

## Masses for the Week

### SATURDAY VIGIL, August 8

4:30 p.m. Lawrence & Ann Cermak

### SUNDAY, August 9—Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: 1 Kgs 19: 4-8

Reading II: Eph 4: 30—5: 2; Gospel: Jn 6: 41-51

8:30 a.m. Don Kuczmariski

10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish  
Holy Name Society Mass

### MONDAY, August 10—St. Lawrence

Reading I: 2 Cor 9: 6-10 Gospel: Jn 12: 24-26

6:30 p.m. Jo Lakota

### TUESDAY, August 11—St. Clare

Reading I: Dt 31: 1-8; Gospel: Mt 18: 1-5, 10, 12-14

7:00 a.m. Wanda Golias

### WEDNESDAY, August 12—St. Jane Frances de Chantal

Reading I: Dt 34: 1-12; Gospel: Mt 18: 15-20

### THURSDAY, August 13—SS. Pontian & Hippolytus

Reading 1: Jos 3: 7-10a, 11, 13-17;

Gospel: Mt 18: 21—19: 1

8:30 a.m. Frank & Jean Jansky

### FRIDAY, August 14—St. Maximilian Kolbe

Reading I: Jos 24: 1-13; Gospel: Mt 19: 3-12

8:30 a.m. Happy Birthday Betty Bahney!

### SATURDAY, August 15—The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Reading I: 1 Chr 15: 3-4, 15-16, 16: 1-2;

Reading II: 1 Cor 15: 54b-57 Gospel: Lk 11: 27-28

9:00 a.m. Harriet Drzal & Family

### Vigil Mass

4:30 p.m. Mary Gallagher

### SUNDAY, August 16—Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: 1 Prv 9: 1-6

Reading II: Eph 5: 15-20; Gospel: Jn 6: 51-58

8:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. Lawrence Chapek



### Collection-August 1/2

Collection: \$7,230.99\* Envelopes Used: 267

PSR: \$20

Mission Co-Op: \$185 St. Vincent de Paul: \$52

Faith & Values: \$65

\*figure includes the following:

Restoration: \$114

Parish Use Only: \$1,564.99

School: \$55

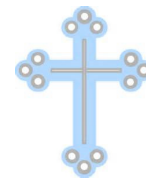
Children: \$15

Assumption: \$90

THANK YOU!

### Pray for the Sick of our Parish:

Joshua Stebal, Elizabeth O'Donnell, Don Tews, Laverne Griffiths, Jess B. Palker, Michelle Cozens, Shirley Zwilling, Robert Thomas, Rita Pawloski, Raymond Pavlik, Naomi Conter, Michael Kobie, Keith Thomas, Jeannie Wolfendale, Dori Herout, Evelyn Maruna, Linda Voracek, Dolores DiBaggio, Richard Schultz, Larry Pentek, Robyn Buckley, Linda Antolik, Joseph Sciko, Sophie Tessmer, John Thomas, Sr. Felicia Mann, Donna Bogucki, John Zenda, Jeff Bucell, Celine Chepeus



Newly Baptized:

**Colton Michael Parsons**

May God bless him, his family and his Godparents!

### Masses for 2016

We have opened the Mass book for 2016. If you would like to schedule masses, please call the rectory at 216-581-2852 or stop in. At this time we are limiting you to 2 masses. The Mass stipend remains at \$10.

Having our parishioners' email addresses allows us to send out messages on short notice. If you have an email address and would like to receive messages from us, please inform the parish office. Thank you!

## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Do you know?** The name of Abraham's son by his slave Hagar?

Answer below.

### Peace & Justice Gem

*The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.*

Lao-tse

### Raffle Tickets

The first incentive drawing winner of \$50 was Mr. John Burke. Congratulations! The next incentive drawing will be held on Monday, August 24. The winning raffle tickets will be pulled at our parish Oktoberfest on September 20. Thank you for your support and good luck!

### Feast of the Assumption

Join us for Mass at 9 a.m. on Saturday, August 15, the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is not a holy day of obligation this year.

### Attention Seniors' Club Members

The Seniors' Hot Dog Luncheon will be on Monday, August 17, at 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$8 and includes a hot dog, beans, potato chips, ice cream and pop. Call Virginia at 216-587-4078 if you are coming. Come and join the fun and make new friends!

### Holy Name News

Our Communion Sunday is August 9 at the 10:30 Mass. Coffee and donuts will be served in the church hall after Mass. Our meeting will be Monday, August 10, in the church hall.

### Divine Mercy Holy Hour

There will be a Divine Mercy Holy Hour on Sunday, August 9, at 2:30 p.m. at St. Monica Church.

**Answer:** Ishmael



Sign up today for eGiving through *Faith Direct*. Enrolling is easy--just go to [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code OH617. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family with your time and talents as well as treasure!

God bless you,

Fr. Dan



### Join us for The FEST!

Join us today (August 9) on the grounds of the Center for Pastoral Leadership (28700 Euclid Ave. in Wickliffe) from noon to 10 p.m. for The FEST. Come to hear great music, enjoy activities for the entire family, join thousands for Mass at 8 p.m., and experience the event of the summer. There is plenty of close parking and activities for everyone. For all the details, visit [www.TheFEST.us](http://www.TheFEST.us). See you at The FEST!

### Youth Ministry News

Youth412 is expanding to include 6th graders with the start of the new school year! Interested students are invited to simply attend a meeting for more information. We will be meeting on Wednesdays instead of Sundays. Per the request of student members, high school Youth Group will meet the first Wednesday of every month. Middle school Youth Group will meet the third Wednesday of every month. Additional bonus evenings will be added each month as well.

### Youth412 Kick Off Meetings:

High School students-September 2, from 7-9 p.m. in the youth room

Middle School students-September 16, from 7-9 p.m. in the youth room

Nancy Heineke, Youth Minister

YOUTH412 is a cluster program of St. Martin of Tours, St. Monica, Saints Peter and Paul & St. Therese.

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**A Note From the St. Therese Cub Scouts**

A big **THANK YOU** goes to Fr. Dan and all those who supported the Cub Scout bake sale. It was a great success!

**Faith & Values Appeal**

As summer comes to an end, another school year is ready to begin in Catholic schools across the diocese. Next weekend, a special parish appeal, the **Faith and Values Appeal for Education**, will be held to raise funds to help provide tuition support for 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.

**Pilgrimage to Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis**

The Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis invite you to come to Marymount Convent, their home. People of all ages have the opportunity to learn about religious life and to deepen their faith through the witness of the sisters. We invite you to visit, to pray in the chapel, to reflect at the shrines, to learn about their ministries, and to talk with the sisters about their lives and the Franciscan spirit. Come, Sunday, August 23, between 1:30 and 4 p.m. at 12215 Granger Road in Garfield Heights, Our own Sr. DeAnne is a member of this order.

**Summer Fest**

Garfield Heights will hold its *Summer Fest 2015* on Sunday, August 23, from 1-6 p.m. at the Civic Center, 5407 Turney Road. There will be food, prizes, music, and much more. For more information, visit [www.garfieldhts.org](http://www.garfieldhts.org) or call 216-475-1100.

**Our Lady of Czestochowa Pilgrimage**

The annual pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, in observance of the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, will take place at the shrine in Garfield Heights on August 16. Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. with the Rev. Bishop Roger Gries, OSB, as celebrant. Confessions will be heard beginning at 9:30 a.m. In case of rain, Mass will be celebrated at Marymount Convent chapel.



**From Sr. DeAnne:**

Believe it or not—summer is past the midpoint and school is not far off. As I plan for the upcoming academic year, one of my prayers is that parents keep in mind their responsibility to see to the Religious Education of their children. I know that there are so many activities that are available and are beneficial in the children's development. I hope, however, the responsibility for Mass attendance and religious education is not set aside because of these other activities. I hope the priorities in our lives can be kept in order. Whether a student attends a Catholic day school or a parish school of religion program, Mass attendance and religion home work (like math and science) need to be completed and checked before the students head out to school. Signing up a student for a school or program does not dispense a parent from the responsibility to be the primary religious educator of their children.

Religious education classes are held on most Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. Registration for PSR will take place on August 11 and August 18 in the school at that time. If this time is not possible, give me a call. The first PSR class will be the day after Labor Day (September 8). Remember there is NO registration that evening.

The cost for PSR is \$55. If someone is registering for the first time, please bring a copy of the baptismal certificate and the number of your church envelope. If there are any questions, please give a call at 216-581-3840.

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RCIA stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. This is a program primarily geared toward people interested in examining the Catholic faith with the idea of possibly becoming a member. The program is also open to individuals who are walking life's journey with those who are interested in the faith. Any Catholic who desires to know about the faith-for themselves or to better share their faith with their children is also welcome. For now, we will be starting in September. Please call and let me know if you are interested at 216-581-3840 or leave your information at the rectory, 216-581-2852.

I ask that all of us remember in our prayers those who are considering an examination of the Church. Please pray that they are able to find the God who is searching for them.

**Don't Forget To**

mark your calendars for our parish Oktoberfest on Sunday, September 20, at Klima's Grove. Our celebration will begin with an outdoor Mass at 12:30 p.m.



## The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### From Fr. Dan:

Today we mark a tragic anniversary: On this day 70 years ago the U.S. dropped an atomic bomb on Nagasaki, three days after Hiroshima was obliterated by a similar bomb. Historians and ethicists continue to debate whether or not President Harry Truman made the right choice in ordering the use of this horrible weapon. Our challenge as Christians is, first of all, to do all in our power to see that our nation never again resorts to such an action. Second, we must work for the elimination of nuclear armaments and all weapons of mass destruction. Finally, considering that Jesus calls on his followers to be peacemakers and to love their enemies, one task given to us in Baptism is to labor in behalf of peace and justice, looking toward that day when war is never again unleashed.

The Vatican has said, "No weapon so threatens the longed-for peace of the 21<sup>st</sup> century as the nuclear. Let not the immensity of this task dissuade us from the efforts needed to free humanity from such a scourge." The Church's position is that nuclear weapons should be outlawed, just as the nations have outlawed chemical and biological weapons. Throughout the Cold War that followed World War II, the U.S., the Soviet Union, and other nuclear powers relied on nuclear deterrence: that by possessing such weapons, they deterred other nations from using their own nuclear weapons. We still do today. Pope John Paul II taught that this strategy should only be used as a step on the path to nuclear disarmament.

Since the dawn of the nuclear age the Vatican has expressed the Church's opposition to the possession and use of these weapons. Pope Francis says that nothing could justify even their possession, let alone their use, including the argument of deterrence that was used during the Cold War. Similarly, this past Easter Sunday, he publicly prayed that the prospective multi-nation deal to halt Iran's nuclear weapons program would be "a definitive step toward a more secure and fraternal world." Pope Francis has written, "Spending on nuclear weapons squanders the wealth of nations. To prioritize such spending is a mistake and a misallocation of resources which would be far better invested in the areas of integral human development, education, health and the fight against extreme poverty. When these resources are squandered, the poor and the weak living on the margins of society pay the price."

In signing the 1968 Non-Proliferation Treaty the U.S. and other nuclear powers committed themselves to the goal of ridding the world of these terrible weapons.

However, they seem to have turned a blind eye to this, about which the Vatican consistently has expressed deep concern. Archbishop Bernedito Auza, the Vatican's Ambassador to the United Nations, recently said, "The fact that nuclear-possessing States not only have not dismantled their nuclear arsenals but are modernizing them lies at the heart of nuclear proliferation." As a result, nations that lack these weapons have sought to acquire them.

In a letter sent to Secretary of State John Kerry in May, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops pointed out, "For most Americans, there is an assumption that the nuclear threat receded with the end of the Cold War. Unfortunately, nothing could be further from the truth. In a multi-polar world where there are risks of nuclear proliferation and even nuclear terrorism, it is imperative that the world move systematically and relentlessly toward nuclear disarmament and the securing of nuclear materials. We share the [Vatican's] view that '[t]he erosion of the credibility of the Non-Proliferation Treaty could have catastrophic consequences for all countries and for the future of humanity as a whole.' Please be assured of our prayers as you work for a world without nuclear weapons." May each of us add our prayers to those of the bishops and also urge our members of Congress to labor for such a world.

### The Week Ahead

#### Sunday, August 9

HNS Coffee & Donuts after the 10:30 Mass, H

#### Monday, August 10

Holy Name Society Meeting 7 p.m., H

#### Tuesday, August 11

PSR Registration 6-8 p.m., S

AA 8 p.m., H

#### Wednesday, August 12

Meeting with Organization Heads 6-8 p.m., H

#### Thursday, August 13

Bingo 6:45 p.m., H

Boy Scout Adults Meeting 7 p.m., R

Stewardship Meeting 7 p.m., R

Spiritual Development Meeting 7 p.m., S

**KEY:** H: parish hall R: rectory C: church S: school

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