

*Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*July 8, 2018*



**Monday, July 9, St. Augustine Zhao Rong**

8:15 a.m. Ralph & Betty Tawney  
(Jim & Sally Casenhiser)  
6:30 p.m. Rock Huggins (Huggins Family)  
*Month's Mind* – Rosalie Henley

**Tuesday, July 10**

8:15 a.m. Andrew & Teresa Misbrener  
(Marty & Liz Misbrener)  
6:30 p.m. Stefan Schler (Family)  
*Anniversary* – Charles Bittner

**Wednesday, July 11, St. Benedict, and St. Oliver Plunkett**

8:15 a.m. George & Wilma Mechler  
(Tony & Martha Cookro)

**Thursday, July 12 SS. Louis and Zelig Martin**

8:15 a.m. Mary Catalano (Karen Grable)  
6:30 p.m. Drew Karson (Karson Family)

**Friday, July 13, St. Henry**

8:15 a.m. Gerald Blin (Family)  
6:30 p.m. Bruno Codispoti (Family)

**Saturday, July 14, St. Kateri Tekakwitha**

8:15 a.m. Darlene O'Sullivan (Margaret Kerr)  
5:00 p.m. Ron Deger (Lisa Deger & Family)

*July 15, 2018*

*Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 am, 9:00 am- Pro Populo, 11:00 am

Scripture Readings for the Week:

Monday  
Tuesday  
Wednesday  
Thursday  
Friday  
Saturday



**A Saintly Marriage**

Last week we remembered the strength of our nation and what it takes for freedom to come. With this week's celebration of the feast day of Saints Louis and Zelig Martin on July 13th (parents of St. Therese of Lisieux), how can we not move from looking at the nation to realizing what

the family so desperately needs. St. John Paul II insists that "As the family goes, so goes the nation and so goes the whole world in which we live." So, what exactly is the world in which we live? Is it the place that the Prince of Peace came to save? The divisive tensions and inability of so many to actually enter into a serious and committed relationship is noticeable in every neighborhood and in every nation. Is it any wonder that when we struggle so much with it all outside the context of faith, that we end up putting walls and boundaries between us and within our families. Then we wonder what we are going to do in regards to our children. Take time this week to:

- 1) Research our Roman Catholic stance in Scripture and in Church teaching regarding family, immigration, human dignity and the like (<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action>)
- 2) Ask who politically represents you and supports the Catholic/Christian teaching...write a letter
- 3) Pray with St. Therese's Papa and Mum (Louis and Zelig Martin) for the sanctity of the family that our country and world might live in love (<https://thekennedyadventures.com/100-resources-catholic-families>) or (<http://ctscatholiccompass.org/louis-and-zelig-martin-a-true-love-story>)

This Tuesday marks the first year anniversary of the death of a dear parishioner friend, Chick Bittner, who when he died bequeathed a beautiful gift to his favorite charities. We are blessed to have shared our Church and faith with the Bittners and to benefit from their support for our parish and school. Chick and Marie believed that *no child should be left behind* and for decades remained anonymous benefactors to so many families in our school. If you know of someone who has a desire to come to our parish day school but isn't sure if they have the resources, please give us a call.

Last week I mentioned that our Church ceiling is scheduled to be painted the last two weeks of July. Not to worry about how we will be able to have the weekend Masses since the work will be done in segments. If there are any changes needed in the weekday Masses we will let you know. Pax, Fr. Blin

*Here's What's Happening  
Around the Parish This Week...*

**Sunday, July 8**

- Boy Scouts, 5:00-6:30 p.m. (Pavilion)

**Monday, July 9**

- Avila Holy Hour, after the 8:15 a.m. Mass (Church)

**Tuesday, July 10**

- Ladies Book Study, 10-11:30 a.m. (Pavilion)

**Wednesday, July 11**

- Bloodmobile, 1-7:00 p.m. (Gym)

- AA/Al-Anon, 7:30-9:00 p.m. (Refectory)

**Saturday, July 14**

- Men's Group, 7:00-8:15 a.m. (VHM)



The parish can always use more volunteers to receive the Vocation Crucifix. Even if you've received it before, you may receive it again. There's no limit! Vocation prayers are always needed and appreciated! Please call the parish office at 330-644-2225 to have your name added to the list.

**Shirley and Tony Clark and family** received the Vocation Crucifix this weekend.

**COLLECTION INFORMATION**

Due to early bulletin deadlines for this week's bulletin, collection information from last weekend is not available. Collection information for two weekends will be reported next week.

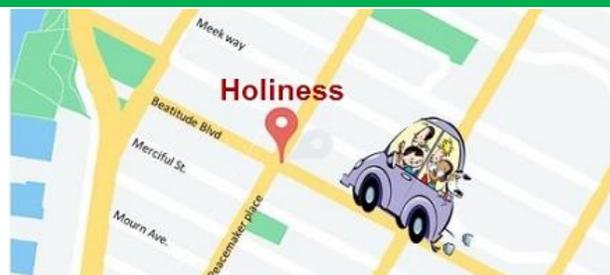


It's our turn to work the Hunger Center (beneath St. Bernard Church) and we will be partnering with Our Lady of Victory and Friends on Wednesday, July 18th. Please arrive by 4:00 and we will be finished by 7:00. Questions? Give Denise Howell a call at 330-472-2273.



**Eucharistic Adoration**

An adorner is needed on Tuesday afternoons from 5:00 – 5:30 p.m. and Wednesday from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. If you are able to help, please call Joanne at 330-338-4810. Please come and spend some time in prayer before our Lord.



**Take a Road Trip to... Holiness**

Join us for our 2018 Vacation Bible School, July 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:15 – 12:30 p.m. Registration fliers with more information are available in the Church's new literature rack located in the narthex of the church or at the parish office. Please contact Joanne Reich at 330.338.4810, or Colleen McVicker at 330.896.7122 with questions.

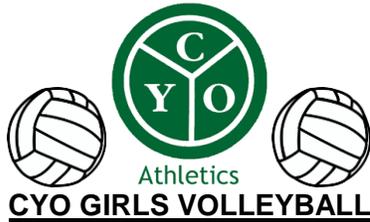
**WEDDING BANNS**



II Andrew Woods & Caitlin Carson  
II James Durkos & Patricia Gillespie

*"The experience of the love in families is a perennial source of strength for the life of the Church."*

*-Pope Francis*



Girls volleyball for Fall 2018 registration is now open for entering 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Please go to our parish website, [www.stfparish.com](http://www.stfparish.com) and click on the CYO tab to register. Questions? Give our Athletic Director, Kerri Defibaugh a call at 330-388-8803 or email her at [orangejett@gmail.com](mailto:orangejett@gmail.com).



**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** for our cluster parishes will meet Tuesday, July 10th, 10:00 AM at Nativity of the Lord Jesus Church.

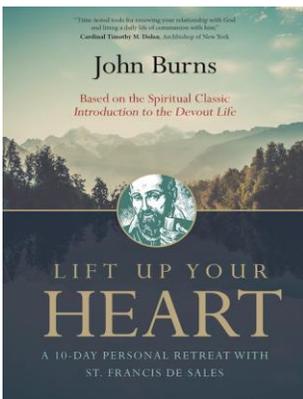
Please remember to bring your completed shawls for blessing, your current shawl to work on and any leftover yarn to share with others as we celebrate God's love and blessings.

**New members are always welcome. Come join as us we gather, pray, crochet & knit prayer shawls.** Call Ginny 330-644-4132 or Barb 330-699-4769 with any questions.

## - *Lift Up Your Heart* - A Small Group Study, Beginning This September

For more than four hundred years, *Introduction to the Devout Life* by St. Francis de Sales, Doctor of the Church, has been regarded as the essential guide to holiness and loving God. This spiritual classic takes on new life in *Lift Up Your Heart*, where Rev. John Burns has interpreted ten meditations for the modern reader and distilled them into a ten-day mini-retreat that can easily be completed in the midst of a busy life.

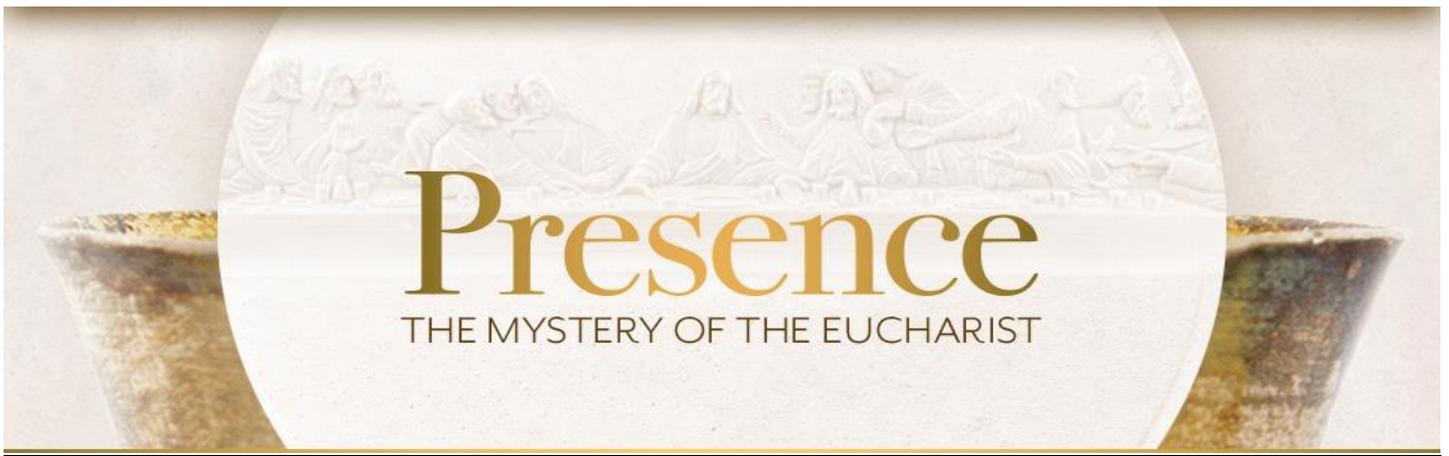
This practical book goes right to the heart of helping you kick the habit of floating along on your spiritual journey to start actively pursuing holiness and devotion to God. During the course of the retreat, you'll learn the basics of forming a daily prayer routine, including how to offer yourself to God, meditate on his love, maintain peace in the face of suffering and clarity in the midst of temptation.



The meditations will help you:

- Adopt gratitude as a daily prayer practice.
- Examine and reorder your priorities and relationships to better reflect your love for God.
- Discern between good and evil in your life.
- Desire to love and serve as Jesus did.

In a very real sense, Father Burns helps you take St. Francis de Sales as your spiritual director for ten days. As you do so, you'll feel God's fatherly love and restart your faith life, equipped with the tools to connect with God and live for heaven now.



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Bread for the Journey

Presence - Video 3

In the first video of 'Presence', I mentioned my surprise at the response of the heroic priests entering the burning church and the young girl sneaking into the chapel, night after night, to consume desecrated hosts strewn across the floor. I asked myself, "were these actions necessary or warranted"? Regardless, their responses remained compelling and brought me to look at the impact that the Real Presence can have on people of faith. Do I take God's Presence too lightly or too for granted? Since reflecting on these videos, I know I do. These people were driven by faith and a deeper respect for God in the Eucharist.

This third video offers more insight into the Real Presence. It steps us back into the Old Testament. To the Jewish community, the Passover was a powerful and reflective event. It became God's promise, a covenant with the Hebrew Tribes. Over the centuries, year after year, they have memorialized it, reaching back thru time to reflect on God's grace in their lives as they were brought out of captivity. They would also look forward, reaching out hopefully, in expectation for a coming Messiah. Mother Miriam of the Daughters of Mary - Israel's Hope, captures this moment in her story-telling. She ties her Jewish roots to her first Holy Communion. In her own words, "The God of Abraham was placed on my tongue. There will never be enough time to thank him."

Fast forward 1500 or so celebrations of the first Passover and you will find Jesus celebrating this same feast, closing the book on the Old Testament covenant, and creating a New Covenant at the Last Supper. He likewise looks forward with anticipation, but this time the hope of a Messiah is to be fulfilled. He is about to become that Pascal Lamb. A New Covenant is established from the heart of the Passover meal. A memorial is established, and the foundation of the Mass is established.

Watch the video and get a beautiful sense of how our faith is centered on the Eucharistic feast and tied to the Old Testament. Reflect on the tie between the Passover, the Last Supper, the road to Emmaus, and a taste of Heaven. Get an insight into the value of Eucharistic adoration.

As a footnote, I continue to be impressed by the quality of the script and production of these videos.

A Fellow Parishioner

Simply access by registering at [FORMED.org](http://FORMED.org). The Parish Code is WY494W. It's  
**FREE!**

### **GIFTS OF IRA AND STOCKS**

Will you have increased income as a result of the new tax changes? Perhaps you can consider increasing your offertory contribution to our parish. Changes in the tax law kept in place several popular and attractive charitable gifting options. Gifting appreciated stock (held more than 1 year) to St. Francis may allow you to deduct the stock's full value and bypass capital gains tax. Also, if you are 70 ½ or older, you may be able to reduce your taxable income this year with a gift moved directly from your IRA to St. Francis. Talk to your advisors and IRA administrator for more information and to be sure that a gift is made directly from an IRA to a qualified charity such as St. Francis de Sales. Questions? Contact our parish office at 330.644.2225. You are also welcome to contact Mary Lou Ozimek of the Catholic Community Foundation at 216.696.6525x4070 or mozimek@catholiccommunity.org

### **Tell AM 1260 About Important Priests in Your Life**

Can you think of a priest who has made a positive impact in your life? From helping your family member through a hard time to a homily that improved your understanding of the Faith, these men have been huge parts of our lives. AM 1260 The Rock wants to hear your story about an important priest in your life! These stories will be recorded and shared with our listeners. Email or call us at info@am1260therock.com or 216-227-1260. Help us to tell our priests what they mean to us!

### **Theology on the Rocks**

Theology on the Rocks is a time of great food, fellowship, and faith for adults. On July 16<sup>th</sup> our very own seminarian and Transitional Deacon, **Dc. David Stavarz**, will be speaking on the topic, "**Mass Hysteria: What on Earth Are We Really Doing?**". Please join us at D'Agnes's: 566 White Pond Dr., Akron, OH. Admission is \$10 and includes appetizers at 7:00. Speaker begins at 7:30. This event is sponsored by St. Sebastian Parish, Akron.

### **Help The FEST – we need you!**

FEST 2018 is just a few weeks away – Sunday, August 5, 2018, from 12 noon until 10 pm. It's a day of faith --- family – fun and it's all for FREE. It's our 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Catholic Family FESTival that takes place on the grounds of Borromeo and Saint Mary Seminary (28700 Euclid Avenue in Wickliffe). For all the details, visit [www.theFEST.us](http://www.theFEST.us). We need your help to make sure this event has everything you need for a perfect family day! It takes 1,400 volunteers to bring The FEST to life. Be a part of a GREAT group of people who help us create this wonderful family day for our Diocese and region. Go to: [www.theFEST.us/volunteer](http://www.theFEST.us/volunteer) for details. See you at The FEST.

### **Santa Clara Monastery Annual Benefit**

The Annual Benefit for the Nuns at Sancta Clara Monastery will be held at Christ the Servant Church, 933 39<sup>th</sup> St. N.W., Canton, OH 44709 on Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. You will enjoy a luncheon, an afternoon of visiting and card playing, browsing through tables of fresh baked goods, unique items for raffle and religious cards made by the Sisters. Admission tickets are \$11. Come, bring a friend and get ready for some good surprises! Doors open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m./ Luncheon at Noon.

### **Catholic Renewal Ministries' Conference**

All are invited to attend **Catholic Renewal Ministries' 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference** to be held on July 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> at Magnificat High School in Rocky River. This year's theme is "Receive and Rejoice in the Holy Spirit", The conference opens on Friday at 7:00 p.m. Guest speakers will be Lloyd and Nancy Greenhaw, Dave Van Vickel, Bishop Nelson Perez, Fr. Bob Franco, Fr. Jacob Bearer, and Nick Alcantar. Contact Shirley or Tom Fumich at 440.610.6604 for registration information or visit [crmweb.org](http://crmweb.org). Advanced registration postmarked by July 12<sup>th</sup> is \$30, and at the door is \$35. Come experience the healing power and gifts of the Holy Spirit!

### **Theology on Tap**

Theology on Tap Akron will again be at The Harbor Front Grille & Party Center on Wednesday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm! Theology on Tap welcomes all young adults to come listen to Bob Pacanovsky, Keynote and Conference Speaker of the Black Tie Experience, speak on "The Power of 167 Hours: What is your Kingdom Etiquette?" Admission is \$5 and includes appetizers. The bar will be open for those who would like to purchase beverages. Come experience faith, fellowship, and food with other young adults in their 20's and 30's at Theology on Tap Akron! The Harbor Front Grille & Party Center is located at 562 Portage Lakes Dr., Akron, OH 44319. Thanks again to Billow's Funeral Home for sponsoring the event!

### **GOOD SAMARITAN HUNGER CENTER**

Thank you for your generous support over the years. We strive to be good stewards of your donations. Last year, due to need, the Good Samaritan Hunger Center tripled the number of meals provided through the hot meal and grocery distribution programs. We need your help, as we are struggling now and do not wish to cut programs. No donation is too small. You may visit our web page to make a donation at:

[www.goodsamaritanhungercenter.org](http://www.goodsamaritanhungercenter.org)

or you may mail a donation to Good Samaritan Hunger Center:

PO Box 5753,  
Akron OH 44372

Thank you in advance for your support!



As part of our 70th Anniversary Celebration, former Parochial Vicars/Associates and Parish Vocations have been invited to celebrate Mass with us. Next weekend (July 15<sup>th</sup>) at the 11:00 Mass, Father Joseph Workman, Pastor of St. Clement and St. James parishes, both in Lakewood will be here. Father Workman is a vocation from St. Francis de Sales Parish and was ordained on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2004. He has served at several Parishes throughout the Diocese, including St. Columbkille, St. Augustine (Barberton), Ss. Cyril & Methodius (Barberton) and Sacred Heart of Jesus (Wadsworth). Welcome back to your home Parish, Father Workman!