



**Mass Intentions**

- Monday December 8<sup>th</sup> Immaculate Conception**  
 8:30 a.m. Jean Baumann  
 12:15 p.m. Living & Deceased of St. Mary Parish  
 7:00 p.m. Albert Koviak
- Tuesday December 9<sup>th</sup>**  
 8:30 a.m. Catherine Hartzel and Larry Cohagan
- Wednesday December 10<sup>th</sup>**  
 5:00 p.m. Vern Ripley
- Thursday December 11<sup>th</sup>**  
 8:30 a.m. Tom Kelly
- Friday December 12<sup>th</sup> Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
 8:30 a.m. Clifford Smith
- Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup> Lucy, virgin/martyr**  
 9:00 a.m. Ruth Farkas  
 2:00 p.m. *Wedding: Perry Stuart & April Hodgeman*  
 4:30 p.m. Lillian Zvosec
- Sunday December 14<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
 8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of the Larizza Family  
 9:30 a.m. Ron Peloquin  
 11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of St. Mary Parish



**Readings for the Week of December 8<sup>th</sup>**

Mon	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Tues	Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3 & 10ac, 11-12, 13; Mt 18:12-14
Wed	Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 & 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thurs	Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 & 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Fri	Rv 11:19; 12:1-6, 10; Ps Jdt 13:18-19; Lk 1:39-47
Sat	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac & 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sun	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

*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, Betty, Carmen, Chip, Eli, Jim, John, Linda, Mary, Maureen, Ruth Ann, Todd, Tom* and all who have asked for our prayers.

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

Sunday Collection (11/23/14)	\$8,671.14
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$ 1,238.96
Envelopes	286
Sunday Collection (11/30/14)	\$9,496.90
Capital Improvement Fund	\$627.52
Envelopes	299

*Thank you for your generosity.*

[2<sup>nd</sup> Collection December 7<sup>th</sup> - Retirement for Religious]  
 [2<sup>nd</sup> Collection December 14<sup>th</sup> - Helping Hands Ministry]



My Friends,

First of all, I want to thank you for your generous response to the collection for the Bishops' Campaign for Human Development. These monies are not simply charitable gifts. They support programs in our local neighborhoods that help lift people out of poverty. I hope that we can also be supportive of today's collection for our retired religious. They have given so much to us especially in their teaching ministry. Now it is time to show our appreciation by serving them in their need.

The needs continue to grow for those who are on the bottom rung of the economic ladder. Many struggle for food and a roof over their heads. Through our various ministries, we are a major provider of assistance to those in need. Again this year, we will be ready to open our parish hall as a warming shelter should the need arise. Unfortunately, since the city levy did not go through even the city is feeling the pinch. If there is going to be a warming shelter on the sub-zero days this winter, it will be up to us to do it through volunteer assistance. I would like to establish a roster of volunteers that we can call upon should the need arise. We will need people who will be able to stay through the night. We will need people who can assist with the meals. Last year, we had around 12-15 who stayed through the night. If you are able to assist with this effort, please leave your name and telephone number at the parish office. Indicate what you would be willing to do. Then when the need arises, we will contact you by phone to see if you are able to help.

Finally, I received a letter from the Nord Center. In 2013, the number of suicides in Lorain County reached an all-time high. The Nord Center would like to put together a support team. LOSS (Local Outreach to Suicide Survivors) would consist of suicide survivors, clergy, clinicians and other caring individuals who would respond by supporting a family or friends of one who committed suicide. You can get more information by calling 440-204-4240. Lorain County is still struggling economically with a lot of pain and suffering. We need to support one another to get through these times.

*Fr. Charlie*



Please pray for the repose of the souls of *June Plas, Thomas Michael McGuire, Joseph A. Pronesti, William Walter Taylor, Rudolph Moser* and *Thomas C. Pitts* who died this past week and for the consolation of their loved ones.



*III Perry Stuart & April Hodgeman*

**"SNOWFALL OF CASH" CALENDARS ARE HERE!**

If you haven't picked up your calendars, be sure to stop outside the Weigand Room and look for your family's envelope. Included are 10 calendars selling for \$10 each and offering 31 chances at cash prizes. Calendars make great gifts or stocking stuffers and profits from this sale will assist St. Mary School P.T.U. Envelopes that have not been picked up will be mailed so please save us the cost of postage and look for your calendar packet after Mass.



## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### This Week in our Parish

<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 8<sup>th</sup></b>
5:30 p.m.	Helping Hands Ministry - Conference Room
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 9<sup>th</sup></b>
5:00 p.m.	Hot Meals - Cafeteria
6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts - Green Room
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 10<sup>th</sup></b>
7:00 p.m.	R.C.I.A. - Conference Room
7:00 p.m.	Choir - Choir Loft
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 11<sup>th</sup></b>
9am - 5pm	Eucharistic Adoration - Lower Church
7:00 p.m.	CALC Christmas Card signing - Weigand Room
7:00 p.m.	SMS Christmas Choral Concert - Parish Hall
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 14<sup>th</sup></b>
9:30 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Children
11:00 a.m.	Pre-School P.S.R. - St. Joseph Building
12 Noon	Cub Scouts - Cafeteria
5:00 p.m.	Hot Meals - Cafeteria

200 CLUB WINNER: 12/07/14 Luci Grigo #247

*St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society* will meet in the Lower Chapel at 11:00am for the Rosary and Benediction on **Thursday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>**. A TUREEN Luncheon will follow in the Weigand Room. The meat dish will be furnished so please make your reservation by **Monday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>** by calling the Parish Office 323-5539 then just bring your favorite dish to share.



The envelope for the *Christmas Memorial Fund* can be found in your December/January packet, or just use a plain envelope marked attention: A&R and enclose a note saying in whose memory you are making the offering. A memorial list will be published during the Christmas Season. Thank you for your continued support.



### *The Feast of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**Monday ~ December 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Mass times: 8:30am, 12:15pm & 7:00pm**

The St. Mary Hall Committee is sponsoring a **Holiday Pancake Breakfast ~ Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>** beginning after 8am Mass until 1pm in the Parish Hall.

**All are welcome!**

[No charge ~ free will donations will be accepted at the door. Proceeds will benefit our Helping Hands Ministry.]

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**Santa will be making a special appearance!**

St. Mary PTU will have a *Christmas Shoppe* open during the breakfast for children to purchase gifts for their families.



St. Mary School Programs:



### CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

**Christmas Choral Concert:** Thursday ~ December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Parish Hall

**Pre-School Christmas Program:** Tuesday ~ December 16<sup>th</sup> at 10am in the Lower Church

**Band Concert:** Tuesday ~ December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Parish Hall

All are welcome to attend.

We are looking for...students from age 4-9 [Pre-School - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade] that would be interested in being SHEPHERDS and ANGELS during the 4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass here at St. Mary Church. Sign-up sheets are available at the entrances of the Church for those who are interested. Please return completed sheets to the Parish Office by Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.



The Giving Tree

Our "GIVING TREE" is set up outside the Weigand Room. As you have in the past, we encourage you to participate in the "GIVING TREE" again this year. We have requests for items from Catholic Charities Family Center, The Elyria Health Department, Blessing House, Genesis House and Birthright. These requests will be placed on Christmas tree ornaments and hung on a tree located outside the Weigand Room. Parishioners are encouraged to take one (or more) of the tree ornaments, purchase the gift, wrap it and place it under the tree. Please be sure to attach the tags securely to the packages so that they will get to the correct organization. This outreach program brings Christmas to those most in need in our community and is a great way of showing concern for one another. **All gifts need to be collected by SUN., DEC. 14<sup>th</sup>** in order for them to be distributed in time for Christmas. ~ *Thank You!*



Our Parish will be serving dinner next Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 5-6pm in the School Cafeteria. Volunteers are always appreciated to serve or help with preparation at 3pm.

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

We will deliver dinner to St. Joseph's Catholic Overnight Shelter on Saturday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to participate you may do so by furnishing a pasta with meat dish, salad, rolls/bread or dessert. Please call Maryann at 440-458-6159 by Wed., Dec 17<sup>th</sup>. Thank you! ~ *Social Action Commission*

St. Mary Church along with its family & friends are sponsoring a **Free Christmas Dinner on Christmas Day from 12 Noon - 3pm** for anyone seeking a delicious meal or fellowship. If you are interested in helping on Christmas Day or with set-up on Sun., Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> at Noon, please email Angie Pluta at [stmaryelyria@aol.com](mailto:stmaryelyria@aol.com).



*The second collection on Christmas will be for the Education Endowment Trust Fund.*