



SATURDAY, AUGUST 5 - VIGIL

4:30PM - World Peace

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6 - THE

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

+8:00AM - Sanctity of Marriage
 10:00AM - Marian Thorsen (30 Day)
 12:00PM - People of the Parish

MONDAY, AUGUST 7 - ST. SIXTUS II & COMPANIONS & ST. CAJETAN

7:00AM - Deceased Members of the Bania & Michalak Families

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8 - ST. DOMINIC

7:00AM - Casmer Nagorka

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9 - ST. TERESA BENEDICTA

7:00AM - James Kazimour

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10 - ST. LAWRENCE

7:00AM - Edward Burrows

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11 - ST. CLARE

7:00AM - Marge Hudak
 8:15AM - Kowalski Family

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12 - ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL

8:15AM - Charles Horvath
 4:30PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13 - NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00AM - The Holy Land
 +10:00AM - The Sisters of the Incarnate Word
 12:00PM - Religious Vocations

+Cup Mass

Financial Blessings

Collection for July 23rd.....	\$6,629.25
Faith Direct as of 7/15.....	\$2,807.00
Maintenance Collection.....	\$1,055.00
Votive Candles.....	\$57.00
Collection for July 30th.....	\$8,280.86
Maintenance Collection.....	\$856.00
Votive Candles.....	\$39.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

Weekly Schedule

Monday, August 7th

4:00-9:00 PM Volleyball Practice - Gym

Tuesday, August 8th

4:00-9:00 PM Volleyball Practice - Gym
 7:00 PM Holy Name - Utopia Hall
 7:00 PM Rosary for World Peace - Church

Wednesday, August 9th

5:00 PM Bingo - Gym & Utopia Hall

Thursday, August 10th

4:00-9:00 PM Volleyball Practice - Gym
 7:00 PM Cub Scouts - Utopia Hall
 7:00 PM Divine Mercy - Church

Friday, August 11th

4:00-9:00 PM Volleyball Practice - Gym

Saturday, August 12th

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM Catholic Renewal Ministry - Rectory (Room A)

Sunday, August 13th

9:00-11:30 AM Men's Basketball - Gym



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON: Nick Adkins

SECRETARY: Susan Sidley

REGISTRATION

Persons who live within parish boundaries should be properly registered. This includes all students in high school and college. Register with the priest after Mass. If you move out of the parish, please notify the rectory.

BAPTISMS

Sunday: 1:30 PM or during any weekend liturgy. Prior to baptism of their first child, parents are required to attend a Pre-Baptism class. Please call the rectory at 216-749-0414 to schedule an interview.

MARRIAGES

Should be arranged with a priest by calling the rectory 6 months prior to the wedding date. Individual conferences, plus attendance at a pre-marriage program, are required for proper preparation.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

A while back, I had mentioned that come the fall we would be changing the Mass schedule and going down to two Masses on Sundays. I know that change never comes easy, but unfortunately we cannot continue down this road of having three Masses every Sunday. Mass attendance has gotten progressively worse over the last few years. Unfortunately, people who were committed to coming to Mass have moved, gone into assisted living, moved in with their children or have passed away. We are seeing less and less younger people attending Mass which is leaving many of the pews empty.

I would dare to say that we have less than two hundred people at any given Mass. In fact, there are some Masses we are lucky to have even one hundred and fifty parishioners and that is being optimistic. Because of the low number of people the Liturgy itself is starting to suffer. When the Liturgy begins to suffer, we need to make some changes.

As I said before, change never comes easy, but when it is a necessity we have to be ready to compromise, support and work together. This weekend and next, there will be two representatives from each Mass in the main vestibule taking any suggestions or listening to any concerns that you might have. Please know they are **NOT** there for you to complain to or become mean in your voice tone or hurtful in any way. If someone gets out of hand the ushers will escort that person right out the doors. This is a time for us to work together as a parish and not to criticize or tear down, but to support and build up.

Once all the thoughts and suggestions are collected, the group and I will sit down and come up with three scenarios of different Mass times. We will put a ballot in the bulletin and have an online opportunity for everyone to vote. Please know that every person will get the opportunity to place one vote. The votes will be collected in the collection basket and counted. Please know that all votes without a name will **NOT BE COUNTED**. The Mass scenario with the most votes will become our new Mass schedule.

I am sorry that we have to do this but we have no choice. I have tried as long as I possibly could to keep the schedule the same but the reality is that Church (and God) is not the priority for people as it once was. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Peace and Goodness,
Fr. Bill

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Sixtus II & Companions - Freedom to assemble has always been one of the first liberties that dictators deny to subjects (and one highly praised by our American forebears). The emperor Valerian published his first decree against Christians in 257 and forbade them to hold assemblies. Pope Sixtus had been pope for only one year when he was murdered while presiding at the Eucharist in one of the underground caverns used as cemeteries (catacombs). He and four deacons were seized and beheaded. Two other deacons were probably martyred the same day, and St. Lawrence four days later.

During his year in office, Sixtus had to deal with the controversy about the validity of baptism by heretics. He supported the positive view but was tolerant toward the practice of the Eastern Church, which rebaptized those who had received the sacrament from heretics. The negative view was shared by St. Cyprian, to whom Sixtus sent messengers for discussion. Sixtus was asked to be patient with those in error, and contented himself with a strong recommendation of the truth. Other popes did the same, until the error was finally condemned. (Saint of the Day. Franciscan Media)



We celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Tuesday, August 15th. This solemnity is a holy day of obligation this year. Our vigil Mass is Monday, August 14th at 6pm and Masses on the holy day are at 7am, 8:15am, 11:15am and 7pm.

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Please remember John Malames, Lorraine Hangauer and Robert Lazar in your prayers. God grant them eternal rest.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Divine Mercy Chaplet - We joyfully invite you to sing the Divine Mercy Chaplet with us. We will meet by the Pieta, near the organ, at 7pm on Thursday, August 10th.

PASTORAL MINISTRY

One thing that we all have to face in life is change. Jan Murphy from Fairview Hospital gives these light suggestions in dealing with change:

1. Simplify your life - Stop over-committing.
2. Take time to play - Do things you enjoy.
3. Share the load - Be realistic about what you can and can't do.
4. Slow down - Make time for reflection.
5. Nurture yourself - Eat a well-balanced diet, exercise and rest.
6. Stop procrastinating - Just do it.
7. Focus on the positive - Count your blessings.
8. Take charge - Meditate for ten minutes each day. Focus on your blessings.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

We recently registered the following people at St. Thomas More during the month of **July** - Autumn Blaylock and Maxwell Harcsar. Welcome to all of you!

TRAVELING MADONNA

The statue is at the home of **Amos & Rhonda Adkins** this week. Please call the rectory to sign-up to host the Traveling Madonna in 2017. Please continue to pray for our host families as they share their home with our Traveling Madonna. Remember to send your pictures to the rectory.



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Judy Sever, Carol Loy, Margaret Markee, Raymond Kuhar, Jessica Kuhar, Stephen Kuhar III, Heather Hudak, Gregory Simecek, Alexis Simecek, Joseph Palumbo, Jeremy & Sierra Cheetham, Joe Carnivale, Darryl Booth, Mary Ryba, Mary Misch, John Misch, Ray Misch, James Malames and John Polander. Please call the rectory by noon on Monday to add a name to the list.

Cluster Corner

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE: 216-749-2323

Pilgrimage - Join the MQP Seniors as they take a Pilgrimage to The Sorrowful Mother Shrine on Tuesday, August 15th. Cost is \$30 if you bring your own lunch or \$41 to purchase a lunch. There will be an opportunity for confession before Mass. For reservations please call Carl Sheha at 216-905-7912 or Diane Hanna at 216-459-1473. Everyone is welcome!!!

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO: 440-884-3030

Bus Trip - Join the St. Charles Ladies Guild on Sunday, September 10th for a trip to Presque Isle Casino. Cost is \$35/person with \$35 play back money. Make checks payable to St. Charles Ladies Guild by September 1st. For more information please call Pat Lawler at 440-843-9186.

ST. LEO THE GREAT: 216-661-1006

Bus Trip - Join us on Thursday, September 21st for our Walnut Creek, Ohio trip. We will visit Ashery Country Store, Hershberger Bakery & Farmers Market, Der Dutchman (lunch included), Hillcrest Orchard, Walnut Creek Cheese & Breitenbach Winery (wine tasting included). Cost is 58/person. Please contact Joanne Todd at 440-526-3505 for more information or to book your trip.

PARISH PRAYER

O God, the Creator and giver of all things, bless this parish. Strengthen our faith; grant us the spirit of sacrifice and service so that, with Your grace, we may provide for the needs of our members, glorify You and sanctify ourselves. Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

PRAYER OF THE MONTH - AUGUST

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but, in your mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.

RECTORY HOURS - STAFF RETREAT DAY

The rectory will be closed on Monday, August 14th from 9am-4pm for Staff Retreat Day. At some point during your day, could you please offer up a simple, Our Father or Hail Mary for us. We need your prayerful support as we look to the future of St. Thomas More. Thank you for your understanding!

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

St. Thomas More School is abuzz with activity. The students may be on vacation, but the building is still swarming with movement. Some of the things happening are: Chrome books have been delivered, new carpeting has been installed in the Computer Lab and in the Library and classrooms have been moved to accommodate the opening of our second Kindergarten. The newly remodeled Library will be a wonderful place for students to further their love of reading.

St. Thomas More School is accepting applications for Preschool through Grade Eight. We have openings in all grades, but space is limited. Small class sizes and individual attention to each student, as well as a learning environment structured around our Catholic Faith are just some of the reasons our school is a great place to be!

For more information on how to become a St. Thomas More Wolverine or to plan a visit, please contact the school office at 216-749-1660 x221, office@stmschool.com or jfrancis@stmschool.com.

FAITH FORMATION

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Do you know someone who would like to join the Church? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults will begin in September and run through May. Register now by contacting the parish office at 216-749-0414.

RECTORY HOURS

The rectory will only be open from 2-6pm on Monday, August 7th-Friday, August 11th due to vacations. Thank you for your understanding!

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Our regular meeting will be on Tuesday, August 8th at 7pm in Utopia Hall. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. All Holy Name members are welcome.

STILL ACCEPTING PSR REGISTRATIONS!

The Parish School of Religion, PSR, provides religion classes once a week on Mondays (6:45-8pm) for students in grades 1-8 who attend public school. Classes are led by volunteer catechists who truly enjoy sharing our Catholic faith with our young parishioners. The August 1st deadline has passed but we are still accepting registrations for the 2017-2018 school year. **Classes begin on September 11th!** Forms are available on the parish website, in the church vestibule or in the rectory. Please note that forms and \$50 payment are due to the rectory as soon as possible ~ don't delay! If you have any questions, please email Colleen DeVenney at psr.stm@gmail.com

Have you been looking for a new ministry to participate in? Would you be willing to share your faith with our young parishioners? The PSR team could use two additional volunteers to teach in our program. If you have any questions and would like additional details, please email Colleen DeVenney at psr.stm@gmail.com.

The July 50/50 Drawing winners were Rose Marie Bloom (\$100) and P. Thomas (\$50). Tickets for the August 50/50 Drawing are being sold by Holy Name Members. Thanks to all the faithful who buy tickets every month.

PRE-PLAN FUNERAL INFORMATION

If you are interested in planning your own funeral Mass, please contact the rectory. One of the members of the Ministry of Consolation will contact you and set up a meeting. Pre-Planning has many advantages. You are able to select your favorite readings and songs for your Mass. It also takes a lot of stress away from your loved ones.

CONFIRMATION 2018

If you will be in the 8th Grade for the 2017/2018 school year and are NOT in PSR or the Day School, please contact the parish or email bbarker@stmparish.net to get information on service.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Vacations give us a chance to refresh the mind, body and soul. While we should never take a break from the Lord or Mass obligation, the high school youth ministry will be off for a couple weeks to allow for teens to attend to family vacations and other summer fun.

FIRST COMMUNION

If your child is not enrolled in the day school or PSR and is interested in making his/her First Communion, please contact the rectory to register.

Travel with

Fr. John Miceli &

Fr. William Bouhall

October 7 - 17, 2017

Cost: \$3,990

(Airfare included from anywhere in the U.S.)

Rome ◇ Assisi ◇ Tuscany ◇ Florence

Siena ◇ Padua ◇ Venice

To register, please contact 855-842-8001 or 508-

340-9370. You may also register online at

www.proximotravel.com

OPEN HOUSE AT SISTERS OF THE INCARNATE WORD

This year marks our 90th year in the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. In celebration of this milestone anniversary, we invite you to join us for our OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, August 27th from 12noon to 4pm. Tour our grounds and convent, see our newly renovated Chapel, visit our Heritage Room, meet our Sisters, chat with our Lay Associates, and enjoy refreshments as you learn the rich history of the Sisters of the Incarnate Word in Parma Heights. All are welcome!

We are located at 6618 Pearl Road. For more information, please call 440-886-6440 ext. 415 or email at siwdevelopment@yahoo.com.

MISSIONARY SISTERS OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity! Please pray for your Missionaries of the Year (through the missionary cooperative plan) who also are praying for you. Visit www.mscreading.org for more information. Pray for vocations.

FAITH & VALUES APPEAL

Imagine the impact you can have when you give a deserving student a Catholic Education. Next weekend, a special parish appeal, the **Faith and Values Appeal for Education**, will be held to raise funds to help provide tuition assistance to needy students and their families right here in our diocese. Please be generous in your support of Catholic school students. Envelopes for this special appeal are included with your parish envelopes. You can also make a secure donation online at www.CatholicCommunity.org/eddonate or call Karen Joyce at 800-869-6525 ext. 1910.

PARISH PRAYER FOR PEACE

Please pray for our troops, our country, and world peace. "For where two or more come together in my name, I am there with them." (Matthew 18:30). All are welcome to gather in the Marian Chapel to pray the rosary for peace on Tuesdays at 7pm. Please note the Peace Prayer Group will now be the Rosary for World Peace.

JOIN US FOR THE FEST!

Join us today on the grounds of the Center for Pastoral Leadership from 12noon-10pm for The FEST. Come to hear great music (Laura Story, Matt Maher, Crowder, and for King & Country), enjoy activities for the entire family, join thousands for Mass at 8pm, and experience the event of the summer. There is plenty of close parking and something for everyone. For all the details, visit www.theFEST.us. See you at The FEST!

A CELEBRATION!

Looking for couples married at St. Colman Church who are celebrating a milestone anniversary (5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, etc.) this year! Come join us on September 17th at 11am Mass! If you or someone you know was married at St. Colman in a year ending in a "2" or a "7" please contact the Parish Office at 216-651-0550 ext. 100. Hope to see you there!

BULLETIN CORRECTION

The Mass for Catholic Family Day at Progressive Field will start at 1:15pm and not at 10:15am.

Readings for the Week of August 6, 2017:

Sunday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9
Monday:	Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-17/Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday:	Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday:	Nm 13:1-2, 25--14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23/Mt 15:21-28
Thursday:	2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-9/Jn 12:24-26
Friday:	Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-16, 21/Mt 16:24-28
Saturday:	Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51/Mt 17:14-20
Next Sunday:	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

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