

CHRIST OUR LIGHT

FAMILY OF PARISHES

PARISH OFFICES

ST. AUGUSTINE/ST. JOSEPH

48 N. Hanover Street, Minster, Ohio

Phone: (419) 628-2614

Hours: M-F 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

(Closed 12:00 pm-1:00 pm)

THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY REDEEMER

120 S. Eastmoor Drive, New Bremen, Ohio

Phone: (419) 629-2543

Hours: M-TH 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

F 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

THE MARION CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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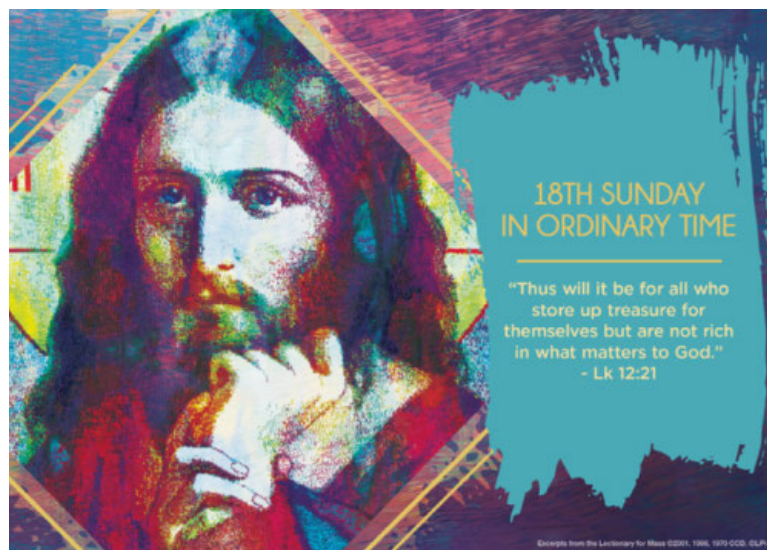
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**IF YOU HAVE AN IMMEDIATE NEED TO SPEAK WITH
A PRIEST, PLEASE CALL (567) 360-0008.**

welcome

Christ our Light Family of parishes, rooted in the Eucharist and Sacraments, strives to be an inviting community of believers by: cultivating faith, knowing, loving and serving God. We will joyfully radiate the Light of Christ to all through love, compassion and example on our journey towards heaven.



OUR CHURCHES

ST. AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH (SA)

48 N. Hanover Street Minster, Ohio

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH (SJ)

2441 State Route 364, Minster, Ohio (Egypt)

HOLY REDEEMER CATHOLIC CHURCH (HR)

120 S. Eastmoor Drive, New Bremen, Ohio

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH (SJB)

8533 State Route 119, Maria Stein, Ohio

PRECIOUS BLOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH (PB)

35 Maple Street, Chickasaw, Ohio

ST. SEBASTIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (SS)

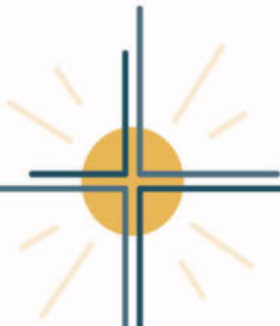
3280 County Road 716A, Celina, Ohio

ST. ROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH (SR)

7428 State Route 119, Maria Stein, Ohio

NATIVITY OF THE BL. VIRGIN MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH (NAT)

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MASS SCHEDULE / INTENTIONS

WEEKLY MASSES

Monday, August 4th **Memorial of Saint John Vianney, Priest**
5:30 pm St. Sebastian Mary & Vernon Rutschilling, Doris Ann Will
7:00 pm Holy Redeemer Kyle Bensman & Deceased members of Bensman-Holdheide Families

Tuesday, August 5th **Tuesday of the Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time**
7:15 am St. Rose Eugene Dirksen
7:30 am Holy Redeemer Mary Knapke, Connie Will

Wednesday, August 6th **Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord**
7:15 am Precious Blood* Dorothy Albers, Ado & Marie Langenkamp, † Hoying & Franck Families
8:00 am St. Augustine Eugene & Marjorie Wehrman
12:05 pm Holy Redeemer Lawrence & Wilma Link

Thursday, August 7th **Thursday of the Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time**
7:15 am Nativity BVM David Seitz, Walter & Rita Heitkamp
8:00 am St. Joseph Lionel & Ruth Krieg
12:00 pm St. Augustine † Leo & Marie Monnin, Arlene Wissman

Friday, August 8th **Memorial of Saint Dominic, Priest**
7:15 am Precious Blood* James Zumberge
8:00 am St. Augustine Walter & Clara Bensman Family, Charlie Schmiesing, Norma Knapke

Saturday, August 9th **Mass of Anticipation for Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
4:30 pm Holy Redeemer Ivo, Jean, & Tom Brackman
5:00 pm Precious Blood* Dick Bruggeman, Louis & Eleanor Zumwald, Rosemary Moeller, Jim Zumwald, Pat Langenkamp
5:00 pm St. Augustine Tom Meyer, Lena & Henry Phlipot, Mary Ann Winner
7:30 pm Nativity BVM † Clarence & Philomena Dirksen Family

Sunday, August 10th **Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 am St. Joseph Deb Bubeck
8:00 am Holy Redeemer Shirley Balster, † George & Matilda Maier Families
8:30 am St. Sebastian Keith Fullenkamp
8:30 am Precious Blood* † Feltz & Link Families, Anne Thobe, Lillian Homan, Annette Holthaus
9:00 am St. Augustine* Cory Michael, Henry Dickman
10:00 am Holy Redeemer † Winner-Heitkamp Families, Walt Minch
10:30 am Precious Blood Leander Bruns, Tana & Chandee Homan, Robert Nieberding, Terry Holdheide
11:00 am St. Augustine Earl Winner, Marjorie Larger, Michael Sextro
11:00 am St. Rose Dennis Homan

† Living & Deceased

* Livestreamed Masses for those who are homebound or unable to attend Mass in person due to illness, you may find our livestreams on our YouTube channels.

☩ Incense will be used at this Mass



the sacrament of

RECONCILIATION

MONDAY

St. Sebastian after the 5:30 pm Mass
(except 3rd Monday of the month)
Holy Redeemer 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm

TUESDAY

St. Rose after the 7:15 am Mass

WEDNESDAY

Precious Blood after the 7:15 am Mass
Holy Redeemer 11:00 am to 11:45 am

THURSDAY

St. Joseph after the 8:00 am Mass
St. Augustine after the 12:00 pm Mass

FRIDAY

St. Augustine after the 8:00 am Mass

SATURDAY

Holy Redeemer 3:00 to 4:00 pm
Precious Blood 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
St. Augustine 3:45 pm to 4:30 pm

CONFESSIONS AT NATIVITY BVM & ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

There will be an opportunity for confession on some Thursday and Friday mornings after the 7:15 am Mass. This will generally be twice a month at each parish.

MASS INTENTIONS & REMEMBRANCE

Consider offering a prayer of intercession through the Eucharist with a Mass intention for your deceased loved ones by contacting the appropriate parish office.

moved from St. John the Baptist



the sacrament of

BAPTISM

Please contact the appropriate parish office to schedule a baptism or to register for a preparation class.

St. Augustine (419) 628-2614
Holy Redeemer (419) 629-2543
Marion Catholic Community
 (419) 925-4775

Upcoming Baptismal Prep
Classes all held at 7:00 pm

DATE	LOCATION
Sept 9th	St. Augustine (Parish Center)
Oct 14th	MCC (St. Rose Basement)
Nov 11th	Holy Redeemer

the sacrament of

MARRIAGE

At least six months of preparation time is required. Please contact the appropriate parish office for more information.

the sacrament of

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the appropriate parish office if one of your family members are in the hospital or nursing home and would like to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

ANNOINTING AFTER HOURS
(567) 360-0008

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

MONDAY

St. Augustine 9:00 am to 8:00 pm, Benediction at 7:45 pm
 (except on major holidays. If a funeral Mass is scheduled, Adoration will begin at 12:00 noon)
St. Sebastian 8:00 am to before the 5:30 pm Mass

TUESDAY

Holy Redeemer Exposition within 7:30 am Mass, Benediction at 8:50 pm
St. Joseph 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm



Taking Your
 Children to
*Eucharistic
 Adoration*

FAMILY HOLY HOUR

Saturday August 9th
 Exposition 9:30 am to 10:30 am
 St Rose Catholic Church

Adults and children of all ages, please join us for all or even a small portion of this hour. We will console our Lord, offering Him our Adoration and love in song and directed interior prayer.

PLEASE CALL

PRAYER LINES

CONTACT PERSON

Cindy Vondenhuevel
 Deb Knapke
 Phyllis Thobe
 Carolyn Homan
 Mary Eyink
 Irene Bruns
 Ruth Bruns
 Holy Redeemer

PHONE NUMBER (PARISH)

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 (419) 268-1948 (SS)
 (419) 629-2981, (937) 416-8657, (419) 629-2639 (HR)

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministers are trained parishioners who provide high quality confidential Christian care to any individual who is experiencing a difficult time in their lives.

Please call Linda at (419) 302-2223 or Ellen at (419) 733-4440 to talk to someone who is ready to listen.

PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING

Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley
Northern Counties Services

(937) 498-4593 cssmv.org/northern-counties-services

Robert Skipper, M.DIV., LPCC LICDC

(937) 299-9005 (800) 521-6419

Spiritus Dei Wellness Center

Kimberly Rosenbeck-Rose, LPCC-S
 (567) 644-8186

Ruah Woods | rwpsych.org

Catholic Counselors | catholiccounselors.com

Catholic Therapists | catholictherapists.com
catholicpsychotherapy.org/directory

**National Suicide
 & Crisis Hotline
 Dial or Text 988**



Solemnity of the
**ASSUMPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

MASS OF ANTICIPATION
Thursday, August 14, 2025

6:30 pm St. Augustine ☺
7:00 pm Holy Redeemer ☺
7:00 pm Precious Blood ☺

MASS TIMES
Friday, August 15, 2025

7:15 am St. John the Baptist*
8:00 am St. Augustine
12:00 pm St. Augustine
12:00 pm Precious Blood
12:05 pm Holy Redeemer
5:30 pm St. John the Baptist*
7:00 pm St. Joseph ☺

*St. John the Baptist Masses will be held at Precious Blood Church.
☺ Incense will be used at this Mass

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FR. ALT WILL BE MOVING TO ST. CHARLES AUGUST 4TH.

He had considered moving to St. Charles when changing to semi-retired status last Fall, but also enjoyed living in the Marion Community at St. John's Rectory. It looks like it will be at least 3 to 6 months before the St. John's rectory will be usable again. Currently, Fr. Alt presides at a couple Masses each week and helps with confessions. A move to St. Charles provides access to the chapel and daily Mass, a large indoor area for walking and our CPPS community members. We are grateful for Fr. Alt's continued service and ministry in Christ Our Light family of parishes. Fr. Alt's new address will be St. Charles Center, 2860 US Route 127, Celina, OH 45822. Fr. Mark and Fr. Matt will continue living at St. Augustine as work progresses on St. John rectory.



IN OUR FAMILY OF PARISHES

WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Timothy Blaze Thobe, son of Dylan & Melinda (Greene) Thobe (HR)
James Patrick Dorsten, son of Isaac & Alyssa (Thieman) Dorsten (SA)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE RECENTLY MARRIED COUPLES

Rachel Bergman & Jay Knapke (SJB) (Wedding at Precious Blood)
Nick Wells & Erica Ahlers (HR)
Devon Schultz & Liz Michael (SA)

CONGRATULATE THOSE CELEBRATING A SIGNIFICANT ANNIVERSARY

Mark & Jane Fleck 50th Anniversary (SS)
Gary & Lisa Bertke 30th Anniversary (SJB)

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Carol Salm (SA)

REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY PASSED

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE THAT MAY BE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

If you would like more information on OCIA - The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults for Christ Our Light Family of Parishes - please contact Therese Brown - (419) 628-4275 or email jtbrown@nktelco.net



STAY CONNECTED WITH US!

Sign up for Flocknote today by:

*Texting CHRISTOURLIGHT to 84576

*Connecting with us online at christourlightohio.flocknote.com

PRAYER INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a prayer intention (for the sick) listed in the bulletin, please contact the appropriate parish office.

WEEKDAY MASS CANCELLATION

If Mass or parish activities are cancelled due to inclement weather, communication will be sent through Flocknote & Christ Our Light social media.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

JULY 27TH

Nativity BVM

Weekly Collection	\$984.00
Maintenance	\$20.00

St. Rose

Weekly Collection	\$1,173.00
Maintenance	\$25.00

St. Sebastian

Weekly Collection	\$856.00
Maintenance	\$100.00

Precious Blood

Weekly Collection	\$2,369.00
Maintenance	\$1,340.00

St. John the Baptist

Weekly Collection	\$4,762.00
Maintenance	\$195.00

St. Joseph

Weekly Collection	\$609.00
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St. Augustine

Weekly Collection	\$6,416.35
EFT/ACH	\$28,642.00

Holy Redeemer

Weekly Collection	\$6,712.00
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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

WHAT WE STORE IN THE BARN

I once knew a godly woman who had truly tasted the bitterness of this earthly life. This woman knew pain. She knew sacrifice. She knew hard labor and loss, including the death of a cherished child. She worked each day at a low-paying job, waiting patiently for her 65th birthday, when she could retire and devote herself full-time to her grandchildren. She crossed off the dwindling days on her calendar like a first grader waiting for Christmas.

Ninety-eight days before she was set to retire, she died suddenly. Her name was erased from the schedule at work and penciled over with that of her replacement hire.

All things are vanity.

I think we all know someone like this, don't we? If the details aren't exactly the same, the outline of the story is: someone labors "with wisdom and knowledge and skill," in the words of Ecclesiastes. And what profit comes to him? Sorrow and grief all his days. The proverbial barn filled with harvest and left to rot.

But I'll let you in on a secret: this isn't a sad story. I've only told you part of it.

This woman heard, daily, the voice of God, and against it she never hardened her heart, whatever news it brought her. This woman loved as hard as she worked. Every action was a form of evangelization. To talk to her was to feel the embrace of Christ.

As much as she waited for that retirement that never came, it was never the harvest in her barn.

This is what it means to be a true steward: to seek what is above.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



UPDATES ABOUT
THE RECOVERY

Visit the website
marioncatholiccommunity.org
to find out more.

HELPING HANDS OF CHRIST OUR LIGHT



DO YOU HAVE A PROJECT YOU
NEED HELP WITH? GIVE US A CALL
OR SCAN CODE TO TELL US MORE.

CONTACTS:
JODIE BLINDAUER - 419-236-1615
JEFF STAMMEN - 513-518-0722
LARRY HEMMELGARN - 967-644-6199
KATHY PAPE - 419-953-6420



Stewardship: The Christian Steward receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in an accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with others and returns them with increase to the Lord.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 3, 2025

Sunday:	Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 (1)/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21
Monday:	Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday:	Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36
Thursday:	Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 16:13-23
Friday:	Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/Mt 16:24-28
Saturday:	Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/Mt 17:14-20
Next Sunday:	Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 (12b)/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/ Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

FR. MARK'S WEEKLY INSIGHT

Hi,

I'm smiling because it is raining as I write this. I think my muskmelons and watermelons are smiling along with me.

Today's article involves smiling in a very difficult situation from Children's Hospital. Working the emergency room one morning a call came out for the chaplain. Arriving was a small child with parents on the way. The child had died of SIDS, sudden infant death syndrome. The hospital staff did all they could but could not revive the baby. When the parents entered the emergency room they were devastated. After some time of grief the parents decided to join the whole family together which included children who were in pre-school and first grade.

At their arrival at bedside, something unexpected happened. The baby's countenance changed. A smile formed on the child's face at the arrival of the siblings. The nurse standing next to me asked if I saw what just happened. We stood there in amazement as an atmosphere of fear and hurt turned into a scene of family unity and love.

Because of that incident at Children's, I always pray for young children, parents and siblings and babysitters. I also remember that a smile is a gift from God and we should use it often.

Have a blessed day and week.

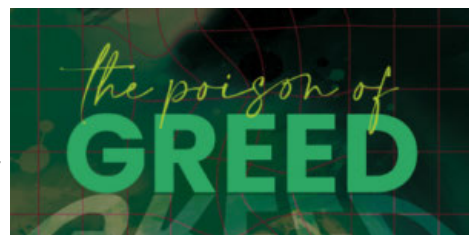
- Fr. Mark

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

August 3, 2025 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 12:13-21

Recent studies suggest that millennials will be the first generation in America to be worse off than their parents in terms of financial earnings and job status. Many lament this. I propose that this week's Gospel provides a hopeful way to see the trend as good news.



The Lord Jesus says, "Take care to guard against greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist in possessions" (Luke 12:15). Greed damages us with the deception that we are what we possess. But to Jesus, this is simply not true. What makes us happy is who we are, who we become.

Does not the expectation that every generation should do better than their parents subtly mask the poison of greed? A similar attitude is mirrored in the man who demands that Jesus justly arrange his share of the family inheritance. Despite the injustice, Jesus will not play that game. In fact, he seems to prefer that the man have less than his parents. What good would having more be to this man if he becomes enslaved and miserable by greed? What good would it be for us to have more if it means we become much less?

In allowing the man to have less, Jesus opens a space for him to become more: a man free to love. In that much more meaningful sense, perhaps he was better off than his parents. Maybe the millennials will be, too.

— Father John Muir



Story Time &
Book Signing
with
Dr. John Wood



SATURDAY AUGUST 9
10-12NOON at
Silver Cross Catholic Store




TASTE & SEE

SONGS OF BROTHERHOOD:
A MEN'S CHOIR CHORAL CELEBRATION

Sunday, August 17th
11:00 AM Mass
St. Augustine Catholic Church
Minster, OH

The Men's Choirs of St. John the Baptist, Glandorf
& St. Augustine, Minster join together to continue
a decades-long tradition of song, friendship, and
camaraderie.




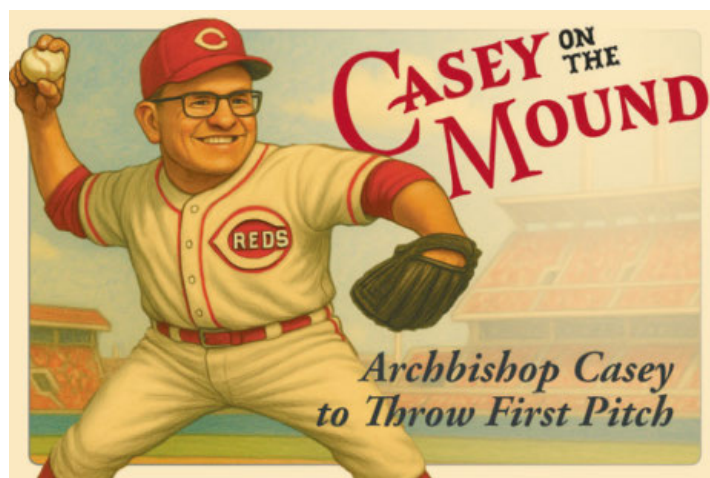
FARM MASS

2025

All are welcome for the annual Farm Mass, to
celebrate the gift of the earth and to recognize
the new Century Family Farms!

Please bring lawn chairs and
enjoy refreshments afterwards!

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13th, 7:00PM
8183 HOYING RD, ANNA

DON'T MISS ARCHBISHOP CASEY AT THE BALLPARK!

Join us Saturday, August 30th at Great American Ballpark
as Archbishop Robert G. Casey of the Archdiocese of
Cincinnati throws out the ceremonial first pitch before the
Reds take on the Cardinals!

First pitch at 6:25 pm | Game starts at 6:40 pm

Get discounted tickets here: [https://www.gofevo.com/
event/Archdiocesecincinnati2](https://www.gofevo.com/event/Archdiocesecincinnati2)

For every ticket purchased through the link, \$5 will be
donated to the Catholic Education Foundation of the
Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

Maria Stein Retreat Center

Fundraising Gala 2025

The Gala will once again be held
"at the Lake" retreat center in Montezuma

August 26, 2025

Doors open at 5:30
Dinner served starting at 6:30

This gala is a unique opportunity to engage with the
community while supporting our ongoing mission.

Individual tickets for the gala are \$50 each
Consider becoming a "Table Sponsor" by
purchasing 10 tickets for the price of 9, a \$50 savings!

If you're unable to join us for dinner, you can still
support the Retreat Center by visiting the
online auction and placing your bids!



Tickets
scan to purchase



Website
for information



Auction
view and bid




**Bible,
Bourbon
& Bros**
A Catholic Men's Ministry

It's A Guy's Night with Fr. Alex!
Thursday August 14
7 PM Social | 7:30 PM Speaker
at Loramie Brew Bank

IN OUR PARISH FAMILY & COMMUNITY

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COL STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION MEETING will be held, Thursday, August 7th at 7:00 pm in the Holy Redeemer Conference Room.

FATIMA USA 2025 The Spiritual Center of Maria Stein will commemorate Our Lady's apparition and message at Fatima on Friday, August 8th at 7:30 pm with an outdoor Mass. Father Sean Wilson, Pastor of Holy Face of Jesus Parish Family, will be the celebrant. There also will be confessions, a candlelight Rosary, and procession through the woods. All First Communicants are welcome to join in the procession in their attire. Please bring your own lawn chair for seating and dress appropriately. Come Join us for this Fatima celebration!

SON MINISTRY RAFFLE WINNERS Phil & Marcia Moeller - \$50.00, Susan Wolters - \$25.00 and Michael and Elaine Homan - \$25.00. Congratulations!

RECYCLE YOUR RELIGIOUS ITEMS FROM HOME!

A Religious Recycle Group will be stopping by to collect Religious items that need a new home.

Items they take are anything Catholic such as Statues, Rosaries (broken Rosaries ok), Crucifixes, Holy Medals, Holy Cards, framed pictures, prayer books and Bibles as well as used musical instruments.

Items they do not take - religious books, pamphlets, wax candles, angel figurines (Saint Angels are fine). Please bring your items to any parish office no later than Tuesday, September 2nd.

HOLY REDEEMER

THE NEXT BOOK CLUB MEETING will be Tuesday, August 12th at 6:45 pm in the conference room. The book selection for this month is "The Life of Mary as Seen by the Mystics" by Raphael Brown. Please come join the discussion. All are welcome.

MEN'S PRAYER will be held on Saturday, August 9th at 7:00 am in the HR Conference Room. Join us in reflecting on the readings for the upcoming weekend. All materials are provided.

JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR OUR NATION with a Rosary for our Nation on Saturday, August 9th at 8:00 am.

AGAPE NEWS Are you interested in learning more about Agape? Would you be interested in representing Holy Redeemer on the Agape Board? Please reach out to Diane Griesdorn (419) 733-2081 and she can give you information concerning this position.

MARION CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

ST. JOHN MEN'S SODALITY SPONSORING MOVIE IN THE PARK on Thursday, August 14th at roughly 8:45 pm at Marion Township Park. Popcorn and lemonade will be provided. Free admission and bring the family.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH SELECTED AS 2025 BEAR HOLLOW AUCTION RECIPIENT!

Support Your Parish & the Mercer County Fairgrounds Through This Unique Opportunity
We're excited to share that St. John the Baptist Church has been selected as a recipient of the 2025 Bear Hollow Wood Carvers Auction, held during the Mercer County Fair on Wednesday, August 13th.

Each year, 16 one-of-a-kind wood carvings are created live at the fair by the renowned Bear Hollow Wood Carvers. These beautiful pieces are then auctioned off to benefit local non-profit organizations and individuals.

How It Works:

- If a carving sells for \$10,000 or less, 50% of the proceeds go to the recipient.
- If it sells for more than \$10,000, 75% of the proceeds go to the recipient.
- The remaining funds help support ongoing improvements at the Mercer County Fairgrounds.

St. John the Baptist is honored to share that Julie Guggenbiller, who was chosen as an individual recipient, has requested her proceeds be donated to St. John the Baptist Church. Since 2017, this event has raised over \$227,000 for worthy causes. Now, you can make a difference in two meaningful ways—by supporting our parish and the Mercer County Fairgrounds!

If you would like to contribute directly toward the auction carvings benefiting St. John's, please contact the Mercer County Fairgrounds at (419) 586-3239.

Let's rally together and make this an extraordinary success for St. John the Baptist and the fairgrounds!

CALL MINISTRIES the suggested items for the month of July are canned fruits and meats. Thank you in advance for your donations.

PRECIOUS BLOOD

PARISH COUNCIL Precious Blood will be in the process of selecting candidates for the parish council ballot as well as Men's and Ladies Sodality. If you have questions or interest in serving on the parish council or sodalities, please contact Trevor Wynk at (567) 644-4245 by August 22nd.

ST. ROSE

PARISH COUNCIL St. Rose will be in the process of selecting candidates for the parish council ballot as well as Men's and Ladies Sodality. If you have questions or interest in serving on the parish council or sodalities, please contact Brenda Hamberg at (419) 852-0292 by August 22nd.

CATECHIST NEEDED for the 2025-2026 catechetical year for the junior class and freshman class, which is Confirmation. We are also in need of a half year 2nd Grade Catechist. If you have questions or have interest in sharing the faith, please contact Carla Hartings at (419) 733-4090.

ST. SEBASTIAN

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING will be on Tuesday, August 5th at 8:00 pm.

PARISH COUNCIL St. Sebastian will be in the process of selecting candidates for the parish council ballot as well as Men's and Ladies Sodality. If you have questions or interest in serving on the parish council or sodalities, please contact Tyler Schmit at (419) 852-0208 by August 22nd.

NATIVITY

PARISH COUNCIL will be meeting on Tuesday, August 5th at 7:30 pm in the Parish Rectory.

PARISH COUCIL Nativity of the BVM will be in the process of selecting candidates for the parish council ballot as well as Men's and Ladies Sodality. If you have questions or interest in serving on the parish council or sodalities, please contact Adam Koesters at (419) 852-4939 by August 22nd.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Bereavement Committee is seeking to form a group to perform live stream duties for St John's Funeral Masses which will be held at Precious Blood. The system is very user friendly. All training included. The Parish averages 15 or so funerals per year and we are seeking people to rotate according to their availability. Teenagers are encouraged during the summer months. Again, the system is not complicated. Please text Nancy (419) 305-6782 if interested. Thank you!

PARISH COUNCIL St. John the Baptist will be in the process of selecting a lady candidate for the parish council ballot. If you have questions or interest in serving on the parish council, please contact Michelle Ashman at (419) 852-0784 by August 22nd.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST continued

T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church is partnering with RB Advertising to sell shirts as a fundraiser for the church recovery project. There are two ways to purchase shirts.

Option 1 – visit rbadvertising.com/stjohn; click on custom store.

Option 2 – pickup an order form from the back of any Christ the Light Church or the Church office. Return the order form and payment to the parish office no later than August 1st.



Please mail order form to Marion Catholic Community, 7428 St. Rt. 119, Maria Stein, OH 45860. Checks payable to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and memo line: St. John the Baptist Church Community Fund. All orders will be available for pick up on Thursday, August 28th from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at St. Rose church basement.

Thank you to RB Advertising and Katie Speelman for their help with the t-shirt designs. All money received from this sale will be a donation for the church recovery project.

CATECHISTS NEEDED for the St. John's Religious Education program. Lots of opportunity - please contact Jodie Blindauer at jblindauer@christourlightohio.org. We are in need of help with 5th Grade, 10th Grade, and 11th Grade.

ST JOHN CEMETERY Gravestones in Need of Repair
Below is a list of the gravestones that need repair or replacement. If any of the names listed are part of your family history and you would like to help preserve their legacy, we kindly ask you to contact the parish office to discuss repair or replacement options.

Brackman, Anton (1874-1875)
Bueller, Florentina (1901-1902)
Diller, Friederick (1819-1856)
Drees, Frantz (1857-1874)
Drees, Johann (1857-1857)
Dress, Clara (1886-1887)
Goecke, Bernadina (1897-1899)
Goecke, Elizabeth (1842-1878)
Heitkamp, Vincent (1916-1920)
Hemming, Mary (1859-1864)
Kunk, Wilhelm (1896-1907)
Kunkler, Andreas (1796-1860)
Link, Richard (1908-1908)
Puthoff, Mary (1924-1924)
Rentz, Antonious (1797-1856)
Rolfes, Anna (1895-1901)
Ruethschilling, Joseph (1900-1900)
Rutschilling, Johann (1896-1896)
Rutschilling, Wilhelm (1786-1861)
Tangeman, Malinda (1899-1900)
Weis, Sylvester (1881-1883)
Weiss, Jacob (1885-1885)

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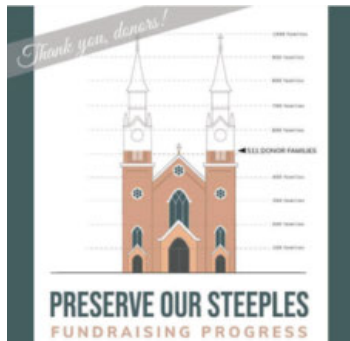
AUGUST CHURCH CLEANING Carol Will, Jennifer Will, Tara Wuebker, Annette Albers

EGYPT COMMUNITY CLUB SUMMER PICNIC Egypt Schoolhouse on Sunday, August 24th with lunch served at 12:30 pm. The ECC will provide the meat, drinks and table service. Members are asked to please bring a side dish. There will be Games-Fellowship-Prize Jars-Outdoor Activities.

ST. AUGUSTINE

PRESERVE OUR STEEPLES

We are incredibly blessed by the generosity of our parishioners and supporters. Thanks to your kindness and commitment, the Preserve Our Steeples capital campaign has now received contributions from over 500 donors!



This is more than just a number - it's a testament to the strength of our community and the shared love we have for our church and its future.

Stay tuned! More updates are coming soon as we plan the next steps of this exciting project. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for helping us preserve a piece of our history for generations to come.

ROSARY BEFORE THE MASS Everyone is invited to join the Men's CHRP Group to pray the Rosary before the 9:00 am Sunday Mass. Please be present by 8:30 am.

MINISTRY OF MOTHERS MEETING Monday, August 4th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

FAMILY ROSARY Thursday, August 7th at 7:00 pm. The Knapke family will be leading and all are welcome to join.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - Tuesday, August 19th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

ANSWER THE CALL TO SERVE! We are currently seeking faith-filled individuals to join our parish team as a 5th grade catechist on Wednesdays at 8:40 am and Mass monitors on Wednesdays at the 8:00 am Mass for the upcoming religious education year. If you feel called to serve in either of these important ministries, please contact the Parish Center at (419) 628-3434.

Training and support will be provided. Thank you for helping us form the next generation of faithful Catholics!

IN OUR AREA

FALL SEMESTER REGISTRATION Registration is now open for day, evening, weekend, and online fall semester courses at Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology. In addition to the seminary campus in Cincinnati, Saturday classes will be offered at Sacred Heart of Jesus in McCartyville. Apply and enroll at www.mtsm.org. Call (513) 233-6118 for more information.

SUMMER DAY WITH THE SAINTS This is a fun day for kids to enjoy at the Shrine and learn about the Saints. There will be saint-themed crafts, prayers, activities, and snacks. Choose August 5th, August 6th, or August 7th. Cost is \$10 per child and runs from 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm. This event is for children entering 1st through 6th grades. To register, log onto mariasteinshrine.org.

DATE NIGHT WITH FR. NATE Married and engaged couples, enjoy the beautiful pond, cozy campfire, and engaging speaker, Fr. Nathan Cromly on Saturday, September 20th at 6:00 pm till 10:00 pm at the Spiritual Center, Maria Stein. \$85 per couple, includes live music, hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine, and more. Registration will go live on August 9th at 9:00 am.



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ST. MARIA'S PRODUCE STAND is open on Saturdays from 9:00 am to noon. The stand is located on the corner of St. Rt. 705 and US Rt. 127 (Happy Corner Garage parking lot). Gardeners are welcome to donate fruits and vegetables from their gardens. The public is invited to come and offer donations for whatever they wish to take home.

STAND TOGETHER Elizabeth's New Life Center invites you to join us in celebrating the Babies Saved and Lives Changed this past year and look with us to the future. Our Annual North Partnership Celebration, Stand Together, will be held on Monday, August 25th at Romer's in Piqua and Tuesday, August 26th at the Palazzo in Botkins. We ask that you prayerfully consider supporting ENLC by hosting a table at the event by inviting new friends to be a part of the work we do. This is an opportunity to be an advocate for life by sharing our ministry with others who might not know about the lives we are impacting. Each table seats 8 people. Interested parties should contact Lori Ernest at (937) 226-7414 Ext. 430 or l Ernest@enlc.life to reserve your table(s).

ST. AUGUSTINE

ALTAR SERVERS

Wednesday 8:00 am Cameron Bergman, Mark Bornhorst
 Thursday 12:00 pm John Brame, Henry Bruns
 Friday 8:00 am Sean Kerrigan, Lydia LeDoux
 Saturday 5:00 pm Luke Baldwin, Charlotte Wolf, Campbell Bergman
 Sunday 9:00 am Haley Kremer, Austin Kremer, Reese Belcher
 Sunday 11:00 am Jonathan Heckman, Zach McDermitt, Jacob McDermitt

LECTOR

Saturday 5:00 pm Craig Oldiges
 Sunday 9:00 am Dorothy Bruns
 Sunday 11:00 am Travis Bruns

EMHC

Saturday 5:00 pm Laura Becker, Sandy Dorsten, Jayna Vossler, Jon Werling, Amy Bergman, Beth Mescher, Dianne Oldiges
 Sunday 9:00 am *Eric Belcher, Jenna Belcher, Kathy Bergman, Kalli Bergman, Jacob Bruns, Mackenzie Huelsman, Dorothy Bruns
 Sunday 11:00 am Tessa McDermitt, Dave Heckman, Alivia Heckman, Natasha Alexander, Nicole Clune, Ellie Eilerman, Travis Bruns

ST. JOSEPH

ALTAR SERVERS

Thursday 8:00 am Lucy Dahlinghaus & Leah Kremer
 Sunday 8:00 am Lucy Dahlinghaus, Emma Heuker, Leah Kremer

LECTOR

Thursday 8:00 am Jack Homan
 Sunday 8:00 am Don Prenger

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday 8:00 am Pamela Meyer, Stephanie Sommer

GIFT BEARER

Sunday 8:00 am Gary Homan, Andy Dahlinghaus

ROSARY LEADERS

Sunday 8:00 am Deb Albers

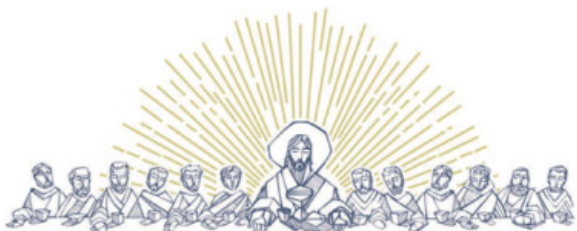
ADORATION LEADER

Tuesday 7:00 pm Andy Dahlinghaus

HOLY REDEEMER

ALTAR SERVERS

Monday 7:00 pm Molly Banbauer, Julia Kuenning, Anne Steineman
 Tuesday 7:30 am Jared Albers, Piper Hyde, Owen Wenthe
 Wed 12:05 pm Nick Bornhorst, Alex Larger, Justin Tangeman
 Saturday 4:30 pm Jacob Osterfeld, Luke Topp, Trevor Topp
 Sunday 8:00 am Austin Mumaw, Vivienne Mumaw, Mary Rindler(s)
 Sunday 10:00 am August Garman, Aidan McGovern, Tommy McNaughton



HOLY REDEEMER *continued*

LECTOR

Monday 7:00 pm John Homan
 Tuesday 7:30 am Nancy Topp
 Wed 12:05 pm Deb Freeman(s)
 Saturday 4:30 pm Matt Bertke, Rodney Bertke
 Sunday 8:00 am Valerie Mumaw, Keith Bornhorst
 Sunday 10:00 am Dawn McNaughton, Casey Dues

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Monday 7:00 pm Mark Francis, Sam Homan, Dot Schwartz, Mary Tangeman, Amy Wellman
 Tuesday 7:30 am Avery Dicke(s), Jamie Heitkamp, Rita Niekamp, Sue Thieman, Larry Topp(s)
 Wed 12:05 pm Ashley Broerman, Shirley Elking, Mary Jane Homan, Gwen Staton, Larry Topp
 Saturday 4:30 pm Renee Burns, Rita Niekamp, Bob Niekamp, Jane Rindler, Julia Tangeman, Joe Thieman, Sue Thieman, Jason This, Adam Topp
 Sunday 8:00 am Carol Bornhorst, Shirley Elking, Jeff Elking, Aaron Freeman, Victoria Heitkamp(s), Brooke Homan, Jenna Kuck, Kacie Pape, Alayna Pape
 Sunday 10:00 am Mackenzie Bornhorst, Molly Dues, Luke Garman, Jason Garman, David Homan, Kim Homan, Rachel Kremer, Linda Kremer, Joe McGovern, Nancy Riethman, Angie Topp, Teresa Wuebker

USHERS

Saturday 4:30 pm Steve Dwenger, Terry Eyink, Joel Niekamp, Bill Schemmel
 Sunday 8:00 am Rod Brandt, Matt Campbell, Ron Kremer, Matt Wilker
 Sunday 10:00 am Greg Elking, Philip Heitkamp, Doug Kramer, Alan Kruse, Bernie Larger, Gary Wendeln

ROSARY LEADERS

Monday 7:00 pm Amy Wilson
 Tuesday 7:30 am Bert McDermitt, Kaye Wint
 Wed 12:05 pm Jennifer Sailer
 Saturday 4:30 pm Kaye Wint
 Sunday 8:00 am Nancy Topp
 Sunday 10:00 am Jason Garman

COORDINATOR

Saturday 4:30 pm Susan McDaniel
 Sunday 8:00 am Gwen Staton
 Sunday 10:00 am Jean Homan Deacon Brad Feltz

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday 10:00 am Stephanie Rahe

GREETERS

Saturday 4:30 pm Mary Tangeman Family, Jessica Wissman
 Sunday 8:00 am Valerie Mumaw Family, Randy Houseworth
 Sunday 10:00 am Joe McGovern Family, Eli Dues

GIFT BEARERS

None Scheduled: Please see an usher or Mass Coordinator to volunteer

HOSPITAL/HOMEBOUND EMHC

Wednesday Hospital EMHC: Bert McDermitt(s), Steve McDermitt(s)
 Friday 1:30 pm Elmwood: Mary Billing
 Sunday 9:30 am Elmwood: Judy Heitkamp-Baker, Steve McDermitt(s)
 Sunday Homebound EMHC: Jennifer Sailer

COLLECTION COUNTERS

Sunday Jason Dicke, Brenda Kuck, Jim Wellman

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

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Friday 7:15 am Nolan Poeppelman, Bennett Poeppelman
 Saturday 5:00 pm Jadyn Grieshop, Isaac Schulze, Megyn Ashman
 Sunday 10:30 am Bennett Poeppelman, Jayda Moeller, Tucker Thobe

COMMENTATOR/LECTOR(S)

Friday 7:15 am Sarah Bergman
 Saturday 5:00 pm C-Lucas Bertke L-Nathan Bertke
 Sunday 10:30 am C-Jodi Sawmiller L-Diane Millis

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - HOST †

Friday 7:15 am Bill Garman
 Saturday 5:00 pm Barb Kahlig, Doug Kahlig, Clint Knapke
 Sunday 10:30 am Brandon Grieshop, Jennifer Jones, Trent Pleiman

PRECIOUS BLOOD †

Saturday 5:00 pm Paul Knapke, Helen Kremer, Maria Rethman, Brian Seitz
 Sunday 10:30 am Karen Broering, Kurtis Homan, Heidi Rethman, Karrie Will

SHUT INS †

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GIFT BEARERS

Saturday 5:00 pm Randy & Ann Schulze and family
 Sunday 10:30 am Darrin & Kim Poeppelman and family

USHERS

Saturday 5:00 pm M-Frank Evers, M-Harry Heitkamp, E-Dave Obringer, W-Mike Rethman
 Sunday 10:30 am M-Darrin Poeppelman, M-Greg Garmann, E-Randy Homan, W-Gary Bertke

ROSARY LEADERS

Friday 7:15 am Carl & Linda Koenig
 Saturday 5:00 pm Sue Gehret, Mary Eyink
 Sunday 10:30 am Gary & Lisa Bertke

PRECIOUS BLOOD

ALTAR SERVERS

Wednesday 7:15 am Danae Birt, Garret Homan, Evan Schmackers
 Sunday 8:30 am Clare Bruns, Gina Bruns, Sylvia Bruns

COMMENTATOR/LECTOR

Wednesday 7:15 am Rose Lochtefeld
 Sunday 8:30 am Jason Schwieterman

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - HOST †

Wednesday 7:15 am Betsy Huelsman
 Sunday 8:30 am Linda Homan, Jeff Rosenbeck, Whitney Tangeman

PRECIOUS BLOOD †

Wednesday 7:15 am Joann Liette, Rose Lochtefeld
 Sunday 8:30 am Beth Arling, Don Kemper, Lora Pohl, Nick Thobe
SHUT INS † Mindy Muhlenkamp (419) 733-2545

GIFT BEARERS

Sunday 8:30 am Mike & Missy Moeller and family

USHERS

Sunday 8:30 am M-Isaac Muhlenkamp, M-Matt Muhlenkamp, E-Jeff Pohl, W-Mark Tangeman

ROSARY LEADERS

Wednesday 7:15 am Diane Thobe
 Sunday 8:30 am Parish Council

ST. SEBASTIAN

ALTAR SERVERS

Monday 5:30 pm Chloe Homan, Dezirae Koesters
 Sunday 8:30 am Lena Jacoby, Lydia Kuess

COMMENTATOR/LECTOR

Monday 5:30 pm Michelle Fleck
 Sunday 8:30 am Brenda Schwieterman

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - HOST †

Monday 5:30 pm Deb Beyke
 Sunday 8:30 am Gwen Klosterman

PRECIOUS BLOOD †

Monday 5:30 pm Therese Homan
 Sunday 8:30 am Therese Homan, Luke Kunkler

GIFT BEARERS

Sunday 8:30 am Brad & Gwen Klosterman and family

USHERS

Sunday 8:30 am Nick McClurg, Brad Schwieterman

ROSARY LEADERS

Sunday 8:30 am Men's CRHP

ST. ROSE

ALTAR SERVERS

Tuesday 7:15 am Laney Greenwood, Henry Hoying
 Sunday 11:00 am Isaac Tobe, Noah Tobe

COMMENTATOR/LECTOR

Tuesday 7:15 am Carla Hartings
 Sunday 11:00 am Nathan Bertke

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - HOST †

Sunday 11:00 am Nathan Bertke

PRECIOUS BLOOD †

Sunday 11:00 am Marlene Gagel, Carla Hartings

GIFT BEARERS

Sunday 11:00 am Scott & Michelle Tobe and family

USHERS

Sunday 11:00 am David Evers, Scott Tobe

NATIVITY BVM

ALTAR SERVERS

Thursday 7:15 am Brenna Chappel, Deacon Chappel
 Saturday 7:30 pm Deanna Dirksen, Dylan Dirksen

COMMENTATOR/LECTOR

Thursday 7:15 am Linda Schoenlein
 Saturday 7:30 pm Kathy Broering

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - HOST †

Saturday 7:30 pm Kathy Broering

PRECIOUS BLOOD †

Saturday 7:30 pm Cheryl Dirksen, Tony Dirksen

GIFT BEARERS

Saturday 7:30 pm Mike & Kathy Broering

USHERS

Saturday 7:30 pm Charlie Otte, Kevin Otte

ROSARY LEADERS

Saturday 7:30 pm Tony & Sharon Dirksen

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