 th Grade Bible Service - Church + Reception following in Weigand Room
Tuesday	September 26th
5:00 p.m.	Hot Meals - Cafeteria
Wednesday	September 27th
7:00 p.m.	Choir - Choir Loft
7:00 p.m.	R.C.I.A. Information Meeting - Conference Room
Thursday	September 28th
9am - 5pm	Eucharistic Adoration - Lower Church
6:00 p.m.	Parish Council - Conference Room
Sunday	October 1st
9:30 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Children NO Pre-School P.S.R.

200 Club Winner: 09/24/17 Dale Strnad #79



The next Senior Luncheon will be Mon., October 9th. 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, October 6th. 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. There will be an **Information Meeting on Wed., Sept. 27th at 7:00pm** in the **Conference Room**.

SAVE THE DATE: **Saturday, October 14th, 2017**

St. Mary Parish ~ Fall & Holiday Craft Show will be held in the Parish Hall from 9am-3pm. **Crafters Needed** - Table cost: \$30 [\$35 with electric]. Please contact Mary Jane @ 323-5539 x222 or mjtaylor54@windstream.net by Sept. 30th.

Catholic Family Day at Progressive Field ~ Sun., Oct. 1st. Join the Cleveland Indians for Mass and a Ball Game! Pre-game Mass at 1:15pm in the Ball Park. Tickets start at \$14. <http://m.mlb.com/indians/tickets/group/catholicfamilyday> [enter the special offer code 'CATHOLIC']
For information call 216-420-4162
or email jplys@indians.com.



Just a reminder...

Elementary P.S.R. [held on Monday evenings from 6:30-7:45pm], **Liturgy of the Word with Children** [during the 9:30am Mass] and the **Pre-School PSR** - for 3, 4 & 5 year olds [held in the St. Joseph Building during the 11:00am Mass] have all begun. For information, please call the Parish Office 323-5539.

"Hopeful Hearts" A Grief Support Group for seniors 60+. Meetings are the 4th Tuesday of each month, 1-2:30pm in the Holy Spirit Parish Family Ctr., 410 Lear Rd., Avon Lake. The next meeting is Sept. 26th, they are open to the community at no charge, are ongoing, with no reservations required. Sponsored by Hospice of the Western Reserve & the Holy Spirit Bereavement Ministry. For further information contact: Chemarra Bryant, Bereavement Coordinator, HWR, 440-892-6680 or Mary Lou 440-933-4423.

Gentle Woman Fellowship - an Intra-Parish group - will meet Fri., Oct. 6th at St. Clarence Parish Ctr. 30106 Lorain Rd., N. Olmsted beginning at 9:30am. Fr. Robert Jasany, Pastor of St. John Nepomucene, Cleveland & Spiritual Dir. of the World Apostolate of Fatima's Cleveland Div. will be our speaker. All women are welcome. No reservations needed. Bring a friend. Questions? Call Mary 330-636-1698 or Mary 235-6258.

FIRST FRIDAY FORUM, OCT. 6TH. The Spirituality of the Vatican II Documents: 55 years of Challenge and Formation" presented by Rev. Mark Latovich, Ph D. Join the First Friday Forum for spiritual refreshment, fellowship & good food at LCCC Spitzer Conference Ctr. at 11:30am. Tickets: \$18. RSVP by calling the reservation line 440-244-0643 or fflorain@gmail.com before 6pm Mon., Oct. 2nd.

Elyria Catholic High School invites prospective students and families to its annual **Open House on Sun., Oct. 15th from 11:30am - 2pm**. We are excited to share the new opportunities that are available for students who are interested in pursuing a future at Elyria Catholic High School. Visitors can tour the school & campus and meet with faculty, staff and administrators, along with coaches and student Ambassadors.

Elyria Catholic is offering two dates for the **Freshman Placement Exams on Sat., Oct. 21st & Sat., Nov. 4th** beginning at **8:30am**. On each of those dates there will be a **Parent Breakfast Meeting at 8:35am**. Families can learn more about the admissions process, tuition assistance & scholarship opportunities. For more information contact Terry Ziegelmeyer, Dir. of Admissions at 365-1821 ext. 8606. To register for the exams, please go to elyriacatholic.com.

Elyria Catholic HS Band Parents **Holiday Craft Show & Bazaar Crafters Wanted:** for Elyria Catholic's Holiday Craft Show & Bazaar - Saturday, November 11, 2017 from 9am-3pm. Our crafters are treated right with students to help load/unload your car and free coffee & pastry. Early Bird Special is about to end. Tables are \$35 [\$40 w/electric], if your registration is post marked by Sept. 30th. Oct. 1st tables will be \$40 [\$45 w/electric]. For information or a packet with an application, call Lynette Patton at 440-288-8034 or email elyriacatholicband@gmail.com.

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