

## Masses for the Week

### SATURDAY, August 15

9:00 a.m. Harriet Drzal & Family  
4:30 p.m. Mary Gallagher

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

Reading I: 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  
Knights of Columbus Mass

### MONDAY, August 17

Reading I: Jgs 2: 11-19; Gospel: Mt 19: 16-22

6:30 p.m. Michael Sikon & Family

### TUESDAY, August 18

Reading I: Jgs 6: 11-24a; Gospel: Mt 19: 23-30

7:00 a.m. Stella Idzik

### WEDNESDAY, August 19—St. John Eudes

Reading I: Jgs 9: 6-15; Gospel: Mt 20: 1-16

### THURSDAY, August 20—St. Bernard

Reading I: Jgs 11: 29-39a; Gospel: Mt 22: 1-14

8:30 a.m. Larry Kocevar

### FRIDAY, August 21—St. Pius X

Reading I: Ru 1: 1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Gospel: Mt 22: 34-40

8:30 a.m. Rudy N. Guzman

### SATURDAY, August 22—The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Reading I: Ru 2: 1-3, 8-11; 4: 13-17; Gospel: Mt 23: 1-12

### Vigil Mass

4:30 p.m. Lawrence Bydash &  
John Gibney, Jr.

### SUNDAY, August 23—Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Jos 24: 1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Reading II: Eph 5: 21-32; Gospel: Jn 6: 60-69

8:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish  
10:30 a.m. Clyde Burdette



### Collection-August 8/9

Collection: \$7,365.30\* Envelopes Used: 283

PSR: \$5 Retirement Fund: \$20

Mission Co-Op: \$52 St. Vincent de Paul: \$25

Faith & Values: \$15

\*figure includes the following:

Restoration: \$145 Parish Use Only: \$699

School: \$88 Children: \$16.30

Assumption: \$62 Faith Direct: \$1,482

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, Michelle Triska



Please pray for the soul of

**Joseph J. Walsh**

May our loving Savior grant him peace.

### 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.

The Knights of Columbus are attending the 10:30 Mass this weekend. Please join them for coffee and donuts after Mass in the hall.

### Raffle Tickets

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!

## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Do you know?** Why Eucharistic Prayer I at Mass singles out the apostles and also saints Linus, Cletus, Clement, Sixtus, Cornelius, Cyprian, Lawrence, Chrysogonus, John, Paul, Cosmas, Damian, John the Baptist, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas, Ignatius, Alexander, Marcellinus, Peter, Felicity, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, IAgnes, Cecilia, and Anastasia?

Answer below.

### Peace & Justice Gem

*Your vision will become clear only when you can look into your own heart.*

Carl Jung

### The parish recently received the following note:

Dear Fr. Daniel and St. Therese Community,

I write today in deep gratitude for having me at your parish on the weekend of July 25/26. My stay was enjoyable. The Diocese of Hinche and I sincerely thank all of you for giving us a wonderful opportunity to come to your parish and to share our faith and ministry with you. I was pleased and impressed by the way the parishioners welcomed me. The heartfelt sharing of your blessings with the church of the Diocese of Hinche/Haiti is of incalculable importance to us and to the many people whom our diocese serves and who will benefit from your generous support at these difficult times.

On behalf of the Bishop of the Diocese of Hinche/Haiti and the people we serve in the Diocese, we thank you for your prayers and generosity. May God bless you and continue to look kindly upon all of you for your spirit of generosity. May the remaining summer go well for each of you and have a blessed and wonderful spiritual journey with your families and friends and be assured of our continued prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Jackson Colon

U.S. Representative of the Diocese of Hinche, Haiti

**Answer:** Because these number among the most important of the early saints. All were martyred. Eucharistic Prayer I, which also is called the Roman Canon, is the oldest of the Eucharistic prayers we use. Its written text dates back to about 375 A.D., though the prayer was in use long before then, and it has hardly been changed since about 600 A.D.

### 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!

### Supplies Needed for a Scarecrow Craft

We need the following supplies for our Oktoberfest scarecrow craft: flannel shirts, old drapery, thick material, yarn, rope, and artificial flowers. Add your donations to the box in the gathering room. Thanks so much!



### 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 Oktoberfest is about a month away! We'll have music, dancing, potato pancakes, beer, games, crafts for kids, Chinese raffle and much more. Plan to attend on Sunday, September 20, at Klima Gardens in Cuyahoga Hts. We'll kick off with an outdoor Mass under the pavilion at 12:30 p.m. **We're looking for volunteers to help before, during, and after the Oktoberfest. Please use the slip below or call the rectory at 216-581-2852 to volunteer. Thank you!**

### Parish Oktoberfest Volunteer

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Area of interest \_\_\_\_\_

Drop in the collection basket or leave at the rectory.

### Faith & Values Appeal

Catholic Schools are communities of faith, knowledge and service. Catholic Schools exist to form young people in the Catholic faith. Academic success and rigorous achievement mark our schools as outstanding institutions. Essential to the Christian message is the command of Christ to serve others. Our students are at their best when they exemplify in their actions this command, and they do so daily. Students, their parents, grandparents and other family members sacrifice to provide a Catholic education and are grateful for tuition assistance provided through the **Faith & Values Appeal for Education**. Please pray that the generosity of our parishioners will continue to support the formation of our youth in Catholic schools as they are taught to be the very best that they can be.

### 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.

### 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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### Parish School of Religion (PSR)

Registration for PSR will take place on Tuesday, August 18, from 6:30—7:45 p.m. in the school. Classes begin on Tuesday, September 8. No registrations will be taken on that day. If you are unable to register on August 18, please call Sr. DeAnne at 216-581-3840 as soon as possible.

### RCIA

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 Sr. DeAnne and let her know if you are interested at 216-581-3840 or leave your information at the rectory, 216-581-2852.

### And they were sent out two by two...

As we did last year a group of folks from the parish will be visiting homes and dropping off a gift from the parish. Each pair usually takes one street which is about 12 homes. If you would be willing to join our group, we would be most grateful. As a reminder we are hoping to visit every parishioner in time. We are visiting to say "Thank you" for being a member of the parish, to give you a gift and to collect your input and ideas. If you would like to help, or to know more about the project, please join us in the church hall on Wednesday, August 26, at 7 p.m. The meeting will be short, and so much good can be accomplished. We will be able to go over what needs to be done and people can choose the street they would be willing to do. Any questions, please call Sr. DeAnne at 216-581-3840.



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





## The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Wednesday Night Dinner & Rosary

The next Knights of Columbus dinner at Club 4130 is from 4-7 p.m. on August 26. Dinner will consist of chicken marsala, mashed potatoes, vegetable, salad, rolls and butter. The cost is \$9 for adults and \$7 for children under 12. Dinners are by Waltam's Grand Ballroom. Reservations are required by Sunday, August 23, at 8 p.m. Call 216-662-2277 mailbox 2. We will be having an **outdoor rosary** after the dinner at the shrine starting at 7:15-7:30 p.m., rain or shine.

**Next weekend is donut weekend hosted by Parish Council. We will also have our gift cards for sale. Stop down in the hall after all masses.**

We are still looking for volunteers to help with a quarterly newsletter for our parish which we would like to begin. It would allow us to go into greater depth on the people and activities at St. Therese Parish than is possible with the weekly bulletin. If this is something you would be interested in, please leave your name and phone number at the rectory at 216-581-2852.

### From Fr. Dan:

In my column a few weeks ago, I wrote that the Bible reads us and touches us in a way that opens us to God's activity in our lives. On account of God blessing us so, it is our responsibility to help others understand God's love for them and thus find hope in him. Two paragraphs in Pope Francis apostolic exhortation titled *The Joy of the Gospel* contain a lovely reflection about this task God has given us. They are part of a section called "The Entire People of God Proclaims the Gospel". Here the Pope reminds us that the Church which proclaims the Gospel is far more than the hierarchy (priests, bishops, etc.) and the organizations that form the Church's structure; first and foremost, it is the people. Thanks to baptism, every member of the Church is a missionary disciple. Pope Francis urges us to appreciate that "anyone who has truly experienced God's saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love" (#120). This is what the Pope writes in paragraphs 127 and 128:

127. Today, as the Church seeks to experience a profound missionary renewal, there is a kind of preaching which falls to each of us as a daily responsibility. It has to do with bringing the Gospel to the people we meet, whether they be our neighbours or complete strangers. This is the informal preaching which takes place in the middle of a conversation, something along the lines of what a missionary does when visiting a home. Being a disciple means being constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others, and this can happen unexpectedly and in any place: on the street, in a city square, during work, on a journey.

128. In this preaching, which is always respectful and gentle, the first step is personal dialogue, when the other person speaks and shares his or her joys, hopes and concerns for loved ones, or so many other heartfelt needs. Only afterwards is it possible to bring up God's word, perhaps by reading a Bible verse or relating a story, but always keeping in mind the fundamental message: the personal love of God who became man, who gave himself up for us, who is living and who offers us his salvation and his friendship. This message has to be shared humbly as a testimony on the part of one who is always willing to learn, in the awareness that the message is so rich and so deep that it always exceeds our grasp. At times the message can be presented directly, at times by way of a personal witness or gesture, or in a way which the Holy Spirit may suggest in that particular situation. If it seems prudent and if the circumstances are right, this fraternal and missionary encounter could end with a brief prayer related to the concerns which the person may have expressed. In this way they will have an experience of being listened to and understood; they will know that their particular situation has been placed before God, and that God's word really speaks to their lives.

### The Week Ahead

#### Sunday, August 16

Coffee & Donuts with K of C after the 10:30 Mass, H

#### Monday, August 17

Seniors' Hot Dog Day 1:30 p.m., H

#### Tuesday, August 18

PSR Registration 6-8 p.m., S

St. Vincent de Paul 6:30 p.m., R

AA 8 p.m., H

#### Thursday, August 20

Bingo 6:45 p.m., H

Finance Council Meeting 7 p.m., R

#### Saturday & Sunday, August 22 & 23

Coffee & donuts after all masses with Parish Council, R

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

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