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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!

Directory

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Ed Fox (419) 238-4998

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Cherie Freewalt.....(419) 238-3079

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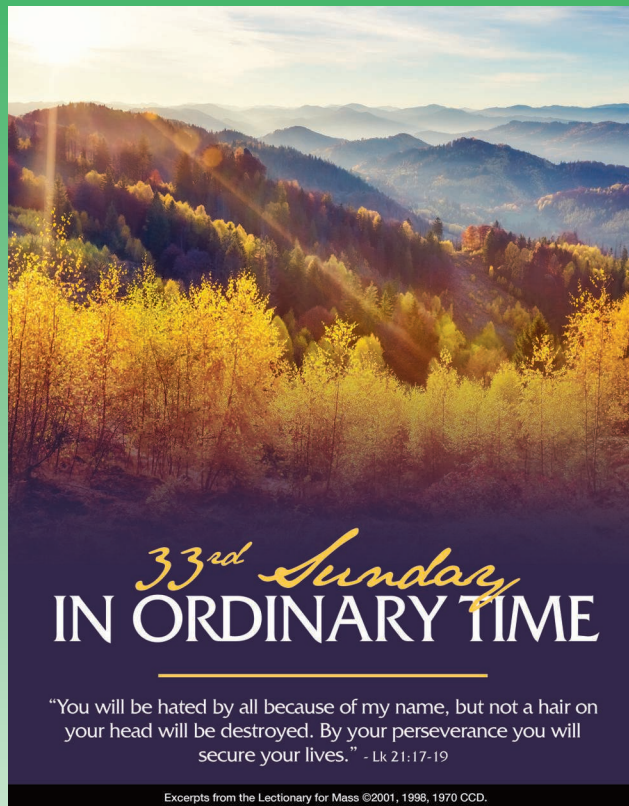
Office Hours:

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

Bulletin Deadline:

Monday at NOON, in writing

November 13, 2016



This Week in Our Parish

Sun Nov 13: Bible Study (HFR) 9:30 am
Bible Study (HFR) 6:00 pm
Bingo (K of C Hall) 6:15 pm

Tue Nov 15: Bible Study (HFR) 8:30 am
Bingo (K of C Hall) 6:15 pm
Finance Meeting (HFR) 7:00 pm

Wed Nov 16: SOR 6:45-8:00 pm
Knights of Columbus 8:00 pm

Thu Nov 17: Bingo (K of C Hall) 6:15 pm
Liturgy Meeting (HFR) 6:30 pm

THANKSGIVING WEEK OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will close at noon on Wednesday, November 23. We will open for regular hours on Monday, November 28. *HAPPY THANKSGIVING!*

Liturgical Schedule

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

8:30 AM Frank and Margaret Friemuth
10:30 AM K of C Council 6034—Deceased Members

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14

No Services

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 15 + ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

8:00 AM—5:30 Adoration
5:30 PM Benediction and Evening Prayer
6:00 PM Daniel Family—Living & Deceased

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16 + ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND

8:45 AM Helen Schemmell

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17 + ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY

8:45 AM Raymundo Bulgado

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18 + DEDICATION OF THE BASILICAS OF STS. PETER & PAUL

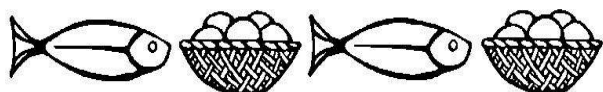
8:45 AM Szybka Family—Living & Deceased

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

4:00 PM Ruth Putman

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

8:30 AM Felisa Sarminento Sebastian
10:30 AM St. Mary's Parish



Servers, Eucharistic Minister, Lector & Usher Schedules for November 19 & 20

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 4:00 PM

Servers: Brandon & Annie Renner, Shay Wehner
E. M.: T Heckler, G Hirzel, T Marshall, T Reinhart,
A Renner, R Turnwald, L Vonderwell
Ushers: USHERS NEEDED
Lector: Mary Yackey

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 8:30 AM

Servers: Zack Dealey, Austin Sorgen, Kateri Steinecker
E. M.: J Cross, M Cross, M Dickman, L Fox, B Fuerst,
C Golliver, J Keipper
Ushers: Emmett Minnich, G Krugh, M Krugh,
A Lautzenheiser, E Minnich
Lector: Diana Pollock

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 10:30 AM

Servers: Jacob Smith, Caton & Braxton Williamson
E. M.: L Kill, M Klosterman, C Reindel, K Rutkowski,
A Schaufelberger, B Tobias, B Williamson
Ushers: G Knapke, S Long, D Menke
Lector: Trina Shultz

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.

REFLECTING THE FACE OF MERCY

As the Jubilee Year of Mercy begins drawing to a close, most will agree that it has been an extraordinary time.

Many individuals have felt their hearts touched by the mercy of God. They have seen that they are special and precious in the eyes of God.

Many other individuals have grown in their compassion toward others by seeing them as people like themselves and not just situations “out there.” Many have found themselves challenged in their comfort.

This weekend, Bishop Thomas has again asked that our attention be drawn to another group of people who feel pushed away from the Church - - those who have same-sex attractions. Due to confusion in our understanding of the issues, we often feel more comfortable in just ignoring it. Yet there are flesh-and-blood people for whom this is a critical issue in their life's journey.

Let us be clear, the Church's teachings regarding homosexuality have remained the same - - they have not changed. Our consideration of those who feel they are different, however, bears another look or two.

Imagine if someone you know were to say “I've had these feelings for so long - - keeping them hidden, afraid to speak out What if it's true? What if I am ‘gay’? Where do I go from here? Is there any hope for me? Does God care about me?”

The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, would answer these questions by saying that “any individual is so complex, they cannot be reduced to a single term, rather, every person has a fundamental identity: a creature of God, and by grace, His child and heir to eternal life.”

To that end, in 1980, Terence Cardinal Cooke, then Archbishop of New York, founded an apostolate called Courage, to help Catholics who experience same-sex attractions live chaste lives in accordance with the Roman Catholic Church teaching. It has five goals: chastity; prayer and dedication; fellowship; support; and good example.

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SCHOOL NEWS



Halloween Reverse Raffle and Dinner

Thank you to everyone who joined us , helped work, or bought a ticket for the Reverse Raffle. A tremendous time was had by all in attendance and we raised over \$7400 for the Church and School. We look forward to seeing everyone back next year as we continue to try and make this event bigger and better each year.



St. Mary's Apple Festival Art Award Winners

The following students from St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic School recently received various art awards at the Van Wert Apple Festival. Congratulations to the Art Award Winners and keep up the great work. Shown are: (From Left) Mary Claire Kopack 3rd place 3rd Grade 3-D art pieces, Samantha Ayers 1st place in 3rd Grade 3-D art pieces, Harper Reindel 4th place in 3rd Grade 3-D art pieces, Xavier Magner 2nd place in 4th Grade 3-D art pieces, Angela Mendoza 3rd Place in 4th Grade 3-D art pieces, Alyssa Knittle 1st place in 5th Grade 3-D art pieces, Selah Rhoades 3rd Place in 4th Grade 3-D art pieces, and Josie Williamson Outstanding rating in 2-D art. Not pictured was Tyce McClain 2nd place in 3rd Grade 3-D art pieces.



Religious Education Connection

People and Events of the Bible

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|--------------------------------|---|----|
| 1. Samson | _____ denied he knew Christ. | |
| 2. David | _____ killed Sisera with a tent peg | 6 |
| 3. Joshua | _____ slew a giant enemy | 12 |
| 4. Joel | _____ refused to bow down to the gods of Nebuchadnezzar | 15 |
| 5. Moses | _____ was cast into a den of lions | 8 |
| 6. Rahab | _____ pulled down a building | 5 |
| 7. Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego | _____ hid the spies of Israel | 3 |
| 8. Esther | _____ was the first Christian martyr | 10 |
| 9. Paul | _____ fought against the Midianites | 11 |
| 10. Gideon | _____ led Israel against Jericho | 6 |
| 11. Stephen | _____ commanded Pharaoh to let Israel go. | 1 |
| 12. Nehemiah | _____ saved her people | 14 |
| 13. Peter | _____ built a boat to save his family | 8 |
| 14. Daniel | _____ helped rebuild the walls of Jerusalem | 2 |
| 15. Noah | _____ preached the Gospel while in prison | 4 |

Order
In



Nov 13 Shirley Straley, ED FOX, Lisa Burk,
Chelsea Reindel
Nov 15 CONVOY STAFF, Greg Kulwicki, Ed Fox
Nov 17 Shirley Straley, ED FOX, Joyce Oechsle,
Nancy Wollenhaupt
Nov 20 Neil Smith, ED FOX, Pat Horstman, Jerry Mazur,
Tim Korte
Nov 22 CONVOY STAFF, GREG KULWICKI, Convoy
Nov 25 Neil Smith, ED FOX, Jamie Dickinson,
(FRI) Jennifer Hammons, Mindy Kremer

KITCHEN WORKERS

Report By 4:30 PM

Nov 13 Cathy Smith and Sara Berheide
Nov 15 Rose Rodney and Mary Leathers
Nov 17 Jim and Julie Bloomfield
Nov 20 Kelly Gross, Jennifer Florence, Kayla Frye
Nov 22 Convoy Staff
Nov 25 Volunteers Needed
(FRI)

**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**

PERPETUATE THE GIFT (PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND)

SUPPORT OUR RETIRED PRIESTS

October is the annual collection to support the retired priests of the Diocese of Toledo. Priests are considered self-employed and not allowed to contribute to the Diocese's pension plan.

NOTE: Every Parish in the Diocese have a designated amount to contribute. All donations made between Oct. 1 to Dec. 1 will be applied toward St. Mary's obligation to this fund—dollar-for-dollar! At the entrances to the Church are envelopes to make your donations.

Please consider a donation to Perpetuate the Gift!

I am truly thankful to all my brothers and sisters in Christ who took such good care of me when I was ill during Mass on October 22. ~*Evelyn Brincefield*

Update on Evelyn's health: After being treated at the hospital for a heart attack, tests came back normal. She will follow up with Doctors for the EKG results.

RESPONSE TO THE LORD FOR NOVEMBER 6, 2016

ADULT OFFERING FROM 143 ENVELOPES	\$7,776.11
TOTAL ANONYMOUS	445.10
CHILDREN OFFERING FROM 6 ENVELOPES	2.36
TOTAL	\$8,223.57
TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY BUDGET	<u>\$8,386.00</u>

SNOW SHOVELING COORDINATOR NEEDED

In the past, parishioners have provided snow shoveling for those who can not either due to age, illness or injury. This person would coordinate volunteers with those in need of snow shoveling. If interested, call Angie in the Parish Office. Thanks to Joe Plas for your help getting this ministry started.

CARE PACKAGES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

(PLEASE RETURN TO THE PARISH OFFICE BY NOVEMBER 11th OR BRING TO MEETING NOVEMBER 13TH)

If you have a child in college who you would like St. Mary's to send a Care Package, fill out the following info:

Name of Student _____

Date he/she leaves college to go on Christmas/Winter Break _____

Name of College/University he/she is attending _____

Student Address _____

Name of Parent(s) _____ Phone Number _____

_____ Please check if you would like to help with putting Care Packages together.

(1st meeting Nov 13 after 10:30 Mass in the Holy Family Room)

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Later EnCourage developed as a support group for family members, spouses and friends of men and women who experience same-sex attraction. It, too, has five goals: to grow spiritually; to gain a deeper understanding of these individuals; to establish and maintain healthy relationships with their loved ones; to help others reach out to them; and to witness to the power of Jesus' love in their own lives.

Both Courage and EnCourage exist in our diocese. For more information you can go to the couragetoledo@gmail.com or contact Fr. Mike Dandurand at 419-644-4014.

The mercy of God is meant for ALL God's children; let us rejoice in such a living and caring God!

Fr. Stan



Kelly Andersen, Rev. Tony Bus, Rita Clapp, Dolores Darwood, Joy Demidovich, Steve, Dietrich, Stacie Golliver, Cyndi Hesseling, Carmen Jacobs, Michael Kahle, Patricia Kinkle, Khandis Klinger, Megan Klosterman, Kourtney Kohnen, Robert Lammers, Rita Lewis, Beth Lianez, Mary Alice Louagie, John Marshall, 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, Jan Waters, 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.

BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please note the bulletin deadline due to the Thanksgiving Holiday:

****November 27 bulletin due November 16**

Please have all information to Angie in the Parish Office by noon, the business day before the deadlines.
Thank you!



GIVING TREE

If your family is experiencing financial hardship in this troubling economy and unable to provide Christmas presents for your children, please call the Parish Office to have your family's needs put on our St. Mary's Giving Tree. All information is confidential. Provide the sex, age, needs and wants for your children when you call.

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE
BY NOVEMBER 18TH

Ornaments will be available on the Giving Tree
the weekend of November 26/27

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Altar Server Training will be held in the church on Wednesday, November 16, from 6:45-8:00 pm. Anyone new in SOR grades 5 and older, adults, fathers and sons, mothers and daughters or anyone just wanting a refresher session is invited to attend. Scheduling forms for new altar servers will be handed out at the training. Come on November 16th to learn more.

DEDICATION OF ST. JOHN LATERAN



Readings for the Week of November 13, 2016

Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-9/2 Thes 3:7-12/
Lk 21:5-19
Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-5/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1-6/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1-6, 9/Lk 19:41-44
Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111,
131/Lk 19:45-48
Dedication Acts 28:11-16, 30-31/Ps 98:1-6/Mt
14:22-33
Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1-2, 9-10/Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-5/Col 1:12-20/Lk
23:35-43



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