July 23, 2017

St. Mary Catholic Church

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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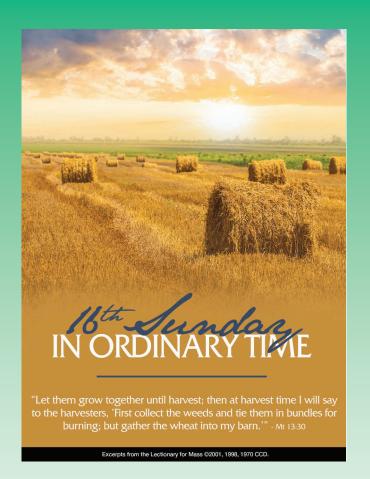
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Monday-Thursday 8:00am—3:30pm

> Friday 8:00am—Noon

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This Week in Our Parish

Sun July 23: Bingo (K of C)

6:15 pm

Thu Jul 27: Bingo (K of C)

6:15 pm



Liturgical Schedule

SUNDAY, JULY 23

8:30 AM Ann Carter 10:30 AM St. Mary's Parish

MONDAY, JULY 24 + ST. SHARBEL MAKHLUF

No Services

TUESDAY, JULY 25 + ST. JAMES

8:00 AM-5:30 PM Adoration

5:30 PM Benediction and Evening Prayer6:00 PM Felisa Sarminento Sebastian

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26 + STS. JOACHIM AND ANNE

8:45 AM Don and Alice Hoblet

THURSDAY, JULY 27

8:45 AM Alice Bell

FRIDAY, JULY 28

8:45 AM Alexandra and Nicole

SATURDAY, JULY 29

4:00 PM John Krol

SUNDAY, JULY 30

8:30 AM St. Mary's Parish 10:30 AM Amelia Salinas



Servers, Eucharistic Minister, Lector & Usher Schedules for July 29 & 30, 2017

SATURDAY, JULY 29, 4:00 PM

Servers: Kitty Kopack, James Reinhart, Shay Wehner E. M.: T Heckler, G Hirzel, J Hoersten, T Marshall,

C Mowry, T Reinhart, Plus 1

Ushers: <u>Terry Johnson</u>, D Heckler, D Hohman, D Renner

Lector: Caroline Kopack

SUNDAY, JULY 30, 8:30 AM

Servers: Addie and Austin Sorgen, PLUS 1

E. M.: A Laurent, S Laurent, F Minnig, M Minnig

J Plas, J Sheeran, L Vonderwell

Ushers: Jim Brickner, R Knueve, S Thomas, D Krizay,

B Wolke, E Fox

Lector: Terry Plas

SUNDAY, JULY 30, 10:30 AM

Servers: Ryan & Connor Pratt, Jacob Smith

E. M.: D Berryman, L Kill, M Klosterman, B Laing,

R Lammers, L Lawson, L Pratt

Ushers: Charles Brickner, M Keber, D Allmandinger,

D Keber, J Meyers, B Keber

Lector: Kevin Laing

EUCHARISTIC 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.

CHRISTMAS SURPRISES

Since the Chosen People, who had long awaited the coming of a powerful and mighty Savior, were surprised at the birth of a baby in a manger to humble parents, the season of Christmas (and Christmas-in-July!) has been regarded as a season of surprises.

On July 11, 2017, at noon in Rome (6 AM local time), the Holy See announced that Pope Francis had appointed Bishop Nelson J. Perez as the Bishop for the Diocese of Cleveland. He is currently the Auxiliary Bishop of Rockville Centre, New York.

"In Bishop Nelson Perez, the Diocese of Cleveland is receiving a faithful, enthusiastic and joyful shepherd for Christ and His Church," Bishop Thomas remarked. "With his warm personality, Bishop Perez will endear himself to all who meet him. Bishop Perez will find in Cleveland a true spiritual home filled with dedicated and devoted people, a family of faith that I am grateful to have had the privilege to serve. I personally look forward to working with Bishop Perez in announcing the Gospel in Northern Ohio."

Bishop Thomas will remain the Apostolic Administrator of Cleveland until Bishop Perez' official installation which will be held on Tuesday, September 5, 2017.

You may recall that Bishop Thomas had asked all of us for our prayers that he may be able to continue fulfilling his duties in both dioceses, and that the Holy Spirit would enlighten Pope Francis to make a good choice for the Shepherd of Cleveland. He has expressed his gratitude for all those who responded to his request.

To pray for another person is one of the most beautiful gifts that we can offer them - - at Christmas and always. To ask God's favor for another is a great act of charity. As our Christmas—in-July continues, let us remember to pray for each other - - nothing to buy, nothing to wrap, but a gift that is sure to please! We may never know what effect that prayer has had, but our heavenly Father never turns a deaf ear to anyone who calls out and always hears the cry of the poor. Let us pray!

Fr. Stan

P. S. Many thanks to the "surprise" of last Sunday. The barbershop style of hymns where both beautiful and inspirational. What a great way to begin "Christmas-in-July!"



SCHOOL NEWS

We believe the values we teach are not only character development, but a call to Holiness.

Summer Bulletins will feature comments and photos of the 9 students who recently graduated from St. Mary's. The information for these comments came from answers they supplied in a written interview. Congratulations to these fine young people.



Beth Short

Beth came to St. Mary's in 5th Grade and is going to attend Parkway next year. She lives with her Aunt and Uncle Lori and Cory Bryan. Beth considers meeting new people and learning about God and Jesus her biggest successes while at St. Mary's. Her biggest challenge was trying getting good

grades. One of her favorite memories of her time at St. Mary's is playing football at recess. She lists Mr. Hesseling as a staff members who had a positive influence on her life because he taught her new things. Beth said she would miss her friends and teachers. Beth lists Jesus as her favorite Bible character because he died for on the cross for her and her family.

Various Pictures of the All our 6th Graders from this past year. Thanks for all the great memories and God Bless all of you on your next stage in life. Once a Royal, Always a Royal!





Religious Education Connection

The Prophet of the Old Testament—Moses, part 2

One question, which has been asked from time to time is, "Why did God punish Moses by not allowing him to enter the Promised Land? Was it just because he struck a rock twice instead of once? For all that Moses did as a liberator through God and as a leader, could God give a sentence that harsh for such a small offense?

Actually, this is only one of two events that could give reason. Event #1 is set forth in Numbers 20:2-13. The people, on their journey to the Promised Land, were complaining and arguing once again with Moses and Aaron, Moses' brother. The people wanted to know why they were brought out into such a wasteland to suffer and to die of thirst. They demanded that Moses give them water. Moses met with God, and God told Moses to assemble the people, to hold his staff in his hand and speak to the rock God's command to give forth water.

Moses assembled the people, but he became so upset with the constant complaining and quarreling that he angrily said to them, "Just listen, you rebels! Are we to produce water for you out of this rock?" Then, raising his hand, Moses struck the rock twice with his staff, and water came out in abundance, and the community and their livestock drank." God was displeased with Moses, but it wasn't because he struck the rock twice. It was because he struck the rock at all. Moses was to speak to the rock God's word. Instead, Moses disobeyed and struck the rock, implying that he and Aaron were the reason for the miracle.

Event #2 is told in Numbers 14, which records when ten of the twelve spies returned from Canaan and predicted that the people would never be able to conquer the land, the people blamed Moses. Moses and Aaron had literal breakdowns in front of the assembly. It took the last two of the spies to reassure and bolster the people. In Deuteronomy, Moses referred to the event when he told the people that God was angry with them for their lack of faith and evil actions, and that God was angry with him, too. God said that no one from the generation, which had left Egypt, would enter the Promised Land, and that included him. We can almost imagine Moses nodding his head in understanding as God gave him this news.

He may have been just a man but "no prophet has arisen in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face ." (Deuteronomy 34:10)



July 23 Ed Fox, JIM BRICKNER, Paul Oechsle, Jeff Keipper

Neil Smith, ED FOX, Jamie Dickinson, July 27 Jennifer Hammons

Neil Smith, ED FOX, Lisa Burk, Chelsea Reindel July 30

Ed Fox, GREG KULWICKI, Todd Miller, Aug 3

Joe Alvarado, Terry Johnson

KITCHEN WORKERS Report By 4:30 PM

Geri Haigh and Carolyn Kesler July 23 July 27 Jen Schrader and Laura Rhoades July 30 Cathy Smith and Sara Berheide Aug 3 Louise Haas and Judy Comer

> 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 JULY 16, 2017

ADULT OFFERING FROM 131 ENVELOPES \$6,232,17 TOTAL ANONYMOUS 461.50 CHILDREN OFFERING FROM 6 ENVELOPES 11.00 TOTAL

BRICKS FOR SALE IN SUPPORT OF THE LANDSCAPING FUND

The ongoing efforts continue to help beautify our Church and School. We NAME HERE invite the St. Mary's community to participate in our "Paving the Way"



Campaign. Many have already taken this opportunity to purchase a brick in memory or honor of family and friends. For examples of bricks stop by the school entrance to check them out.

6 X 12 and 12 X 12 bricks are for sale, \$50 and \$100 respectively.

Order forms are at the Scrip table and in the Parish Office. This will be an on-going sale for the areas of the patio, gazebo and school.

MOWER FUNDRAISER

We need your help to purchase new mowers for the parish.

Ten years ago the K of C purchased the current mower and thanks to a group of volunteers the grounds are mowed every week to keep the church and school looking so well manicured. It is now time to replace both riding lawn mowers due to major repairs that are needed to keep them running. The mowing teams are very frustrated when they volunteer their time only to show up and the equipment is not working properly or not at all.

It is estimated that this has saved the church and school over \$100,000.

Our goal is to raise \$16,000 to purchase two new mowers. Please consider donating for this worthwhile ministry.

Envelopes are in the pews for your donation or you may drop them off at the parish office. Thank You!

FATIMA USA - 2017

100 Years of Fatima, 1917-2017 The Spiritual Center of Maria Stein August 11 at 7:30 pm.



The Spiritual Center Maria Stein will commemorate Our Lady's apparition! and message of Fatima on Friday, August 11 at 7:30 pm. This is the 100th year! anniversary of the Miracle of Fatima, when the Blessed! Virgin Mary appeared to the

three children of Fatima. Bishop Joseph Binzer i will celebrate mass. Confessions will also be available.

Holy Mass begins at 7:30. After dark, a candlelight Rosary will take form on the grounds as leach prayer is recited. The program will conclude with a candle light procession around the grounds.

Bring a rosary, lawn chair and flashlight and dress appropriately for Mass and the weather.

I MORE INFO AT ENTRANCES OF CHURCH

Bus, Joy Demidovich, Steve Dietrich, Pat Fellers, Robert Ford, Stacie

Golliver, Cyndi Hesseling, Michael Kahle, Megan Klosterman, Kourtney Kohnen, Mariam Lamb, Robert Lammers, Mary Alice Louagie, Nancy Martin, Tom Metzger, Kirk Michaud, Joan Miller, Lane Mosier, Dean Osburn, Janice Osburn, George Palombi, Theresa Parkanzky, Tyler Priest, Doris Reinhart, J R Reinhart, Julie Sadler, Bob Say, Mary Say, Jim Schneider, Tom Stachler, Melba Voltz, Russ Waltmire, Brad Wannemacher, Anne Wells, Dan Williamson, Chris Wilson, 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 <u>close</u> 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, Sgt. Kleman. MSG Andrew McMahon, CTN2 Quintin Mengerink, Corp. Joseph Moreland, 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.

Wedding Banns

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Bann II Courtney Gorman &
Shane Williams

RCIANEWS

Were you baptized in the Catholic Church but you

have received limited or no Catholic religious education growing up?

Perhaps you were not ready for Confirmation when you were younger, but now you would like to complete the Sacraments of Initiation.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is an opportunity to begin or renew your religious education.

DESIGNER PURSE BINGO NEWS



Would you be willing to donate a raffle items? If you knit, crochet, quilt, make things out of wood or do any other craft,

we could use your items for our raffle. We are also in need of items that could be used for door prizes such as gift certificates, items from your business, etc. Please contact Therese Marshall at 419-238-3802 or Lisa Schomaeker at 419-771-0328 if you wish to donate an item.



Parish Picnic at Camp Clay

August 20, 2017 - Noon-4 pm

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Accompanied by
an adult

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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





Readings for the Week of July 23, 2017

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/

Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30 Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-6/Mt 12:38-42 Tuesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-6/Mt 20:20-28

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-28/Mt

13:1-9

Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52-56/Mt

13:10-17

Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 13:18-23 Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Jn

11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77,

127-130/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or

13:44-46



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