



Mass Intentions

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| Monday | September 1st Labor Day: "For the Sanctification of Human Labor" |
| * 9:00 a.m. | Charles Blair |
| Tuesday | September 2nd |
| 8:30 a.m. | Wilbur Shuster |
| Wednesday | September 3rd Gregory the Great, pope |
| 5:00 p.m. | Special Intention |
| Thursday | September 4th |
| 8:30 a.m. | Ruth Connors |
| Friday | September 5th |
| 8:30 a.m. | Ann Weideman |
| Saturday | September 6th |
| 9:00 a.m. | Elizabeth & Bernard Schuster and Family |
| 4:30 p.m. | Living & Deceased of St. Mary Parish |
| Sunday | September 7th 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 8:00 a.m. | Ben & Mary Mahl |
| 9:30 a.m. | Joseph LaGrotteria |
| 11:00 a.m. | Richard Fenik |

Readings for the Week of September 1st

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| Mon | Gen 1:26-2:3; Ps 65:10, 11-14; 1Th 3:6-12, 16; Mt 6:31-34 |
| Tues | 1 Cor 2:10-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37 |
| Wed | 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44 |
| Thurs | 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 5:1-11 |
| Fri | 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39 |
| Sat | 1 Cor 4:6-15; Ps 145:17-21; Lk 6:1-5 |
| Sun | Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20 |

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 Lou, Ashleigh, Betty, Bev, Bill, Carmen, Curtis, Dan, Jack, Jim, Kevin, LaVera, Linda, Mary, Matt, Paula, Quintine, R.J., Ricki, Rosemary, Rosie, Tony** and all who have asked for our prayers.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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| Faith Direct (08/15/14) | \$3,649.00 |
| Sunday Collection (08/24/14) | \$7,554.50 |
| Faith & Values Appeal for Education | \$466.87 |
| Envelopes | 241 |

Thank you for your generosity.

[2nd Collection August 31st - Tuition Assistance]
[2nd Collection September 7th - Helping Hands Ministry]



My Friends,

One of Pope St. John Paul II's first encyclicals of his pontificate addressed the dignity of work. More often than not, we thought of work as a punishment for sin. In Genesis, Adam was sent out of the garden to work by the sweat of his brow in order to survive. Pope St. John Paul II preferred an earlier chapter of Genesis where humankind is invited to share in the creative action of God. His dignity comes in his ability to be a co-creator with God. Rather than a punishment, the ability to work is a privilege and a right for every person.

On this Labor Day weekend, we celebrate this dignity and this right. Too many people are still without jobs. Many more are struggling to make a 'living wage.' There is no easy solution to this problem in our area. While there are manufacturing jobs to be found, even they require a competency in operating computers. Education is a critical component in lowering unemployment. We are blessed to have the Lorain County Community College and the Joint Vocational School. We need to promote these opportunities.

A more difficult problem is the escalation of drug and alcohol abuse. This can lead to felony convictions and further limits any chance of getting hired for a job. Any solution will ultimately require programs that will mentor people step by step.

It is hard to build self-esteem if there is no respect for the dignity of work. Respect for labor is a critical key to solving the malaise our nation is suffering. The disparity in wealth is a root cause of more of our middle class slipping into poverty. Surveys indicate that people are no longer optimistic that their children will have a better life than they have. We pray this weekend that labor will be returned to its former dignity. We are sharing in God's work. May we reverence this dignity to insure that every person has the means to the basic necessities of life for self and family.

Fr Charlie



Congratulations to Fr. Paul J. Wysocki who will be celebrating his 50th Jubilee Mass here at St. Mary Church on Saturday, September 6th, 2014 at 4:30pm.

All are invited to join together for Mass ~ a reception will follow in the Weigand Room.

Fr. Wysocki served as an Associate here in the late 60's & early 70's.



Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am on Monday, September 1st.

thank you

Thank you to all who gave so generously to the Food Drive last weekend to benefit the Elyria Hospitality Center.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



This Week in our Parish

Monday **September 1st**
LABOR DAY

Tuesday **September 2nd**
11:00 a.m. Hot Meal Planning - Conference Room
12 Noon Senior Luncheon - Weigand Room
1:00 p.m. Social Action - Conference Room
7:00 p.m. Evangelization - Conference Room

Wednesday **September 3rd**
6:30 p.m. Back-to-School Night - Parish Hall

Thursday **September 4th**
9am - 5pm Eucharistic Adoration - Lower Church
4:00 p.m. Market Day Pick-up - Weigand Room
6:30 p.m. Daisies - Green Room
7:00 p.m. Bible Study - Cahill Library

Saturday **September 6th**
5:00 p.m. Fr. Wysocki's 50th Jubilee Reception
 following Mass in the Weigand Room

200 CLUB WINNERS: 08/31/14 Connie Hoover #167



The next Senior Luncheon will be Tuesday, September 2nd. 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. 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.



PSR - our faith formation program for younger children and students attending public school begins soon. Registration forms are available outside the Weigand Room after all Masses or call the Parish Office 323-5539 for more information.

Elementary PSR Classes for grades 1 through 8 are held on Monday evenings from 6:30-7:45pm beginning with an **Opening Mass** on **Sept. 8th** at **6:30pm** in **Church**, followed by a Program Information Meeting in the Weigand Room.

Pre-School PSR - for 3, 4 and 5 year olds will be held in the St. Joseph Building during the 11:00am Mass beginning on **Sunday, Sept. 21st**.

Liturgy of the Word with Children during the 9:30am Mass will begin **Sunday, Sept. 21st**.



Back-to-School Night will be held on Wednesday, September 3rd beginning at 6:30pm in the Gym. All are invited to our General PTU Meeting and Classroom Presentations.



THANK YOU to all who have been participating in the '*Coupons for the Military*' program. The coupon collection box is located outside the Green Room in the Lower Chapel. This is an on going program and your donations of coupons are greatly appreciated.

~ Magdaline Bombback,
American Legion Auxiliary Chaplain

Natural Family Planning - Learn a method of family planning that is marriage building, effective & morally acceptable. Great for achieving or postponing pregnancy. A series of NFP classes will begin Mon., Sept. 8th at University Hospitals Westlake Medical Building. Register online at www.ccli.org.

Catholic Family Day at Progressive Field on **Sunday, Sept. 28th**. Join the Cleveland Indians for Mass and a Ball Game! Pre-game Mass at 10:15am in the Ball Park. Tickets starting at \$11. Purchase on line at <http://TINYURL.COM/KMTYG8Z> [enter the special offer code 'BASEBALL'] For more information call 216-420-4162 or email jplys@indians.com.

FIRST FRIDAY FORUM, SEPTEMBER 5TH: Most Rev. Richard Lennon, Bishop of Cleveland will speak on "Religious Freedom, TODAY". The Bishops of the United States are calling on the federal government to stop its attempts to curb our First Amendment rights of Freedom of Religion. Those rights not only involve the freedom to worship which is not at issue here, but the freedom to practice one's religion. Join the First Friday Forum for spiritual refreshment, fellowship and good food at LCCC Spitzer Conference Center at 11:30am. Tickets: \$17. RSVP by calling the reservation line 440-244-0643 or fflorain@gmail.com before 3pm Fri., Aug. 29th.

FEED OHIO will be collecting non-perishable food & personal care items to assist area food pantries of which Hospitality House is one. If you would like to make a food or monetary donation, you can drop them off at the entrances of the Church the weekend of **September 6-7th**.

RETROUVAILLE WEEKEND ~ September 19th - 21st, 2014
Someone once said "*marriages may be made in heaven, but they sure take a lot of work on earth.*" Have you become so distracted by outside pressures that you have neglected your spouse? Retrouvaille can help you put your troubled marriage back on track. The next Cleveland Retrouvaille weekend will be held Sept. 19th-21st. [A registration fee of \$150 is required to confirm your reservation.] For more information concerning the program, or to register, please call Diane or Al Miskinis in complete confidence at (330) 665-3506 or (from a 216 or 440 area code) 1-800-470-2230. For more information or to register online, go to www.helpourmarriage.org.

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