



Mass Intentions

- Monday** August 28th Augustine, bishop/dr of the church
5:00 p.m. Julius Korzan
- Tuesday** August 29th Martyrdom of John the Baptist
8:30 a.m. Dorothy Diedrick
- Wednesday** August 30th
5:00 p.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Keys Family
- Thursday** August 31st
8:30 a.m. Eva Squires
- Friday** September 1st
8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of the Anthony Larizza Family
- Saturday** September 2nd
9:00 a.m. Denise Joan Grimes
4:30 p.m. Ben Spillar
- Sunday** September 3rd 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Ben and Mary Mahl
9:30 a.m. Ed Webber
11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary Parish

Readings for the Week of August 28th

- Mon: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8-10; Ps 149:1-6, 9; Mt 23:13-22
Tue: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mk 6:17-29
Wed: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12; Mt 23:27-32
Thur: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51
Fri: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1 & 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12; Mt 25:1-13
Sat: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Mt 25:14-30
Sun: Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2;
Mt 16:21-27

Adult Mass Servers Needed: If you would be interested in being a Server for weekday Masses and/or Funeral Masses [days & times vary] please contact the Parish Office at 323-5539. Prior Serving experience is appreciated but not necessary. Training will be provided.

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: **Bev, Bob, Charlie, Chris, Craig, Debbie, Don, Doug, Ed, Eli, Joe, Kelly, Linda, Mary, Mitchell, Nick, Sharon, Staci, Tanas, Tom** and all who have asked for our prayers.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Feast of the Assumption (08/15/17)	\$1,418.17
Sunday Collection (08/20/17)	\$6,109.85
Faith & Values Appeal for Education	\$784.16
Envelopes	210

Thank you for your generosity.

- [2nd Collection August 27th - Tuition Assistance]
[2nd Collection September 3rd - Helping Hands Ministry]



My Friends,

Now that the fair week is over, we need to turn our attention to a new school year and the start up of our parish programs. In a recent letter I mentioned that we would pursue two major concerns in the coming year. One goal is to continue to build ourselves into a 'welcoming community' that cares for all of its members and reaches out to others. I want to thank so many of you who responded to our invitation to get involved in the ministry of welcoming. Our Discipleship Commission will be working on ways to get you involved in this ministry.

Our second effort will be to promote and enrich marriage and family life. If we want to restore some sanity life in our society, we will need to get back to the basic building blocks. Our diocese provides many programs to assist couples in deepening their marriage commitment or to strengthen those who are struggling. I heard a statistic the other day that claimed nearly half of the population lives as singles. No one wants to be tied down by a commitment to another. Many who take up this life long commitment have difficulty remaining faithful to it. Thus children and family life suffer.

Whether it is through school activities or parish programs like the 'Cana Club,' it is our hope in the coming year to strengthen marriages and promote family life. This is why the Sunday Eucharist is so important. In a time where it is difficult to do things together as a family, the Eucharist not only provides that opportunity but also deepens the bond of Christ's love for us. We become a 'family' bound together in God's love.

Finally a reminder about the retreat program being offered by the Jesuit Retreat House to deepen our spirituality through the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius. There will be an information night at St. Jude's this Tuesday, August 29th at 7:30pm in the Family Center. It is a cluster endeavor that is open to 35 people. For those who like *The Pilgrim Way*, this is the next step in your spiritual growth.

Fr. Charlie

A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP DANIEL E. THOMAS

Dear Faithful of the Diocese of Cleveland,

Please join me in offering prayerful congratulations to the Most Reverend Nelson J. Perez, who on July 11, 2017, Pope Francis named the 11th bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland. Bishop Perez will be installed on Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2017, on which date I will conclude my service as Apostolic Administrator of Cleveland. You have my heartfelt appreciation for your prayers and support during these last eight months.

With deep thanks in Christ Jesus,

Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas

SAVE THE DATE: **Saturday, October 14th, 2017**

St. Mary Parish ~ Fall & Holiday Craft Show will be held in the Parish Hall from 9am-3pm. **Crafters Needed** - Table cost: \$30 [\$35 with electric]. Please contact Mary Jane @ 323-5539 x222 or mjtaylor54@windstream.net by Sept. 30th.

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



This Week in our Parish

Monday August 28th
5:00 p.m. Helping Hands Ministry - Conference Room
7:00 p.m. Discipleship Committee - Staff Room

Tuesday August 29th
5:00 p.m. Hot Meals - Cafeteria

Thursday August 31st
9am - 5pm Eucharistic Adoration - Lower Church
4:30-6:30pm St. Mary School Meet & Greet - School
5:45 p.m. Finance Committee - Staff Room
6:30 p.m. P.T.U. Meeting & Pot-Luck - Parish Hall
7:00 p.m. Book Club - Cahill Library
Beartown by Fredrik Backman

200 Club Winner: 08/27/17 Debbie Conner #149



The next Senior Luncheon will be **Monday, September 11th**. We will begin with lunch at Noon. Our speaker will be Felicia King from the Office of Ohio Attorney General. Her topic will be 'Shop Smart - Know Your Rights' The cost of the luncheon is \$5. Please call in your reservations to Sister Mary Dorothy at 323-0140 by Friday, September 8th. 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, 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. 11th** 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. 24th**.

Liturgy of the Word with Children during the 9:30am Mass will begin **Sunday, Sept. 24th**.



Our August Book Club book is titled **BEARTOWN** by Fredrik Backman. We will meet Thurs., August 31st at 7pm in the Cahill Library. All are welcome.

School News

The School Office is now open.

The office hours will be 9am-1pm until Sept. 1st.

Back-to-School information packets that have not been picked-up are available and should be picked up in the school office before Fri., Sept. 1st. Important forms and information are included in the packet, which is needed for the first day of school.

St. Mary School Grade 1 - Grade 8 will begin classes on Tues., Sept. 5th at 7:45am. Classes will end at 2:30pm. Students should bring lunches and wear their uniforms. Extended Day program will also begin on Sept. 5th. Preschool & Kindergarten have testing by appointment on Sept. 5th & 6th. Their first day of school is Sept. 7th.

St. Mary School Meet & Greet will be held on Thurs., Aug. 31st from 4:30-6:30pm followed by a PTU Meeting & Potluck Dinner at 6:30. Families are encouraged to bring a side dish to share. All students & their parents are invited to come and meet their teachers and drop off their school supplies.



TEEN JaM Info:

Next **UPPER ROOM** Meeting: Sept. 10th ~ 6-7:30pm

STAY IN TOUCH:

www.stmaryelyria.org just click on the "TeenJaM" link. Follow us on Twitter & Instagram at #TeenJaMElyria or request to join our Facebook group **teenJaMElyria**.

Contact Randy Kula if interested in participating or have questions: randy@saintjudeparish.org or 216-409-2639.

FIRST FRIDAY FORUM, SEPT. 1ST: "Addiction: Sins of the flesh!" Our speaker will be Mr. Dean Fazekas MSSA, CSAT, LISW-S. Join the First Friday Forum for spiritual refreshment, fellowship & good food - LCCC Spitzer Conference Center at 11:30am. Tickets: \$18. RSVP by 6pm Mon., August 28th by calling the reservation line 440-244-0643 or fflorain@gmail.com.

Retrouvaille Weekend - Sept. 8-10 ~ A Lifeline for Troubled Marriages Has your marriage become unloving or uncaring - your relationship cold, distant - thinking about a separation or divorce? Are you already separated/divorced but both of you want to try again? Then the Retrouvaille program may help. RETROUVAILLE (rediscovery), which is supported by the Catholic diocese of Cleveland, but open to couples of all faiths, consists of a weekend experience for couples & 6 follow up sessions. A registration fee of \$150 is required to confirm your reservation. For more information concerning the program, or to register, call Marce or Liz Gliha at 440-357-6580 or 1-800-470-2230, or go online to www.helpourmarriage.org

Catholic Family Day at Progressive Field ~ Sun., Oct. 1st. Join the Cleveland Indians for Mass & a Ball Game! Pre-game Mass at 1:15pm. <http://m.mlb.com/indians/tickets/group/catholicfamilyday> [enter the special offer code 'CATHOLIC'] Tickets start at \$14. For information call 216-420-4162 or email jplys@indians.com.

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