



Mass Intentions

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| Monday | February 5th <u>Agatha, virgin/martyr</u> 5:00 p.m. Maggie Elek |
| Tuesday | February 6th <u>Paul Miki and companions, martyrs</u> 8:30 a.m. Sam Arlia |
| Wednesday | February 7th 5:00 p.m. Edward Adelsberg |
| Thursday | February 8th <u>Jerome Emiliani;</u> <u>Josephine Bakhita, virgin</u> 8:30 a.m. Elizabeth Kovacs |
| Friday | February 9th 8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary Parish |
| Saturday | February 10th <u>Scholastica, virgin/martyr</u> 9:00 a.m. Gloria Tecca 2:00 p.m. <i>Wedding: Patrick Mackey & Erinn Abeznik</i> 4:30 p.m. Deceased of the Kovacs and Pawelski Families |
| Sunday | February 11th <u>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> 8:00 a.m. Walt Ketchesin 9:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary Parish 11:00 a.m. Marian Ternes |

Readings for the Week of February 5th

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| Mon: | 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-10; Mk 6:53-56 |
| Tue: | 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13 |
| Wed: | 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23 |
| Thur: | 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30 |
| Fri: | 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-15; Mk 7:31-37 |
| Sat: | 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10 |
| Sun: | Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45 |



In Memoriam

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Ruth Kowatch, Elizabeth Kovacs** and **Brad Smith** and for the consolation of their 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: **Betty, Bob, Bobby, Charlie, Corie, Ed, Eli, Evan, Jim, Linda, Mark, Mary, Matt, P.J., Pat, Patrick, Sharon, Susan, Tom** and all who have asked for our prayers.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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| Faith Direct (01/15/18) | \$6,417.54 |
| Sunday Collection 01/28/18 | \$8,658.59 |
| Church in Latin America | \$585.87 |
| Envelopes | 238 |

Thank you for your continued generosity.

[2nd Collection February 4th - Helping Hands Ministry]
[2nd Collection February 11th - Catholic Charities Appeal]



My Friends,

Next weekend we will one again conduct our Catholic Charities 'in-pew' campaign. Many of you may have already been contacted through the mail. If you have not yet responded, this weekend will give us the opportunity to make our pledge. We can be proud of our support of Catholic Charities. Last year we exceeded our goal by \$10,000 as our total pledged was \$77,000! This is not something extra that we do to score reward points. Rather, it is a primary work and ministry of the Church. This is what it means to 'be' Church.

Thanks to our past support, Lorain County is blessed with an incredible men's shelter and many social services to the poor. The St. Elizabeth Center that replaces the St. Joseph Homeless Shelter and the 8th Street social services, is a wonderful facility housed in the old Polish Club on Rt. 57 in Lorain. I was able to attend the dedication last October. A major part of this year's Catholic Charities DVD is dedicated to the shelter. You can go to the diocesan or parish website to view the DVD. One of the stories is about a young man whose life was changed by the center. His picture is on the Catholic Charities flyer. We will listen to the CD at the Masses next weekend.

I would ask that you take some time to pray and reflect this week on the blessings you have received. There is no better way to use these gifts from God than in the service of the poor and needy. It is about making a sacrifice and not tossing some spare change in the basket. There are so many charities requesting our donations. There is no better way to serve the needs of those who are in our neighborhoods than through our support of Catholic Charities.

Fr. Charlie



Wedding Banns

III Patrick Mackey & Erinn Arbezniak

SNOWFALL OF CASH

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| January 24 th : | \$ 75 | Lynn Ostrowski |
| January 25 th : | \$100 | Gabby Peloquin |
| January 26 th : | \$100 | Barb Kaminski |
| January 27 th : | \$200 | Tim Van |
| January 28 th : | \$100 | Dianne Koepp Schisler |
| January 29 th : | \$100 | Sharon Brown |
| January 30 th : | \$200 | Sister Mary Dorothy |

All winners are notified by phone and/or email and names will be posted on the board outside the Weigand Room.

Thank you to all who sold and/or purchased Snowfall of Cash Calendars.



St. Mary Altar & Rosary Society has blessed home candles available after all Masses this weekend, February 3rd/4th at the Church entrances. Donations will be accepted.

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



This Week in our Parish

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| Monday | February 5th |
| 5:30 p.m. | Helping Hands Ministry - Conference Room |
| 6:30 p.m. | P.S.R. - St. Joseph & Marian Buildings |
| Tuesday | February 6th |
| 11:00 a.m. | Hot Meal Planning - Conference Room |
| Wednesday | February 7th |
| 3:30 p.m. | Academic Challenge - Weigand Room |
| 6:00 p.m. | Spiritual Development - Conference Room |
| 7:00 p.m. | R.C.I.A. - Conference Room |
| 7:00 p.m. | Choir - Choir Loft |
| Thursday | February 8th |
| 9am - 5pm | Eucharistic Adoration - Lower Church |
| Sunday | February 11th |
| 9:30 a.m. | Liturgy of the Word with Children |
| 11:00 a.m. | Pre-School P.S.R. - St. Joseph Building |
| 11am-5pm | Confirmation Retreat beginning with Mass - continuing in Weigand Room |
| 5:00 p.m. | Hot Meals - Cafeteria |

200 Club Winners: 02/04/18 Pat Prusak #207

CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS: Thursday, March 1st 2018, Abbot Gary Hoover will be celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation in our parish. Adults having received Baptism and First Holy Communion who wish to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, please contact Sister Mary Dorothy at the Parish Office 323-5539.



HEALTH FAIR

Sunday ~ February 4, 2018

9:00am – 1:00pm in the Weigand Room

- Health Screenings (including free lab work)
- Informational Booths
- Health related programs, services & providers available within our community
- Blood Mobile (donations support St. Mary School)
- Blood Pressure Checks

sponsored by: St. Mary Parish Wellness Committee

This is a new committee and we need the support, ideas and talents of all. We welcome & encourage anyone interested to join the Parish Wellness Committee. We meet on the 1st Tues. of each month at 7pm in the Parish Conference Room.

Pre-Baptism Class will be held **Wednesday, February 21st** from **6:30-8:30pm** in the Weigand Room. Babies & Godparents are welcome. To register, please call the Parish Office at 323-5539. Our next class will be May 9th 2018.

Looking for volunteers for our up-coming Pierogi lunches! Please contact Joyce Snyder @ 440-775-1967. Lunches begin on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 14th) and will continue on Fridays during Lent.



Save the Date:

28th Annual Peace & Justice Dinner

Saturday ~ March 10, 2018 at 6pm

St. Vincent dePaul Parish 41295 N. Ridge Rd. - Elyria



Our school enrolls children in grades kindergarten through grade 8. We also have a preschool for four year olds. We invite all parishioners, especially those considering the education of their children, to meet our teachers, tour our buildings, and learn about our challenging curriculum in a Christ-centered environment. If you have any questions, please call the school office at 440-322-2808 to discuss them.

Elyria Catholic's **Crash the Coliseum: DISCOVER**

7th Grader retreat will be held Sat., Feb. 10th - Sun., Feb 11th. Open to all 7th Graders. Flyers are at the Church entrances. To register go to: <https://elyriacatholic.com/crashthecoliseum>.



Valentine Chocolate Sale ~ The National Junior Honor Society is selling homemade Valentine's Day candy after Masses February 3rd & 4th. Half-pound boxes are \$7 and 4-piece bags are \$1.00. Proceeds from the sale will fund our national dues and support our community service activities. Thank you for your support.

2nd Annual St. Mary P.T.U. Reverse Raffle ~ March 10, 2018

5:30-10:30pm in the Parish Hall. Tickets: \$35/person [21 and over] Includes: Dinner, dessert & beverages. Proceeds benefit St. Mary School. For more information, contact Mari at 216-440-7991. Starting Feb. 4th, tickets will be sold after Masses. [Checks/Cash can be dropped off in the Parish or School Office - please address to: Mari Brosky.] Thank you for supporting St. Mary School.

Our February Book Club book is titled **Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood** by Trevor Noah. We will meet on Thursday, Feb. 15th at 7pm in the Cahill Library. All are welcome.



Our Parish will be serving dinner next Sunday, February 11th 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

The next Saturday that we take dinner to St. Elizabeth's Center in Lorain is February 17. If you could furnish a pasta with meat, salad, rolls or dessert please call me by Feb. 14th. Thank you. [Can always use a driver.] Maryann 440-458-6159

Grief Support Group "*Hopeful Hearts*" for grieving seniors 60+ will meet Tues., Feb. 28th, 1-2:30pm at Holy Spirit Family Ctr., 410 Lear Rd, Avon Lake. Meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of each month. Open to the community at no charge, no reservations required. Sponsored by Hospice of the Western Reserve & Holy Spirit Bereavement Ministry. For information Contact Chemarra Bryant, Bereavement Coordinator, HWR 892-6680 or Mary Lou 933-4423.

The **2018 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal** begins next weekend! Please refer to the insert in this week's bulletin for parish goal & an overview of the importance of Catholic Charities in our community. This year's appeal theme is **Your Mercy: Transforming Lives and Communities**. Your generous support will transform the lives of others, to offer dignity, possibilities and companionship to those who are most vulnerable. An in-pew commitment process will take place next weekend, February 10th/11th. We invite you to view inspirational stories at www.catholiccommunity.org/2018Appeal.