



Mass Intentions

Monday	July 13th	Henry Joe and Irma Mohr 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	July 14th	Kateri Tekakwitha, virgin Irma Donastorg 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday	July 15th	Bonaventure, bishop & dr of the Church Clemence, Carolyn, Robert Alan & Richard Faecking 5:00 p.m.
Thursday	July 16th	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Gordon Freeman 8:30 a.m.
Friday	July 17th	Joyce Doehne 8:30 a.m.
Saturday	July 18th	Camillus de Lellis, priest Irene Polacsek 9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of the Leo & Rose Smith Family 4:30 p.m.
Sunday	July 19th	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Eileen Murawski 8:00 a.m. The Living & Deceased of St. Mary Parish 9:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of the James Ross Family 11:00 a.m.

Readings for the Week of July 13th

Mon	Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1-8; Mt 10:34-11:1
Tue	Ex 2:1-15; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24
Wed	Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27
Thur	Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27; Mt 11:28-30
Fri	Ex 11:10-12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-18; Mt 12:1-8
Sat	Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15; Mt 12:14-21
Sun	Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

Wedding Banns

- I Jonathan Taylor & Alexia Romero
- II Jared Schuster & Anne LaLonde

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, Bette, Betty, Carmen, Ceil, Charlie, Debbie, Donna, Dottie, Eli, Elizabeth, Gene, Jim, Karen, LaVera, Linda, Mark, Mary, Matt, Pam, Pat, Susie, Terry, Tom, Zach** and all who have asked for our prayers.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Sunday Collection (07/05/15)	\$9,916.14
Envelopes	240
African Missions	\$2,505.00

Thank you for your generosity.

[2nd Collection July 12th - Helping Hands Ministry]
[2nd Collection July 19th - Tuition Assistance]

My Friends,

I had the opportunity and good fortune to get away this past week to Lake Chautauqua. During a couple of those days, a group of priests that I gather with every First Friday came up for an overnight. We were able to spend some time together relaxing and reflecting on our priestly ministry. When the question of the Supreme Court decision on 'same-sex' marriage came up, many had published responses from the various bishops of the United States. There were so many nuances to the issue that I thought it better not to address it. I'm not sure that was the best pastoral approach.

I feel the issue is more one of semantics. When the civil law uses the word 'marriage,' they speak to the spousal rights of the couple. While many bishops might recognize that legal rights would be granted in a civil union, the problem is with the term, 'marriage'.

For people of Christian belief our source is the Genesis story. When we are created in God's image, it was not just as a man or as a woman. It was in intimate union of love that we image the God who is love. That communion of love brings forth new life as we are co-creators with God. Man and woman were created to become one flesh. When sin enters in, Adam and Eve recognize their nakedness, their separateness and hide from God.

For us of the Catholic faith tradition, when we use the word, 'marriage' we refer to a sacrament that seeks to bridge the gap and recreate what God intended in the beginning. There is grace available to deny the self to seek the good of the other. This intimate union is life-giving. Thus the Catholic concern that marriage be procreative.

So here is the conundrum. More and more evidence is pointing to a genetic basis for homosexuality. If so, then can we not say this is how God created them. We need to acknowledge that this is how they express their love as they are true to their nature. BUT.... and here comes the nuance, for our Catholic faith tradition, to call it a marriage fails in its ability for the union to produce new life. As much as the 'same-sex' proponents want to argue that theirs is a normal marriage, it fails the criteria of being procreative. While I personally think that spousal rights are a matter of justice, I would prefer a different word to describe this legal relationship. For us, marriage is a sacrament of a man and woman imaging God in their ability to bring forth life in love.

How is that for a light summer vacation reflection?

Fr. Charlie

OUR "CASH EVERY DAY IN JULY" CALENDAR SALES have reached 2,548 tickets sold. 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!

Winners:	July 1 st	\$100	Frank Radachi
	July 2 nd	\$500	Frances J. Ring
	July 3 rd	\$100	Catherine Sittinger
	July 4 th	\$ 75	Maureen Kuebler
	July 5 th	\$500	Lillian Klapcic
	July 6 th	\$ 75	Bill Keesee



Congratulations!

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



This Week in our Parish

Monday 5:30 p.m.	July 13th Helping Hands - Conference Room
Tuesday 5:00 p.m.	July 14th Hot Meals - Cafeteria
Wednesday 5:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m.	July 15th Youth Community [Mass in Lower Church] Youth Community Social - Cahill Library Liturgy Commission - Conference Room
Thursday 9am - 5pm 7:00 p.m.	July 16th Eucharistic Adoration - Lower Church Book Club - Cahill Library <u>The Nightingale</u> by Kristen Hannah
Saturday after Mass	July 18th Blood Pressure Checks - Weigand Room
Sunday after Masses 1:30 p.m.	July 19th Blood Pressure Checks - Weigand Room Secular Franciscans - Lower Church

200 CLUB WINNER: 07/12/15 Kristen Kneisel #122



"REVISITING OUR FAITH TRADITIONS" will be held in the Conference Room on Tues., July 21st at 7pm. Our topic will be: *'Bible Timeline, The Story of Salvation'*.

Teen JaM News:

Mass, Food & Fun

All 7th-12th graders are invited to attend 5pm Mass ~ Wednesday, July 15th and stay after for food & fun in the Cahill Library.

Youth Group Summer Picnic

All 7th-12th graders are invited to the **Teen JaM Picnic** on July 19th ~ 1-3pm at St. Jude pavilion. We'll share food, have fun & hang out. Please bring a food or drink item to share.

The FEST

Join us for **the FEST** on Aug. 9th from Noon-10pm at the Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe. **The FEST** is an all-day family festival with live music, entertainment, games, Mass at 8pm and fireworks to close the event. Meet us there or carpool. If you are a parent that can drive, please let us know.

Volunteer Opportunities!

6th-12th graders interested in volunteering some time and earning service hours, here are a couple opportunities to consider: Hot Meals - served in the St. Mary School Cafeteria from 5-6pm on Tuesdays (except the 1st Tues. of the month) and on the 2nd Sunday of each month. We are also looking for teens to visit residents at Wesleyan Village Assisted Living on a regular basis. If you can help with either of these opportunities, please contact Randy Kula.

RSVP for any of these events by calling Randy Kula at 216-409-2639 or emailing RANDY@SAINTJUDEPARISH.ORG.



Blood Pressure checks will be next weekend July 18th & 19th after all Masses in the Weigand Room.



The School Office is now closed and will re-open on Monday, August 3rd.

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!



"SONSPARK LABS - God's Plan 4U = Jesus"
Elyria Cluster VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
will be held July 13th-17th
9am-12noon at St. Jude Church

Please keep the Vacation Bible School children & volunteers in your prayers.



Our Parish will be serving dinner this Sunday, July 12th, from 5-6pm in the School Cafeteria. Volunteers are always appreciated to serve or help with preparation beginning at 3pm.

3rd Annual Catholic Church of Elyria Golf Outing Saturday, August 1st at Brentwood Golf Course.

Come Join The Fun: Coffee, Donuts & Registration at 8am; 4-Person Scramble, 9am Shotgun Start, 18 Holes of Golf with a Cart, Beverages throughout the Day, Boxed Deli Lunch, BBQ Pulled Pork Dinner, Raffle Prizes. Cost is \$65/per golfer. Contact Dennis Baluh at 440-376-0365 for more information or to register. This event will be limited to 30 teams so confirm your participation as soon as possible.



Please make checks payable to St. Jude Parish 590 Poplar St., Elyria and include the names of all golfers in your group. All entries must be paid in full by July 15th!



The BEST is yet to come!

We are about half way through summer and the 'best part' is yet to come - **The FEST**. Join us for the highlight of the summer season - **The FEST** on **Sun., August 9th** at the Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe (30 seconds off the highway). **The FEST** is about **Faith - Family - Fun...** all for **FREE**. Last year, over 39,000 people from across the region came to our annual **Catholic Family FESTIVAL**. It's the place to be and the thing to do this summer. To learn more or to get all the details and schedule for **The FEST** go to: www.theFEST.us.

* This weekend, we welcome a speaker from **The FEST**! As you may have seen in the past several bulletins, **The FEST** is a one day, Catholic, family, **FEST**ival, which will take place on **August 9th** on grounds of the Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe, OH. Stop by and ask the speaker all of the questions you have, talk about your best **FEST** memory and grab a flyer/brochure!

Sponsor of the Week:

JAMES N. TAYLOR
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