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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!

Directory

Bingo

Ed Fox (419) 238-4998

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stmarysvanwert.com

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StMarysVanWert

Office Hours:

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

Bulletin Deadline:

Monday at NOON, in writing

February 26, 2017

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



This Week in Our Parish

<u>Sun Feb 26:</u>	Bible Study (HFR)	9:30 am
	Bible Study (HFR)	6:00 pm
	Bingo (K of C Hall)	6:15 pm
<u>Tue Feb 28:</u>	Bible Study (HFR)	8:30 am
<u>Wed Mar 1:</u>	Ash Wednesday	
	Mass	8:45 am
	Distribution of Ashes	12:10 pm
	Mass	7:00 pm
	SOR	6:45—8:00 pm
<u>Thur Mar 2:</u>	Bible Study (HFR)	9:30 am
	Pastoral Council (HFR)	6:00 pm
	Bingo (K of C Hall)	6:15 pm
<u>Fri Mar 3:</u>	First Friday	
	Mass at Van Crest	10:00 am
	Adoration (Chapel)	8:00 pm-8:00 am
	Fish Fry (K of C)	5:00 pm
<u>Sat Mar 4:</u>	First Saturday Mass	8:00 am

Liturgical Schedule

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

No Services

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

8:00 AM—5:30 Adoration
5:30 PM Benediction and Evening Prayer
6:00 PM Mike Salinas

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1 + ASH WEDNESDAY

8:45 AM Irene Stratz
12:10 PM Distribution of Ashes
7:00 PM Rosemary Schroeder

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

8:45 AM Mary A Reichert

FRIDAY, MARCH 3 + FIRST FRIDAY

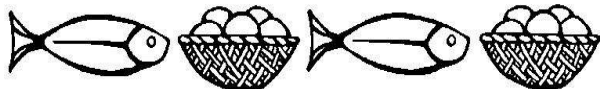
8:45 AM Dan Gorman
10:00 AM Mass at Van Crest
8:00 PM-8:00 AM Adoration in Chapel

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

8:00 AM First Saturday Mass
4:00 PM St. Mary's Parish

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

8:30 AM Helen Schemmell
10:30 AM John and Heather Metzger



Servers, Eucharistic Minister, Lector & Usher Schedules for March 4 & 5, 2017

SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 4:00 PM

Servers: Matt, Adam and Joel Schrader
E. M.: J Hoersten, D Mathew, C Mowry, T Reinhart,
L Vonderwell, M Yackey, Plus 1
Ushers: T Turnwald, D Michael
Lector: Pat Johnson

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 8:30 AM

Servers: Cassidy Klinger, Kaitlyn & Ashley Motycka
E. M.: M Dickman, C Golliver, J Keipper, F Minnig,
M Minnig, J Plas, T Plas
Ushers: Frank Minnig, S Pollock, R Say, D Kleinhenz,
D Carter, P Shoppell
Lector: Bruce Oliver

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 10:30 AM

Servers: Jacob Smith, Alisha & Erin Terhark
E. M.: B Laing, L Lawson, L Pratt, C Reindel,
T Shultz, J Terhark, R Terhark
Ushers: J Robideau, D Klosterman
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.

ALMSGIVING

Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are the tools of spiritual growth used in Lent as acts of penance.

Almsgiving is an act, gift, or a service of compassion, motivated by love of God and neighbor, for help of persons in need. Permit me to call your attention to several opportunities.

This weekend, the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal "Building His Church, Fulfilling His Mission" begins. As you may recall, this yearly collection funds the ministries which are beyond the ability of any one parish to cover: Catholic Charities, Adult and Children's Faith Formation, Clergy Formation, the Tribunal, to mention a few. I note that under Bishop Thomas' leadership, the entire Pastoral Center staff was subject to a wage freeze for the 2017 fiscal year. Furthermore, he implemented staff reductions and required an overall budget decrease of 20%. He now asks us to help him by doing what we can.

Once again this year, Operation Rice Bowl boxes will be available. Parents have commented that these containers placed on the kitchen table or other suitable place, are a great way to help children learn about sacrificing desserts or treats so that other people can have basic food to live. They can be a good visual reminder to all of us.

Several other opportunities will be available to help others in Lent. On Ash Wednesday, (March 1) we remember the Church in Central and Eastern Europe; on Sunday (March 26) those helped by Catholic Relief Service; and on Good Friday, (April 14) the shrines and the parishes of the Holy Land.

Now I fully realize that our resources are limited, many of us already faithfully support charities of our own choosing, and that it is just impossible to support every effort no matter how good they may be. Now prudence calls us to be responsible in discerning our outreach, while Lent calls us to be as generous as we can in helping others, for the need is great and we have been blessed.

As the season of Lent dawns, let us remember in prayer all those who are in need as well as those who seek to help them. May Jesus, who gave His life for us, inspire a generous response.

Fr. Stan



SCHOOL NEWS

We believe our Catholic School is not only a school, but a community of Faith.



Valentine's Day Fun

Recently our students celebrated Valentine's Day by spread the love around to their fellow classmates with many different Valentine's cards and treats



Imagine Engineering Comes to Second Grade

On Wednesday, February 16, 2017 the second graders had a special visitor to the classroom. Dexter Krueger, from the village of Archbold Engineering Department, represents the Engineers Foundation of Ohio's Imagine Engineering Coloring Contest. Mr. Krueger gave a little history on what an engineer actually does and the different types of engineers. He also read a story to the students as well as a demonstration of what it takes to make a bridge work. We thank Mr. Krueger for coming into our classroom!

Religious Education Connection

St. John Bosco, conclusion

The first orphan St. John Bosco took under his care, was the boy who came into the church from the cold. John fed the hungry boy soup, and that was the beginning of real conversation that led to a life-time friendship and the boy becoming a priest, carrying on the work of the new religious order of the Salesians.

We are not sure what kind of soup John offered the boy; but, perhaps, it was a comfort soup like the one given here--an Italian Tomato Soup. Whenever you make this soup, remember St. John Bosco and pray for the Salesians, and the children they serve.

Italian Tomato Soup

1. Heat 1 T **butter** in a pan. Add 1 small **onion**, chopped and 1 small **green bell pepper**, chopped. Cover and cook for 5 minutes.
2. Add 1 T **flour** and stir.
3. Add 4+ cups of **beef or vegetable stock** and 1 lb **tomatoes**, chopped
4. Simmer for 15 minutes.
5. Remove the tomato skins from the pot. Use a sieve and return the vegetables to the stock.
6. Puree the soup in a blender, a small portion at a time on low with the blender cap askew, or leave the soup as it is.
7. Season with salt and pepper.
8. Add 1/4 lb **orecchiette** about 10-12 minutes before serving. Simmer and stir occasionally until the pasta is al dente (cooked to tender but firm--not mushy)
9. Add 1 T **horseradish sauce** and mix well.
10. Garnish each bowl with a dollop of **sour cream** and sprinkled with **freshly chopped parsley**.



Feb 26 ED FOX, Paul Oechsle, Sindi Hazeltine, Pam Cassidy, Rosemary Dunno
 Mar 2 Neil Smith, ED FOX, Jamie Dickinson, Jennifer Hammons
 Mar 5 CALLER?, ED FOX, Lisa Burk, Chelsea Reindel
 Mar 9 Ed Fox, JIM BRICKNER, Dave Hohman, Ashley Lantz, Ryan Lindemann

KITCHEN WORKERS Report By 4:30 PM

Feb 26 Lori Allen and Amie Burnett
 Mar 2 Staff Night
 Mar 5 Kayla Frye and Michelle Rupert
 Mar 9 JJ McClain and Lisa Schomaeker

**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 19, 2017

ADULT OFFERING FROM 138 ENVELOPES	\$6,261.58
TOTAL ANONYMOUS	302.00
CHILDREN OFFERING FROM 12 ENVELOPES	19.15
TOTAL	\$6,582.73
TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY BUDGET	<u>\$8,386.00</u>

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.



LENTEN FISH FRIES

Knights of Columbus Hall
425 Woodland Avenue
March 3 through
April 7

Every Friday from 5-7 pm

\$8.00 Adults/\$7.00 Seniors/\$4.00 Kids
(carry out available)

Every week \$1.00 of every meal will go to the designated cause!

March 3: Van Wert Civil Air Patrol

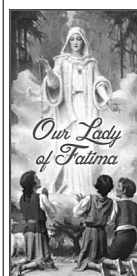
**Desserts available for a freewill donation.
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ST. MARY'S PARISH LIFE GIFT CARD RAFFLE

St. Mary's Parish Life Committee has begun selling tickets for its NEW gift card raffle. Only 125 tickets will be sold at \$20.00 each. Then, beginning in April, there will be two winners per month. Each winner will receive a \$25.00 gift card of their choosing—Ace Hardware, CVS, Sears, Wal-Mart or Marathon. In December, there will be an additional \$50.00 winner.

All 125 tickets will be in for EVERY drawing. So you have a chance of winning 25 times in the year. Parish Life will purchase all gift cards from St. Mary's Scrip. Proceeds will help fund Parish Life events. Get tickets from any Parish Life Committee member at the scrip table after masses now until all 125 are sold out.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION



The devotion of First Saturdays, as requested by Our Lady of Fatima, carries with it the assurance of the graces necessary for salvation at the hour our death. However, to drive profit from such a great promise of Our Lady, the devotion must be properly understood and duly performed.

The requirements as stipulated by Our Lady are: on the first Saturdays of five consecutive months; Confession, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary and keep me company for fifteen minutes meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, and to do all these things in the spirit of reparation to my Immaculate Heart.

Please join us for 8:00 am Mass. The recitation of the Rosary will begin shortly before Mass.



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.

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.

Word Among Us & Rice Bowls

To help with the spiritual works of Lent; prayer and almsgiving, at the entrances of our Church this weekend will be available the Word Among Us Lent 2017 books and Rice Bowls. We hope these will remind all of us the true journey of Lent.

LENTEN BOOK STUDY

At Christmas, "Resisting Happiness" was given to all who attended our Holyday Masses. We are pleased to have 2 Book Studies beginning.

TWO TIMES AVAILABLE

Beginning March 7th, you are invited to a Book Study on Tuesday evenings following the 6 pm Mass, lead by Deacon Andy. We will meet in the Holy Family Room for the first meeting.

The second book study will begin on March 9, we will meet in the Holy Family Room after the 8:45 Mass Thursdays. Each study will meet for 6 weeks.

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

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.

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.

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Readings for the Week of February 26, 2017

Sunday: Is 49:14-15/Ps 62:2-3, 6-9/1 Cor 4:1-5/Mt 6:24-34
Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5-7/Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23/Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17/2 Cor 5:20--6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-6/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11



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