

ST. JOSEPH & MOST PURE HEART OF MARY PARISHES

July 17, 2016

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Wonderful Parishioners,

I want to thank you all from the center of my heart for the warm welcome and wonderful celebrations that we had in my receptions last weekend. You were all very gracious and had many, many kind words. My first two weekends have been such a blessing. If this is any indication, the next many years are going to be absolutely amazing.

I was pleased to get to meet many of you, and the food was excellent. We certainly know how to do things right in Richland county. I'm confident that you are all showing my mentor, and good friend, Fr. Todd this same hospitality.

Know that I am praying for all of us, that we can respond to the Grace of the Holy Spirit, and when I get back I will be ready to share the graces of the retreat with you all. Also, remember that I've taken both parish directories with me so I can pray for you by name. (I'll also probably need some help matching names with faces when I get back, even though some of you still look exactly like your directory pictures.)

Your grateful pastor,

– *Fr. Chris*

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Mondays 10:00 a.m. for the upcoming weekend.

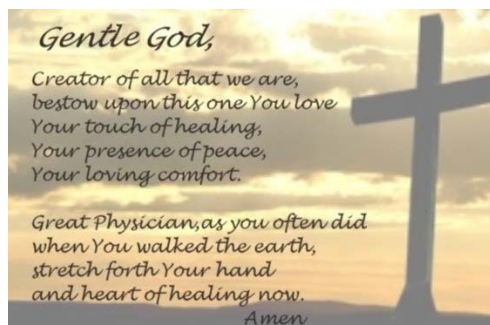
Anything received after this time will be in the following bulletin.

Watch for special deadlines during the holidays.

FROM THE DEACON

Many of you have heard the news that I need to have both knees replaced. On Monday, July 18th, the day after the festival this procedure will occur. I will be hospitalized at Ohio Health in Shelby for 3-4 days depending upon progress, then will be home recuperating. Thank you to all who knew of this procedure and have put me in their prayers. For those of you that this is new news, please add me to your prayers. It is going to be a rough couple of weeks following surgery, pray that God gives me the grace to endure coming back stronger than before. I hope to be back into partial swing of things sometime thereafter and am leaving it kind of open ended, since I don't know how I will progress.

*Deacon
Fred*



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Liturgical Calendar

Monday, July 18

9:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Communion at MPHM (Parish Office)

Micah 6:1-4,6-8; Psalm 50:5-6,8-9,16bc-17,21,23; Matthew 12:38-42

Tuesday, July 19

9:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Communion at MPHM (Parish Office)

Micah 7:14-15,18-20; Psalm 85:2-8; Matthew 12:46-50

Wednesday, July 20

9:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Communion at MPHM (Parish Office)

Jeremiah 1:1,4-10; Psalm 71:1-6ab,15,17; Matthew 13:1-9

Thursday, July 21

9:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Communion at MPHM (Parish Office)

6:00 p.m. Holy Hour (church)

Jeremiah 2:1-3,7-8,12-13; Psalm 36:6-11; Matthew 13:10-17

Friday, July 22--Feast of St. Mary Magdalene

9:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Communion at MPHM (Parish Office)

Song of Songs 3:1-4b; Psalm 63:2-9; John 20:1-2,11-18

Saturday, July 23

5:00 p.m. Mass at MPHM Church

Prayers for Walter & Gertrude Bishop,
Sr. Bernadette Sifferlin

Jeremiah 7:1-11; Psalm 84:3-6a,8a,11; Matthew 13:24-30

Sunday, July 24

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church

Prayers for Rosemary Miller

10:30 a.m. Mass at MPHM Church

Prayers for Tony and Jackie (Hohler) Tomasich and Family,
Susan Athy

*Genesis 18:20-32; Psalm 138:1-3,6-8; Colossians 2:12-14;
Luke 11:1-13*

NOTICE:

There will be no confessions July 17-July 22 while Fr. Chris is on retreat. In case of emergency, call the parish office where there is a list of available priests.

CYO ATHLETICS ANNOUNCEMENTS



Attention all 4th-8th grade girls!:

It's time for CYO volleyball sign up! To be eligible you must be a registered parishioner of Most Pure Heart of Mary Parish or Plymouth St. Joseph Parish, or a student at St. Mary School. If you are interested fill out a sign up form, which are available in the back of church at Most Pure Heart of Mary or in the Bulletin Kiosk at St. Joseph. If you have any questions please contact the parish office at 419-347-2381. Please **return forms to the Parish Office by July 22.**

Volleyball Coaches Needed!:

We are in need of coaches for volleyball! If you have a love for the game and a desire to serve your parish in a very rewarding way, or if you know anyone who may be interested, **please contact Scott Kurtzman our Athletic Director at 419-989-1269.**



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Summer Bible Study continues this Tuesday, July 19th! All students finishing 6th-12th grades are invited! Feel free to bring friends. We will read and discuss the readings for the upcoming Sunday. We will meet in the youth room, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. If the weather is nice feel free to come at 6:00 p.m. to play

football or enjoy the activities of the youth room.

SLAM will head to the beach THIS Wednesday, July 20th! We will meet in the youth room at 9:15 a.m. We will spend the day in the sun and in the water! You will need **SUNSCREEN**, bathing suits, towels, and a change of clothes. We will stop on the way home for dinner, so bring \$7-\$12 dollars. We will return to the youth room at 9:00 p.m. at the latest! If we experience inclement weather, we may delay the trip to the following week. Text Kari at 419-571-3803 to reserve your spot today!

We still have 4 tickets left for the Crew Game on Saturday July 23rd! Call Kari today at 419-571-3803 if you would like them! The game is at 7:30 p.m. and tickets are \$21!

The FEST! SLAM will be heading to the FEST Sunday, August 7th! More details will be coming soon, mark your calendar today!

Sponsor of the Week

Adeva Fit

419-342-3382

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Welcome Fr. Chris!



123rd ANNUAL SACRED HEART FESTIVAL:

July 24th from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., 5742 St. Rt. 61 South between Crestline and Shelby. BBQ chicken or ham dinners, lots of entertainment for kids (kids games open until 6:00 p.m.) and adults, free parking, and a friendly atmosphere! Bring the whole family!

MARRIAGE HELP: Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi)

has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information about or to register for the next program beginning with a weekend on July 15-17 call 419-481-1116 (Toledo area) or 800-470-2230 or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

ST. GASPER DEL BUFALO CHURCH SUMMER FESTIVAL:

Marywood, Sunday July 24th. BBQ Home Cooked Chicken, Ribs, or Ham Dinners Serving 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Raffles, baked goods & crafts. Instant Bingo, 50/50. Kid Land (you win a prize every time) 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Raffle drawing at 3:00 p.m.

Adult Cookout

 *Catered By Ed Pickens*

Date: August 13, 2016
Time: 2:00 PM (after CEM Mass)
Location: Resurrection Parish
2400 Lexington Ave. Lexington, OH
Where: Eastlifen (Fellowship Hall in case of rain)
Who: All adults over 21
\$15 donation per person

Enjoy Good Food

Entertaining Music

Great Fellowship

MENU
Dry Rubbed Beef Brisket
Slow Roasted Pulled Pork
Tennessee Red & KC Sweet Sauces
Sides:
Herb Roasted Potatoes
Western Baked Beans
Roasted Corn on the Cob
Salads:
Carolina Slaw
7 Layer Salad
Fruit Bowl
Gourmet Cookies
Beverages provided (soft drinks too!)

Couples and Adult Singles alike, grab your lawn chair and purchase your ticket for a wonderful relaxing evening, where no one has to cook and the kids are at the babysitter. We will have food, music, s'mores around the campfire, music and fellowship.
Donation tickets are available by calling the parish office (419-884-0060) and then mail your check made out to Resurrection Parish, note Adult Cookout.
Get your ticket/s in advance in order to have an accurate number for the delicious meal. Don't miss this wonderful evening!



Diocesan Details



SUPPORTING WEST VIRGINIA RECOVERY EFFORTS:

Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo joins people across the country praying for the West Virginia flood victims who perished and the thousands now homeless from the devastating flash flooding from last week's deadly storms. If you'd like to support the disaster relief efforts in West Virginia, your donation, dollar for dollar, will be passed on to our sister Catholic Charities agency. You can send your check, designated for "WV Recovery," to Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo, 1933 Spielbusch Avenue, Toledo, OH 43604. Thank you and God bless.

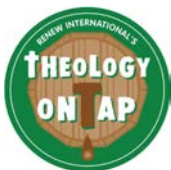
EMMAUS DAYS 2016: Are you a religious education instructor or someone wanting to enrich your faith? Join us at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall in Genoa on August 3rd & 4th, sessions run from 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. **Please register by July 28th** by calling Sr. Janice (666-9495), Patti (637-9929) or Mike (559-4001) Walk-ins are welcome, but we'd really like you to pre-register. Childcare is available, call Mike with day and time needed. See Laurie Metzger in the MPMH parish office or Deacon Fred for more information.



EXCLAIM! 2016: The EXCLAIM! Christian Music festival returns this summer for its seventh year on Sunday, July 31st. Join us for music from Matt Hammitt, the former lead singer of Sanctus Real, with members of the University of Toledo Gospel Choir and members of the Toledo Symphony. Josh Wilson and Tori Harris will also be performing. This FREE event includes music on the main stage all day, along with kids activities, inflatables, and plenty of room to run around! The day will end with Mass at 7:00 p.m. The event is located at 555 S. Holland Sylvania Rd in Toledo. Details at www.exclaimtoledo.org



What's Happening Around the Deanery



This Theology on Tap is a gathering for all adults. It is an opportunity to talk about God and faith in a relaxed, comfortable setting.

All Ages 21-121 welcome.

Speaker: Curtis Weisenburger, Seminarian
Topic: The Real Mary Magdalene
Friday, July 22, 2016
6:00 p.m.

(Reservation made under Theology on Tap)

Parrot Head Pub

16 Mohican St, Shelby, OH

For more information please contact Sheila at cre@willard-oh.com 419-935-1149.

UPCOMING DEANERY FESTIVALS

St. Joseph, Plymouth
Sunday, July 17
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Bethlehem
Sunday, July 24
11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

St. Bernard, New Washington
Saturday, August 27
5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 28
Noon - 9:00 p.m.

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Sacraments

BAPTISM: Contact Deacon Fred 1 month in advance.

RECONCILIATION: Sunday before Mass, 7:30 a.m.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Notify Deacon Fred or Fr. Chris to arrange.

COMMUNION: Contact Deacon Fred to be placed on the home bound lists.

MARRIAGE: Please notify either Deacon Fred or Fr. Chris 6 months in advance.

R.C.I.A.: Interested in the Catholic Faith? Contact the Parish office or Deacon Fred.

MASS STIPENDS: St. Joseph's always accepts Masses for the deceased and special intentions. Please call Sharon on Tuesdays between 9:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. to schedule your Masses.



Sunday, July 24-- 8:30 a.m.

- Greeters:** Blum Family
- Eucharist:** Jim Blum, Ken Studer
- Servers:** Luke Blum, Ben Blum, Volunteer
- Lector:** Sandy Blum
- Ushers:** Ed Kanney, Henry Phillips
- Music:** St. Joseph Choir
- Collection Counters:** Pat Bond, Carolyn Carnahan, Ashley Bond

TODAY WE CELEBRATE ST. JOSEPH FAMILY

FESTIVAL: It takes many hands to make work light! This is proven by the many volunteers in numerous areas, some seen while others remain unseen. Come today, support your parish! Enjoy a dinner. Come, see and hear the hand built Calliope. Listen to the sounds of "Small Town Singers." Play the kids' games with your children and grandchildren. Get involved in a round of corn hole. Have fun! Church is more than gathering on Sunday morning for praise and worship. It is community, the community of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Plymouth.



- ✠ July 17th, St. Joseph Family Festival, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. [HERE](#)
- ✠ July 17th, St. Joseph Family Festival Tear Down, 2:00 p.m.
- ✠ July 31st, Romans 12:13 Special Collection

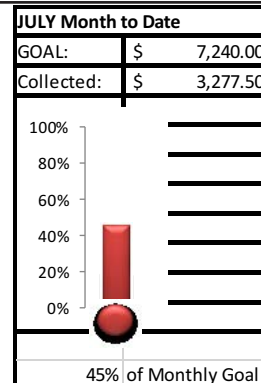
FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Budget Needed \$1,440

July 10

Sunday Offering.....	\$ 1,747.00
Donation	\$ 1,500.00
Upstairs Store.....	\$ 20.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 10.00
Year-to-date	
Over/Under Budget.....	\$ 381.50

Attendance: 136



Our New Fiscal Year began July 1st! Help us meet our weekly goal these next twelve months of \$1,440 per week. This is down by \$60 a week from the previous year. If we do not meet our weekly goals, we have no way of putting money into savings for emergencies. We were able to make it through this year due to a light winter season and lower utility bills. We appreciate all who donate and help make our parish great!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Benjamin Blum, Charles Gerber, Gianna Hughes,
Mary Ann Manley, Debra Smith, Robert Riedlinger



**Thanks to all of you who
donated socks for the
Upstairs Store.
We collected
165 pairs of socks.**



Rite of Christian Initiation
for Adults

LET'S TALK! Perhaps you or your spouse come to church regularly and are not Catholic. Perhaps you know a person that comes to our church often, listen up, this is for all of you! RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is for those who are not baptized, offering a complete overview of creation, Jesus and his saving act, through the Sacraments of the Church. For those who are of another faith, baptized in the Trinitarian form, there are other options. There is also options for those who do not fit the regular evening sessions normally scheduled Sept. thru Easter. Contact Dcn. Fred, we will work with you to look at and perhaps take on the Catholic Tradition of faith.

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Reflections on the Readings

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time taken from St. Joseph Sunday Missal.

First Reading--Genesis 18:1-10a

In this tradition, Abraham is introduced to us as an example of hospitality. He follows the rule of hospitality common to his time and culture. The point is that he was gracious. We should see Abraham's hospitality as related to his faith, which is rewarded by God. Sarah, his wife, will have a son. "He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord."

Second Reading--Colossians 1:24-28

We should receive Christ with a mature faith. Paul had preached this mystery to the Colossians. But a mystery is something we should penetrate into ever more by faithful meditation. Just as we grow in understanding a loved one by daily conversation, so we should grow in understanding our Lord by meditatively listening to his words in Scripture and meeting him with an open mind in our fellow humans/guests.

Gospel--Luke 10:38-42

Martha and Mary were hospitable toward our Lord--each in her own way. Martha was "burdened with much serving" in doing the household tasks. Mary listened to Jesus' words. Both aspects of hospitality are important. But openness to the guest as a person, in this case to our Lord's message of salvation, is more important.

When we receive Christ in other human beings, we should have an open eye for this mystery. Whenever I experience goodness, God is present!

-- Submitted by Barb Pifer

Most Pure Heart of Mary Parish

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Sacraments

BAPTISM: Call the Parish Office to set up an appointment.

RECONCILIATION: 3:45-4:30 p.m. Saturdays, anytime by request.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Available on request. Call the Parish Office/Rectory at 419-347-2381. Same for visitation of the sick.

COMMUNION: Contact the Pastoral Associate to be placed on the home bound lists.

MARRIAGE: Arrange with a priest or deacon at least 6 months in advance.

R.C.I.A.: Persons wishing to inquire about and/or joining the Catholic Church, call Parish Office.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: New parishioners--WELCOME. Please call the Parish Office to register. When changing address, please notify the Parish Office.



Saturday, July 23, 5:00 p.m. Mass

Lector: Laurie Metzger
Servers: Faith Gosser, Brock Kehres, Tanner Steiner
Eucharistic: Kathy Combs, Deanie & Todd Kehres, Lori McCartney, Don Metzger, David Steele
Ushers: Don Johnson, Loren Kranz, Bryan Kreinbrink, Mike Murray
Greeters: Barry & Trudi Britt, Andy & Joni Parks
Music: SpiritSong

Sunday, July 24, 10:30 a.m. Mass

Lector: Veronica Dannemiller
Servers: Ethan Eidt, Derek Lowe, Remy Rhodes
Eucharist: Teresa Fitch, Julie Freibel, Kari Krebs, Beth Kurtzman, Scott Kurtzman, Ann Logan, Chuck Schiffer
Ushers: Dennis Arnold, Todd Baird, Howard Souder, Raymond Souder
Greeters: Casey Kerr, Kathy Lowe, Dave & Nita Walsh
Music: Maddie & Colton

Collection Counters: Dick & Becky Young, Marty Penwell

CALENDAR of Events

Monday, July 18
7:00 p.m. D of I Meeting-Lower Level Meeting Room

Tuesday, July 19
7:00 p.m. Summer Bible Study--Youth Room

PRAISE GOD! PRAISE GOD! PRAISE GOD!!!

Only God could turn 77 pies into **\$9,000.00!!!** Shelby Help Line Ministries would like to thank all those who graciously labored to provide the homemade pies for the auction. Your pies were worth a lot! We are also VERY GRATEFUL to all those who were extremely generous in purchasing pies! Thank you so very much for helping to serve those in need in the Shelby community. *"This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else."* (2 Corinthians 9:12-13)



Wedding Banns I:

Andrea Biglin
&
Anthony Johnston



Daughters of Isabella Meeting: The D of I will meet on Monday, July 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the Most Pure Heart of Mary Parish Center Lower Level Meeting Room. The committee in charge consists of Ruth Sifferlin, Jan Magers, Rose Frangella, and Virginia McKenna.

Most Pure Heart of Mary Parish

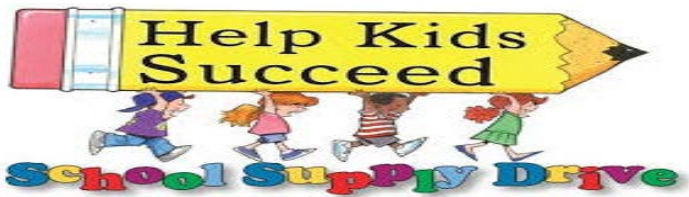
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Paul Boggs, Lauren Ebinger, Paul Coleman, Aaron Studer, Celena Smith, Donald Browning, Julie Biglin, Taightam Hicks, Michael Davis, Elizabeth Gwitz, James Clark, Kelly Kleman, Robin Spangler, Maria Esbenshade, Leslie Kranz, Alexandra Gies, Noah Wilson, Colette Shaw, Russell Newland, Kimberly Stover, Bridget Frankovich, Richard Yetzer, Jean McKenzie, Kevin Riley, Dana Ingram, Scott Krietemeyer, Caden Payne, Baylee Bishop, Christina Cooper, Ann Wilcox, Brian Fenner, Steven Stone, Brianna Eighmey, Benjamin Kempf.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND CLOTHING COLLEC-

TION: Shelby Help Line Ministries will be collecting children's school supplies and clothing July 18 through July 29, Monday through Friday, 10:00a.m. to 3:00p.m. Clothing in excellent condition for children of all sizes preschool through teen is needed. (Especially needed are children sizes 5-10) Also needed are new school supplies for all grades according to the Shelby City School supply lists. Financial contributions are needed to purchase new underwear, socks and school supplies to supplement those donated. Checks may be made payable to the Shelby Christian Outreach and mailed to 29½ Walnut Street, rear, Shelby. In 2015, 359 children were helped.



Two of our parishoners, Ellie Korbas and Allison Workman traveled to San Diego, California to represent Shelby High School in the FCCLA Nationals. Along with Karli Ingle these ladies competed in "Environmental Ambassador" where they raised awareness for Flood Safety and received a Gold Rating! Congratulations!



R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

is a journey that allows those who might wish to grow in their faith and those who might be looking to become Catholic to inquire and explore. Sessions will be starting in September! If you would like to just update your faith or know of someone who might be interested at looking at the faith, call Barb Pifher at 419-347-2381 and leave a message. There is no commitment during this process...just to look and explore.

<p>Weekly Collections</p>	Sunday Collections July 9 & 10, 2016:	
	Offertory	\$ 9,320.00
	Religious Education	\$ 360.00
	Children's	\$ 7.00
	Holy Day Collection:	
	Assumption	\$ 5.00
TOTAL SUNDAY AND HOLY DAY COLLECTIONS		\$ 9,692.00 up \$2,175.00 from 2015/2016
Total Sunday and Holy Day Collections to Date		\$ 19,817.00 up \$716.00 from 2015/2016
Other Parish Collections:		Diocesan Collections:
Capital Improvement \$ 485.00		Catholic Home Missions Appeal \$ 130.00

Our Parish School News



A note from the Principal

Hello! My name is Kim Stover. I am honored and delighted to be the new principal at St. Mary's School. After attending St. Mary's School, my life and career took me on an interesting journey to lead me to this meaningful opportunity. After Lisa Rhodes resigned, there were big shoes to fill as she contributed so much to our school. However I strongly believe and am committed to seeing our kids, school, and parish thrive with our amazing staff team and new leader Father Chris. With your help we can continue the tradition and keep evolving in faith based academic excellence from Pre-K through 6th grade. Our school is a gift to our children to start them off on the right path. Please visit or call 419-342-2626 to give me your input on how we can continue to make St. Mary's the best school.



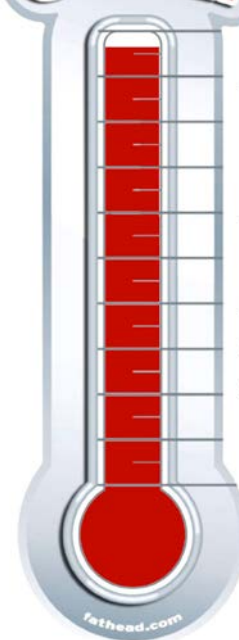
STUDENT SUPPLIES: Looking for a new and exciting way to help out with school supplies for St. Mary's School? In an effort to maintain costs for our families and uniformity in supplies, St. Mary's now provides school supplies for our students. Watch the bulletin for an announcement on how you can help and watch your donation be doubled. As always, we appreciate your support and prayers!



INTERVIEWS ARE STARTING: Are you interested in teaching our super fun preschool scholars? St Mary's School is looking for a part-time preschool teacher. If you are interested drop a resume and cover letter to the school or church office.

\$67,500

GOAL!



\$60,750
\$54,000
\$47,250
\$40,500
\$33,750
\$27,000
\$20,250
\$13,500
\$6,750



2015-16 SCHOOL YEARBOOKS

The 2015-2016 Yearbooks are in and look fabulous! No pre-orders were taken so it is first come-first serve! At only \$10., it is certainly the bargain of the summer!! Stop by and pick one up! We also have some prior years yearbooks too if you are missing any for your collection.

2015-16 Excel Beyond the Basics School Fund Drive Our Goal \$67,500

Collected July 9 & 10	\$ 132.00
Total Collected for 2015-16 Fund Drive	\$ 61,505.40
Pledged to Date	\$ 64,809.90

We're \$2,690.10 away from meeting our pledged goal for 2015/2016 school year.

Things to do when your kids say they are bored.

- 1 Plant a tree.
- 2 Bake cookies for the neighbors -- or your family.
- 3 Act out your child's favorite book.
- 4 Visit an interactive museum.
- 5 Build an indoor tent or fort with couches and some bed sheets.
- 6 Play Frisbee.
- 7 Head to the local library.
- 8 Turn on the radio and dance.
- 9 Dress up in last year's Halloween costumes and have a costume parade.
- 10 Put together a jigsaw puzzle.
- 11 Make homemade play dough.
- 12 Follow a no-bake recipe.
- 13 Play DIY bowling: Spray-paint two-liter bottles as makeshift bowling pins and use a handy soccer ball in place of a bowling ball.
- 14 Plan a scavenger hunt.
- 15 String together macaroni for jewelry.
- 16 Host a picnic lunch -- indoors or outdoors.
- 17 Pull out the dress box, put on funny clothes and have a photo shoot.
- 18 Create a time capsule.
- 19 Write letters to soldiers.
- 20 Play balloon volleyball.
- 21 Have a potato-sack race.
- 22 Camp out in the backyard.
- 23 Make up a secret handshake.
- 24 Count how many times you can spin in a circle without getting dizzy.
- 25 Make fruit kabobs.
- 26 Create a smores station.
- 27 Draw murals with sidewalk chalk.
- 28 Play lily-pad leap with small rugs and towels strategically placed throughout the playroom or living room.
- 29 Construct an indoor obstacle course.
- 30 Choreograph a dance routine.
- 31 Host a movie night. Plan for it by drawing tickets, making popcorn and setting up the room like a theater.
- 32 Pull out some old socks and draw faces on them to make sock puppets -- then put on a show.
- 33 Play "Mother May I?".
- 34 Exercise those finger-painting skills.
- 35 Pull out Twister.
- 36 Practice saying the 50 states in alphabetical order
- 37 Take silly pictures with a camera.
- 38 Host an at-home field day, complete with tug of war and team colors.
- 39 Explore small areas of nature with a magnifying glass.
- 40 Experiment with science. Make a papier mache volcano and mix baking soda and vinegar for an explosive reaction!
- 41 Learn a new card game.
- 42 Host a tea party.
- 43 Partake in brainteasers, such as Sudoku, crossword puzzles and word searches.
- 44 Go on a walk and let kids take pictures of their favorite things around the neighborhood.
- 45 Break out the pots and pans and practice drumming skills (ear plugs required for parents!).
- 46 Rearrange your child's bedroom.
- 47 Mix homemade bubbles: 1 cup granulated soap or soap powder, 1 quart warm water, and liquid food coloring
- 48 Set up a platter of new foods, maturing your tyke's palette.
- 49 Sew a pillow. Just grab some fabric, scissors, stuffing and a needle and thread.
- 50 Play Hot Potato -- use anything from a bean bag to a bar of soap.
- 51 Explore the world with Google Maps -- find your home, your child's school, favorite spots, etc.
- 52 Name that tune.
- 53 Ask "what do you want to be when you grow up" and then plan your day around that career. What would a fireman wear? What would a teacher do?
- 54 Build an outdoor fort with tarps and bungees around trees.
- 55 Phone a friend. Better yet, use Skype or FaceTime.
- 56 Set up a make-your-own-sundae station.
- 57 Host a watercolor night where everyone paints their favorite (fill-in-the-blank).
- 58 Count and roll loose change lying around the house.
- 59 Construct a family tree.
- 60 Roller blade.
- 61 Start a mini garden.
- 62 Run through the sprinklers.
- 63 Give the family pet a bath.
- 64 Reminisce about your favorite family vacation and draw pictures of everything you did to make a book.
- 65 Search for four-leaf clovers.
- 66 Run relay races.
- 67 Make up a fun song about the family (My name is Jim and I like to swim, my sister's name is Cate and she likes to skate).
- 68 Write a letter to someone special (Grandma, Santa, the Tooth Fairy, your child's favorite athlete, etc.) then mail it.
- 69 Research popular constellations. At night, head outdoors to spot nature's bountiful creations.
- 70 Publish a pretend newspaper.
- 71 Try to replicate a famous painting.
- 72 Learn the alphabet in Sign language.
- 73 Have a lemonade stand.
- 74 Pick flowers (from your own garden, of course) and create a flower arrangement for the dining room table.
- 75 Practice cartwheels, somersaults and handstands in the backyard
- 76 Memorize all 50 state capitals.
- 77 Practice manners by pretending to go out to a fancy restaurant (at your own kitchen table).
- 78 Construct a sun dial.
- 79 Make an eye-spy scavenger hunt (something shiny and blue, something round that makes noise, something clear, etc.).
- 80 Head to the local farmers market and look for interesting products you've never seen before.