

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

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20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three.” - Lk 12:50-52

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Beloved Family:

So...can we ever have too many months dedicated to Mary? Growing up, I was aware early on of the fact that May is a “month of the Blessed Virgin Mary.” May crownings occurred annually—both at our home parish of Saint Jude in Chalfont, Bucks County Pennsylvania, *and* in our backyard. Having three sisters provided an endless supply of potential May queens. A little later in life, I learned that October is specifically dedicated to the Holy Rosary, a Christo-Marian prayer (my meaning here being that Christ is at the center, meditated on through the lens of the heart of Mary).

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SUMMER PARTY

For Edge students in grades
6-8 on Thursday, Aug. 21
from 6:30-8 pm
in the St. Mary Gym

For more info, contact our youth
minister, Michaela, at
msheehan@stmarywooster.org

PASTOR: Rev. Stephen P. Moran PAROCHIAL VICAR: Rev. David Chojnacki DEACON: Bob Zerrer
PASTORAL ASSOCIATE: Chandler McLain MUSIC: Ivy Meyer FAITH FORMATION: Sarah Nussbaum

Mass Schedule and Intentions



Sunday, Aug. 17

8:00am Mass—Claudia Marthey †
(Requested by Randall Marthey)
(Live stream available)
9:00am Confessions
10:00am Mass—Francis & Kathryn Moran †
(Requested by Mary Kelley)
(Live stream available)
Noon Spanish Mass @ St. Agnes in Orrville
5:00pm Mass—Pro Populo

Monday, Aug. 18

7:00am Mass—All Souls
9:30am Mass at Smithville Western
Wayne Manor

Tuesday, Aug. 19

7:00am Mass—Christine Grande
(Requested by Christine Grande)
9:00am Adoration opens

Wednesday, Aug. 20

9:30am Mass—Doris Massaro †
(Requested by Benny Massaro)
9:00pm Adoration closes

Thursday, Aug. 21

7:00am Mass—Margaret Richey
(Requested by Beth Richey)

Friday, Aug. 22

7:00am Mass—Glen & Alice Bergert †
(Requested by Larry & Deb Bergert)

Saturday, Aug. 23

3:00pm Confessions
5:00pm Mass—Dottie Meyer †
(Requested by Joe Meyer)

Sunday, Aug. 24

8:00am Mass—Mark Zarlengo †
(Requested by Anne Strouse)
(Live stream available)
9:00am Confessions
10:00am Mass—The Majeskey Family
(Requested by Jane Kacsandi)
(Live stream available)
Noon Spanish Mass @ St. Agnes in Orrville
5:00pm Mass—Pro Populo

FREE ROSARY REPAIR MINISTRY

Mail rosary in a padded envelope to: Dick and Betty Holden; 7930 Estero Blvd. #502; Fort Myers Beach, FL. 33931 *Repaired rosary will be mailed back to you.*

REQUESTS for PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers the following:

Caitlyn Arnholt, Jenny Avina, Elis Border, Steve Buheit, Kathy Evans, Pat Gash, Tom Gillispie, Mark Hamilton, Gavin Harasti, David Houghtaling, Hungerman Family, Bob Jenkins, Oliver Jenne, Barb Madigan, Tim Massaro, Robert Pittman, Bernie Schafrath, Mary Rowan Slutz, Russell Slutz, Judy Snader, Barb & Bob Sowers, Bonnie Tomassetti, Stacey Tomassetti, Laura Wade.



Would you like to know more about our St. Vincent de Paul Home Visits?

Then you are welcome to join us as we roll-out our new Home Visit form during our meeting on **Thursday, August 21 from 7 to 8:30 pm** in the **Parish Hall.**

What is a Vincentian? We are volunteers who are driven by our Lord to visit in pairs (as He did) with our Neighbors in need of our respect and the Holy Spirit's guidance along with some financial assistance.

Questions? Call/Text Cheryl Davis at 330-201-1274

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FINANCIAL NEWS

8/10/25

Regular Collection **weekly goal:**\$20,000.00
In Pew\$15,131.00
Electronic giving\$4,295.00
Total\$19,426.00
Major Repair:\$490.00

Electronic giving is available

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

(PH=Parish Hall • RLL=Rectory Lower Level
 • LIB =Library • YR=Youth Room
 • GYM=School Gym

Monday, Aug. 18
 No scheduled events

Tuesday, Aug. 19
 7:30pm Young Adults (RLL)

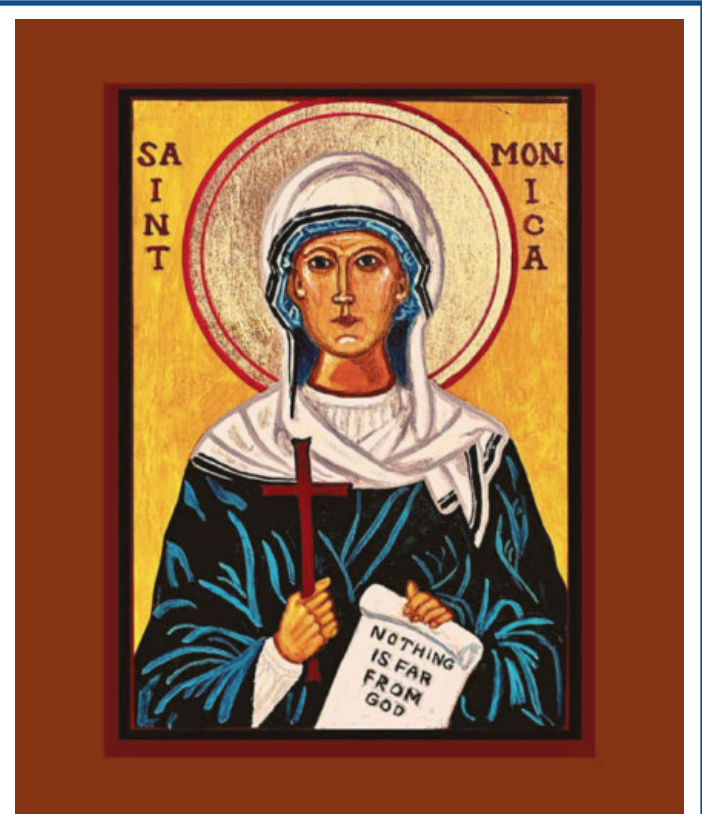
Wednesday, Aug. 20
 First day of school

Thursday, Aug. 21
 7:00pm Edge End of Summer Party (GYM)
 7:00pm SVdP Team Meeting (PH)

Friday, Aug. 22
 3:00pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy (ZOOM)

Saturday, Aug. 23
 10:00am Craft Fair (Parking Lot)

Sunday, Aug. 24
 9:00am Recitation of Rosary (Church)
 11:00am Flame of Love Cenacle (Church)
 11:00am Confirmation Parent Meeting (PH)



St. Monica, mother of St. Augustine, who prayed for his conversion for 17 years.

ANNOUNCING

THE ST. MONICA MINISTRY

A community of prayer and mutual support, offering hope to the families and friends of fallen-away Catholics.

First meeting: Saturday, Sept 6, about 9:15 AM (after the 8:30 mass) in the Parish Hall. Subsequent meetings every first Saturday. Meetings will include prayer, shared intentions, and discussion of a chapter in the book "Return" by Brandon Vogt.

Light breakfast food available.

Bring a rosary and a copy of the book, "Return," by Brandon Vogt to the meeting. We will discuss the brief introduction to the book at the first meeting. If you would like assistance ordering the book, please call the parish office (330-264-8824). Cost is \$21.00.

Please RSVP to the parish office (330-264-8824) to assist in planning food quantity.

JESUS NEEDS YOU ... TO BE A CATECHIST:

ANCHOR (religious education for Grades 1-5) needs you! We are seeking teachers and aides for our Wednesday evening sessions (6:30 -8pm) this coming school year.



You must be Virtus trained (we can provide training if needed) No other experience is necessary - just a heart for our young Catholics and a love of Christ!

Please contact Sarah Nussbaum at 330-264-5838 for more information.

Specific needs this year are: Level 2 aide, level 3 teacher and aide, OCIC (Order of Christian Initiation for Children) teacher and aide (high school students are welcome to serve as aides).

Beloved Family:

Once again, we are publishing our twice-annual parish financial report, according to the template provided by the Diocese of Cleveland. As pastor, I want to express my gratitude for the ongoing support that so many of you offer to the advancement of the mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ. I am happy to report that we had tremendous participation in the summer Vacation Bible School cooperative with Saint Agnes. We are also anticipating very good numbers of students within the day school and parish school of religion (which we are now branding as “Anchor”).

Also positive is a favorable result on our investment income. We have been in a good position to address major repair needs—largely, as most of us know and have “felt,” air conditioning replacement in the church and in parts of the school, as well as the replacement of major sections of the flat (back) and complete new roofing for the original (front) portion of the school.

That said, in the interest of transparency, I want and need to keep before us, the state of the Major Repair Fund. Over many years, this specific fund has been essential to allow us to meet capital improvement needs.

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FISCAL YEAR	THIS YEAR 12 MOS. 7/1/24 to 6/30/25			LAST YEAR 12 MOS. 7/1/23 to 6/30/24
	ACTUAL	FORECAST	DIFF	ACTUAL
Parish Receipts				
Offertory Collections	986,849	1,010,000	(23,151)	1,004,262
Donations & Bequests	90,432	120,000	(29,568)	100,877
Income from Parish Programs	21,160	17,000	4,160	13,551
Investment Income	218,800	100,000	118,800	207,571
Net Rental Income	41,621	40,000	1,621	36,765
Miscellaneous Receipts	2,000	2,250	(250)	950
Designated Collections	26,030	23,000	3,030	22,843
Receipts from Insurance Claims	3,663	-	3,663	-
Heart of a Shepherd Distributions to Parish	9,922	5,500	4,422	94,733
Total Parish Receipts	1,400,477	1,317,750	82,727	1,481,552
Parish Disbursements:				
Salaries, Benefits, & Taxes	510,208	494,760	15,448	442,031
Rectory & Household	2,776	4,500	(1,724)	3,508
Parish Office & Administration	37,430	40,200	(2,770)	40,356
Altar, Sanctuary & Liturgical	25,934	30,000	(4,066)	29,595
Community Outreach	12,505	14,000	(1,495)	8,852
Religious Education & Evangelization	33,537	30,450	3,087	20,843
Utilities	51,468	46,000	5,468	41,839
Insurance & Property Taxes	33,473	34,600	(1,127)	33,020
Maintenance, Repairs, & Plant Operating	25,373	31,000	(5,627)	31,828
Diocesan Assessments	115,656	118,000	(2,344)	118,224
Designated Collections	26,030	23,000	3,030	22,843
Capital Disbursements	231,430	129,794	101,636	157,671
Other Extraordinary Disbursements	2,235	4,000	(1,765)	970
Total Parish Disbursements	1,108,055	1,000,304	107,751	951,580
TOTAL PARISH SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	292,422	317,446	(25,024)	529,972
Parish Cemetery Summary:				
Cemetery Receipts	33,468	26,500	6,968	26,428
Cemetery Disbursements	26,133	23,500	2,633	23,791
TOTAL CEMETERY SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	7,335	3,000	4,335	2,637

Of course, we seek to be proactive in anticipating projects, yet as in any building establishment—residential or commercial/public— there are the unplanned projects to which we are compelled to respond. Hence, the fund is presently highly depleted.

Through the talents and vigilance of the St. Mary Finance Council, we are moving in a direction further to construct a Capital Expenditures timeline, which will not only be for the eyes of the council members but shared with all parishioners. We believe that seeing such a resource will help you: 1) have better understanding how the fund has been of service to us; 2) recognize why it is important to build up the fund; and 3) feel confident in making contributions to this fund.

Let peace be with you, Fr. Stephen

FISCAL YEAR	THIS YEAR 12 MOS.			LAST YEAR 12 MOS.
	7/1/24 to 6/30/25			7/1/23 to 6/30/24
	ACTUAL	FORECAST	DIFF	ACTUAL
School Receipts:				
Tuition & Fees	817,189	740,728	76,461	730,020
Government Assistance (including Mandated Services)	53,989	49,000	4,989	49,732
Donations & Bequests	86,898	85,000	1,898	53,202
Net Fundraising	2,943	4,500	(1,557)	5,045
Net Pre-School & Latchkey	(997)	(5,970)	4,973	8,378
Other Student Receipts	-	500	(500)	-
Interest and Endowment Income	135,000	25,000	110,000	64,000
Receipts from Disability Claims	-	-	-	8,292
Cafeteria	44,912	46,000	(1,088)	44,151
Safety Grant	72,498	76,976	(4,478)	25,524
Total School Receipts	1,212,432	1,021,734	190,698	988,344
School Disbursements:				
Salaries, Benefits, & Taxes	1,131,180	1,086,064	45,116	1,049,550
Instructional	11,410	9,000	2,410	7,910
Utilities	55,441	45,000	10,441	40,871
Maintenance, Repairs, & Plant Operating	22,189	25,500	(3,311)	25,340
Insurance & Property Taxes	21,685	23,500	(1,815)	21,282
Student Services	18,080	11,000	7,080	11,487
Administration	23,823	30,900	(7,077)	27,206
Capital Improvements	196,736	84,976	111,760	80,482
Cafeteria (food only - no salaries or utilities)	24,263	26,000	(1,737)	24,092
Total School Disbursements	1,504,807	1,341,940	162,867	1,288,220
TOTAL SCHOOL SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	(292,375)	(320,206)	27,831	(299,876)
PARISH AND SCHOOL ASSETS				
	7/30/25			7/30/24
Checking Accounts - Parish, School & Cemetery	166,597			249,922
Savings & Investments - Parish, School & Cemetery	2,561,998			2,526,593
	2,728,595			2,776,515
St. Mary School Endowment Fund Balance 6/30/25	\$1,691,542			

If you have any questions regarding the finances of our parish, you may contact Darcy Pajak (operations director), Melissa Rosenbaum (bookkeeper), Fr. Stephen Moran or any of the following members of our Finance Council: Terry Snoddy, Andrei Dordea, David Marlar, Dan Widman, Drew Paul, Christine Grande, Elsie Wilson, Peter O'Donnell

Readings for the Week of August 17

Sunday:	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b) Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53
Monday:	Weekday Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday:	St. John Eudes, Priest Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/ Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday:	St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday:	St. Pius X, Pope Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/ Mt 22:1-14
Friday:	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday:	St. Rose of Lima, Virgin Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday:	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/ Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

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Pastor's Column (continued from cover) . . .

In actuality, it is a traditional Catholic custom to sanctify each month of the year with special devotional practices. So, for example, June is the month of the Sacred Heart and July, the month of the Precious Blood of Jesus. If one includes the month of the Holy Family, February, then Mary figures into six of twelve. August, then, is the month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Roman Missal (in vernacular, the “official guidebook for praying the Mass”), provides specific orations—or prayers—for a votive Mass for the Immaculate Heart. Having just celebrated the Solemnity of the Assumption, and being a church dedicated to the Immaculate Conception, some individuals, perhaps even some Catholics, may be inclined to ask if we are giving too much attention to the Blessed Mother.

I believe it is safe to say that Jesus Christ does not feel “threatened.” Knowing how much it means to *me*, when over the years people have spoken words of honor and respect for my earthly mother, I am led to believe Jesus, to whom we address prayer continuously, is pleased when we honor His Mother, who of course directs us: “Do whatever **He** tells you!” Their hearts are in perfect rhythm. What say we work to bring our hearts into more full alignment to theirs.

I am excited to share that a group of parishioners is working on a project to enhance the documentation and sharing of the rich architectural and decorative elements of our church building (you may recall a blurb in the bulletin calling for participants). When I recently passed through the parish hall where they were meeting, I was delighted to see what a cross-section of individuals are involved, including some parishioners for whom this may be a first formal opportunity to connect and offer their gifts outside of Mass assembly. That ought to stir any pastor’s heart!!

This marks the last weekend of summer recess for a great many students and teachers. Some among us have heard me say that, growing up, I was *never* eager to return to the classroom—and I can honestly say that our mom and dad did not do cartwheels at the mention of our impending daily absence from the home. That said, I am super-psyched for the new school year at Saint Mary. I include the upcoming kickoff of catechesis parish-wide in that statement. There is so much Spirit energy flowing, and I am convicted that the Lord is calling us as a parish team of ministers and me, as Pastor, to step up our game in being present and involved, not only while our young people are on the parish campus, but more zealously supporting families in living the vitality of Faith at home and everywhere.

Let His Peace be with you, *Fr. Stephen*



JOIN US IN SONG

Hymns for August 16 & 17

Entrance: 313 All People That on Earth Do Dwell;
Entrance Antiphon at 8 am
Preparation: 574 Seek Ye First
Communion: 350 Spirit and Grace
Recessional: 705 Lift High the Cross

Calmoutier Memorial Mass & Picnic

Sunday, August 17 at NOON

You are invited to join us for this year’s annual **Memorial Mass** at *St. Genevieve Catholic Church*, Calmoutier, 4527 County Road 229, Fredericksburg.

Please bring chairs and a picnic lunch if you wish.



In the News: **St. Mary School**
“Growing in Character, Faith and Knowledge”



Please pray for our students as we begin our school year on August 20th. We are grateful for all your prayers and support to our school family.

St. Mary School is looking for a paraprofessional aide. If you are interested, please contact Kim Dannemiller at kdannemiller@stmwooster.net

PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Kim Dannemiller SCHOOL OFFICE: 330-262-8671 DAYCARE & PRE-SCHOOL: 330-262-2752
 SCHOOL WEBSITE: www.stmwoo.org SCHOOL FACEBOOK: [stmarywooster1](https://www.facebook.com/stmarywooster1)

Lord, come to my aid! Psalm 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (8/17/25)

Come & Join Our ***Seniors in Fellowship*** as we take another “Road Trip” by car to the *National Shrine of St. Dymphna* in Massillon on **Wednesday, August 27**

Activities include Mass at 9 am, visiting the Shrine & Gift Shop, followed by early lunch at local restaurant.

Our ‘carpool van’ will leave St. Mary at **8 am** from our church parking lot and return to St. Mary by 1 pm.

Your Cost? Just for your own lunch.

To Save a Seat or volunteer to drive, call/text Cheryl Davis at 330-201-1274 **before Monday, August 25.**



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