

PRIEST'S MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 25

8:30 a.m. Raymond Schaefer/*Ethel Kilmer*

Tuesday, July 26

8:30 a.m. The Fetter Family/*Dale & Marlene*

Wednesday, July 27

8:30 a.m. Wes Loerich/*Carol & Tony
Schneider*

Thursday, July 28

8:30 a.m. Julie Stockelman/*Joanne Curry*

Friday, July 29

8:30 a.m. Marcia Wagner /*Ruth Schmidt*

Saturday, July 30

4:30 PM Edward J. Burwinkel/*Patti*

Sunday, July 31

8:30 a.m. For the Parish

11:00 a.m. John F. Zerhusen/*Zerhusen Family*

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, July 30, 4:30 PM Mass

Servers: M. Threm, A. Brockhaus, H. Murphy

Lectors: Mike Fritz, Jack O'Brien

Eucharistic Ministers: Patrick Bissmeyer, Annette Arszman, Tom Sunderhaus, Nancy Schuster, Kathy Wood, Mary Ann Lennon

Sunday, July 31, 8:30 AM Mass

Servers: R. Severt, G. Vidourek

Lectors: Mary Ann Bowling, Chris Dole

Eucharistic Ministers: Steve Hatke, Dale Bosse, Debbie Schneider, MJ Gabriel, Lisa Severt, Grace Severt

Sunday, July 31, 11:00 AM Mass

Servers: A. Burke, Z. Bernecker, M. Zipperer

Lectors: Jeanne Kreimer, Kristin Watson

Eucharistic Ministers: Jessica Brockman, Taylor Green, Bill Clark, Hailey Tensing, Michelle Zerhusen, Michael Hayes, Jonathan Molulon, Michelle Burke, Matthew Fejer, Candisse Fejer

PREPARE TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Readings for July 31, 2016

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Life's struggles are often felt to be in vain.

Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Heavenly life calls for a heavenly attitude.

Luke 12:13-21

Wealth, selfishly desired, only leads to woe.

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Library Spot

Proof of Heaven was written by a prominent neurosurgeon Dr. Eben Alexander who considered himself an "unbeliever" – one who did not believe in God, Heaven, or an afterlife. This book recounts the story of his seven-day coma and the spiritually transforming experience that occurred during those days. His old beliefs were gone! Check it out!



Wedding Banns

II Dana Christine Hammerle &
Patrick Killian Listermann

III Jessica Baltes &
Anthony Paganelli

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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, July 25

Mass, 8:30 a.m., Chapel

Adoration, 9:15 a.m.

Monday Martha's Group, 9:30 a.m.

Rosary, 7:00 p.m., Chapel

Theology of the Body, 7:00 p.m., YM Room

Tuesday, July 26

Mass, 8:30 a.m., Northgate Atria

Young Adult Ministry, 7:00 p.m., YM Room

Wednesday, July 27

Mass, 8:30 a.m., Chapel

Thursday, July 28

Mass, 8:30 a.m., Chapel

Garden Group, 9:15 a.m., Outside Church

Joseph's Group, 9:00 a.m., POMR #2

Shopping Cent\$, 9:00 a.m., POMR#1

Thursday Martha's Group, 3:30 p.m., GS

Friday, July 29

Mass, 8:30 a.m., Chapel

Saturday, July 30

Reconciliation, 2:30 p.m., Eucharistic Chapel

Mass, 4:30 p.m., Church

Fair Trade Coffee, 5:30 p.m., Parish Library

Sunday, July 31

Mass, 8:30 a.m.

Fair Trade Coffee, 9:30 a.m., Parish Library

Mass, 11:00 a.m.

Fair Trade Coffee, 12:00 p.m., Parish Library

Youth Ministry, 7:00 p.m., YM Room

Fair Trade Product Sale - Fair trade coffee,

tea, cocoa, olive oil, and other goodies will be available in the Parish Library Room located off the Gathering Space after Masses this weekend, July 30 & 31. Your purchases support the

Catholic Relief Services Fair Trade Program. Thank You!

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

LOVED THE WEDDING. INVITE ME TO THE MARRIAGE. LOVE, GOD

A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend can help you do that! Marriage Encounter is 44 hours where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones—and focus only on each other. If you'd like greater depth, growth, and enrichment in your relationship, you'll like the difference a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend can make!

The next Marriage Encounter weekends are:

July 29-31 - Holiday Inn - Eastgate, Cincinnati, OH,

September 30-October 2 - Our Lady of the Holy Spirit center, Norwood, OH,

November 4-6 - The Spiritual Center of Maria Stein, Maria Stein, OH.

Weekends fill up quickly, so a prompt response is encouraged. For more information or to register, contact Dave or Jan Stockelman, 513-251-1940 or 800-547-1251 code00 or dj2378@fuse.net or www.esharing.org

HEALING SERVICE with MASS

August 3, 2016 (Wed.) at 7:30 pm in St. Ignatius Church, 5222 North Bend Rd.

Healing includes the physical, spiritual, emotional, psychological and relational aspects of our lives; it is not limited to a physical cure. You can receive prayer for yourself or any of your loved ones. God wants to give us far more than we can dream or imagine, so come and experience Jesus' healing power! Sponsored by Lighthouse Renewal Center.

For more info call 513-471-LITE (5483) or Visit our web site at www.LRC1.org or www.facebook.com/lrc1.com

Ministry Help Needed

Looking for a volunteer to pick up bread and bakery items from Northgate Kroger on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month. Interested? Please call the parish office for more details.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

WE NEED YOU!!! Really... and so do the children of our parish...read more to see how...

Are you interested in helping to teach the kindergarten through 4th grade children about Jesus? If so, we would love to have your help with our Children's Liturgy! And we will train you so don't be shy... we really need you!!! And it is easy...

Children's Liturgy takes place at each Mass during the liturgy of the word. All children will process out from the main church and gather in the daily chapel to hear God's word present just for THEM!

But we really need your help...we are looking for adults who would be willing to teach and to assist with teaching.

In order for our parish to have Children's liturgy, we must have a Virtus trained liturgist and another Virtus trained adult, not related to the liturgist, in the chapel with them. This is an absolute requirement of the archdiocese.

Virtus training consists of attending one meeting, reviewing the short, one page Virtus training bulletins once per month and a background check. Virtus training is required of anyone working with children. Plus, once you have this, the possibilities of volunteering to help in any capacity, is greatly increased! What a wonderful way to be of service to those in our parish and also our parish school!

Please contact Deacon Ken Schnur at 385-8010 for more information or Anne Johns at ljohns@cinci.rr.com.

We look forward to hearing from you!!!



MEMORIAL FLOWER FUND 2016

Just a reminder that in your envelope packet you will see a special envelope for the Memorial Flower Fund. What is the Flower Fund? It's a fund that began many years ago to remember our departed loved ones by providing fresh flowers for the church each week.

If you give to the parish electronically and do not receive envelopes, you may use any envelope and address it to the Flower Fund. Please indicate who you wish to be remembered in the envelope.

In addition to the flowers, the Worship Commission has decided to help memorialize our dearly departed with a banner displayed in the Gathering Space. So when filling out your Flower Fund envelope for July, be sure to write the name of the person you would like to remember. Their name will be on the banner when it's displayed in mid-August.

Thanks to all parishioners who have given to the Flower Fund in the past, as well as those who have donated to help ensure we have fresh flowers for Christmas and Easter. They really do help beautify our church and enhance our liturgy!



OFFICE HELP NEEDED

Volunteers are still needed to help in the parish office on Thursdays and Fridays.

Do you have one Thursday or Friday where you are looking to volunteer? Do you have one day a month you could donate your time to help your parish?

We are looking for welcoming individuals to assist in the front office by helping those who come into the office and answering the phones. We would prefer a time commitment from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. but are flexible.

Please, if interested, call the parish office for more information or to sign up for a trial date.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

JULY 17, 2016 COLLECTION REPORT

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| Adult Collection (<i>includes Electronic Donations</i>) | \$ | 10,784.36 |
| Children Collection | \$ | 1.50 |
| St. Vincent de Paul | \$ | 105.00 |
| Debt Reduction | \$ | 146.00 |
| Memorial Flower Fund | \$ | 435.00 |
| Amount needed each week | \$ | 19,648.00 |
| Amount over/under | \$ | (8,863.64) |
| Adult Envelopes | | 209 |
| Children Envelopes | | 1 |
| Electronic Donators | | 64 |
| Thank You! | | |

SHOPPING CENTS

Major Retailers Want To Give Our School Money!

Shopping Cent\$ is simply “substitute money” – in other words, Shopping Cent\$ is gift cards from national and local retailers. They’re the same gift certificates that you buy at the store. Many popular retailers participate in our program including Meijer, Wal-mart, Speedway, Skyline, Olive Garden, Lowe’s and many, many others.

You’re probably asking yourself how these stores help us raise money. It’s simple -- participating retailers agree to sell gift certificates to our organization at a discount. Parishioners and school families buy the certificates for full face value, they redeem them for full face value, and our school keeps the difference as revenue.

The beauty of Shopping Cent\$ is that you put your regular household shopping dollars to work. You earn money for our school without spending a single additional penny. Just spend your regular shopping dollars with Shopping Cent\$ at the stores that participate in the program! And Shopping Cent\$ can be used for just about any household purchase including food, clothing, entertainment, gasoline and even dining out.

We still need one more new face to join our team. It only takes less than hour per month. We have 1 opening before/after 4:30 mass on 3rd Saturday of the month. Please call the hotline (699-6960 ext. 240) if you can help out!

TERRI’S TIDBITS

DID YOU KNOW THAT we collected \$137,348.37 of our \$150,000 Annual Fund Goal? Thank you for your generosity.

DID YOU KNOW THAT the parishioner who walked on the newly painted parish center floor called to let me know what happened? He was there looking at the walls that need to be painted. There was no barriers or signs up to warn of the wet paint. Thank for solving the mystery and for being so honest.

DID YOU KNOW THAT the festival is only 4 weeks away? Have you signed up to work? No matter how much time you can donate, please see page 5 in this bulletin for more information. Remember this is a huge fundraiser for the parish.

STEWARDSHIP FOR THE WEEK

“Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” Luke 11:9

Jesus assures us that if we ask Him, God will take care of what we need. The problem is that in our culture we often confuse what we really **need** with what we simply **want**. Many people need very little. However, we usually want so much more. A good steward only asks God for what he needs.

Shopping Cent\$ is on sale every Thursday morning starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Parish Office.

Festival News

Blue Jay Reverse Raffle

In last week's bulletin the date for the third and final early bird drawing was listed as July 29, which was incorrect. The third and final drawing was on July 22. Check out next week's bulletin to find out who the lucky winner was. A reminder to our early bird winners, you are still eligible for the grand prize.

Do you have a group you meet with regularly? Sports team, card club...purchase a group ticket. Ten people on a ticket for only \$10...image what kind of party you could have if you won!!



As all of us should know by now, Dale Bosse has been out selling raffle tickets. My question is this.....why only Dale? Can't we all get out there and sell some tickets for our Parish. Together we can have them all sold before the festival even begins. Who is up for the challenge?

Ticket request forms can be found in the Gathering Space or on our website.

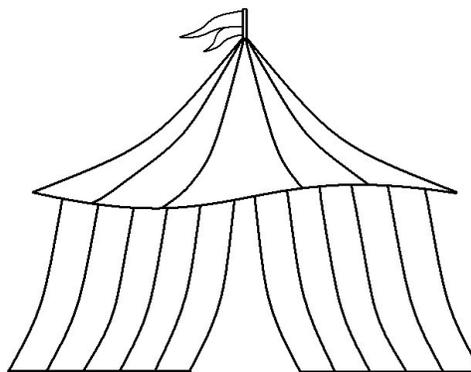
This Week's Festival Highlight

As mentioned in last week's bulletin, our first round of volunteers needed are for set-up. Below is the link to Sign Up Genius. Please use this to volunteer your time for set-up, clean-up, etc. If you are having a problem with the site or are unable to logon, please contact Jeana Wiesman at jdwiesman@gmail.com.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0944aaae28a0f58-setup>

You can always call the parish office to volunteer as well.

Next week we will be sending out a Sign Up Genius for volunteers needed during the Festival at the booths.



26 more days
until Festival.

Please volunteer for your parish. Please express your interest in helping by sending an email to stjohnsdrfestival@gmail.com





MUSICIAN'S NOTES

BY DOUG SCHMUTTE



The one word that came to my mind as I was reflecting upon today's scriptures was PERSISTENCE. By now, you know I like to begin with definitions: "To be persistent" means "continuing firmly or obstinately in a course of action in spite of difficulty or opposition." The Genesis reading, the responsorial psalm, and the Gospel this Sunday all deal with persistence in prayer.

My friend and colleague, as well as a prolific composer of liturgical music, David Haas, wrote the a brief reflection on today's readings. "In response to their request, Jesus teaches the disciples the Our Father, tells them to persist in prayer, suggests what they are to pray for, and grounds their prayer in the goodness of God as Father. Abraham exemplifies such prayer. He is persistent. He speaks to God directly and forcefully, praying for righteous judgment and protection of the innocent. God stands in front of Abraham, listening to and granting each request. Psalm 138 confirms that God, who desires our salvation, will always answer when we call:

Lord on the day I called for help, you answered me.
I thank you, Lord with all my heart;
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I praise you.
I bow down toward your holy temple.
I give thanks to your name for your merciful love and
your faithfulness.
You have exalted your name over all.
On the day I called you answered me."

Even two hymns we sang today dealt with persistence in prayer. In our prelude piece, we heard, "Increase our faith... Teach us to pray always." These are the very words the disciples spoke in the Gospel. Then we heard, "So I say to you: ask you will receive; seek and you shall find, knock, it shall be



opened to you." And "If you, with all your sins, know how to give, how much more will God give to all those who cry from their heart."

In our gathering hymn, "Lord of all Hopefulness," we sang about the persistence of prayer all through the day: from the "break of the day" to the "noon of the day," even to the "eve" and the "end" of the day. So, it's pretty evident from today's scriptures and hymns that, as Mr. Haas writes, "God, who desires our salvation, will always answer when we call." The answer may not always be the one we want, but it's always the one God knows we need.

Yes, sometimes it's easy not to be persistent because we feel God isn't listening. At these times, as we've often heard, we need to recall, as the readings definitely assure, that our loving and merciful God is listens and that, as the psalm celebrates, "Lord on the day I called for help, you answered me."

May we remember to pray always, and never hesitate to petition our God who reminds us that "whoever asks receives, whoever seeks shall find, and whoever knocks, the door shall be opened." May we continue to ask the Lord to teach us to pray and to be persistent in that prayer.

Have a great week.

Week by Week Through the Year of Mercy

This week, the universal Church focuses in prayerful solidarity on World Youth Day in Krakow, where WYD's founder, Saint John Paul II, served as archbishop. Its theme coincides with that of Pope Francis' *Jubilee Year of Mercy*: "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy" (Matthew 5:7). Today's Gospel echoes the same theme, as Jesus unites prayer with mercy in "The parable of the persistent friend." Jesus teaches us not only what words to pray, but what deeds must match authentic prayer. How beautifully down-to-earth is Jesus' portrait of a God

who can be trusted to do what is best for us. A pesky neighbor disturbs a sleeping friend and disrupts the household. Yet beautiful images unfold. Persevering prayer receives active, practical mercy in loaves of bread, recalling Luke's unique expression for the Eucharist, "the breaking of bread" (Luke 24:35; Acts 2:42). WYD, the *Jubilee*, and Jesus thus unite to define perfect prayer as persevering communion with God and unconditional mercy toward our neighbor.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
BY: ANNE JOHNS

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

There are not enough thank you's for all of the wonderful people who made
Vacation Bible School 2016 such a blessed success...

To the teachers...for your time, talent, and treasures...

Sarah Roettker, Cathy Hale, Amanda Weickert and Amanda Dreyer.

To their assistants...for all of your help to make things go so smooth...

Trisha Maddux, Michelle Burke, Karen Brutz, Shannon Meyer, Angie Reynolds,
Donna Hayes, Sue Hines, and Cheryl Dorsch.

To our snack ladies, Jill Katterjohn, Mary Ellen Thome and Sandi Kasee....

To our "Craft lady", Patty Dailey, who gives lots of time and funds
to make our crafts great...

To Sue Hines who takes all of our pictures....

To Cameron Middendorf and Sam Efke for helping in a variety of ways..

To all of the student helpers who gave their time during summer break to help out

And to all of the parents...

Who brought your children each day to learn more about Jesus...

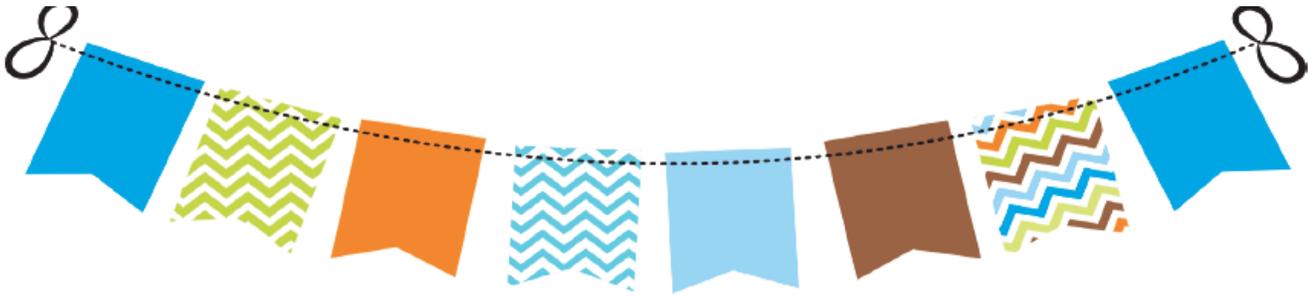
And to the children who attended VBS...

For allowing us to be blessed by your unconditional love for Jesus Christ!!!

And mostly...

**Thanks to God for His unwavering love and for all that He gave us to make the
week so very special.**

**Many, many thanks to all the children and parents who donated
Food and health and beauty items for those in need
which will be distributed by the Corpus Christi Food Pantry.**



Junior High Summer Camp

August 1 – 4, 2016



What: St. Ignatius, St. John's Dry Ridge, St. John Neumann, and St. Ann's are teaming up for an exciting week of faith, fun, and friends!

Who: Students entering 7th grade through graduated 8th graders

Where: St. Ignatius is our "home base" for the week, located at 5222 North Bend Road.

We will meet in the Fr. Hilvert Center at 9:00am. The Hilvert Center is located near the back of St. Ignatius. When entering the church Parking lot, veer to the right, drive past the church offices (Offices will be on your left, school will be on your right), take a left immediately after the church offices. You'll see the Hilvert Center on your left.

When: Monday, August 1 to Thursday August 4. Each day begins at 9:00am (doors will not open until 8:30am). On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday we will conclude at 3:00pm. On Thursday, our day will be a little longer. Parents are invited to join us at 4:45pm on Thursday, August 4 for a closing ceremony. The closing ceremony will end around 5:30pm.

Cost: \$75 per student. This covers the cost of all major activities, snacks, and Thursday's lunch. Students will need to pack their lunch with a drink on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Students may bring extra spending money on Monday & Tuesday for concessions.

For more information, contact Rod Dunlap at
rdunlap@stjohnsdr.org or 614-1789.

Last week to RSVP!!

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time C 1

Genesis 18:20-32

Haggling with God

If your best friend does you a favor, you will want to return it. Sometimes you can get someone to do a favor if you promise some kindness in return. You might have to negotiate. You might have to give up more than you thought. But you can barter and sustain the friendship.

One of the most delightful passages in the Old Testament is the negotiation between God and Abraham. Both have entered a covenant as friends, although they are not at all equals. Still, Abraham negotiates with God about the number of righteous people who might be found in Sodom and Gomorrah. Abraham speaks humbly of himself in the presence of God's majesty, yet he boldly asks for a better and better deal.

The passage is delightful until we realize what they are negotiating over: the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. God has condemned the city for its misdeeds, but Abraham pleads on behalf of the innocent. This dainty conversation concerns the serious business of saving human lives.

In our friendship with God, we often negotiate in a similar way. "Let my mother live, O God, and I will always treat her with respect." "Let me not get into trouble for my sin, O God, and I will always keep my room clean." "Let me get out of debt, O God, and I will give ten percent of all I own to the church." We barter. The conversation delights God's ears. God loves the people of the covenant.

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time C 2

Colossians 2:12-14

The Best Policy

Our society makes fun of lawyers, but there are times when we need them, and a good one is priceless. If you have been wrongly accused, you need help to clear the record. If you have a traffic ticket, you want someone to present your side. If you are guilty, and you know it, and you do not want to get out of it, you just want to admit it, to bring peace to yourself and your neighbor—a good lawyer can help you make courageous steps to a new and rewarding life.

Whenever we sin, we are tempted to lie about it, and to get someone to lie with us. Facing the truth seems so horrible, that we would rather cover it up.

But that is not freedom. That is slavery to falsehood. Freedom is admitting our wrong, accepting the consequences, and realizing who we are and what we believe.

The Letter to the Colossians says that Christ has taken care of our transgressions. He has forgiven them, "obliterating the bond against us, with its legal claims, which was opposed to us." Christ did more than a typical lawyer could do. He is lawyer, victim, and judge. He is the one against whom we have sinned, the one who advocates on our behalf, and the one who can decide the punishment. With all that power, Christ chooses forgiveness.

When we are honest, Christ makes us free.

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