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601 Jennings Road ~
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Pastor

Rev. Stanley Szybka

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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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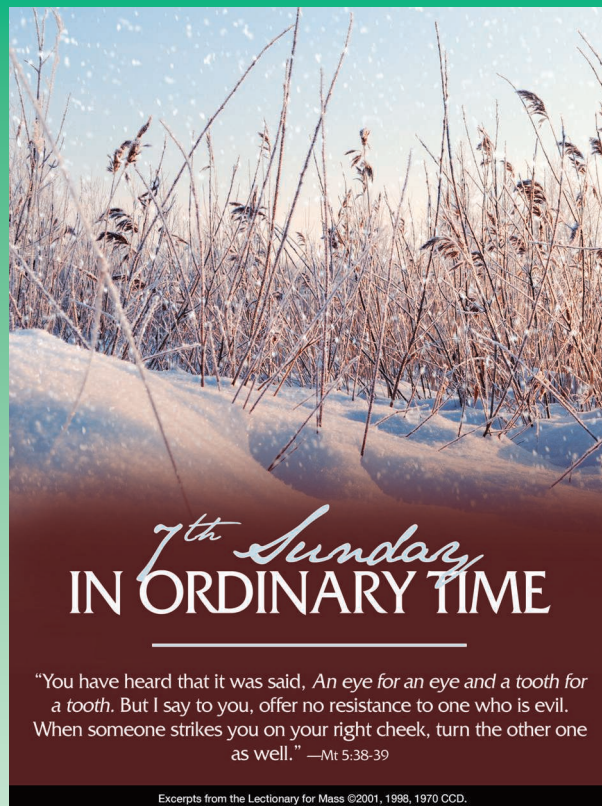
Office Hours:

Monday through Friday:
8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline:

Monday at NOON, in writing

February 19, 2017



This Week in Our Parish

Sun Feb 19: Bible Study 9:30 am
Bible Study (HFR) 6:00 pm
Bingo (K of C Hall) 6:15 pm

Mon Feb 20: President's Day
No School
Parish Office Closed at Noon

Tue Feb 21: No School—Professional Development
Parish Office Closed at Noon

Wed Feb 22: SOR 6:45—8:00 pm

Thur Feb 23: Bible Study (HFR) 9:30 am
Bingo (K of C Hall) 6:15 pm

**PRESIDENTS
DAY** ©LPI

Liturgical Schedule

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

8:30 AM St. Mary's Parish

10:30 AM Thom Gemmer

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20 + PRESIDENT'S DAY

No Services

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 + ST. PETER DAMIAN

8:00 AM—5:30 Adoration

5:30 PM Benediction and Evening Prayer

6:00 PM Darwin Frederick

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22 + CHAIR OF ST. PETER

8:45 AM Alice and Don Hoblet

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23 + ST. POLYCARP

8:45 AM Roger Felger

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

8:45 AM Deacon Norbert Reinhart

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

4:00 PM Felisa Sarminento Sebastain

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

8:30 AM St. Mary's Parish

10:30 AM Gail Packer



Servers, Eucharistic Minister, Lector & Usher Schedules for February 25 & 26, 2017

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 4:00 PM

Servers: Matt, Adam and Joel Schrader

E. M.: J Hoersten, D Mathew, C Mowry, T Reinhart,
A Renner, L Vonderwell, M Yackey

Ushers: Ushers needed

Lector: Caroline Kopack

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 8:30 AM

Servers: Austin & Addie Sorgen, Kateri Steinecker

E. M.: L Fox, B Fuerst, D Fuerst, A Laurent, S Laurent,
D Pollock, J SheeranUshers: Emmett Minnich, G Krugh, M Krugh,
K Kline, A Lautzenheiser, E Minnich

Lector: Christopher Golliver

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 10:30 AM

Servers: R Berryman, Ryan & Connor Pratt

E. M.: D Berryman, B Fallis, M Fallis, M Geesey,
J Gemmer, L Kill, M Klosterman

Ushers: G Knapke, S Long, D Menke

Lector: Cherie Freewalt

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.

THE STATE OF THE CHURCH (BUILDING)

As the season of Lent appears on the horizon, and the many activities of the last six weeks yield to others, permit me a moment to updated on Church projects.

As you may have heard by now Bishop Blair has said “no” to placing large screens in our Church. While that issue is closed, I do want to thank all of you who made the effort to explore it, and make your feelings known.

One of the suggestions that did surface frequently during these discussions however, was that of improving the sound quality in the Church. This led to some investigations with knowledgeable people who feel that our speaker system is good, but with the re-configuring of the sanctuary, the speakers should be re-configured to maximize their effectiveness.

According to schedule, this Monday they will be taken down and re-positioned. The project, it was felt, should take a week to complete, and the difference should be noticeable. The Church re-furbishing committee was in agreement with this effort.

According to further plans, the stained glass window of the Holy Family taken from the raredos to make room for the Blessed Sacrament, is to be mounted in a wooden, glass-faced casement, that is to be back lit and hung on the wall opposite the double doors by the bell tower. Some details remain to be worked out and no time limit has been set of the completion of this project.

Assumption Chapel (behind the sanctuary) is currently being used for adoration, prayer and occasional study. While current furnishings are adequate, it has been suggested that something is needed to make it feel more like a chapel and not just a room. Deliberation continues on this matter.

Attention is once again called to the long range project of replacing the school roof. Over Christmas, a leak occurred over the trophy case and art supply room. Fortunately, the leak was found and repaired and a major crisis averted. Several options and plans are currently being studied to address this matter.

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Religious Education Connection

St. John Bosco, continued

It took some time, but finally John Bosco found a place for the boys to whom he ministered. It was a large animal shed. He called it, *The Oratory*. The boys, themselves, cleaned it up and beds and a gathering space were made.

John helped some of the boys find jobs as apprentices. Contracts were made, which insisted that any corrections of the boys had to be made with kindness and no violence. A few of his "graduates" from the *Oratory* joined the seminary, were ordained, and helped John with the work. He formed a religious order dedicated to the works of St. Francis de Sales called the *Salesians*. He also worked with Maria Domenica Mazzarello to help found a religious congregation of nuns dedicated to the care and education of poor girls.

One of the first boys to be ordained a priest, John Cagliero, later became a Cardinal. Another boy, Dominic Savio, died at a young age; but in his short life, he lived as a saint and was canonized.

By the time of John's death in 1888, the Salesians were helping 130,000 children in 250 houses throughout the world. Today, the Salesians touch the lives of millions.

John Bosco was canonized in 1934 and was given the title of "Father and Teacher of Youth." He is also the patron saint of illusionists.

A Prayer:

St. John Bosco, you reached out to children whom no one cared for despite ridicule and insults. Help us to care less about the laughter of the world and care more about the joy of the Lord. Amen.

Next time: A recipe in honor of St. John Bosco.



SCHOOL NEWS

Pride Life Skill Award Winners

Recently our students focused on ways that they could show Pride in their everyday activities. At the end of two weeks each teacher selected a student from their class that they felt best demonstrated Pride both inside and outside the classroom. Congratulations to the Pride Award Winners and keep up the great work: Shown are (from Left) Madelyn B, Sawyer L., Gabby E., Katie G., Tyler Z. (Back Row) Erin S.

We believe our courses of study are not only academic pursuits, but a search for the truth.



Food Items Donated to Cooperative Ministry

As part of Catholic Schools Week, St. Mary's student held a "Food Drive" to collect various items to donate to the Cooperative Ministry Food Pantry. For 5 days students brought in over 375 items for the Food Pantry. Students brought in such items as canned fruit, tuna, juices, clothes detergent, 4 Pack Toilet Paper, 2 Pack Paper towels, Jars of Jelly, Pasta Sauce, EggNoodles, conditioner, deodorant, Bar Soap, Cereal, Crackers, and Canned Meat (Shredded Beef, Chicken, Turkey, Spam). The Food Pantry is located in the basement of the First United Methodist Church on the corner of Jefferson St. and Central St.





Feb 19 Sam Laurent, Kylee Moody, CHARLES
BRICKNER, Alice Laurent
Feb 23 Ed Fox, JIM BRICKNER, Joyce Oechsle,
Nancy Wollenhaupt
Feb 26 ED FOX, Paul Oechsle, Sindi Hazeltine, Pam
Cassidy
Mar 2 Neil Smith, ED FOX, Jamie Dickinson,
Jennifer Hammons

KITCHEN WORKERS

Report By 4:30 PM

Feb 19 Michelle Rupert and Dawn Berryman
Feb 23 Jim and Julie Bloomfield
Feb 26 Lori Allen and Amie Burnett
Mar 2 Staff Night

**St. Mary's Bingo—K of C Hall
425 Woodland Ave.**

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

RESPONSE TO THE LORD FOR FEBRUARY 12, 2017

ADULT OFFERING FROM 126 ENVELOPES	\$5,153.57
TOTAL ANONYMOUS	408.80
CHILDREN OFFERING FROM 16 ENVELOPES	26.17
TOTAL	\$5,588.54
 TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY BUDGET	 \$8,386.00

4th Degree Knights of Columbus Patriotism Essay Contest

The 4th Degree K of C is accepting "patriotism" essays from High School Seniors. Applications are available at St. Mary's Parish Office or in the high school guidance counselor's office

Essay deadline is February 20, 2017.

Applicants must be in the 2017 Senior Class of an Allen, Van Wert or Putnam County High School.

DON'T GIVE UP CHOCOLATE FOR LENT

We all know the things that make us happy, but we don't always do them. Lent is an opportunity to change that. This year we invite you to do something different.

BEST LENT EVER—FREE ONLINE PROGRAM

Join Dynamic Catholic for Best Lent Ever, a free video-based email program featuring internationally acclaimed speaker and New York Times best-selling author Matthew Kelly. From Ash Wednesday to Easter, Matthew will help you identify what stands between you and happiness . . . And what to do about it.

Sign up at DynamicCatholic.com/Lent. Let's do something life-changing this Lent by taking the 40 day journey.

LENTEN BOOK STUDY

At Christmas, "Resisting Happiness" was given to all who attended our Holyday Masses. Beginning March 9 through April 13th, you are invited to a Book Study on Thursday mornings. We will meet in the Holy Family Room after the 8:45 mass.

If you did not receive this book, we have extra copies in the Parish office.

CURSILLOS IN CHRISTIANITY

The Cursillo is an intensive 3 day religious experience which uses community building methods to bring YOU (the candidate) into a renewed relationship with Jesus Christ, the Catholic Church and fellow Catholics.

Diocese of Toledo Dates:

Men Cursillos—March 9-12

Women Cursillos—April 20-23

SAVE THE DATE!

GROWING PAINS:

The Demands of Courage

MARCH 19, 2017 @ 1 pm

St. Mary's Catholic Church, Van Wert

Join Carol and Kristen Kurivial, co-founders of Luminous Ministries, for *The Demands of Courage* which begins with a musical interpretation of a Mary Magdalene, who walked the Passion with Jesus and turned the demands of her pain into crucial testimony for the Kingdom.

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We seek to be good stewards of the gifts that God has given us, as well as what we have received from the hard work of those who have gone before us. Let us pray for the wisdom we need.

Fr. Stan



Kelly Andersen, Rev. Tony Bus, Dolores Darwood, Joy Demidovich, Steve, Dietrich, Robert Ford, Stacie Golliver, Cyndi Hesseling, Carmen Jacobs, Michael Kahle, Patricia Kinkle, Megan Klosterman, Kourtney Kohnen, Robert Lammers. Rita Lewis, Beth Lianez, Mary Alice Louagie, Tom Metzger, Kirk Michaud, Joan Miller, Lane Mosier, Dean Osburn, Janice Osburn, George Palombi, Theresa Parkanzky, Tyler Priest, Doris Reinhart, Julie Sadler, Bob Say, Mary Say, Jim Schneider, Tom Stachler, Melba Voltz, Russ Waltmire, Brad Wannemacher, Anne Wells, Bob Wolters, Larry Youtsey

Please call the Parish Office at the beginning of each month to continue the above name(s) on the prayer list. The sick person or a close relative are the only ones who should call to add or remove name(s) to this list.

GOD BLESS OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

Please pray for all those serving in our military: Lance Corp. Josh Bolenbaugh, Capt. Virginia Brickner, Sgt. William (Ed) Carter, Commander Christopher Cavanaugh, Lance Corp. Tyler Goodlin, Airman Andrew Hammond, Airman Leisal Hanf-Fleming, Corp. Austin Kleman, MSG Andrew McMahon, Corp. Joseph Moreland, Lt. Colonel Matt Sinning, SSgt. Nate Sinning, MSgt. Robert Stant, SRA Ashley Stant, Spec. Jeremy Stevenson, Pvt. R. J. Szymanski and Sgt. Brian Wilson. Please submit to the Parish Office names of parishioners who are currently serving in the armed forces.



Tuesday Adoration

The Tuesday Adoration group is looking for a permanent person/couple for the 4 to 5 p. m. time slot. If you would like to use this hour for quiet time with the Lord, call the Parish Office at 419-238-3979.

YOU'RE INVITED!

A meeting/rehearsal will be held for those interested in joining the Parish Choir. Please meet in the School Music Room at 9:00 am on Feb 19th. Singers of all ages are invited to attend as no experience is needed.



TURN IN YOUR BLESSED PALMS!

Do you know where ashes for Ash Wednesday come from? The palm fronds distributed on Palm Sunday are burned to make ashes. Please place your old palms in the barrels at the entrances of the Church thru February 26th.

2nd ANNUAL TASTE OF ST. MARY'S

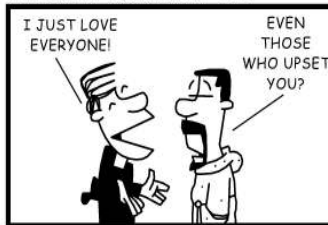
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St. Mary's Gym

Tickets are available for \$25 each in the Parish Office or Scrip Table after Mass.

A VERY LIMITED NUMBER ARE AVAILABLE

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Readings for the Week of February 19, 2017

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48
Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6/Mt 16:13-19
Thursday: Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Mk 9:41-50
Friday: Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34-35/Mk 10:1-12
Saturday: Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-18/Mk 10:13-16
Next Sunday: Is 49:14-15/Ps 62:2-3, 6-9/1 Cor 4:1-5/Mt 6:24-34



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