



- Monday** **July 25th** James, apostle
5:00 p.m. Vicki Krugman
- Tuesday** **July 26th** Joachim & Anne, parents of the Virgin Mary
8:30 a.m. Martha Peloquin
- Wednesday** **July 27th**
5:00 p.m. Rocky Ross
- Thursday** **July 28th**
8:30 a.m. McCowen and Knechtges Family
- Friday** **July 29th** Martha
8:30 a.m. Edna May Coleman
- Saturday** **July 30th** Peter Chrysologus, bishop/dr of the church
9:00 a.m. John A. Polaczek
4:30 p.m. Sophie Golski
- Sunday** **July 31st** 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. The Suetta Family
9:30 a.m. Linda Diedrick
11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary Parish

Readings for the Week of July 25th

- Mon: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1-6; Mt 20:20-28
Tue: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13; Mt 13:36-43
Wed: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18; Mt 13:44-46
Thur: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1-6; Mt 13:47-53
Fri: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Jn 11:19-27
Sat: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12
Sun: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Dorothy A. Engler** and for the consolation of her loved ones.

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: **Adam, Barb, Betty, Bev, Blair, Carmen, Charlie, Chris, Christian, Cookie, Donna, Kyle, Laureen, Leslie, Mary, Matt, Mitchell, Paul, Sharon, Tom** and all who have asked for our prayers.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Faith Direct (07/04/16)	\$6,725.00
Sunday Collection (07/17/16)	\$8,946.88
Missionary Co-Op	\$1,734.61
Envelopes	243

Thank you for your generosity.

- [2nd Collection July 24th - Capital Improvement]
[2nd Collection July 31st - Tuition Assistance]



My Friends,

So, how is your 'Year of Mercy' doing? If events around the globe are any indication, we have a long way to go to respond to Pope Francis' challenge to be 'Merciful like the Father.' As fewer and fewer people affirm a faith in God, there is little motivation toward altruism. Power and greed become ends in themselves. It is one, big Monopoly game. In the Plain Dealer this past week, there was an article on the 'nones.' These are the ones who have no religious affiliation. In this election year for the first time they will be the majority voting block over the other religious denominations.

I am not sure how we turn this trend around. Until Christianity shows that it has heart and soul, people will not only be unattracted to it but they will be offended by it. Pope Francis has done more than anyone to convey the compassion of Jesus' teaching. More and more people are drawn by his example to a renewed faith. Buying guns and building walls are not going to bring peace and security. Rather than creating walls we should be building bridges. Jesus meant it when he said we must love our enemies. When we stop creating stereotypes and walk in the shoes of the 'other,' only then with the grace of God is reconciliation possible. Instead of attack, we have to think how to embrace.

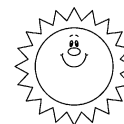
We have been challenged by our Bishop to make a pilgrimage in this Jubilee Year of Mercy. There are 'passports' at the doors of the church. They outline the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. The pilgrimage requires that we do something to carry out each of those works. There are even stickers available to stamp your passport. This would be a good first step in raising a consciousness of compassion. In time, we hope to make this a citywide effort through our 'Compassionate City' initiative for our bicentennial year.

Fr. Charlie

THANK YOU to all who have been giving so generously in the **POOR BOXES**. Your donations are helping us help those most in need in our community. **God bless you!** ~ The Helping Hands Ministry

"CASH EVERY DAY IN JULY"

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 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 12 th	\$100	Fran Schuster
	July 13 th	\$100	Lori Fitch
	July 14 th	\$200	Chris Duffin
	July 15 th	\$100	Chris Dzurinda
	July 16 th	\$500	Tim Trunk
	July 17 th	\$100	Pat Krischer
	July 18 th	\$200	Connie Hoover

Congratulations!

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Donations for **Christmas in July** for Blessing House & Birthright can be left at the entrances of the Church through July 31st.
Thank you for your support!

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



This Week in our Parish

Monday

5:00 p.m.
5:45 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

July 25th

Helping Hands - Conference Room
Finance - Staff Room
Stewardship - Staff Room

Tuesday

5:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

July 26th

Hot Meals - Cafeteria
Evangelization - Conference Room

Thursday

9am - 5pm
7:00 p.m.

July 28th

Eucharistic Adoration - Lower Church
Book Club - Cahill Library - Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail by Cheryl Strayed.

200 CLUB WINNER: 07/24/16 Beatrice Hayes #109



The next Senior Luncheon will be *Tuesday, August 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, August 5th. 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. [*2nd Tuesday this month]

St. Mary Parish Feast Day Mass & Celebration

Monday ~ August 15th 5:00pm Mass

followed by an enjoyable evening of hamburgers/hotdogs, ice cream, Altar & Rosary Bake Sale, Basket Raffle, 50/50 Raffle & more - St. Mary Hall

Volunteers are needed for help with set-up, ticket sales & clean-up. If you are able to help, please email Angie Pluta at: stmaryelyria@aol.com.



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.

The highlight of summer!!

Every year after **The FEST**, we receive a ton of emails from those who were there telling us how much they enjoyed our Annual Catholic Family **FEST**ival & how it was the 'highlight' of their summer. Don't miss out - Sun., Aug. 7th 12 noon-10pm at the CPL (28700 Euclid Ave., Wickliffe). It's all **FREE**. Go to: www.theFEST.us for parking info. and a complete schedule of the day. It's the perfect family day.



Cleveland's **Irish Cultural Festival** will be held at the Berea Fairgrounds July 22-24th. Proceeds from the festival benefit the West Side Catholic Center & Make A Wish Foundation.



The School Office is closed and will re-open on Monday, August 8th. 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!
[Registration Packets are available on the table outside the Weigand Room.]

Needed: **Sub for Cafeteria Manager** [to cover for meetings and/or emergencies] will train interested person. Please leave name & phone number at 440-322-2808 - you will be contacted in Aug. or early Sept.



All teens 8th - 12th grade are invited to get active with **Teen JAM**, a Teen Ministry for St. Mary & St. Jude Parishes in Elyria!

Upcoming events are on the St. Mary and St. Jude websites. Just click on the **Teen JAM** link.

Summer Recess Days! Join us in the Upper Room at St. Mary's on Wednesday **July 27 & Aug. 3** from **11am-1pm**. Come and play video games or board games, listen to music or read a book. Just come and hang out with your friends in a comfortable setting.

Ultimate Frisbee! We're planning on playing some Ultimate Frisbee this summer at St. Jude. Check the Parish Website for details. Bring your friends and have some fun!

Questions? Contact Randy Kula at: rlkula@cox.net or 216-409-2639

CYO SPORTS:

Volleyball - Any PSR or day school student of St Mary's grades 2-8 interested in playing volleyball - please contact Jen Whitten, Athletic Director at 440-453-6810 or Jen Taylor, Volleyball Commissioner at 440-487-1178.



Football - Any PSR or day school student of St. Mary's grades 2-8 interested in playing football - registration is now open. Contact Greg Smith, St. Jude's CYO Football Commissioner at 440-258-2174 or email him at smi810th@gmail.com.



CYO Athletes: Sports Physical Examinations for 2016-2017 at Elyria Catholic's Coliseum/Cafeteria on Tues. - July 26th from 6:30-8pm. Cost: \$20 (Cash or check payable to EC Panther Club) Registration begins 6pm.



The Elyria Catholic Cross Country team wants your unwanted "stuff" for their **7th Annual Elyria Catholic Cross Country Rummage Sale** which will take place **Sat., Aug. 6th** from **8am-5pm** in the **Elyria Catholic Coliseum**. Please consider donating your unwanted items for our annual fundraiser. Items can be dropped off the night before (Aug. 5th) from 3-7pm at the school.

FIRST FRIDAY FORUM AUGUST 5TH: Rev. Don Bosco Darsi, Moral Theologian, Doctoral Candidate, Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium will present: *The Ethics Between Rigorism and Laxism An Evaluation of the Reasonableness of the Moral Law*. Join the First Friday Forum for spiritual refreshment, fellowship & good food - LCCC Spitzer Conf. Ctr. at 11:30am. Tickets: \$18. RSVP by 6pm Mon., Aug. 1st by calling the reservation line 440-244-0643 or ffflorain@gmail.com.

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