

# ST. JOSEPH & MOST PURE HEART OF MARY PARISHES

July 31, 2016

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Since I have been getting a few questions about my trip, I wanted to share a brief story from my pilgrimage:

I was in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Paris. This amazing church is built on the top of a hill and can be seen from the top of any building in town. What is more amazing, is that it is always open, and they have perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, meaning that day or night someone is there praying before the Blessed Sacrament. It was during a Holy Hour (with my parish directories) that I had the thought of asking the Benedictine Nuns there about the Most Pure Heart of Mary. After all, I knew that the devotion came from France, and is connected to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. If anyone group could tell me more than that, it would have to be them... Right?

At this time I also think that it is important to mention that I took four years of French in High School. It's important because apparently, my French is just enough to get me into confusing situations. I would be able to start a conversation in French, but as soon as I got to the more important part of the conversation, I'd get lost and have no idea what they were saying. After talking to 5 nuns, a shop keeper, being admitted into the cloister, and one nun whose English was much better than my French, I finally got just a bit of information. And it's basically what I already knew.

After more prayer, I've realized that I was asking the wrong people. Just as we can encounter the grace of God anywhere, especially in our homes, so we can learn about French devotions here too.

I am wondering if any of us know more about this devotion than the Benedictines who staff the Basilica and would be willing to share it with me?

I do know that in any case, we can entrust ourselves to our Blessed Mother's Most Pure Heart, and together grow in holiness,

*- Fr. Chris*



## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

eXclaim! is a music festival put on by the Diocese of Toledo that is THIS Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>. For more information go to [exclaim-toledo.org](http://exclaim-toledo.org)

Summer Bible Study continues this Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>! 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.

The FEST! SLAM will be heading to the FEST next Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>! We will gather in the youth room at 9:30 a.m. and we will stop for lunch on the way. We will eat dinner and attend Sunday Mass at the FEST. We should return home by midnight. Text Kari at 419-571-3803 to sign up for a seat in the van today! Flyers are in the back of church!

Mark your Calendar for Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>! We will have our 3<sup>rd</sup> summer adventure! The plan is to hike at Mohican and Malabar! Pray for good weather. We will meet in the youth room after the 10:30 a.m. mass for lunch before we venture forth! More details to come!



Get your children and grandchildren ENROLLED in St. Mary's School. Don't let your seat go to someone else. St. Mary's School is a gift to our children to start them on the right path toward God. Our amazing teaching staff and small class sizes will help your student thrive in Pre-K (3 & 4 Year old)-6<sup>th</sup> grade. If money is an obstacle, scholarships are available with most deadlines being July 31<sup>st</sup>. Our school is a treasure different by design to provide faith based academic excellence to the next generation. It is going to be an amazing year ahead. If you have questions or want more information call 419-342-2626.

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## Liturgical Calendar

### **Monday, August 1--Memorial of St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

9:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Communion at MPH (Parish Office)  
*Jeremiah 28:1-17; Psalm 119:29,43,79-80,95,102; Matthew 14:13-21*

### **Tuesday, August 2**

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

9:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Communion at MPH (Parish Office)  
*Jeremiah 30:1-2,12-15,18-22; Psalm 102:16-23,29; Matthew 14:22-36*

### **Wednesday, August 3**

9:00 a.m. Mass at MPH (Parish Office)  
Prayers for Christopher Pete Ramsey  
*Jeremiah 31:1-7; Jeremiah 31:10-13; Matthew 15:21-28*

### **Thursday, August 4--Memorial of St. John Vianney, Priest**

9:00 a.m. Mass at MPH (Parish Office)  
Prayers for Joseph Wildman

6:00 p.m. Holy Hour (church)  
*Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:12-15,18-19; Matthew 16:13-23*

### **Friday, August 5**

9:00 a.m. Mass at MPH (Church)  
Prayers for Norma Kerley

9:45 a.m. First Friday Breakfast

6:00 p.m. Closing & Benediction  
*Nahum 2:1,3, 3:1-3,6-7; Deuteronomy 32:35cd-36ab,39,41; Matthew 16:24-28*

### **Saturday, August 6--Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord**

8:30 a.m. Rosary & Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 a.m. First Saturday Mass (Church)

1:30 p.m. Biglin/Johnston Wedding

5:00 p.m. Mass at MPH Church  
Prayers for Charles Phillips, Rose Stumbo  
*Daniel 7:9-10,13-14; Psalm 97:1-2,5-6,9; 2Peter 1:16-19; Luke 9:28b-36*

### **Sunday, August 7**

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church  
Prayers for Alfreda Dannemiller, Fred & Betty Ruckman, Robert & Miriam Moser

10:30 a.m. Mass at MPH Church  
Prayers for all Parishioners, living and deceased  
*Wisdom 18:6-9; Psalm 33:1,12,18-19,20-22; Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19; Luke 12:32-48*

## CYO ATHLETICS ANNOUNCEMENTS



### **Attention all 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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 August 8.**

**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.**

### **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.**



Sponsor of the Week

**Roush's Floors & More**

**419-347-1655**

## Reflections on the Readings

*Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time taken from St. Joseph Sunday Missal.*

### First Reading--Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

When we read the Bible, we expect "Gospel," which means "good news." On first reading this passage, we would be inclined to characterize it as bad news. "All things are vanity." If life is an absurdity, why go on living it in the first place?

Actually, this passage is a very strong statement of what human life is without God. Only if we relate life to God directly in prayer and worship and indirectly in meeting him in other human beings does existence make sense. "If today you hear his (God's) voice, harden not your hearts".

### Second Reading--Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Our friends and those with whom we socialize can have a great effect on us-either for good or for evil. Thus, we advise youngsters to get out of the wrong gang. Good friends, however, have an uplifting impact. Paul expects a similar effect from our being in company with Christ: "Seek what is above."

In Baptism, you have died to selfishness and sin. But this dying to evil is an ongoing process which results in growing into the image of the Creator. Remaining in Christ's company makes life meaningful.

### Gospel--Luke 12:13-21

The rich fool of this passage lived his life without reference to God. And, indeed, a life without reference to God is an absurdity. Where does God fit into your money-making process?

Concern for the future is good stewardship. But if concern becomes greed, egotism, keeping up with the neighbors, inspired by the philosophy that "we live only once," you are in trouble. You are only God's steward of all that you possess! Do you feel responsible for those less fortunate?

-- Submitted by Barb Pifher

## Adult Cookout



*Catered By Ed Pickens*

Date: August 13, 2016

Time: 7:00 PM (after 6 PM Mass)

Location: Resurrection Parish

2000 Lexington Ave. Lexington, OH

Where: Pavilion (Fellowship Hall in case of rain)

Who: All adults over 21

\$15 donation per person

**Enjoy Good Food**



*Entertaining Music*



**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!)**



**Great Fellowship**

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!

### New Father

This young man  
is here to serve us  
with heart, mind and soul  
in thoughts, words and deeds.

There will be  
daily grind of business time  
with infused fun and humor  
also, moments devout and serious.

May he remain  
capable to answer each call  
with compassion, support and zeal  
from unending Faith and Love.

After first year,  
perhaps we shall better see  
with blessed Grace and Mercy  
his value, and worth and enjoyment.

As for now,  
we welcome you, Father Chris  
with hearts open and eager  
as flock, stewards and companions.

--Angela Simon



## Diocesan Details

### KEEP UP ON ALL NEWS AND EVENTS OF THE DIOCESE OF TOLEDO

Stay current with news, information and events of the Diocese of Toledo by visiting:

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

In addition, you can follow the Diocese of Toledo:

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### SAVE THE DATE--TOLEDO DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN:

The TDCCW will host their annual conference on Saturday, September 24, at Saint Alphonsus Parish, Peru. Pre-conference dinner will be held on Friday, September 23 at the parish. The theme of the conference is "Be Merciful, As Your Father is Merciful" (Luke 6:36). Father Ron Cameron, CPM, Mission Director, Fathers of Mercy, will be the conference speaker. Pat Oedy-Murray will also present. All women of the Diocese of Toledo are invited. Registration details will be published in August.

### VIDEO BROADCAST OF THE BISHOP'S CORNER RADIO SHOW NOW AVAILABLE!

Annunciation Radio's longest running program, "The Bishop's Corner," now offers a video broadcast of the show via the Diocese of Toledo YouTube page on your computer, tablet or smartphone. The show airs weekly at 8:00 p.m. Thursday on Annunciation Radio, and an audio podcast is also available at [www.annunciationradio.com](http://www.annunciationradio.com). Submit your question for Bishop Daniel Thomas to answer on the show by emailing [bishop@annunciationradio.com](mailto:bishop@annunciationradio.com) or visiting [www.facebook.com/toledobishopscorner](http://www.facebook.com/toledobishopscorner).



### CRAFTERS WANTED:

Crafters are wanted for Elyria Catholic's Holiday Craft Show and Bazaar which will be held Saturday, November 12 from 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Our crafters are treated right with students to help load and unload your car, and free coffee and pastry. Tables are \$35, or \$40 with electric, if your registration is post marked by September 30. After September 30 tables will be \$40, or \$45 with electric. For additional information or a packet with an application, please call – Lynette Patton at 440-288-8034 or email [elyria-catholicband@gmail.com](mailto:elyria-catholicband@gmail.com).

## UPCOMING DEANERY FESTIVALS

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

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

**Most Pure Heart of Mary, Shelby**  
Saturday, September 10  
5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**Holy Trinity, Bucyrus**  
Saturday, September 17  
5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 18  
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**St. Francis Xavier, Willard**  
Sunday, September 25  
11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**Mother of Sorrows, North Auburn**  
Sunday, October 2  
Noon - 6:00 p.m.



### LISTEN TO MASS ON ANNUNCIATION RADIO:

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# St. Joseph's Parish News

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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, August 7-- 8:30 a.m.**

- Greeters:** Ken Studer, Marilyn Studer
- Eucharist:** Ken Studer, Marilyn Studer
- Servers:** Doug Reer, Hayden Kuhn, Ross Kuhn
- Lector:** Elizabeth Heydinger
- Ushers:** Henry Phillips, Ed Kanney
- Music:** St. Joseph Choir
- Collection Counters:** Jeff Sutter, Kevin Heydinger



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Lu Maurer, Tim Strohm, Connie Donnersbach,  
Laura Kanney, Elizabeth Heydinger, Olivia Fidler



## FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Budget Needed \$1,440

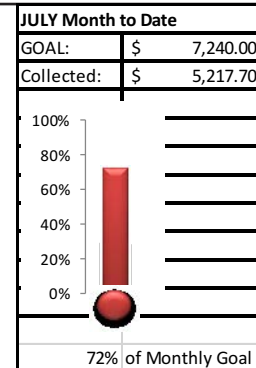
**July 24**

Sunday Offering.....\$ 1,121.00

Year-to-date

Over/Under Budget.....- \$ 574.30

**Attendance: 118**



**IF YOU TOOK A YELLOW YARD SIGN FOR THE FESTIVAL:** Please return it placing by the office door in the hall. Regardless of condition, we can revamp and rebuild the signs for next year. Thank you for your help!



**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**

### R.C.I.A.

RCIA will soon be starting, formation classes are being set up. If you think you have an inkling that God is calling you to look at the faith, now is the time to contact Deacon Fred. Many options for morning, daytime, and evening sessions can be arranged. If you have already been baptized in the Trinitarian format, there is a shorter in depth study of the church and sacraments that will prepare you for the Easter Sacraments. Regardless, call and get your name on a list so we can plan ahead.



- ✠ July 31<sup>st</sup>, Romans 12:13 Special Collection
- ✠ August 3<sup>rd</sup>, Food Pantry Farm Market, Parking Lot here 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
- ✠ August 2<sup>nd</sup>, Adoration, 7:00 p.m.
- ✠ August 17<sup>th</sup>, Plymouth City Schools Begin
- ✠ August 30<sup>th</sup>, Reflecting the Face of Mercy Workshop Tiffin- 9:00 to 3:30 p.m.

# 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.



## CALENDAR of Events

### Tuesday, August 2

7:00 p.m. Summer Bible Study--Youth Room

### Sunday, August 7

5:00 p.m. Summer Fest--Shelby Country Club

### Saturday, August 6, 5:00 p.m. Mass

**Lector:** Michael Metzger

**Servers:** Bryce Bishop, Jenna & Noah Wilson

**Eucharistic:** Reed Castor, Lisa Hiller, Kari Krebs,  
Mary Lou Lewis, Mary Miller, Jim Yetzer

**Ushers:** Kevin & Mitchell Noel, Jeff Peiffer, Steve Stump

**Greeters:** Jeff & Jennifer Yates, Darlene & Michael Zappa

**Music:** Mary Martin-Bandman

### Sunday, August 7, 10:30 a.m. Mass

**Lector:** Lois Steele

**Servers:** Ethan Eidt, Lauren Krietemeyer, Remy Rhodes

**Eucharist:** Mary Fike, Bill Houseworth, Colton Penwell,  
Deanie & Todd Kehres, Linda Shaughnessy,  
Howard Souder

**Ushers:** Samuel Logan, John Reith, Howard Souder,  
Raymond Souder

**Greeters:** Veronica Dannemiller, Ann Hemmerly,  
Casey Kerr, Kathy Lowe

**Music:** Dannemillers

**Collection Counters:** Jeff Fenner, Scott Kurtzman



**FISH COLLECTION:** Next weekend is our FISH collection. Please bring in any donations of non-perishable items and place them in the boxes. Be careful

to only donate foods that are not outdated on the labels. HelpLine cannot put outdated items in food boxes that are provided for those in need. Thank you for your cooperation.



## Wedding Banns III:

Andrea Biglin

&

Anthony Johnston



The Global Catholic  
Climate Movement

**The Catholic Climate Covenant wants you to make a difference in our world.**  
**WAYS YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN GOD'S WORLD.** Plastic bags and wraps can be recycled at thousands of locations: It's easier than ever to recycle dry cleaning bags, food wraps, food storage bags, grocery store bags, product wraps, and more. Clean and dry bags and wraps are collected for recycling at more than 18,000 grocery and retail stores nationwide-but usually not curbside. Manufacturers turn these plastics into new bags and other products-in fact, your used plastic bag could become part of your new backyard deck.

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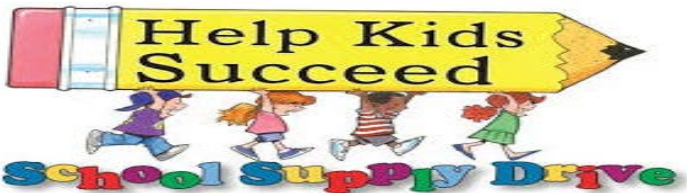
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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Carl Sifferlin, James Dannemiller, Josephine Simon, Christopher Rundag, Marcus Fetzer, Cade Daniel, Jo Young, Cassandra Stine, Stephan VanBuskirk, Rita Walsh, Bridget McCartney, Logan Kaple, Virginia McDowell, Virginia Steiner, Wendy Craft, Robert Crahen, Gary Kempf, Alexander Swackhammer, Kaylee Payne, Darlene Seitz, Danny Robertson, Jacqueline Weir, Austin Hiler, John Gosser, Mark Seitz, Jeffrey Alt.



## SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND CLOTHING DISTRIBUTION:

Those on limited incomes needing school supplies for their children to start school are encouraged to call Shelby Help Line Ministries, 419-347-6307. Please call to register and schedule an appointment to pick up the supplies during the supply distribution, August 1 through August 12. Now through August, school clothing may be chosen on Tuesdays or Thursdays, 10:00a.m. to 1:00p.m. A picture ID, proof of residency in Shelby or Tiro and each child's social security number need to be provided to receive the items.



## SummerFest is Coming!

Most Pure Heart of Mary's SummerFest Sunday, August 7 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Shelby Country Club  
Free event for all members of the parish to come eat, swim and enjoy games and activities.

Please RSVP by calling the Parish Office by end of day Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 419-347-2381



## ARE YOU READY FOR OUR 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL WINNER, WINNER CHICKEN DINNER?

Chicken scratch your calendars for Saturday, September 10.

*Look for a surprise coming in the mail.*



### Sunday Collections July 23 & 24, 2016:

Offertory	\$	4,004.50
Religious Education	\$	7.00
Children's	\$	5.10

TOTAL SUNDAY AND HOLY DAY COLLECTIONS \$ 4,016.60 down \$1,840.45 from 2015/2016

Total Sunday and Holy Day Collections to Date \$ 30,016.44 down \$3,871.50 from 2015/2016

Other Parish Collections:  
Capital Improvement \$ 177.00

Diocesan Collections:  
Catholic Home Missions Appeal \$ 2.00

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**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** Children's Liturgy of the Word is a ministry that continues to grow each year. It is held during the 10:30 am Mass, from September to May. With the number of children attending each week, I will need at least 2 or 3 adult leaders each week. I would like to have the mothers of the children attending to volunteer to help at least one Sunday a month. If this is something you might be interested in helping with, please call Barb Pifher at 419-347-2381. If I have no one to do it on a particular Sunday, then the children miss out on hearing God's word and how to apply it to their lives.



**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, day and evening classes are available. There is no commitment during this process...just to look and explore.

## Youth Group Summer Fun - Feeling Blessed Together! Swimming at the Beach and Watching Columbus Crew





## Our Parish School News



Dear Parish Families:

It has been an exciting journey so far as the new principal of our school. I am amazed by all that happens behind the scenes and the nuts and bolts of being a school administrator. Our remarkable staff has met with me and I have enjoyed getting to know more. Generously, previous principal Lisa Rhodes shared her insights and procedures as well. This week I travel to Toledo Diocese for principal training. I am really looking forward to school and seeing the kids.

My family is made of many farmers...husband, dad, grandfathers, brother, cousins and uncles. I grew up on a farm and I live there today. It is a lifestyle that I cherish for my family. The proud tradition of hard work is passed down through many branches of our family tree. Harvest, markets and technology are constantly changing. My husband, Mike, and I take great pride in the land and embrace the responsibility. The worries and stress must be overshadowed by faith. We are good stewards of the land and do everything we can to ensure a good crop. However the ultimate factor is out of our control completely.

In my devotional this week, I read about Matthew's "planting the seed" parable. St. Mary's School is a way to plant our children in rich soil to thrive. We all know the difficulty of trying to flourish in weeds or with no rain. Can you also recognize those times you found yourself in rich soil? I cannot think of a better place to plant the children in our families with faith based academics. Our St. Mary's team can't wait to see your children flourish and grow. Preschool is a perfect way to begin either in our afternoon 3/4 year old program or our morning 4/5 year program. We have hired a new teacher and next week will announce our lineup of teachers and staff. Scholarships are still available. Let us be thankful for the good soil and those who have helped us blossom.

*Kim Stover*



### 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.



**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!

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

Collected July 23 & 24	\$	20.00
<b>Total Collected for 2015-16 Fund Drive</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>61,605.40</b>
<b>Pledged to Date</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>64,809.90</b>

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

## TIPS FOR HELPING TO GET YOUR FAMILY READY FOR BACK TO SCHOOL.

- 1 Set your kids' sleep schedules back to "School Time" two weeks before the first day.
- 2 Get your kids involved in programs that they can do after school to keep them active.
- 3 Visit cultural attractions like museums to shift their brains into "Scholar" mode.
- 4 Hire an after-school sitter to help care for your kids while you're at work.
- 5 Encourage your kids to read at least one book before the school year begins.
- 6 Reacquaint your kids with the calendar schedule they'll use to manage their activities.
- 7 Try apps like iHomework or MyHomeWork to help your kids organize assignments.
- 8 Let kids choose a planner or scheduling tool that they're excited to use.
- 9 Set up weekly meetings to review your kids' schedules for the week(s) ahead.
- 10 Create a family calendar that tracks everyone's activities and commitments.
- 11 Refresh your rules about screen time for the school year. What's allowed and when?
- 12 Establish a set "Family Time," whether it's during dinner or before bed.
- 13 Give kids a specific day to when they can choose all the activities you do together.
- 14 Determine how long it takes them to do assignments to help with time management.
- 15 Use an egg timer to get your kids used to focusing for specific periods of time.
- 16 Teach your kids to prioritize their assignments by making to-do lists with deadlines.
- 17 Give your kids a short break after each assignment they finish, such as a short walk.
- 18 Set a regular alarm each day that signals the start of homework time.
- 19 Discuss what your kids can expect on the first day so they feel more prepared.
- 20 Visit the school with your kids so they can get familiar with their new environments.
- 21 Arrange playdates with two or three of your kids' friends to rebuild existing social ties.
- 22 Ask teachers for class rosters so you can arrange playdates with new classmates too.
- 23 Get the lists of school supplies, books and technology your kids will need.
- 24 Inventory last year's school supplies before going out to buy more.
- 25 Include your kids in back-to-school shopping by letting them pick out their items.
- 26 Make a plan for organizing those supplies -- and keeping them that way.
- 27 Create a dedicated space for your kids to store their school supplies and technology.
- 28 Establish a specific space like the family office as the official "homework area."
- 29 Remove distractions like TVs and video game consoles from homework areas.
- 30 Repurpose and relabel plastic tubs to organize all school supplies.
- 31 Help your kids develop a filing system for organizing their documents for each class.
- 32 Set -- and enforce -- regular weekday and weekend bed-times.
- 33 Set -- and enforce -- regular weekday and weekend wake-up calls.
- 34 Keep track of existing extracurricular activities to prevent over-scheduling.
- 35 Have your kids set realistic goals for the new year, such as reading 30 books.
- 36 Help your kids prioritize their activities by tying them to their year's goals.
- 37 Create a list of fun after-school activities and games to keep your kids entertained.
- 38 Create an after-school schedule that allows time for snack, relaxation, play and study.
- 39 Establish regular bedtime routines for elementary school kids and preschoolers.
- 40 Carve out blocks of fun time for your kids, whether it's through sports or playdates.
- 41 Hire a tutor, babysitter or homework helper to help you navigate homework time.
- 42 Model good behavior by doing your own work/projects while your kids do homework.
- 43 Encourage your kids to lay out their school clothes the night before.
- 44 Have your kids pack their school bags before they go to sleep that night.
- 45 Have your kids also pack their gym bags the night before and leave them by the door.
- 46 If your kids bring their own lunch, pack their lunch boxes before going to bed.
- 47 Establish rules for where they should put lunchboxes, etc. when they come home.
- 48 Revamp your home organization setup to be more kid-friendly. For example, low hooks make it easy for younger children to hang up coats!
- 49 Go through your kids' schoolwork once a month to toss the things you don't want.
- 50 File or scan assignments that you want to keep.
- 51 Create an inbox for kids to leave things that need your attention, like permission slips.
- 52 Designate a plastic tub as a put-away bin for anything that's out of its place.
- 53 Set a time each week to sync up individual calendars with the family calendar.
- 54 Inventory your kids' wardrobes and donate things they've outgrown.
- 55 Create a list and budget for back-to-school shopping.
- 56 Let your child choose their clothes, shoes and other items they'll need.
- 57 Go through their wardrobes every 2-3 months to get rid of things that no longer fit.
- 58 Set up a laundry system that makes it easy to sort and wash everyone's clothes.