

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION Catholic Church

September 17, 2017

601 Jennings Road ~
Van Wert, Ohio 45891

Pastor

Rev. Stanley Szybka

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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

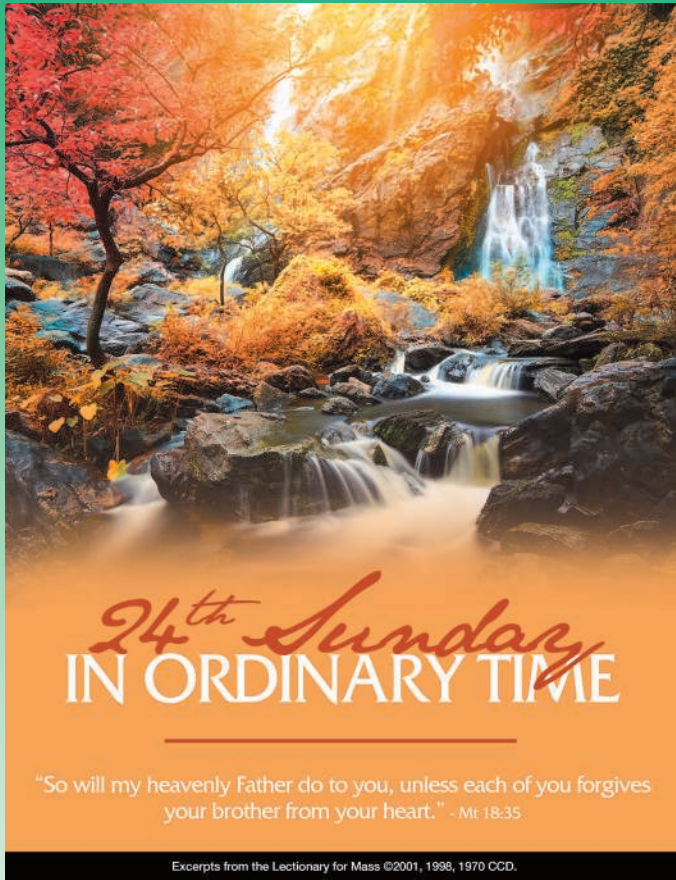
Baptisms are celebrated during or after any weekend Mass. Instructions for parents having their first child baptized are held the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Please contact Cherie Freewalt to schedule a date.

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!



24th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

"So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart." - Mt 18:35

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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

This Week in Our Parish

<u>Sun Sept 17:</u>	Bible Study (HFR)	9:30 am
	Bible Study (HFR)	6:00 pm
	Bingo (K of C)	6:15 pm
<u>Mon Sept 18:</u>	Book Study (HFR)	7:00 pm
<u>Tue Sept 19:</u>	Finance Committee (HFR)	7:00 pm
<u>Wed Sept 20:</u>	SOR	6:45-8:00 pm
	Youth Group (HFR)	6:45-8:00 pm
	K of C Meeting (K of C)	8:00 pm
<u>Thu Sept 21:</u>	Women of Grace (HFR)	9:30 am
	Bingo (K of C)	6:15 pm
	Women of Grace (Library)	7:00 pm

Liturgical Schedule

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

No Service

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 + ST. JANUARIUS

8:00 AM—5:30 PM Adoration
5:30 PM Benediction and Evening Prayer
6:00 PM Fr. Michael Ricker

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 + ST. ANDREW KIM TAE-GON

8:45 AM Kathleen Frederick

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 + ST. MATTHEW

8:45 AM Patty Kinkle

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

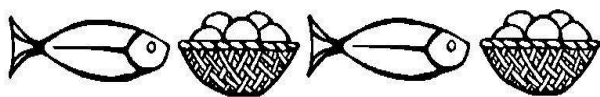
8:45 AM Florence Shondel

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

4:00 PM Joan Smith

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

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



Servers, Eucharistic Minister, Lector & Usher Schedules for September 23 & 24, 2017

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 4:00 PM

Servers: Kitty Kopack, Matt & Joel Schrader
E. M.: T Heckler, G Hirzel, T Marshall, D Mathew
C Mowry, T Reinhart, Plus 1
Ushers: Tom Turnwald, Doug Michael
Lector: Caroline Kopack

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 8:30 AM

Servers: Zach Dealey, Alexa Gearhart, Kateri Steinecker
E. M.: M Dickman, J Plas, T Plas, L Say, J Sheeran,
R Turnwald, B Wolke
Ushers: Frank Minnig, S Pollock, R Say, D Kleinhenz,
P Shoppell, D Carter
Lector: Bruce Oliver

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 10:30 AM

Servers: Allison Berryman, Caton & Braxton Williamson
E. M.: D Berryman, J Comer, C Reindel, K Rutkowski,
A Schaufelberger, J Terhark, R Terhark
Ushers: J Robideau, D Klosterman
Lector: Trina Shultz

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.

MORE INVITATIONS

Depending upon our interests and time, there are several events to which I call your attention.

The 2017 HOLY TOLEDO CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE is being held October 6— at St. Jerome Parish Center Gym, 300 Warner St., Walbridge, OH. Celebrating 50 years of such gatherings, the theme is “Sanctify & Empower Us!” Inspirational international speakers are Rev. Dave Pivonka, TOR and James “Butch” Murphy. They will share the richness of spiritual life, joy and gifts from deepening our personal relationship with the Holy Spirit. For more information, call the Ministry to Catholic Charismatic Renewal at 419-691-6686 or their website at www.mccrholyspirit.org.

While the deadline for registering is Monday, Sept 18th, everyone is welcome to join Bishop Thomas at the Rosary Cathedral on October 1 at 3:00 PM for a Mass celebrating those married 25, 40, 50 and 60+ years. In this beautiful and moving liturgy, a blessing is imparted honoring this commitment.

On September 30 at 6:00 PM at The Pinnacle in Maumee, OH, we are invited to spend an evening with Fr. Mitch Picwa, SJ. Father Picwa is the president and founder of Ignatius Productions and is best known for his appearances on EWTN. For tickets or more information, call 419-754-1009 or visit www.annunciationradio.com.

If these events are not possible for you, nor are the various study programs offered here at St. Mary's (as appeared in an earlier bulletin) I invite you to consider a free visit to FORMED.ORG. This website has something for everyone, from presentations of various aspects of our faith, to more in depth study programs. Also available are inspirational videos and CDs that can speak directly to our hearts. Full length movies for adults and children can be found, as well as a number of children's materials. If you haven't given it a try, I guarantee you will not be disappointed, for all offerings are first-rate in every respect.

Diana Pollock will be available in the gym THIS WEEKEND after all the Masses to answer any questions and give a demonstration of FORMED.ORG. She has graciously offered to speak with anyone at another time, and help anyone access this valuable tool.

May our efforts to know, love and serve God be richly blessed!

Fr. Stan

Religious Education Connection

Catholic Teaching on Suicide

September is Suicide Prevention Month; and with the increase in suicides nation-wide and in our own area, we need to consider the factors that can bring someone to the point of suicide, educate ourselves on the warning signs, learn how to help--and take action to help.

Often people believe that suicide is a mortal sin, and that people who die by suicide cannot receive a Catholic burial. However, the Catechism of the Catholic Church (#2280, 2281, 2882, and 2883) while upholding the sacredness of life and the gravity of suicide, acknowledges at the same time that certain conditions can diminish responsibility:

“Everyone is responsible for his life before God who has given it to him. It is God who remains the sovereign Master of life. We are obliged to accept life gratefully and preserve it for his honor and the salvation of our souls. We are stewards, not owners, of the life God has entrusted to us. It is not ours to dispose of.” (2280)

“Suicide contradicts the natural inclination of the human being to preserve and perpetuate his life. It is gravely contrary to the just love of self. It likewise offends love of neighbor because it unjustly breaks the ties of solidarity with family, nation, and other human societies to which we continue to have obligations. Suicide is contrary to love for the living God.” (2281)

“If suicide is committed with the intention of setting an example, especially to the young, it also takes on the gravity of scandal. Voluntary co-operation in suicide is contrary to the moral law.” (2282)

“Grave psychological disturbances, anguish, or grave fear of hardship, suffering, or torture can diminish the responsibility of the one committing suicide.” (2282)

“We should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives. By ways known to him alone, God can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance. The Church prays for persons who have taken their own lives.” (2283)

Resources

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline has added a Crisis Chat function: National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Call 1-800-273-TALK (1-800-273-8255)

Crisis Text Line (Available 24 hours every day) www.crisistextline.org/

Guide on Emergency Assistance, Warning Signs and Prevention of Suicide in College Students
<http://www.affordablecollegesonline.org/college-resource'center/college-suicide-prevention/>

Prayer

Dear God,

Cover with your mercy
all those affected by mental illness
who have died by suicide.
Grant them peace so they may
rest in your love.

As a loving parent, bring comfort
to the parents, sisters, brothers,
friends and families who suffer the
loss of a loved one.

Thank you Lord for your embracing love.

Amen



BINGO

- Sept 17 Ed Fox, JIM BRICKNER, Tim Korte, Patrick Horstman, Mark Spieles
- Sept 21 Shirley Straley, CHARLES BRICKNER, Paul Shoppell, Trina Shultz
- Sept 24 ED FOX, Theresa Say, Renae Eversole, Jodi Knittle
- Sept 28 Neil Smith, ED FOX, Therese Tate, Mary Kay Stegaman

KITCHEN WORKERS Report By 4:30 PM

- Sept 17 Cathy Smith and Sara Berheide
- Sept 21 Brian & Amy Kopack and Rosemary Dunno
- Sept 24 Kelly Gross and Jennifer Florence
- Sept 28 Louise Haas, Stephanie Delong, Breanna Johnson

**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 SEPT 3, 2017

ADULT OFFERING FROM 117 ENVELOPES	\$6,081.88
TOTAL ANONYMOUS	507.00
CHILDREN OFFERING FROM 3 ENVELOPES	5.00
TOTAL	<u>\$6,593.88</u>

RESPONSE TO THE LORD FOR SEPT 10, 2017

ADULT OFFERING FROM 137 ENVELOPES	\$7,447.01
TOTAL ANONYMOUS	343.92
CHILDREN OFFERING FROM 9 ENVELOPES	12.00
TOTAL	<u>\$7,802.93</u>

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SOR CAKE SALE

The SOR Cake Sale will be held after all Masses the weekend of September 30 & October 1 and .

Each cake is designed and decorated by the SOR children themselves. These special cakes will be sold for \$15.00 each. Just for fun, there will be a chance after each Mass for one purchaser to win \$15.00 or \$30.00. There will be only one winner possible after each Mass. Be sure to check out these special cakes!

THE WINNERS ARE.....

This winners for September in the Gift Card Raffle are:

- #49 Laura Ditto &
- #32 George Suvar

Parish Life congratulates them! Thank you for your support. Both of these lucky winners continue to be eligible for all future drawings.



*Has your phone number changed?
Did you switch to a cell phone?*

If you no longer have a "land" line, please contact the Parish Office at 238-3979 to update our records. Thank you!

Is your marriage going down the right road . . . or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage.

Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? **Retrouaille** can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal. For more information about our **October 6-8th** Weekend program for couples, contact Joe and Arlene 419-841-1116 or HelpOurMarriage.com

"Marriage is the icon of God's love for us"- Pope Francis



*2017 Jubilee Wedding Anniversary
Mass & Reception
Our Lady Queen of the Most
Holy Rosary Cathedral
October 1, 2017 at 3:00PM*

Join Bishop Daniel Thomas and the Office of Marriage and Family Life as we commemorate 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60+ years of marriage for couples in the diocese of Toledo. A reception featuring refreshments and the distribution of commemorative certificates will follow. Please register by calling the Parish Office by September 18th.



John Basinger, Steve Dietrich, Pat Fellers, Rosemary Foreman, Jon Jarrett, Megan Klosterman, Kourtney Kohnen, Mariam Lamb, Robert Lammers, Mary Alice Louagie, Tom Metzger, Joan Miller, Tyler Priest, J R Reinhart, Bob Say, Mary Say, Jim Schneider, Tom Stachler, Luke Sung, Russ Waltmire, Anne Wells, Dan Williamson, Bob Wolters

Angie is in the process of updating the Prayer List, please call the Parish Office to make any additions.

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, 1st Lt. Brian Easley, Lance Corp. Tyler Goodlin, Airman Andrew Hammond, Airman Leisal Hanf-Fleming, Sgt. Austin Kleman, MSG Andrew McMahan, 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.

FORMED.ORG PRESENTATION

THIS weekend you are invited to gather in the gym for refreshments after all masses! Diana Pollock will be available to answer any questions about FORMED along with a demonstration.

Youth Group News

The next meeting of St. Mary's Youth Group will be this Wednesday, September 20 at 6:45 pm. Please meet in the Holy Family Room (Rectory Basement).

COFFEE AND DONUTS RESUMES!

With the official coming of autumn, school is in full swing, the fair is over and not a holiday is sight until Thanksgiving, we still have the monthly coffee and donuts to look forward to! The first Sunday of the month, from October to May, after the 8:30 and 10:30 masses, join us in the gym for donuts, juice, milk, coffee and other breakfast treats.

**Don't forget—when we receive, it is also better to give—We would like to begin collecting canned good and paper products for the Food Co-op on first Sundays also!

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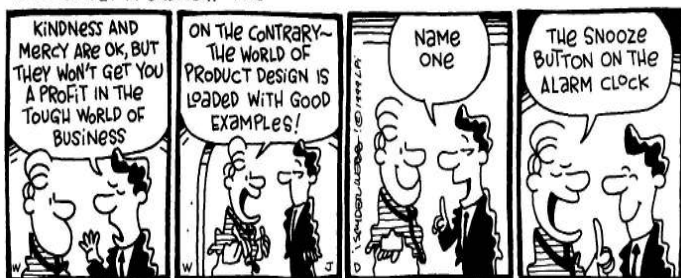
Thank you, St. Mary's, for you continued support of the VW Co-op Ministry Food Pantry by your donations during our Christmas in July event. St. Mary's is a partner in this food pantry and your help in keeping our shelves stocked is greatly appreciated. For the first time, our food pantry will benefit from the United Way Day of Caring Food Drive. Salvation Army has graciously offered to share the bounty of this food drive with us. We will be in need of a few volunteers to give up 2 hours of time to either help with the food sorting at Vantage on Friday, September 29th during the day or to help stock shelves on Saturday, September 30th from 9-11 am. For more info, please call or text Terry Plas at 419-203-1553.

Readings for the Week of September 17, 2017

- Sunday: Sir 27:30--28:7/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35
- Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7-9/Lk 7:1-10
- Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6/Lk 7:11-17
- Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-6/Lk 7:31-35
- Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-5/Mt 9:9-13
- Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-10, 17-20/Lk 8:1-3
- Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-5/Lk 8:4-15
- Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

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