

ST. JOSEPH & MOST PURE HEART OF MARY PARISHES

August 7, 2016

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Dear Parishioners:

I am getting excited!

I have heard some amazing things about the Summer Fest, and now the weekend is here!

It is a true blessing that we have a free event where we can gather as a community, outside of the sacraments, where we can get to know each other better. I know that I am looking forward to get to know everyone a bit better and to spend some time outside of the church with the amazing parish that I have already come to love and treasure.

I know that we also had an amazing festival at St. Joseph, and that we had an amazing turnout. We had more people than we expected, and I think that's a great indicator of what good things are still to come.

I hope that everyone can make it to the Summer Fest as well. If you didn't sign up, please come anyway! Consider this your personal invitation (and if necessary, absolution for not RSVPing).

Together, I know we will continue to build each other up, and build the Kingdom of God in Richland county.

Let's pray for each other, and have a great time,

- Fr. Chris



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Our next summer rehearsal for youth praise team is Tuesday, August 9th from 6:00-6:45 p.m. Anyone who has finished 6th grade through college senior is invited to join us. We will sing for mass on Sunday, August 14th.

Summer Bible Study continues this Tuesday, August 9th! 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. We have Youth Praise Team before hand so the youth room will not be open early.

Next Sunday, August 14th we will have our 3rd 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 pizza with Father Chris before we venture forth! Please bring \$7-\$10 for dinner and a refillable water bottle. We will return home at 8:00 p.m.

TODAY'S PRAYER WITH THE POPE

That sports may be an opportunity for friendly encounters between peoples and may contribute to peace in the world.

UPDATE ON DEACON FRED: Each day I am growing stronger, have a little less pain, and am able to do 'new' things! Thank you so much for your support, your prayers, and your kindness during this time of recovery. I hope to be back into full swing soon, TV is getting very old and the four walls are closing in! How soon I am able to return to full capacity will be determined by the doctor and therapist. Thank you for all the cards and well wishes.



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)-6th grade. If money is an obstacle, scholarships are available. 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 8--Memorial of St. Dominic, Priest

9:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Communion at MPHM (Parish Office)
Ezekiel 1:2-5,24-28c; Psalm 148:1-2,11-14; Matthew 17:22-27

Tuesday, August 9

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

9:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Communion at MPHM (Parish Office)
Ezekiel 2:8-3:4; Psalm 119:14,24,72,103,111,131;
Matthew 18:1-5,10,12-14

Wednesday, August 10--Feast of St. Lawrence, deacon & martyr

9:00 a.m. Mass at MPHM (Parish Office)
Prayers for Sr. Bernadette Sifferlin
2Corinthians 9:6-10; Psalm 112:1-2,5-9; John 12:24-26

Thursday, August 11--Memorial of St. Clare, Virgin

9:00 a.m. Mass at MPHM (Parish Office)
Prayers for Jeannette Schroeder

6:00 p.m. Holy Hour (church)
Ezekiel 12:1-12; Psalm 78:56-59,61-62; Matthew 18:21-19:1

Friday, August 12

9:00 a.m. Mass at MPHM (Parish Office)
Prayers for Susan Athy
Ezekiel 16:1-15,60,63; Isaiah 12:2-6; Matthew 19:3-12

Saturday, August 13

5:00 p.m. Mass at MPHM Church
Prayers for all Parishioners, living and deceased
Ezekiel 18:1-10,13b,30-32; Psalm 51:12-15,18-19;
Matthew 19:13-15

Sunday, August 14

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church
Prayers for Alfreda Dannemiller

10:30 a.m. Mass at MPHM Church
Prayers for Frank & Bertha Weaver, the Arcudi Family
Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10; Psalm 40:2-4,18; Hebrews 12:1-4;
Luke 12:49-53

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 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.**

Pray with great confidence, with confidence based upon the goodness and infinite generosity of God and upon the promises of Jesus Christ. God is a spring of living water which flows unceasingly into the hearts of those who pray.

-St. Louis de Montfort



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.

Reflections on the Readings

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

First Reading--Wisdom 18:6-9

"The night of the passover...": the author refers to the night of the Exodus from bondage in Egypt. It was known centuries earlier by "our fathers," Abraham, Isaac, Jacob. How? By their faith in a saving God. Whatever happens to human beings, faith in God assures them that somehow God will step in with his loving care.

This passage is a poem on faith. As believers, we feel happy with the sure knowledge of a loving God who cares. "See, the eyes of the Lord are upon those who fear (have filial respect for) him, upon those who hope for his kindness".

Second Reading--Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

"By faith Abraham obeyed...; he went out, not knowing where he was to go." His journey was apparently "without benefit of declaration." However, faith in God made his journey meaningful. The sacred writer himself suggests the application of this ancient tradition to our own life situation: "They desire a better homeland, a heavenly one."

We are pilgrims who go through the valley of darkness. Faith in a destiny makes the journey meaningful. Abraham's faith was tested. So will yours be! Faith implies an element of doubt, just as love does. You cannot always possess it peacefully. Like love, faith must be fostered by communication, meditative prayer!

Gospel--Luke 12:32-48

Jesus encourages us to "desire a better homeland, a heavenly one". Do not be afraid...your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom."

But be prepared! "Gird your loins and light your lamps" like the Jews about to leave Egypt! The moment you least expect it, you could be summoned to take "that loath journey," from which there is no return.

-- Submitted by Barb Pifher



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.

In addition, you can follow the Diocese of Toledo:

Facebook (www.facebook.com/DioceseToledo)

Twitter (www.twitter.com/DioceseToledo)

Instagram (www.instagram.com/DioceseToledo)

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. Submit your question for Bishop Daniel Thomas to answer on the show by emailing bishop@annunciationradio.com or visiting 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.

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. - 11:30 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:

"Listen to the Sunday Mass from EWTN on Annunciation Radio each Sunday at 8:00 am. Daily Mass is aired Monday through Friday at 12 noon and Saturdays at 8:00 am. Tune in to one of our five stations: WNOC 89.7 FM in the Toledo area; WHRQ 88.1 FM in the Sandusky area; WRRO 89.9 FM in the Bryan area; WSHB 89.5 FM in Willard, or WFOT 89.5 FM in the Mansfield area. You can listen live online at www.AnnunciationRadio.com. Annunciation Radio, a listener-supported station, has "Faith with Frequency!"

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 14-- 8:30 a.m.

- Greeters:** Louis Lynch
- Eucharist:** Alana Sigg, Joe Runkle
- Servers:** Sarah Heydinger, Elizabeth Heydinger, Volunteer
- Lector:** Ivy Smith
- Ushers:** Ken Studer, Kevin Heydinger
- Music:** St. Joseph Choir
- Collection Counters:** Ed Kanney, Bob Riedlinger



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Keith Fairchild, Robert McKown, Mark McKeenan, Jacy Smith, Megan Cornish, Diana Breznicki



R.C.I.A.

RCIA will soon be starting, formation classes are being set up. If you think you have inkling that God is calling 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 lists so we can plan ahead.

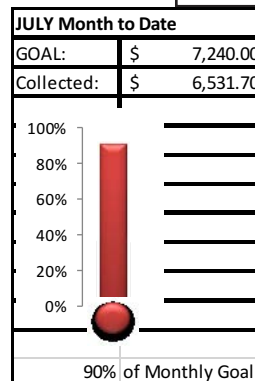
FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Budget Needed \$1,440

July 31

Sunday Offering.....	\$ 1,314.00
Romans 12	\$ 225.00
Year-to-date	
Over/Under Budget.....	- \$ 708.30

Attendance: 106



Thanks to all who have donated and continue to donate on a weekly basis, we could not exist without you! Know it is greatly appreciated! The parish's financial needs are first by met but attaining our budgeted weekly donations of \$1,440. For the month of July, we missed our mark by 10% or \$708.30. Many maintenance projects are being looked at and planned but will not be able to happen unless we can pay our bills without dipping into the savings account. If you do not drop cash or an envelope into the basket weekly, we ask that you consider doing so. This is our parish! We have to take care of it!

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!



- ✠ August 17th, Plymouth City Schools Begin
- ✠ August 30th, Reflecting the Face of Mercy Workshop Tiffin- 9:00 to 3:30 p.m.

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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, August 13, 5:00 p.m. Mass

Lector: Mary Durkin
Servers: Faith Gosser, Caleb Vogt, Eric Workman
Eucharistic: Bill & Toni Anspach, Mary Martin-Bandman, Marilyn Moore, Barb Pifher, Vince Studer
Ushers: Jim Yetzer, Tom Yetzer, Mark Young, Michael Zappa
Greeters: Chad & Liz Hicks, Craig & Janet Studer
Music: Disciples of Song

Sunday, August 14, 10:30 a.m. Mass

Lector: Gabriel Dannemiller
Servers: Sylvia Beer, Tanner & Parker Herring
Eucharist: Julie Friebel, Casey Kerr, Beth Kurtzman, Scott Kurtzman, Kathy Lowe, Chuck Schiffer, Angela Yetzer
Ushers: Clem Kanney, Lee Kaple, Scott Kurtzman, Jeff Murray
Greeters: Veronica Dannemiller, Ann Hemmerly, Clem & Kathy Kanney
Music: Youth Praise Team

Collection Counters: Dave & Lynn Wagner, Dorothy Chew

CALENDAR of Events

Tuesday, August 9

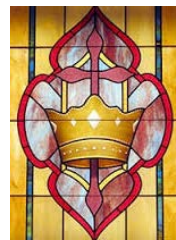
6:00 p.m. Youth Praise Team Practice--Church
7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting
7:00 p.m. Summer Bible Study--Youth Room

Thursday, August 11

7:30 p.m. Disciples of Song Practice--Church

Sunday, August 14

11:30 a.m. Youth Group Outdoor Adventure



DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA: The D of I wil meet on Monday, August 15 in the Most Pure Heart of Mary Parish Center lower meeting room, following the 7:00 p.m. Mass at MPH. Serving on the committee will be Sharon Sifferlin, Mary Pat Davis and Carol Ensmen. Members are asked to bring a can of food for Shelby Helpline.



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. The best way to ensure that batteries aren't filling our landfills is to make sure they never get there. According to Earth911, there are about 3 billion batteries purchased per year in the U.S. alone and about 10 billion worldwide. That's 250 million pounds of batteries in the US that wind up in landfills! When batteries are improperly disposed of, they end up in the trash where they can help fill landfills potentially releasing toxic chemicals into the surrounding environment. Locations Near You that will take old batteries: Best Buy & Lowes, Ontario, Ohio; Sears, Mansfield, Ohio.

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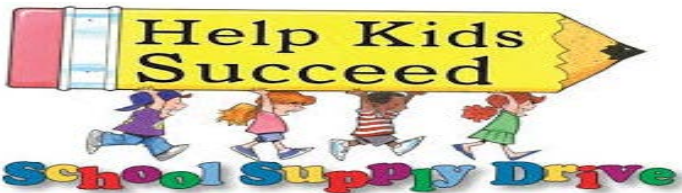
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Shirley Sheridan, Anthony Gwartz, Dale Davies, Samuel Rietschlin, Theresa Krietemeyer, Samantha Potts, Jacob Carriere, Ronald Strine, Susan Mahek, Keith Fairchild, Steven Lifer, Amy Noel, Colton Penwell, Trisha Wagner, Tara Winters, Brandon Martinez, Katelyn Strine, Robert Moore, Lori McCartney, Joseph Coon, Cassandra Weaver, Brandon Schneider, Janis Payne, Virgil Phillips, Joseph Wechter, John Coleman, Daniel Cooper, Ty Hoffman, Aaron Pfahler.



SummerFest is Here!

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.



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 through August 12. School clothing may be chosen on Tuesdays or Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.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.

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

Collected July 30 & 31	\$ 190.00
Total Collected for 2015-16 Fund Drive	\$ 61,795.40
Pledged to Date	\$ 64,809.90
We're \$2,690.10 away from meeting our pledged goal for 2015/2016 school year.	



Sunday Collections July 30 & 31, 2016:

Offertory	\$ 9,740.30
Religious Education	\$ 45.00
Children's	\$ 2.00

Holy Day Collections:

Ascension	\$ 20.00
Assumption	\$ 40.00

TOTAL SUNDAY AND HOLY DAY COLLECTIONS \$ 9,847.30 down \$530.00 from 2015/2016

Total Sunday and Holy Day Collections to Date \$ 39,863.74 down \$4,396.00 from 2015/2016

Other Parish Collections:

Capital Improvement \$ 315.00
 Support Your School \$ 30.00

Diocesan Collections:

Catholic Home Missions Appeal \$ 15.00
 Peter's Pence/Holy Father \$ 20.00

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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.



Altar & Rosary Society Ladies, Thank you to all of my helpers at the rummage sale. I couldn't have done it without all of you.

Sue Dannemiller



Recycle Weekend

The recycling bins will be here August 12, 13 & 14. Bring your aluminum cans, paper and #1 & #2 plastics to the bins in church parking lot.



ARE YOU READY FOR OUR 2ND ANNUAL WINNER, WINNER CHICKEN DINNER?

Chicken scratch your calendars for Saturday, September 10.

Look for a surprise coming in the mail.



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.

Hello! I am Kim Stover, principal at St. Mary's School. We are excited about the upcoming school year! We have an amazing journey ahead of us, but we will need to be equipped for the experience with a few school supplies.

Please help us give our hard working students and teachers the tools they need to succeed. Every dollar you donate will be matched by the generous School Specialty in merchandise credit. **YOUR DONATION HERE WILL DOUBLE!**

Visit gofundme.com/m/UnitedWayRichland from August 8th – 19th. This is a great opportunity for our parents, families, parish and community to support our school and kids in a meaningful way. From \$1 to \$100 we appreciate your donation and will use it wisely towards faith based academic excellence.

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Our Parish School News

Dear School Families:

Welcome to a brand new school year. St. Mary's Catholic School is the means by which our faith is passed from one generation to another. Teaching of the faith is integrated into all aspects of school life and curriculum. This faith, which we live and profess, takes root in our youngsters during their most formative years. We look forward to having your children at St. Mary's Catholic School. Here we are building smart disciples through:

- Full accreditation from the Ohio Catholic School Accrediting Association
 - A full course of study that exceeds the state's minimum requirements
 - State of the art technical support including Smart Boards, ipads, laptops, and chromebooks
- We have so much good news to share with you.

SCHOOL FAMILY LUNCHEON & ORIENTATION

IMPORTANT Scholars please bring your family and friends to school.

Sunday August 21st

11:45 a.m. Homeroom Classroom orientations (child & at least one family member strongly encouraged)

12:15 p.m. Welcome to our School Rally in gymnasium (Father Chris & Principal Stover)

Lunch served in the gym (pasta bar/ donations support 6th grade Mohican trip) until 1:00 p.m. Explore our facility and meet all of our staff team (Enter to win prizes in different rooms)

***Also pick up important Family Folder. Purchase or trade logo wear. (Bring logo wear your children have outgrown to share) Join the PTO. Make a craft.

School Supplies:

School families are not required to buy school supplies. Generous donors have provided these supplies to help make St. Mary's Education more affordable. If you know someone willing to donate to our school supply drive look for information for a campaign that will run from August 8th–19th. Every dollar you donate will be matched by the generous School Specialty in merchandise credit. <https://pages.gofundme.com/UnitedWayRichland/> YOUR DONATION HERE WILL DOUBLE! This is a great opportunity for our parents, families, parish and community to support our school and kids in a meaningful way. From \$1 to \$100 we appreciate your donation and will use it wisely towards faith based academic excellence.

Pre K families

Welcome to preschool. Mrs. Kurtzman will be your teacher. There are just a few seats & scholarships available.

Morning Preschool- 8:15-11:30 a.m., Monday thru Thursday (4 and 5 year olds), First day August 29.

Afternoon Preschool 2:30-3:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays (3 and 4 year olds), First day August 30.

Dress Code: same as all other students (with certain party day exceptions)

New family Orientation: Can be scheduled with your teacher August 22-26

Pre K Handbook: will be distributed

ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STAFF TEAM LINE UP:

Pastor:

Father Chris Mileskifatherchris@stmaryshelby.org

Principal:

Mrs. Kim Stoverkstover@stmaryshelby.org

Pre K:

Mrs. Misty Kurtzmanmkurtzman@stmaryshelby.org

Kindergarten:

Mrs. Lauren Terry.....lterry@stmaryshelby.org

1st Grade:

Mrs. Alysha Littlealittle@stmaryshelby.org

2nd Grade:

Mrs. Nicole Lynch.....nlynch@stmaryshelby.org

3rd/4th Grade:

Mrs. Emily Clevenger.....eclevenger@stmaryshelby.org

5th/6th Grade:

Mrs. Sarah Sherk.....ssherk@stmaryshelby.org

Religion:

Mrs. Laurie Metzger.....lmetzger@stmaryshelby.org

Computer/PE:

Ms. Donna Strout.....dstROUT@stmaryshelby.org

Title:

Mrs. Marie Little.....mlittle@stmaryshelby.org

Nurse:

Mrs. Misty Bishop.....mbishop@stmaryshelby.org

Administrative Assistant:

Mrs. Judy Caporinijcaporini@stmaryshelby.org

Art:

Mr. Mark Sommermsommer@stmaryshelby.org

Business Manager:

Mrs. Barb Studerbstuder@stmaryshelby.org

Also: **Intervention Specialist:** Naomi Jackson, Speech Therapist, Guidance Counselor, and Several Para –Pro Aides

Our teachers are outstanding and we are blessed to have them. This summer they have been continuing their professional development to prepare for a fantastic year.

Volunteering

We welcome families to volunteer in several capacities to help our school. In order to protect our children all volunteers in school or for field trips must complete an online training and screening process prior to volunteering. This is new from the Diocese this year. Thank you for complying. Instructions will be on our website shortly.

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PRAYER TO BEGIN A SCHOOL YEAR

God of wisdom and might, we praise you for the wonder of our being, for mind, body and spirit. Be with our children as they begin a new school year. Bless them and their teachers and staff. Give them strength and grace as their bodies grow; wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for understanding; and peace and zeal to their hearts. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This staff team deeply cares about your children and their education. We are thankful for your enrollment and we will work hard to exceed your expectations.

With Gratitude,
Kimberly Stover, Principal



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

- 1 Make homework caddies that can be used to carry school supplies through the house.
- 2 Buy bulk packaged snacks like bags of grapes that can be easily added to lunches.
- 3 Discuss the different pros and cons of bringing versus buying school lunches.
- 4 Get copies of school menus in advance to discuss lunch choices.
- 5 Get your kids involved in creating and preparing their daily lunch menus.
- 6 Buy reusable sports bottles to increase their water consumption during the day.
- 7 Keep a small emergency allowance in your kids' bags, just in case.
- 8 Organize lunch ingredients in one part of the fridge so you can make fast lunches.
- 9 Purchase lunch boxes or reusable bags to help save the environment.
- 10 Make a week's worth of sandwiches on Sunday, wrap in tinfoil, and freeze. Unthaw them the night before.
- 11 Use sticky notes to flag important items that they should pay attention to.
- 12 Plan supervised study dates when kids work together on projects or homework.
- 13 Have a backup transportation mode planned in case your kids miss the bus.
- 14 Set your clocks forward 10 minutes. This makes it easier to be on time.
- 15 Schedule blocks of time to check in with each child to see how things are going.
- 16 Hire a housekeeper to help with cleaning and knock things off your to-do lists.
- 17 Schedule at least one 30-minute block in your calendar each day for "you time."
- 18 Create a rewards system for when they meet goals like helping around the house.
- 19 Shop for school supplies and clothes early. Avoid the rush.
- 20 Use positive phrasing, such as "You can go outside after your homework is done," rather than "You're not going outside until this is finished."
- 21 Make sure your kids (and you!) have an effective wake-up alarm that works for them.
- 22 Set an alarm or notification 30 minutes before bedtime.
- 23 Remove things like mobile devices from kids' bedrooms to focus them on sleeping.
- 24 Use night lights, white sound machines and fans for kids who can't get to sleep.
- 25 Keep a single, easy-access file for vaccination records and other important papers.
- 26 Set up the breakfast table before you go to bed.
- 27 Map out a bathroom schedule to avoid family fights for bathroom time.
- 28 Replace old backpacks with ones that are sturdy, ergonomic and kid-friendly.
- 29 Keep a running list of supplies, clothing and food that needs to be bought each week.
- 30 Use a see-and-store toy rack to make it easier for kids to stay organized.
- 31 Set up a hanging organizer with five boxes for clothes for each day of the week.
- 32 Dedicate a rack in the garage, basement or entry way for sports equipment.
- 33 Create a regular pet care schedule that outlines who does what and when.
- 34 Schedule study blocks on the weekends before big tests, mid-terms and finals.
- 35 Use under-the-bed storage for off-season clothes and toys that aren't regularly used.
- 36 Give everyone a shower caddy to keep bathroom supplies organized.
- 37 Have a playdate caddy ready to go, with an extra set of clothes, games and toys.
- 38 Figure out different ways you can be involved in the classroom this school year.
- 39 Talk openly with your kids about their feelings about returning to school.
- 40 Do something fun to diffuse this stressful time of year for all of you.
- 41 Take a breath!

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