



Monday	February 29th
5:00 p.m.	Linda Diedrick
Tuesday	March 1st
8:30 a.m.	Eleanor Vargo
Wednesday	March 2nd
5:00 p.m.	Clara Smith
Thursday	March 3rd <u>Katharine Drexel, virgin</u>
8:30 a.m.	Lou Hoover
7:00 p.m.	<i>Confirmation Liturgy</i>
Friday	March 4th <u>Casimir</u>
8:30 a.m.	Dan Kulas
Saturday	March 5th
9:00 a.m.	Matt Jurco
4:30 p.m.	Charlotte Kindle
Sunday	March 6th <u>4th Sunday of Lent</u>
8:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary Parish
9:30 a.m.	Fada and Hartman Families
11:00 a.m.	Paul and Mary Matus

Readings for the Week of February 29th

Mon	2 Kgs 5:1-15; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4; Lk 4:24-30
Tue	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wed	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thur	Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Fri	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6-11, 14,17; Mk 12:28-34
Sat	Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21; Lk 18:9-14
Sun	Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 (11:00 Mass) Otherwise: Jos 5:9, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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: **Alan, Bette, Beverly, Bob, Carmen, Charlie, Chris, Colin, Dan, Dave, Don, Doug, Eli, Fran, Jacob, Joe, Kelly, Linda, Lois, Mark, Mary, Matt, Noah, Olga, Pat, Sharon, Susan, Theodore, Tim, Tom, Vicki** and all who have asked for our prayers.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Sunday Collection (02/21/16)	\$8,942.21
Black & Indian Mission	\$510.25
Envelopes	275

Thank you for your generosity.

[2nd Collection February 28th - Tuition Assistance]
[2nd Collection March 6th - Catholic Relief Services]



My Friends,

This week we have much to celebrate here at St. Mary's. This Monday, our 2nd graders will be celebrating their 1st Reconciliation. It is a graced moment in their journey with the Lord especially as they look forward to their 1st Communion. I am sure they will be a little nervous and would appreciate your prayerful support.

On Thursday, Bishop Gries will be here to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation with our 8th graders. This is an important step in their lives as they take on for themselves the responsibility of living out their faith. We ask you to keep their intention in your prayers. May they be open to receive a rich outpouring of the grace and gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Finally, I would ask your prayers for the 3 young children who are preparing to be received into the Church this Easter. Victoria and Lydia Tinney and Bryson Tuma will be baptized, confirmed and receive the Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Victoria and Lydia are students at our school and have made this choice for themselves. We give all 3 children our love and support as they pursue this deeper relationship and life in the Lord.

As we continue our journey into Lent, I encourage all of us to use this graced time to deepen our own life of faith. In this Year of Mercy make it a point to seek the graces of the sacrament of Reconciliation. Find time to pray. We have Eucharistic Adoration in the lower chapel every Thursday from 9am-5pm. Come spend some time with our Lord. We have the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 1pm and 7pm. There are still copies of 'The Word Among Us' at the church entrances. They provide a reflection on the daily readings of Lent.

Don't let the season of Lent pass by without making some effort at deepening your spiritual life. It is the only place to find true joy and peace.

Fr. Charlie



OPERATION RICE BOWL
We are invited to **pray** with our families and faith communities; **fast** in solidarity with those who hunger; **learn** more about our global community & the challenges of poverty overseas; and **give** sacrificial contributions to those in need. Rice Bowls are available at the entrances of the Church. Please take one home and bring it back filled with your donation on Palm Sunday. Thank you.

The **26th Annual Peace & Justice Dinner** of the Catholic Action Commission of Lorain County [CACLC] will be held Sat., Mar. 5th at Sacred Heart Chapel Parish Hall, 4301 Pearl Ave., Lorain. Social Hour begins at 6pm followed by dinner at 7pm. Cost: \$30/person; \$180/table of six. For ticket reservations or more information, contact Ann Clark, amclark@ccdocle.org or 440-366-1106 x12.

This year's winner of the Bishop A. J. Quinn Justice Award is Rev. Donald Dunson, Pastor of St. Vincent dePaul parish in Elyria. The winner of the Faithful Servant Award is Jose Mendiola, parishioner of Sacred Heart Chapel in Lorain. The keynote speaker will be Dr. George Matejka, Professor at Ursuline College.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



This Week in our Parish

Monday **February 29th**
5:30 p.m. Helping Hands Ministry - Conference Room
6:30 p.m. P.S.R. - St. Joseph & Marian Buildings
6:30 p.m. Family 1st Reconciliation Service - Church

Tuesday **March 1st**
11:00 a.m. Hot Meals Planning - Conference Room
12:00 Noon Senior Luncheon - Weigand Room
7:00 p.m. Wellness Group - Conference Room

Wednesday **March 2nd**
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts - Green Room
7:00 p.m. Choir - Choir Loft

Thursday **March 3rd**
9am - 5pm Eucharistic Adoration - Lower Church
7:00 p.m. Confirmation - Church
followed by Reception in Weigand Room

Friday **March 4th**
11am-1:30pm Pierogi Luncheon - Parish Hall
1:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross - Church
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross - Church

Sunday **March 6th**
9:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Children
11:00 a.m. Pre-School P.S.R. - St. Joseph Building

200 CLUB WINNER: 02/28/16 Dick Laubenthal #202



The next Senior Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, March 1st at 12:00 noon in the Weigand Room. The cost of the luncheon is \$5.00. Please call your reservation to Sister Mary Dorothy at 323-0140. Time

will be available for those who wish to stay and play bingo. We look forward to a great meal, sharing new ideas and hope that you will bring a friend with you.

Altar & Rosary Society

Easter Memorial Fund donations can be dropped in with the Sunday collection – please be sure to include your name and in whose memory you would like the donation to be made. [Special envelopes were included with your contribution packet.] A Memorial list will be published during the Easter Season.

Thank you for your continued support!



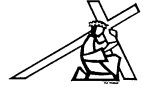
Pierogi Lunches will continue for the next 3 Fridays in the Parish Hall 11am-1:30pm. Cost: \$6. Lunch includes: 5 Sophie Choice Pierogi, sour cream and/or onions, tossed salad, apple sauce, roll & beverage. Dine in or pick-up in the Parish Hall. Call 323-5539 x231 to place an order.

The 2016 PIEROGI TREE is up! For a \$20 donation your family's name will go on a leaf. The money raised from the tree & Pierogi Lunches will be used for: Sprucing up the Weigand Room.



Registration for the **2016-2017** school year for Preschool, Kindergarten and **NEW** students to St. Mary School has begun. Please contact the School Office at 322-2808 to set up an appointment to visit the School or for additional information regarding registration.

All are invited to join us for
Stations of the Cross
on Fridays during Lent at 1:00pm in Church



There is now a **Parish Wellness** tab on our St. Mary website: stmaryelyria.org. Check out the Recipe of the Month, Wellness Tips and Activities/Events in our area.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR! St. Mary Parish's 2nd Annual **Night at the Races** is scheduled for April 16th. Last year's event proved to be an exciting and fun-filled evening. Don't miss out!

Our March Book Club book is titled: Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania by Erik Larson. We will meet on Thursday, March 17th at 7pm in the Cahill Library. All are welcome.



FIRST FRIDAY FORUM, MARCH 4TH: "The Splitting of the Adam: Recovering the HEBREW Story of Human Origins" presented by Sr. Lisa Marie Belz OSU, MA, MTS, PhD, Dept. Chair, Religious Studies Ursuline College. Join the First Friday Forum for spiritual refreshment, fellowship & good food - LCCC Spitzer Conference Center at 11:30am. Tickets: \$18. RSVP by calling the reservation line 440-244-0643 or fflorain@gmail.com by Mon., Feb. 29th.

Gentle Woman Fellowship will meet Fri., Mar. 4th at St. Clarence Parish Ctr. 30106 Lorain Rd., N. Olmsted beginning at 9:30am. This month's talk will be: "Rediscovering Mary Magdalene", presented by Fr. Doug Koesel. All women are welcome. No reservations needed. Bring a friend. Questions? Call Mary 458-5063 or Mary 235-6258.



Thank you to all who have been collecting and dropping off the '**Coupons for the Military**'. The American Legion Auxiliary has heard from many units that have received the coupons and they are very grateful for your response to this on going project. The '**Coupons for the Military**' collection box is located in the Lower Church outside the Green Room. God Bless You!

~ Magdaline Bomback, Chaplain - American Legion Auxiliary.

Sponsor of the Week:

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