

FROM FATHER JOHN

Looking Ahead... More

A month ago my bulletin article noted two St. Mary programs on the horizon:

1. Gathering and preparing youth for **Confirmation** on April 10, 2018, (letters are out).
2. Forming an **RCIA** group for 2017-2018.

If you don't recall or you're not sure about either of these items, please contact me or the parish office. Fr. John: jreade@columbus.rr.com. (See the June 11 Bulletin.)

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MORE Looking Ahead: I'm thinking about possibly expanding our St. Mary Parish Eucharistic opportunities. I'm **not** thinking of changing the basic Saturday and Sunday Parish Mass schedules. Instead, my concerns are for Mass and Adoration opportunities **during the week**.

Since arriving at St. Mary as parish priest, I've questioned whether we're meeting the various needs and desires of our people regarding Eucharistic worship. I would appreciate your thoughts. Our current schedule is: Daily Mass at 8:30, Tuesday thru Friday; Healing Mass with Anointing at noon on second Wednesdays; and morning Adoration with noon Benediction on First Fridays. I wonder: Would folks value the chance for a mid-week **evening** Mass? Should we have an **early-morning** Mass before people go to work? Should Eucharistic Adoration be expanded to offer periods **after work**? This is a sampling of the questions that occur to me. Please let me hear from you; I want to consider your ideas.

Daily Masses

Saturday, July 8

5:00 p.m. **Maureen Jajczyk** by Terry and Randy Wirch

Sunday, July 9

Zec 9:9-10/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

8:30 a.m. **Carrie Billiter** by her parents

11:00 a.m. **For the Parish Family**

Monday, July 10

Gn 28:10-22a/Mt 9:18-26

8:30 a.m. **Novena**

Tuesday, July 11

Gn 32:23-33/Mt 9:32-38

8:30 a.m. **Jerry Jenkins** by the Jenkins Family

Wednesday, July 12

Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Mt 10:1-7

8:30 a.m. **Rosella, Frederick & Fred Herb Jr.** by the Family

Thursday, July 13

Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29, 45:1-5/Mt 10:7-15

8:30 a.m. **Betty Peck** by Altar Rosary Society

Friday, July 14

Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Mt 10:16-23

8:30 a.m. **No Mass**

Saturday, July 15

Gn 49:29-32, 50:15-26a/Mt 10:24-33

5:00 p.m. **David Hetterscheidt** by the Hetterscheidt Family

Sunday, July 16

Is 55:10-11/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

8:30 a.m. **Dick Krauss** by Mike Krauss

11:00 a.m. **For the Parish Family**

Recent Offerings

Recent Offerings will be posted next week!
God bless you for your continued support
of St. Mary Church!

We welcome Msgr. Patrick Gaughan, who will be celebrating Mass with us this weekend and next weekend.

Confirmation Youth & Parents, please reply. A letter recently went to all youth approaching confirmation age and their parents. Fr. John is eager to receive your replies. Thank you.

A three-week vacation from the weekly Scripture Study is scheduled. The Jeff Cavins' study sessions, "**Matthew, The King and His Kingdom**," will resume Tuesday, July 25 at 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday, July 26 at 9:30 a.m. Soak up some summer fun during this scheduled break!

Healing Mass on July 17, 6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral. After the Mass, a Service of Healing will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Veneration of Relic of the True Cross of Christ, followed by an opportunity for each person to speak individually with a priest and receive prayers of healing for what they seek; the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will also be available. The Service of Healing will close with Benediction. All persons who seek Christ's healing are invited – especially those who suffer with physical illness and infirmities (e.g. cancer and other debilitating diseases and conditions), in addition to those who seek emotional and spiritual healing. All caregivers, family members, and members of the medical community are invited as well. Please call the Cathedral if you have any questions at (614) 224-1295.

Announcements

Groveport Ecumenical Vacation Bible School theme is *Maker Fun Factor* and will be held July 16th-July 20th, at Groveport United Methodist Church. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. and we end at 8:30 p.m. Sign up online at <http://vbspro.events/p/4505d9>. Participants' ages are preschool to 5th grade. Come join all the fun!

The Diocese of Columbus has a new website! The new site provides greater access to news and information from both the Catholic Times and Catholic News Service, improved navigation and search capabilities, language translation, mobile device compatibility, and numerous other features. So make sure to bookmark **www.columbuscatholic.org** in your computer, tablet, or smartphone – it's your new gateway to everything Catholic in central, southern and eastern Ohio!



The flowers on the Altar this weekend are given by Jean Bobst in honor of her parent's anniversary – Ivan and Isabelle Sommer.

Hugs and Prayers – Please remember those of our Parish family and friends who at this time are in need of prayer: Jeanne Feldmeier, Joe McAndrew, Virginia Theado, Howard Lee Watters, Ken Watters, Jim & Cathy Williams & Family, and James Wilson.

St. Vincent de Paul

The St. Vincent de Paul Society has a food basket in the vestibule for the Groveport Food Pantry. For the month of **July**, the food items are *canned green beans, corn and baked beans*.

SVDP will have their monthly meeting today at noon in the Parish Hall.

Thank you to all who helped to prepare the **500 sandwiches** for the homeless on Monday, July 3.

Next weekend is the SVDP Third Sunday Collection!

Groveport Madison Human Needs is asking for our help in collecting the following school supplies: single subject spiral notebooks, glue sticks and pink erasers. Items can be placed in the bin in the vestibule market "School Supplies" starting this weekend, July 9. Collection will continue until Sunday, July 30. Thank you for your support.

Diocesan Council of Catholic Women are introducing the ***Mother Teresa Award of Charity, Compassion and Service!*** To recognize those special women in our Diocese who exemplify the life of Christ and the spirit of St. Teresa, the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) will host a reception for the inaugural class of award recipients on Sunday, August 27 at Immaculate Conception Parish, Columbus. For nomination, table and ticket information, please visit columbuscatholic.org/mother-teresa-award or contact Mickey McCormick at 614-228-6801 or 614-783-5555.



**ARRANGE YOUR
SCHEDULE NOW**

The fourteenth annual parish picnic will be on Sunday, August 20! Watch bulletin for details.

The Men's Group will be having a meeting on Wednesday, July 12 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the August 20 parish picnic.

Please pray for the soul of Mary Getreu, who passed away last week. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and may the perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.



LOOKING AHEAD

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| July 9 | | SVDP monthly meeting, following 11:00 a.m. Mass in Parish Hall |
| July 12 | 7:00 p.m. | Men's Group meeting |
| July 16 | 5:30 p.m. | Vacation Bible School kicks off with dinner |
| July 21 | | Eucharistic Adoration after the 8:30 a.m. Mass |
| July 25 | 7:00 p.m. | Scripture Study, "Matthew, The King & His Kingdom" |
| July 26 | 9:30 a.m. | Scripture Study, "Matthew, The King & His Kingdom" |

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

| | ALTAR SERVERS | LECTORS | EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS | CANTORS |
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| Saturday, July 15 5:00 p.m. | Brian Ropehock Frank Trammer | Sandy Trammer Joe Stewart | David Wilson, Peggy Egbert, Theresa Chopp, Pam Gerardi, Shawna Gentile | Debra Smith |
| Sunday, July 16 8:30 a.m. | Jonathan Maier Marita Surry | Dave Solack JoEllen Stebelton | Jo Ann Yarger, Tammy Dorion, Irene Fagan, Pat Jenkins, Ken Koebel | Dave Solack |
| Sunday, July 16 11:00 a.m. | Matthew Hambrock Blair Williams | Joanne Myers Noreen Reeves | Mayellen Fowler, Dorothy Carter, Jan Gale, Cindy Kinch, Bill Reeves | Susan Howell |

Fr. John is on vacation through July 17, returning on July 18. In his absence Msgr. Patrick Gaughan will provide for pastoral needs. Refer to bulletin for daily Mass schedule Tuesday through Friday, July 11-14. Please Note: First Friday Eucharistic Adoration has been rescheduled for July 21 after the 8:30 Mass.