

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION Catholic Church

September 24, 2017

601 Jennings Road ~
Van Wert, Ohio 45891

Pastor

Rev. Stanley Szybka

Deacon

Deacon Andrew McMahon

Principal

Dan Metzger

Coordinator Religious Ed.

Cheryl Freewalt

Office Manager

Angie Renner

Masses:

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Weekday: Tuesday 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:45 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. & Saturday, 3:00 - 3:30 pm. or by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated during or after any weekend Mass. Instructions for parents having their first child baptized are held the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Please contact Cherie Freewalt to schedule a date.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Please contact Fr. Stan AT LEAST SIX MONTHS prior to your proposed wedding date to begin preparation for your marriage and to schedule a date.

New to the Parish?

We are glad to welcome you as a member of our Parish Family. Please stop by or call the Parish Office to register. Welcome!

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Bingo

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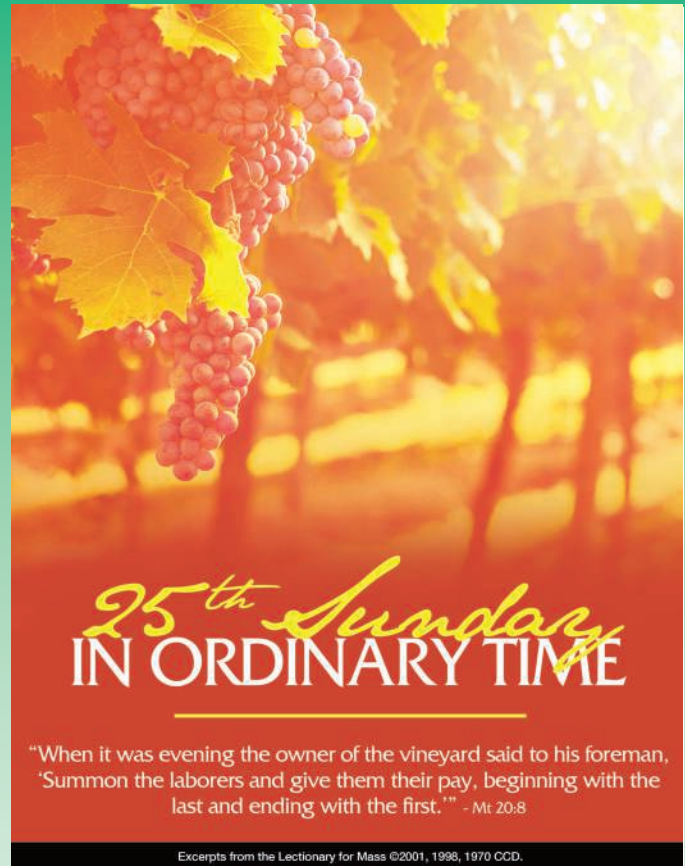
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Bulletin Deadline:

Monday at NOON, in writing



This Week in Our Parish

<u>Sun Sept 24:</u>	Bible Study (HFR)	9:30 am
	Bible Study (HFR)	6:00 pm
	Bingo (K of C)	6:15 pm
<u>Wed Sept 27:</u>	NO SOR	
<u>Thu Sept 28:</u>	Women of Grace (HFR)	9:30 am
	Bingo (K of C)	6:15 pm
	Women of Grace (Library)	7:00 pm
<u>Fr Sept 29:</u>	Bread and Bowl	6:00 pm

Liturgical Schedule

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

8:30 AM St. Mary's Parish
10:30 AM Gail Packer

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

No Service

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 + STS. COSMAS & DAMIAN

8:00 AM—5:30 PM Adoration
5:30 PM Benediction and Evening Prayer
6:00 PM Deacon Norbert Reinhart

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 + ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

8:45 AM Joan Graziano

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 + ST. WENCESLAUS

8:45 AM Alice Bell

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 + STS. MICHAEL, GABRIEL, RAPHAEL

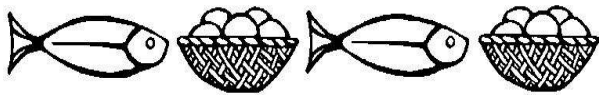
8:45 AM Roger Felger

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

4:00 PM June Bailey

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

8:30 AM Gilbert & Agnes Herrick
10:30 AM Stanley Shondel



Servers, Eucharistic Minister, Lector & Usher Schedules for Sept. 30 & Oct. 1 2017

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 4:00 PM

Servers: Caroline & Kitty Kopack, Shay Wehner
E. M.: T Heckler, G Hirzel, T Marshall, D Mathew
C Mowry, T Reinhart, Plus 1

Ushers: Terry Johnson, D Heckler, D Hohman, D Renner

Lector: Mary Yackey

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 8:30 AM

Servers: Cassidy Klinger, Austin & Addie Sorgen
E. M.: M Cross, J Cross, M Dickman, L Fox, C Golliver,
B Wasserman, R Wolke

Ushers: Jim Brickner, B Knueve, S Thomas, D Krizay,
B Wolke, E Fox

Lector: Terry Plas

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 10:30 AM

Servers: Reece & Madelyn Berryman, Kortnie Galloway
E. M.: D Berryman, J Bloomfield, J Comer, B Fallis,
M Fallis, C Freewalt, L Freewalt

Ushers: Charles Brickner, M Keber, D Allmandinger,
D Keber, J Meyers, B Keber

Lector: Kevin Laing

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Please come forward immediately when the prayers for extending Peace are offered. This will help substitutes know they are needed and allow sufficient time to be ready at the altar. Also, please watch for a total of 8 with Father, Deacons and yourselves.

A TIME FOR PRAYER

May God bless our second grade students as they offer their names to our community of faith this weekend.

In this rite of inscription, they declare their intention to prepare to celebrate the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. They promise to pray, study and grow in love for others.

As St. Mary's Parish, we promise also to pray for them frequently, and to set a good example for them by the witness of our lives. What does this mean?

Very often, children (as well as adults) learn by the example of others in addition to what is formally taught. As such, parents have the primary position of teacher, for they are with their children for the longest time and in a variety of situations. They can often learn the lessons of forgiveness and love from everyday events as they unfold in their homes.

The community, however, bears witness as well. If we say one thing and do another, what kind of message is conveyed? How can we speak of forgiveness when we are not willing to work on forgiveness ourselves? How can we speak of the precious gift of the Body and Blood of Christ, if we do not receive the Sacrament or do so in a careless and irreverent manner? How can we invite others to join us around the table of the Lord if we exclude others for one reason or another. There is, as you may expect, more to it than that.

God calls forth from us a response of time, talent and treasure, as we are able. How do we respond to that call? To say "let someone else do it." or "I don't have time," may be an honest, and prayerful response, but it can also be an easy out. If God were to ask me to do something for another person, what would I do? God does.

In the course of the next few weeks, we are going to be exploring various ways that we may live our faith and respond to God's call. This time invites us not to sit in judgment on others, but rather to look within our own hearts. What may God be calling me to do? How may I respond? Have I passed by opportunities to grow in grace and holiness?

Perhaps as we pray for those who are inscribed, we may also consider renewing our own commitment to following Our Lord!

Fr. Stan



SCHOOL NEWS



Cooperation Life Skills Awards

As a school, we focus on developing a special life skill every two weeks. Pictured above are our first life skill award winners for the school year. They were chosen for demonstrating cooperation both inside and outside of the classroom. Congratulations to the Cooperation Award Winners and keep up the great work: (Front Row from Left) Alli Spieles, Brandon Burk, Zaine Eibling (Back Row) Brynleigh Moody, Myles Moody, and Elijah Ryder.

St. Mary's Parish Fall Bash

We would like to take this time to say "Thank You" for your past support of St. Mary's Catholic Church and School through the St. Mary's Reverse Raffle and Dinner. We have made some MAJOR changes to our format for this year's event based on the responses we received from last year's survey.

We are now calling the night's event:

St. Mary's Parish Fall Bash.

The *St. Mary's Parish Fall Bash* is **Saturday, October 14, 2017** in the Parish Hall. Doors will open at 5pm. We hope that you will come join us to: "Shake, Rattle, & Roll" the night away. This night is now an **ADULT ONLY EVENT**.

Dinner will start at 5:15pm, the Reverse Raffle will run from 6 –7:30pm, and **NEW THIS YEAR: Dueling Pianos from 8pm – 11pm**. We are very excited to announce that one of the big format changes for the evening will include entertainment provided by Midwest Dueling Pianos. If you have ever been to a dueling piano show you know how much fun they are, and if you have never been to a show you are in for a foot tapping good time.

Please contact the Parish or School Offices for Ticket Information.

Religious Education Connection

Welcome to a New Year of SOR!

The word, *catechist*, comes from a word that means "to echo". It is a signature act of evangelization: to share the faith, to help a person fall in love with Christ, to enable the person to grow in knowledge and understanding of the faith so that he or she can become a committed disciple of Christ who echoes His message. The catechists of our SOR assume great responsibility as they take on the role of evangelization by echoing their faith through God's Word and the testimony of their lives. Catechists pass on living faith.



Left Photo L to R top row: Fr. Stan; Mrs. Longstreth, grade 3; Mrs. Wehner, grade 2; Mrs. Rutkowski, grade 7; Mrs. Tobias, grade 4; Mrs. Terhark, grade 8; L to R lower row: Mrs. Weiss, Office Aide; Mrs. Jones, grade 6; Mrs. Kill, grade 1; Mrs. Gearhart, grade 5; Mrs. Freewalt, CRE Right Photo: Eight classes of wonderful children.

Blessing of Animals

On Wednesday, October 4, in honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Fr. Stan will be blessing animals (pets and livestock alike!) at 2:30 p.m. in the back parking lot of St. Mary's for students and families.

Report By 4:30 PM

Sept 24	Kelly Gross and Jennifer Florence
Sept 28	Louise Haas and Barb Hesseling
Oct 1	Tim & Stacy Dealey
Oct 5	Delane Hendricks, Josh Geib, Joyce Oechsle

ALL Parishioners and SOR students may bring
their animals on Wednesday, October 4 at 6:30
pm at the Jennings Road parking lot .

ST.VINCENT DE PAUL SEPTEMBER UPDATE

**Doors open at 4:00 PM for games-
Warm-Up Bingo at 6:15 PM**

For the first nine month of this year, we have been able to issue 105 vouchers for food, lodging, prescriptions and utilities. Those who we can help are grateful for the assistance our parish can provide. Cut backs in government funds and joblessness are the two most frequent causes we hear. Please pray for those who are facing these issues and please continue to support SVDP as we attempt to meet these needs. Any contribution is gratefully received. Thank you parishioners of St. Mary's!

~Steve Wasserman

ADULT OFFERING FROM 138 ENVELOPES	\$5,776.30
TOTAL ANONYMOUS	343.50
CHILDREN OFFERING FROM 6 ENVELOPES	<u>5.95</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$6,125.75</u>

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HAVE YOU SET UP BILL PAY?

Angie has seen an increase in donations she receives through parishioners BILL PAY accounts. It is so easy to set it up and for her to record. She receives a check in the mail from your bank and records it with her other deposits.

If you have questions regarding bill pay, talk to your financial institution. It is a great way to remember your Church even when you are away from home!

FATIMA ROSARY CRUSADE
OCTOBER 14, 12:00 PM
Landeck-St. John's Church

Each year, America Need Fatima holds a Public Square Rosary Crusade, with thousands of rosary rallies in cities across the country. Pubic is invited

Matrimony: A calling to forgive! “Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future new hope.”

Retrouvaille offers a welcoming and loving space to couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. **Retrouvaille** offers hope: hope that it is not too late, hope of a different and better marriage. **Retrouvaille** helps couples to show each other mercy through the opportunities it provides to listen, to forgive and to be reconciled. For more information about our **October 6-8th** Weekend program for couples, contact Joe and Arlene 419-841-1116 or HelpOurMarriage.com



John Basinger, Steve Dietrich, Pat Fellers, Rosemary Foreman, Jon Jarrett, Megan Klosterman, Kourtney Kohnen, Mariam Lamb, Robert Lammers, Mary Alice Louagie, Tom Metzger, Joan Miller, Tyler Priest, J R Reinhart, Bob Say, Mary Say, Jim Schneider, Tom Stachler, Luke Sung, Russ Waltmire, Anne Wells, Bobbie Whittenbarger, Dan Williamson, Bob Wolters

Angie is in the process of updating the Prayer List, please call the Parish Office to make any additions.

The sick person or a close relative are the only ones who should call to add or remove name(s) to this list.

SOR CAKE SALE

The SOR Cake Sale will be held after all Masses the weekend of September 30 & October 1 and .

Each cake is designed and decorated by the SOR children themselves. These special cakes will be sold for \$15.00 each. Just for fun, there will be a chance after each Mass for one purchaser to win \$15.00 or \$30.00. There will be only one winner possible after each Mass. Be sure to check out these special cakes!

PURSE BINGO UPDATE!

A HUGE THANK YOU to all the volunteers who made the Designer Purse Bingo for St. Mary's Church and School a big success! This was our best year yet and it is all due to the many donations from our parishioners and local businesses.

Thanks to all who helped in any way from setting up on Thursday night, the many workers who volunteered during and after the event and all who played—we sold out again for the fifth year in a row.

We raised \$12,000 for our parish and school!

WELCOME


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COFFEE AND DONUTS RESUMES!

With the official coming of autumn, school is in full swing, the fair is over and not a holiday is sight until Thanksgiving, we still have the monthly coffee and donuts to look forward to! The first Sunday of the month, from October to May, after the 8:30 and 10:30 masses, join us in the gym for donuts, juice, milk, coffee and other breakfast treats.

**Don't forget—when we receive, it is also better to give—We would like to begin collecting canned good and paper products for the Food Co-op on first Sundays also!

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Thank you, St. Mary's, for you continued support of the VW Co-op Ministry Food Pantry by your donations during our Christmas in July event. St. Mary's is a partner in this food pantry and your help in keeping our shelves stocked is greatly appreciated. For the first time, our food pantry will benefit from the United Way Day of Caring Food Drive. Salvation Army has graciously offered to share the bounty of this food drive with us. We will be in need of a few volunteers to give up 2 hours of time to either help with the food sorting at Vantage on Friday, September 29th during the day or to help stock shelves on Saturday, September 30th from 9-11 am. For more info, please call or text Terry Plas at 419-203-1553.

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Readings for the Week of September 24, 2017

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a
Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-6/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-5/Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2-4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b/Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-5/Jn 1:47-51
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jr 31:10-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32



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