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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!

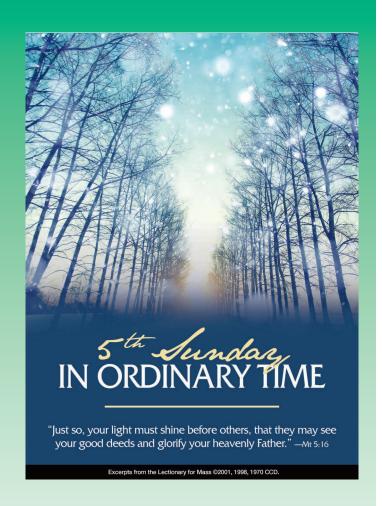
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8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.			

Bulletin Deadline:

Monday at NOON, in writing

February 5, 2017



This Week in Our Parish

Sun Feb 5:	Coffee and Donuts Following all Masses Bible Study (HFR) Bingo (K of C Hall)		9:30 am 6:15 pm	
Tue Feb 7:	Prayer Group (HFR) School Council		8:30 am 7:00 pm	
Wed Feb 8:	SOR	6:45—	8:00 pm	
Thur Feb 9:	Bible Study (HFR) Bingo (K of C Hall) Liturgy Meeting (HFR)		9:30 am 6:15 pm 6:30 pm	
Fri Feb 10:	Family Movie Night		6:00 pm	

Liturgical Schedule

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

8:30 AM St. Mary's Parish 10:30 AM John and Heather Metzger

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6 + ST. PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

8:00 AM—5:30 Adoration

5:30 PM Benediction and Evening Prayer

6:00 PM Fr. Frederick Snyder

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8 + ST JEROME EMILIANI

8:45 AM Helen Schemmell

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

8:45 AM Rovena Wienken

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10 + ST. SCHOLASTICA

8:45 AM John Marshall

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

4:00 PM Deacon Norbert Reinhart

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

8:30 AM Edmund Wurst 10:30 AM St. Mary's Parish



Servers, Eucharistic Minister, Lector & Usher Schedules for February 11 & 12, 2017

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 4:00 PM

Servers: Brandon & Annie Renner, Shay Wehner E. M.: T Heckler, G Hirzel, J Hoersten, A Renner,

L Vonderwell, M Yackey, PLUS 1

Ushers: Ushers needed Lector: David Mathew

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 8:30 AM

Servers: Alexa Gearhart, Kaitlyn & Ashley Motycka E. M.: M Dickman, L Fox, B Fuerst, D Fuerst,

C Golliver, A Laurent, S Laurent

Ushers: Emmett Minnich, G Krugh, M Krugh,

K Kline, A Lautzenheiser, E Minnich

Lector: Jacquie Reinemeyer

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 10:30 AM

Servers: Emily Karcher, Abby Lawson, Haley Owsley

E. M.: B Laing, K Laing, L Lawson, L Pratt,

A Schaufelberger, J Terhark, B Tobias

Ushers: G Knapke, S Long, D Menke

Lector: Robin Terhark

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.

PERHAPS YOU HAVE WONDERED ...

....about the celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick. Next Saturday, February 11, is the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes, when our Blessed Mother appeared to 14-year-old Bernadette Soubirous (canonized in 1933) at the grotto of Massabielle near Lourdes in southern France.

The site of many miraculous healings, Pope John Paul II designated this day as World Day of the Sick "a special time of prayer and sharing, of offering ones suffering for the good of the Church, and of reminding us to see in our sick brother and sister the face of Christ who, by suffering, dying and rising, achieved the salvation of humankind."

Accordingly, the Sacrament of the Sick will be offered after all the weekend Masses. It can be celebrated at any time throughout the year whenever one feels the needs for God's healing and strengthening grace. Anyone is welcome to be anointed, even those who are not Catholic.

.... about the Engaged Couples Conference required prior to marriage. Next Sunday, February 12, is World Marriage Day and seems a good day to retreat and pray with the six couples getting married at St. Mary's this year. Let us keep them and all our married couples in our prayers.

... about the music ministry at St. Mary's. We are pleased to welcome Madeline Flores, a high school senior who plays for the Saturday Masses at St. Peter and Paul Church in Ottawa and St. Anthony Church in Columbus Grove. We are also pleased to welcome Hope (Sarah) Wells who has been playing Saturday evening Masses as well as the school children's Masses on Friday.

We extend a really big THANK YOU to Julia Miller, who has been coordinating the musicians and generously filling in as needed. We are also most grateful to the Contemporary Group for offering their ministry as they are able.

Our parish is excited to welcome Melissa Bloomfield as our new choir director. She is currently seeking someone who would be interested in accompanying the choir. If you may be interested, or know of someone who may be, please contact her through our parish office.

May God bless us!

Fr. Stan

Religious Education Connection

St. John Bosco, continued

Fr. (or, Don, as Italian priests were called) John Bosco knew that his greatest challenge was to minister to the boys, who lived on the streets. One way of gaining the attention of these unruly boys was to use some talents and tricks he had learned as a child. John had learned the tricks of magic from traveling showmen. He taught himself to juggle, and he walked the tightrope. Then he opened his own carnival show. Admission to the show was one rosary to be prayed by all the spectators. The added attraction was the Sunday sermon, repeated by John, himself. The carnival show grounds were in the field in front of the house.

Using these same attractions, John, was able to hold the attention of the boys. The price the boys paid to watch-listening to a lesson and spending time in prayer. People remarked in amazement at watching fifteen to twenty street boys on their knees in an open lot, or in a field, praying together. Often, John taught the boys how to do these tricks. When someone accomplished the trick well, the reward involved the group heading to the church for time in adoration. And most of them actually went to the church. John also believed that music was important, so he created a crude band of singers.

John recognized that it is difficult to talk with people about God as a loving Father when stomachs are empty and there is no good place to sleep. He attempted to rent or buy various buildings for gatherings and make-shift orphanages. However, the neighbors were always upset with the "pack of animals" John had brought into their midst. Many were known thieves and ruffians and John became known as the gang leader. He and the boys were often evicted. A few other priests tried to help John, but walked away frustrated and discouraged with the boys. The Industrial Revolution and the anti-clerical politics of the time also posed problems. Assassination attempts were even made against John.

John was going through his own money quickly and the money of his mother, who sold everything to try to help him; and friends thought that John was becoming obsessed with his dreams. A couple of friends tried to commit him to an institution for the mentally ill. They brought a carriage and were planning to trick him into coming with them. But instead of getting in, John said, "After you" and politely let them go ahead. When his friends were in the carriage, he slammed the door and told the driver to take off as fast as he could go!

Next time: The start of the Oratory and the Salesians



SCHOOL NEWS

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

State of the School Address

We would like to take this opportunity to share with the Parish the current state of our school. You might not be aware of all the great things that are happening in our school over the last couple of years. We hope that this information gives you a better idea of how our school is a thriving mission of the Parish.

First, let us take a look at our student enrollment numbers. Over the last four years, our enrollment numbers have increased every year. Within that time span, we have seen a 20% increase in our student body. For the 2016-2017 school year, we have 78 students (35 boys and 43 girls). Looking at our current parishioners who will have children that will be of kindergarten age next year, in addition to current people who have already expressed interest for next school year, we are projecting our enrollment to be at least 85 students for 2017-2018 school year.

Next, let us look at tuition collection. Over the last three years, we have seen an increase every year in our tuition collected. In 2014-2015 we collected \$87,886, in 2015-2016 we collected \$102,487, and we our projecting for the 2016-2017 school year to collect over \$160,000. This is a 45% increase in tuition revenue in that three year time span. Several factors have helped contribute to the increased revenue: 1. We have increased the cost of tuition, however in the last three years we have only increased the overall tuition cost by 5%, 2. We have restructured our tuition collecting procedures and over the last three years have been able to collect 98% of tuition fees, and 3. Last year we restructured our tuition policy in order to maximize funding utilizing state scholarships. Our cost of tuition for 2016-2017 school year for a parishioner was only \$1700 and \$2000 for a non-parishioner, which is still one of the lowest tuitions in the Toledo Diocese.

Finally, let us look at student performance. Over the last three years the Toledo Diocese has integrated the MAP testing series as a tool for us to measure our students' progress. Our students take these tests in the fall, winter, and spring. They are tested over reading, math, language arts, and science. Over the last three years, our classes have averaged scores in the top 10% of all schools in the Toledo Diocese as well as in the top 5% of scores across the nation.

On behalf of everyone at the School, we would like to thank you for your continued support of our school and this parish's mission. We hope that if you know of anyone who has school-aged children that you will recommend St. Mary's as an amazing opportunity to receive the highest quality in academics as well getting to experience the wonders of our faith every single day.

Thank you and God bless,

Daniel W. Metyon

Principal-Minister



- Feb 5 Ed Fox, Jim Brickner, Matt Krol, Jamee Ayers
- Feb 9 Shirley Straley, ED FOX, Paul Shoppell,

Trina Shultz

- Feb 12 Jon Jarrett, Ed Fox, Michelle Easley, Angie Renner
- Feb 16 Ed Fox, CHARLES BRICKNER, Therese Tate,

Mary Kay Stegaman, Linda Heitkamp

KITCHEN WORKERS Report By 4:30 PM

Cathy Smith and Sara Berheide Feb 5 Feb 9 Laura Rhoades and Jen Schrader Amie Burnett and Josh Geib Feb 12 Feb 16 Judy Comer and Louise Haas

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

Thank you to all the volunteers who help at Bingo each week. We appreciate all your hard work and dedication.

Since new volunteers are always welcome, why not bring a friend the next time you are scheduled?

RESPONSE TO THE LORD FOR JANUARY 29, 2017

ADULT OFFERING FROM 136 ENVELOPES	\$6,417.78
TOTAL ANONYMOUS	433.50
CHILDREN OFFERING FROM 13 ENVELOPES	25.50
TOTAL	\$6,876.78

TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY BUDGET \$8,386.00

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 with all the other deposits.

EMAIL COMMUNICATION UPDATE

We continue updating emails and sending information through our new communication system.

If you would like to sign up for email updates, visit the St. Mary's Catholic Church's website and follow the link "Email Information Updates" and enter your address and check the box to receive updates and submit.

Call Angie at the Parish Office at 419-238-3979 if you have any questions.

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.



Singers of all ages are invited to attend as no experience is needed.

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

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Join Fr. Charles Obinwa on an elite Pilgrimage planned just for you!

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Pray for 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.

Welcome to St. Mary's thru Baptism



BRECKEN REECE PROFIT

Son of Brock and Briana Profit

MANY THANKS FOR MARCH FOR LIFE

Thank you to all who helped make this day such a success! There were over 150 marchers on Friday. January 27th. They marched from Fountain Park to Washington St. then to Main St. to the K of C Hall.

Thanks to those who served and donated food, set up and cleaned the K of C Hall, Cathy Steffan and Mia Keirns for the beautiful music, speakers Pat Jenkins and Rachel Schwartz and all who helped with organization especially Bill and Mary Fallis.

2nd ANNUAL TASTE OF ST. MARY'S February 25, 2017 St. Mary's Gym

TEN IRON CHEFS. TEN INCREDIBLE DISHES

Tickets are available for \$25 each in the Parish Office or Scrip Table after Mass. (Only 100 tickets available)

Table of 8 - 9 may be reserved.

Proceeds benefit St. Vincent de Paul and the St. Mary's Youth Group.

Ilf you have any questions, please call Maribeth Dickman, 419-513-0811 I *****************************



RAFFLE ITEM for 2017

A handcrafted wooden box with 2 wine bottles and etched wine glasses and \$100 worth of gift cards will be raffled.

Raffle will benefit St. Vincent de Paul and Youth Group.

I Tickets are \$1 per ticket or 6 for \$5.





Readings for the Week of February 5, 2017

Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt

5:13-16

Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, Monday:

35c/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20--2:4a/Ps 8:4-9/Mk 7:1-13 Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, Wednesday:

29bc-30/Mk 7:14-23

Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-5/Mk 7:24-30 Thursday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5-7/Mk 7:31-37 Friday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/Mk Saturday:

8:1-10

Next Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-

34/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a,

27-28, 33-34a, 37



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