

July 18, 2010

# ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Catholic Church

601 Jennings Road ~  
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Rev. Michael Zacharias

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Angie Renner

**Masses:**

**Saturday:** 4:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

**Weekday:** Tuesday 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:45 a.m.



**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. & Saturday, 3:00 - 3:30 pm. or by appointment

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Baptisms are celebrated the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month immediately following the 10:30 a.m Mass. Instructions for parents having their first child baptized are held the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Please contact Cherie Freewalt to schedule a date.

**Sacrament of Matrimony**

Please contact Fr. Mike AT LEAST SIX MONTHS prior to your proposed wedding date to begin preparation for your marriage and to schedule a date.

**New to the Parish?**

We are glad to welcome you as a member of our Parish Family. Please stop by or call the Parish Office to register. Welcome!

### Directory

**Building & Maintenance:**

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stmarysvanwert.com

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info@stmarysvanwert.com

**Office Hours:**

Monday through Friday:

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Bulletin Deadline:**

Monday at NOON, in writing

## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. MARY'S PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*We, as a parish family, commit ourselves to grow in our faith, to share what we know, and to be an everlasting light, drawing others to Christ by living His Gospel.*

### This Week in Our Parish

Sun July 18: Bingo (K of C Hall) 6:30 pm

Wed July 21: K of C Meeting 7:15 pm

Thu July 22: Bible Study (HFR) 9:30 am  
Bingo (K of C Hall) 6:30 pm

## Liturgical Schedule

### SUNDAY, JULY 18

8:30 AM Mass for Parish  
10:30 AM Ruth Broecker

### MONDAY, JULY 19

8:45 AM Communion Service

### TUESDAY, JULY 20 + ST APOLLINARIS

8:00 AM—5:30 PM Adoration  
5:30 PM Evening Prayer and Benediction  
6:00 PM Georgia Lippi

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 21 + ST LAWRENCE

8:45 AM Carl Hoge

### THURSDAY, JULY 22 + ST MARY MAGDALENE

8:45 AM John Wells

### FRIDAY, JULY 23 + ST BRIDGET

8:45 AM Mass for Papal Intentions

### SATURDAY, JULY 24

4:00 PM Robert Renner

### SUNDAY, JULY 25

8:30 AM Mass for Parish  
10:30 AM Jim Kesler



### Servers, Eucharistic Ministers

#### Lector & Usher Schedule for July 24 & 25

#### SATURDAY, JULY 24, 4:00 PM

Servers: Teresita Heckler, Drake Knapke, Marcy Shoppell  
E. M.: Linda Fox, C Alvarado, T Marshall, C Mowry,  
B Reinhart, T Reinhart, L Vonderwell  
Ushers: Terry Johnson, J Basinger, B Fenton, D Heckler  
Lector: Rosemary Schroeder

#### SUNDAY, JULY 25, 8:30 AM

Servers: A Friesner, E Reinemeyer, J Schaufelberger  
E. M.: Greg Kulwicki, L Kill, D Pollock, J Steffan  
MJ Vetter, M Vetter, B Wolke  
Ushers: Jim Brickner, R Knueve, S Thomas, D Krizay,  
B Wolke, E Fox  
Lector: Jacquie Reinemeyer

#### SUNDAY, JULY 25, 10:30 AM

Servers: Merissa Jones, Megan Lawson, Holly Lawson  
E. M.: Louise Haas, P Baker, D Berryman, J Bloomfield,  
D Ebel, L Freewalt, M Klosterman, L Lawson,  
P Pollock, D Shultz, R Turnwald  
Ushers: Charles Brickner, M Keber, D Allmandinger,  
E Keber, D Keber, J Meyers  
Lector: Trina Shultz

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Please come forward immediately when the prayers for extending Peace are offered. This will help substitutes know they are needed and allow sufficient time to be ready at the altar. Also, please watch for a total of 8 with Father, Deacons and yourselves and 12 at 10:30 Mass.

## **MARRIAGE: UNIQUE FOR A REASON**

There has been much discussion and controversy in the news recently about marriage. Much of the discussion and controversy surrounds the topic of gay “marriage.” As you know, there are many in our culture and media who would like marriage to be redefined. Instead of marriage being defined as the union of one man and one woman, they would like the definition of marriage to be between two people – either two heterosexuals or two homosexuals. This, of course, is inconsistent with who we are as Christians. Christian marriages have always been the union of one man and one woman – the foundation of the family – and the foundation of society. As marriage goes, so goes the family – and so goes society.

There are those who would have us believe that the reason the Catholic Church is against gay “marriage” is because of its bias toward those with a homosexual orientation. This, of course, is not the case. The reason the Church upholds the traditional definition of marriage as the union of one man and one woman has nothing to do with prejudice toward homosexuals – it has everything to do with Christ. The U.S. Bishops Ad Hoc Committee on the Defense of Marriage has recently written on the topic of Christian marriage. Their newest document on this topic is called, *“Made for Each Other: A Catechetical and Educational Aid on Sexual Difference and Complementarity.”*

In order to have a proper understanding of Christian marriage, I urge everyone to please read this document on the Bishops’ website. To read this document and others related to Christian marriage and the family, please go to [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org). On the right hand side of the page there is a box entitled “Strengthening Marriage.” In this box is a link to *Marriage: Unique for a Reason*. Click on this link and it will take you to the above mentioned document. It is worth the read. And it is worth passing along to friends and family.

Let’s continue to pray for healthy and happy marriages. May God continue to bless you and yours during these summer months!

In Christ,

Fr. Mike



**Delores Darwood, Anne Dunn, Jason Hoffman, David Lewis, Mary Alice Louagie, Marty McDonough, Jolynn McFerren, Mike Meyer, Travis Osting, Monica Richey, Joe Steffan, Susie Stripe**

Please call the Parish Office at the beginning of each month to continue the above name(s) on the prayer list. The sick person or a close relative are the only ones who should call to add or remove name(s) to this list.

**GOD BLESS OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN**

Please pray for all those serving in our military: Capt. Virginia Brickner, Sgt. William (Ed) Carter, PFC Sarah Cash, Commander Christopher Cavanaugh, Airman Leisal Hanf-Fleming, CPO Christopher Gemmer, Capt. Taylor Markward, TSG Andrew McMahon, SSgt. Nate Sinning, MSgt. Robert Stant, SRA Ashley Stant, Spec. Jeremy Stevenson, Lep1 4th Laad BN/MP Joseph Wolford, Sgt. Brian Wilson, and Capt. Kristy Youngpeter. Please submit to the Parish Office names of parishioners who are currently serving in the armed forces.



**Festival Results**

Thanks again to all who worked at the Family Fun Festival and to the committee members who put in many hours organizing this year's events.

Although we still have not received all the income we are expecting we made:

**OVER \$5,500.00!!**

**Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) Update**

Our Parish Goal: \$20,384.00

Currently pledged: \$8,020.00

**Readings for the Week of July 18, 2010**

- Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42
- Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Mt 12:38-42
- Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Mt 12:46-50
- Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10/Mt 13:1-9
- Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
- Friday: Jer 3:14-17/Mt 13:18-23
- Saturday: Jer 7:1-11/Mt 13:24-30
- Next Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

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*Congratulations to Jason & Sarah Joyce married at St. Mary's on July 10, 2010*

**16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

WHEN YOUR TEENAGER SHOWS UP AT YOUR DOOR WITH A STRANGE LOOKING FRIEND, DO YOU WELCOME THEM WITH HOSPITALITY...



OR THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY?



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**Report By 5:15 PM**

- July 18 Andy Burrow, JIM BRICKNER, Ed Fox, Betty Farr, Jill Spray
- July 22 Duane Riethman, ED FOX, Therese Tate, Mary Kay Stegaman, Janeece Friesner
- July 25 Paul Oechsle, ED FOX, Michelle Easley, Charles Brickner
- July 29 Ed Fox, Tracy Meyers, CHARLES BRICKNER, Nancy Wollenhaupt, Todd Miller

**KITCHEN WORKERS**

**Report By 5:00 PM**

- July 18 Laura Sower and Volunteer Needed
- July 22 Judy Comer and Mindy Miller
- July 25 Michael Ditmyer and Jennifer Eddings
- July 29 Ginger Rahrig and Volunteer Needed

**St. Mary's Bingo—K of C Hall  
425 Woodland Ave.**

**Doors open at 4:00 PM for games-  
Early Bird Bingo at 6:30 PM**

**WALK FOR LIFE  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 2010  
FOUNTAIN PARK  
9:00AM**

St. Mary's goal is 50 people. Meet at Fountain Park at 8:30 for registration. Sponsor sheets are available at the exits of the church.

**AREA HAPPENINGS**

**RAYS OF HOPE CAMP  
JULY 20-22  
AT  
YMCA CAMP CLAY**

Rays of Hope is a 3-day camp for children who have experienced the death of a loved one. It provides an opportunity for children to meet with others in age-appropriate groups, helping them to understand their grief.

Please contact Jeanie Saum at 238-9223 or Cheryl Gasser at 623-7125.

(Presented by Community Health Professionals)

**RESPONSE TO THE LORD FOR SUNDAY, JULY 11, 2010**

ADULT OFFERING FROM 190 ENVELOPES	\$7,432.25
TOTAL ANONYMOUS	413.00
CHILDREN OFFERING FROM 5 ENVELOPES	<u>15.00</u>
TOTAL	\$7,860.25
 TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY BUDGET	 <u>\$7,985.00</u>

***Sponsor of the Week***

**LEE'S ACE HARDWARE**

**St. John's Bible Art Exhibit**

St. Charles Center, 2860 US 127, Carthagena, Ohio will host an exhibit of 25 prints from the St. John's Bible, from August 22 thru September 10, 2010. The 25 prints will be exhibited in the Gaspar Room. Exhibit hours are Monday thru Saturday, 9:30-11:30 am and 1-4 pm and Sunday 1-4 pm. Additional evening hours are Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 pm. Admission is free, though donations will be accepted. For more information visit, [www.st-charles-cpps.org](http://www.st-charles-cpps.org).



# SCHOOL NEWS

***A Catholic school is the preferred choice for all Catholic families and others who embrace our mission.***



Mrs. Therese Tate, Kindergarten teacher, welcomes Aiden Pratt on his school visit. It's not too late to enroll your child for the 2010—2011 school year.



Mr. Frank Minnig, fitness instructor, demonstrates the proper way to do a sit-up for kindergarten students. Weekly classes in fitness are of several "specials" included in the school curriculum

## **1 Corinthians—Chapter 13**

*(As paraphrased by a teacher)*

*If I could explain everything perfectly to my students, but did not love each one of them, I might as well be talking to an empty room.*

*If I could find all the answers to educational problems and did not love, my efforts would be futile.*

*If I could buy every educational aid and sacrificed to do so, but did not have love for my student, it would be a complete waste.*

**Love is patient** when it is necessary to repeat a concept over and over to a student who is having difficulty.

**Love is kind** when an irate parent accuses and berates other teachers or me.

**Love is not jealous** when the other teacher has an entire class of well-behaved and extremely intelligent children while mine are not so great.

**Love is not proud or boastful** when my students improve greatly and really want to come to my class.

**Love is willing to yield** my schedule and plans to fit the needs of others.

**Love does not scream** at my class when they misbehave, but seeks to help them understand the importance of self-discipline.

**Love does not broadcast** all my students' problems and misdeeds to those in the lounge.


**Love keeps trying** even when it seems a student will never understand long division or the difference between an adverb and an adjective.

Teaching methods, bulletin boards, textbooks, yes, even computers, will eventually be discarded, but **love is everlasting.**

*These three things I have learned through teaching: endurance, patience, and love. **And the greatest of these is love.***

**Fr. Ron Nuzzi**

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