

Masses for the Week

SATURDAY, September 5

4:30 p.m. Carl Deininger

SUNDAY, September 6—Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Is 35: 4-7a; Reading II: Jas 2: 1-5;

Gospel: Mk 7: 31-37

8:30 a.m. James Corrao

10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, September 7

Reading I: Col 1: 24—2: 3; Gospel: Lk 6: 6-11

9:00 a.m. Harriet Drzal

Labor Day

TUESDAY, September 8—The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Reading I: Mi 5: 1-4a; Gospel: Mt 1: 1-16, 18-23

7:00 a.m. Jennifer Hendryx

WEDNESDAY, September 9—St. Peter Claver

Reading I: Col 3: 1-11; Gospel: Lk 6: 20-26

THURSDAY, September 10

Reading 1: Col 3: 12-17; Gospel: Lk 6: 27-38

8:30 a.m. Josephine Grosso

FRIDAY, September 11

Reading I: 1 Tm 1: 1-2, 12-14 Gospel: Lk 6: 39-42

8:30 a.m. Elsie Kocevar

SATURDAY, September 12—The Most Holy Name of Mary

Reading I: 1 Tm 1: 15-17; Gospel: Lk 6: 43-49

Vigil Mass

4:30 p.m. Rudy & Rose Firem

SUNDAY, September 13—Twenty-fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Reading I: Is 50: 5-9a; Reading II: Jas 2: 14-18

Gospel: Mk 8: 27-35

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

10:30 a.m. Bernadette Berdella

Holy Name Society Mass

Catechetical Sunday



LABOR DAY

Monday, September 7

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday!

The parish office is closed.

The Miraculous Medal Novena and Mass
will be at 9 a.m.

Collection—August 29/30

Collection: \$5,743.80* Envelopes Used: 277

PSR: \$35 Catholic Communications: \$15

St. Vincent de Paul: \$33

*figure includes the following:

Restoration: \$129 Parish Use Only: \$201

School: \$43 Children: \$26.30

Assumption: \$10 Fuel: \$83

All Saints: \$3 All Souls: \$10

Eucharistic Devotions: \$3

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, Joseph Sciko,
Sophie Tessmer, John Thomas, Sr. Felicia Mann,
John Zenda, Jeff Bucell, Celine Chepeus, Michelle
Triska, Laura Anzelec

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of

Kerry Kipfstuhl

Mary Fugo

Door to Door Ministry

Our Door to Door Ministry will be visiting
parishioners next Sunday, September 13, on E.
113, E. 114, E. 115, E. 117, E. 119, Elmwood,
Lincoln, Wallingford, and Thornton.

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Do you know? Who led the Israelites after Moses died?

Answer below.

Peace & Justice Gem

If we do not change our direction, we are likely to end up where we are headed.

Ancient Chinese proverb

YOUTH MINISTRY

All 6th, 7th and 8th graders are invited to YOUTH412's Kick Off on Wednesday, September 16, from 7-9 p.m. in the youth room (located in Saints Peter and Paul's school building). Join other teens your age for light snacks, games and a fresh start to a new school year with lots of "Spirit."

Save the date...**Mass and Bonfire** on Sunday, September 20, from 6-8:30 p.m. at St Martin of Tours for all YOUTH412 teens grades 6-12.

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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Council Corners

The Parish Council resumed meetings on August 24. Council welcomed two new members, Joanna Maslocha and Bill Fedinets, and now consists of 14 members. A chair person and vice chairperson were elected. Committees gave their reports. Spiritual Development has a number of wonderful things planned for September and October, so please watch the bulletin and web site. There are many excellent opportunities available for us to share special time with the Lord. Fr. Dan discussed the financial state of the parish as well as the upcoming forum for a 5-year plan which will take place on October 24. Council was also afforded an opportunity to review and discuss the Pope's plan for the "Jubilee Year of Mercy". A small task force is being formed. For more information on "Medicine of Mercy" and our call to be people of mercy, please contact the rectory. The Oktoberfest is coming up as well as the Ministry Fair. Both of these events offer you a chance to share your time, treasure and talent. Council members are available to answer any questions or listen to your views and ideas. The Council looks forward to a year of working together to make the parish family strong, prayerful, and giving.

There will be a Divine Mercy Holy Hour on Sunday, September 13, at 2:30 p.m. at St. Monica Church

Answer: Joshua

Welcome to Fr. Ned Weist at the 4:30 Mass and to Fr. Norm Gajdzinski at the Sunday masses this weekend. Next weekend we'll have Fr. Neil Walters at the 4:30 and 10:30 masses and Fr. Norm at the 8:30 Mass. Thank you for helping out while Fr. Dan is on vacation!

Welcome

to our new parishioners from August:

Scott Lockyer

Brittany Chojnowski

Chinese Auction

Chinese Auction baskets are being made for the big Oktoberfest celebration. You can help by donating a gift card or a new item that can be incorporated into a basket. This auction is a huge part of the celebration and everyone loves a chance to win one. Contact the rectory at 216-581-2852 or Shirley at 216-587-1624 for more information.



Plan to attend our Oktoberfest 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. Tickets are being sold in the gathering room after masses this weekend and are also available at the rectory and credit union. **We're looking for volunteers to help before, during, and after the Oktoberfest. This is a great opportunity for service hours! 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.

Eucharistic Adoration on September 11

It has been several years since the terrorist attack on September 11; however, the sorrow can still be felt by those families that lost a loved one that day. We thought as a parish we would remember those killed on September 11, 2001, by having Eucharistic Adoration, with prayers offered during that time for those who were affected by this tragedy. Eucharistic Adoration will begin on Friday, September 11, at 3 p.m. and will conclude with a prayer service at 7 p.m. We have sign-up sheets at the entrances of the church. Please consider participating in this Eucharistic Adoration dedicated to September 11 and sign up for a 30-minute time slot.

“For All the Saints”

Pope St. Gregory I (the Great), whose feast day was September 3, was born into a wealthy Roman family around 540 A.D. and served the Church in extraordinary ways throughout his life. He sold most of his possessions and turned his house into a monastery. Elected by his fellow clergymen and the people, Gregory was the first monk to serve as pope. Although he wanted very much to be a missionary, he accepted God's will, which he believed was present in the call from the people. When Gregory became aware that children in England were being sold as slaves, he sent missionaries there and to other countries to stop this inhumane practice. Gregory was concerned with and had direct influence on many liturgical reforms. He may not have been directly responsible for what we call Gregorian Chant but was most likely involved in issuing the directives to reform and stabilize this important traditional music of the liturgy. Chant was already flourishing within the Benedictine community and was probably an important part of Gregory's own experiences of worship and prayer. Gregory is considered one of the “Four Great Fathers of the Latin Church.” (The others are Augustine, Ambrose and Jerome.) He was named a Doctor of the Church in 1298 by Pope Boniface VII. He is also a patron saint of teachers.

Jesus Heals

St. Michael Catholic Church, 6912 Chestnut Road in Independence, will have a healing Mass on Wednesday, September 9, at 6:30 p.m. The event is free—love offerings are appreciated. All are welcome.



The Holy Spirit Guild will sponsor a garage sale on Thursday, September 10, and Friday, September 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to benefit the Sisters of the Holy Spirit. The sale will take place at the

Sisters of the Holy Spirit convent garage, 10102 Granger.



project rachel

Peace starts here

“Project Rachel, the Catholic Church's ministry to those who have been involved in abortion, is a diocesan-based network of specially trained priests, religious, counselors, and laypersons who provide a team response of care for those suffering in the aftermath of abortion. In addition to referring for Sacramental Reconciliation, the ministry provides an integrated network of services, including pastoral counseling, spiritual direction, and referrals to mental health professionals. Support groups and retreats may be offered in addition to individualized care.”

Please call 216-334-2966!

Name our Newsletter!

The Stewardship Committee is planning to get a quarterly parish newsletter started, and one thing any publication needs is a name. Therefore, we are holding a contest, with the person submitting the winning name to receive a \$25 gift card of his or her choice from the selection of cards offered through the parish fundraising effort. First we will collect suggestions for names, using the tear-off below. Drop it in the collection basket or at the rectory no later than September 20. If necessary, the committee will winnow the submissions to a manageable number, which will be listed on a ballot in the September 27 bulletin and on our website. Voting will be accomplished via e-mail or by dropping the ballot off at the rectory no later than October 8. The winner will be announced at Masses on October 10-11.

Parish Newsletter Name

My Name _____

My Phone Number _____

My Email _____

My Idea for the Name of our Newsletter:

Suggestions for Articles:

The Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Returning this Fall

What: Caregiver Peer Support Group

Where: St. Monica Parish Office, St. Francis Room

When: second and fourth Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (except for November & December when it is the second Wednesday only)

Who: Join caregivers from all around the area who are currently doing a balancing act...caring for a loved one while maintaining a household.

Why: Sometimes just having someone to talk to... and knowing we are not alone...can do a world of good! The second Wednesday of the month hosts a discussion on current issues faced on a day-to-day basis and offers care and support. The fourth Wednesday features an activity or guest speaker, focusing on caring for **you**, the care-giver.

The program begins in September. It is FREE and open to the public. For more information, contact Christene Stirling at 216-662-8685, X 119.

Blood Drive

There will be a blood drive sponsored by the American Red Cross on Friday, September 11, from 2 to 6 p.m. at SS. Peter & Paul parish hall. *Donate in honor of 9/11. Type "O" donors needed.*

The Week Ahead

Tuesday, September 8

First PSR Class 6:30 p.m., S

AA 8 p.m., H

Wednesday, September 9

Boy Scout Troop Meeting 7 p.m., H

Thursday, September 10

Bingo 6:45 p.m., H

Spiritual Development Meeting 7 p.m., S

Friday, September 11

Eucharistic Adoration 3-7 p.m., C

Girl Scouts 6:30 p.m., H

Saturday, September 12

Cub Scouts Bike Rodeo 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., JP/II lot

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

From Fr. Dan:

On Sunday, September 20, our parish will hold its Oktoberfest celebration from 12:30-7 p.m. at Klima Gardens in Cuyahoga Heights. An outdoor Mass there will start things off, with good food and plenty of fun to follow! I'm looking forward to the bratwurst, Bavarian pretzels, and potato pancakes (washed down with a beer!), topped off with some strudel. The highly-anticipated annual Chinese (or German?) auction, along with live music and dancing, will round off the day. But the biggest attraction is the opportunity to spend time with parishioners, which I hope will entice you to come, too. A good number of people have been working hard in planning and organizing this fest, and I think folks of all ages will find it worthwhile. For the kids we will have games and crafts. The tickets may be purchased after Sunday masses and at the rectory and All Saints Credit Union. They are \$5 for adults, and for children 12 and under there is no entrance fee. At the gate the cost is \$6. Please join us and bring family and friends!

Last weekend after all the masses I asked you to consider filling out a postcard to Senator Rob Portman and your member of the House of Representatives urging them to support the nuclear agreement the U.S. and other major powers negotiated with Iran. Senator Sherrod Brown already has pledged to vote in favor of it, while Senator Portman is opposed and Rep. Marcia Fudge (in whose district our parish lies) is undecided. More than 50 of you completed a card, and I thank you. I delivered Senator Portman's share to his office, where I had the chance to meet with one of his staff to discuss the agreement. I found the experience to be really positive, though something tells me my words won't change the Senator's mind. Anyone can arrange to do as I did regarding an issue he or she cares about. I hope you will, because the people we elect need to hear from you.

I arranged for this postcard effort because the U.S. bishops asked that we Catholics press Congress on this issue. Of course, one is free to disagree with the bishops and the Pope about the agreement negotiated with Iran. Some people might say that the Church should have nothing to do with matters like this and so many other political concerns. However, the Church long has spoken out on all that helps or hinders human development and dignity. It must, because war and peace, hunger and plenty, joblessness and dignified work, abortion and the right to life, etc., though inescapably of political consequence, demand a Christ-centered voice. Faith must never divorce itself from concern for justice. To separate the two is a false dichotomy.

Lastly, I want to thank the volunteers who helped with the spreading of mulch a few weeks ago. They and two other people whom you probably have seen bending over the flower beds—Cindy Kopinsky and Fr. Bob Burge (who's retired and living at Jennings)—have kept our grounds looking tip-top!

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