

ST. JOSEPH & MOST PURE HEART OF MARY PARISHES

September 11, 2016

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Dear Parishioners:

Last Sunday while we were still asleep, Pope Francis canonized Saint Theresa of Kolkata. While he spoke in his homily about her love of the poor and her example of mercy, many news outlets covered a quote how he said that it would be hard to call her Saint Theresa instead of Mother Theresa. While we know that the news media often covers only the parts of our Holy Father that they want to cover, I think that this was a good thing for people to hear. Pope Francis said that it was because she is "so close to us."

Even though the media didn't explain this quote, it's something that we all need to hear. So often we think of saints as people who lived long ago and far away. Saint Theresa's canonization reminds us that there are still saints in our time. It further reminds us, that we ourselves are called to be saints. Some of us may do extraordinary things, and that's awesome, but most of us become saints as Saint Theresa did, by doing little things with great love. She also told us to "find our own Kolkata." We don't have to go to the other side of the world to find people who need to be loved. They are in our state, our town, and in our own homes.

Let's make an effort this week to love to the best of our ability. In doing so, we will honor this amazing example of faith shown to us by Saint Theresa, honor our Lord, and grow in our own holiness.

With love,

- Fr. Chris



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

SLAM continues this Sunday, September 11th! All 7th-12th graders are invited to join us in the youth room from 7:00-8:30 p.m. If you can't make it this week, or couldn't make it last week, you are always welcome to join us when you are free! We would love to have you!

The Youth Room will be open before CCD and Deeper most Wednesdays this year from 6:00-7:00 p.m. It will be open this coming Wednesday, September 14th, come for fellowship and games before class starts.

Deeper continues Wednesday, September 14th from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the youth room for all of those who are in high school! The youth room is located at 29 West Street. It is through the door that faces the road. Bring some quarters for drinks and snacks!

Next Sunday, September 18th, SLAM continues in a special way! Father Chris will be leading SLAM while Kari is out of town. Get to know him better and ask some questions that you have always wanted to ask a priest. SLAM will meet from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the youth room. All 7th-12th graders are invited!

Kari is getting married! If you did not receive an invitation to the SLAM Wedding Reception on Sunday, October 2nd, please text/call Kari at 419-571-3803 or e-mail her at kkrebs@stmaryshelby.org with your address. The wedding is September 17th at 11:30 a.m. All are welcome! If you have received your invitation your RSVP is appreciated.



The Annual Rosary Rally will be held Saturday, October 15 at noon in Roush Park, Shelby.



Classes start this week. I ask that you bring your child(ren) in this week for a quick meeting before class. If you haven't sent in your registration, please bring it in on Wednesday with your child. Any questions, please feel free to email me at lmetzger@stmaryshelby.org or contact me at 419-347-2381.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SCHEDULE

Grades: 1 - 6	Time: 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Grades: 7 - 8	Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Grades: 9 - 12	Time: 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Laurie Metzger, Religious Education Coordinator

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Liturgical Calendar

Monday, September 12

9:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Communion at MPHM (Parish Office)
1Corinthians 11:17-26,33; Psalm 40:7-10,17; Luke 7:1-10

Tuesday, September 13--St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

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

9:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Communion at MPHM (Parish Office)
1Corinthians 12:12-14,27-31a; Psalm 100:1b-5; Luke 7:11-17

Wednesday, September 14--Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9:00 a.m. Mass at MPHM Church
Prayers for Gerald & Alfreda Dannemiller
Numbers 21:4b-9; Psalm 78:1b-2,34-38; Phillipians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17

Thursday, September 15--Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

9:00 a.m. Mass at MPHM (Parish Office)
Prayers for Christopher Pete Ramsey

6:00 p.m. Holy Hour (church)
1Corinthians 15:1-11; Psalm 118:1b-2,16-17,28; John 19:25-27

Friday, September 16--Memorial of Sts. Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

9:00 a.m. Mass at MPHM (Parish Office)
Prayers for Steve & Gaylee Korbas
1Corinthians 15:12-20; Psalm 17:1bcd,6-8b,15; Luke 8:1-3

Saturday, September 17

11:30 a.m. Krebs/Owens Wedding

5:00 p.m. Mass at MPHM Church
Prayers for Ernest Biglin, John Ensman,
Joseph & Catherine Miller
1Corinthians 15:35-37,42-49; Psalm 56:10c-14; Luke 8:4-15

Sunday, September 18

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church
Prayers for All Parishioners, Living and Deceased

10:30 a.m. Mass at MPHM Church
Prayers for Kenneth & Eleanor Takos, Larry, Lucy, Charlie & Midge Fike, Leon, Bernie & Kenny Miller
Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 113:1-2,4-6,7-8; 1Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13

ATTENTION CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2015

This would be anyone currently in the 9th & 10th grade who was Confirmed in May of 2015.

ALSO THE CLASS OF 2011

This would be anyone 19-20 yrs. old who was Confirmed in 2011.

We are looking for a group picture to put on the wall of history in St. Mary's School. If you were able to get a nice group shot where we can see all of the confirmands you can either email a digital copy to Kari, kkrebs@stmaryshelby.org or bring a print to the parish office. Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated.



INTERVENTION SPECIALIST NEEDED:

St. Mary's School is in need of a part time or full time Intervention Specialist. Please if interested email kstover@stmaryshelby.org or call 419-342-2626.

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.**

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Sponsor of the Week

Details Hair Salon

419-419-342-5201

Reflections on the Readings

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time taken from St. Joseph Sunday Missal.

First Reading--Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

This reading shows us that because of Moses' intercession God agrees not to punish the sinful people. As mediator, Moses foreshadows Jesus Christ, who prayed on the cross for sinners: "Father, forgive them," and who is still praying for us in heaven.

Because of Jesus' pleading for us, God will not destroy the sinner. The condition is that we make the Responsorial Psalm our constant prayer to God. **I will rise and go to my Father.**

Second Reading--1Timothy 1:12-17

Paul refers to himself as a former sinner. God forgave him because of Jesus' meritorious death on the cross. Paul is grateful for God's mercy, as all sinners should be.

Gospel--Luke 15:1-32

This passage is a perfect example of the fact that the writer of this Gospel did not intend to provide a biography of Jesus. What he intended to do was write a catechism, a digest of what Christians ought to know. However, Luke did not write a question-and-answer type of catechism that was used for the last few centuries in the Church and with which most of the older Catholics were taught their religion. He did it his way.

Luke makes a thought-provoking statement that he puts into the mouth of the Pharisees: "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." Then he responds to it with three parables of Jesus: "the lost sheep" and "the lost coin" (concerning God's care for the sinner), and "the prodigal son" (concerning the condition for forgiveness: "I shall...go to my father," and God's willingness to forgive the penitent sinner).

God's word to us today is clear. It is through Jesus Christ, his meritorious death on the cross and his constant pleading for us in heaven, that God forgives our sins. "I shall....go to my (heavenly) father"-this is what the sinner should do, and God will show mercy. Jesus is still welcoming sinners!

-- Submitted by Barb Pifher



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"Marriage is the icon of God's love for us"

—Pope Francis



2016 DIOCESAN CELEBRATION OF WEDDING JUBILEES:

Join Bishop Daniel Thomas and the Office of Marriage and Family to commemorate 25, 40, 50, 60, and 60-plus years of marriage for couples in the Diocese of Toledo at Our Lady Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral October 23, 3:00 p.m. Mass includes the renewal of matrimonial vows, and registered couples will receive a commemorative certificate. To register go to: www.1023mass.eventbrite.com, contact Marsha Rivas, 419-214-4938, or call your parish office. Registration deadline is October 13.

ROSARY/RESPECT LIFE EVENT: On Sunday, October 2 at 2:30 p.m. there will be a special Rosary/Respect Life event at the Sorrowful Mother Shrine south of Bellevue, OH. At 2:30 we will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. At 2:45 we will begin in a procession through the shrine woods with the recitation of the various mysteries of the Rosary. Those who wish to may remain in the Outdoor Pieta Chapel for Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and a Blessing with the Relic of the True Cross

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. This three hour Rosary is for refugees, immigrants and all those displaced by war or natural phenomena.

The First Sunday of October is also Respect Life Sunday. This Respect Life March is meant to be witness to the sanctity of all life, from conception to natural death.

Sorrowful Mother Shrine, 4106 State Route 269 (between the intersections of Route 547 & Route 4), Bellevue, OH. 419-483-3435 www.sorrowfulmothershrine.org



What's Happening Around the Deanery



A NEW YOUTH MINISTER IS NEEDED AT RESURRECTION PARISH, LEXINGTON:

This position calls for working to develop programs and activities to supplement the Parish

School of Religion Program for all parish youth in grades 7 through 12. Please contact the parish office at 419-884-0060 or via e-mail atresparishadm@gmail.com to receive a copy of the position description. This position calls for from 12 to 15 hours per week. Applicants are requested to submit a resume of their educational background and work experience along with 3 personal references and 3 professional references to Fr. Nelson Beaver by Monday, September 12th. Fr. Beaver's e-mail address is: fnbeaver@gmail.com. The newly-appointed person for this position will begin his/her duties on October 1, 2016.

CATHOLIC WOMENS CLUB: The next luncheon will be Wednesday, September 14. It will start with Mass at St. Peter's Church in Mansfield at 11:00 am. The Luncheon will follow in the Ontario Event Center at the Brown Derby, 12:30 p.m. All Catholic Women in the St. Juan Diego Deanery are invited. If you are new, we encourage you to join us and get to know the Catholic women in the area. Please call Sharon Houseworth at 419-347-1631 or 419-545-2242. Reservations must be made by September 9 before noon.

Volunteers Needed at Mansfield's HOPE Pantry: Catholic Charities seeks volunteers for our Mansfield HOPE Food Pantry at 523 Park Avenue East. Volunteers assist guest check in, stock shelves, sort donations, and perform various other tasks from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Please Contact Susan Dyson 419-524-0733 or email her at sdyson@toledodiocese.org. Thank you and God Bless!



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.

18th Annual Tiffin St. Joseph Reverse Raffle:

You are invited on Saturday, October 1! Each \$90 ticket includes dinner for two and 1 entry into the raffle. Only 250 tickets will be sold for a chance to win up to \$3,000! There will also be Sideboards, Instant Games, Big Board Bingo, a 50/50 Raffle and many nice Door Prizes! Those who purchase their tickets by September 6 will be entered into the Early Bird Drawing for a 43" Toshiba Flat-Screen TV! Except for the door prizes, you do not need to be present to win. On October 1, the Activity Center doors will open at 5:30 pm with cash bar and sideboard sales. Appetizers begin at 6:00 pm followed by an Italian Buffet at 7:00. The Reverse Raffle is at 8:00 pm. To order tickets, call, stop by, or send payment to the parish office: St. Joseph Church, 36 Melmore Street, Tiffin, OH 44883. Include your name, address and phone number. Checks payable to St. Joseph Reverse Raffle. We also accept payment via credit card. Call the parish office at 419-447-5848 or Paul Berman at 419-447-0740 for more information. Get a group of friends together for a fun evening! Tables for 8 may be reserved. All proceeds benefit Calvert Catholic Schools. Thank you for your support!



Is your marriage going down the right road . . . or is it a little off track?

Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as

they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For more information about our October 7-9th Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact registration team: Joe and Arlene @ 419-841-1116 or visit our website: HelpOurMarriage.com.



Grandparents...

Are family historians.
Believe in having fun.
Cherish family get-togethers.
Delight in telling stories.
Encourage big dreams.
Find ways to stay in touch.
Give meaning to later life.
Help any way they can.
Inspire wonder and mystery.
Just want what's best for you.
Keep family traditions alive.
Love to take pictures.
Matter more than words can say.

Never run out of hugs.
Open their hearts to you.
Provide roots and wings.
Quickly come when needed.
Remember special occasions.
Share values and memories.
Teach things no one else can.
Unconditionally love you.
Value spending time together.
Write and call often.
Xperience childhood again.
Yearn for your happiness.
Zest to make a difference.

Happy Grandparents' Day!!

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Sacraments

BAPTISM: Contact the Parish Office 1 month in advance.

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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Notify the Parish Office to arrange.

COMMUNION: Arrange through the Parish Office to be placed on the home bound lists.

MARRIAGE: Please notify either a priest or the Parish Office 6 months in advance.

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

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, September 18-- 8:30 a.m.

Greeters: Louis Lynch

Eucharist: Mary Rietschlin, Alana Sigg, Joe Runkle

Servers: Doug Reer, Ivy Smith, Hayden Kuhn

Lector: Ken Studer

Ushers: Louis Lynch, Leonard Fenner

Music: St. Joseph Choir

Collection Counters: Eileen Eisenhauer,
Randy Eisenhauer, Doris Arnold

FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Budget Needed \$1,440

September 4

Sunday Offering.....	\$ 1,406.00
Food Pantry.....	\$ 21.00
Maintenance.....	\$ 10.00
Upstairs Store.....	\$ 5.00
Catholic University.....	\$ 10.00
Assumption.....	\$ 5.00
Year-to-date	
Over/Under Budget.....	\$ 997.31

Thank You!

Attendance: 149



✠ September 11th, A&R Meeting, following Mass



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Robert Stockmaster, Stephanie Finnegan,
Jenny Donnersbach, Glenna Bartholomew



R.C.I.A.

DO YOU OR DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE that comes to Mass regularly or on occasion? Perhaps they've been attending worshipping and praying the Catholic Tradition but are not Catholic. The time is now to explore, without commitment the faith! The Rite of Christian Initiation is meant for those who have never been baptized. There is another option for those who have been baptized in the Trinitarian Form, Father, Son & Holy Spirit. Sessions and planning is underway... now is the time to look at your options! Contact St. Joseph Parish office for more discussion, to voice your desires, your wishes, and ideas. We would love to hear from you!



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA

Prayer



✠ Almighty God, grant that we may hear your voice and respond faithfully to your call with an open heart. Amen.

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any one hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me." (Rev 3:20)

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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 through the Parish Office 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, September 17, 5:00 p.m. Mass

Lector: Mary Durkin
Servers: Julia Gutchall, Kira Metzger, Noah Wilson
Eucharistic: Bill & Toni Anspach, Mary Miller, Barb Pifher, Betty & Jim Yetzer
Ushers: Reed Castor, Frank Hicks, Don & Will Metzger
Greeters: Barry & Trudi Britt, Andy & Joni Parks
Music: SpiritSong

Sunday, September 18, 10:30 a.m. Mass

Lector: Bill Houseworth
Servers: Ty Keinath, Cody Lantz, Oliver Wagner
Eucharist: Julie Friebel, Beth Kurtzman, Scott Kurtzman, Jacob Penwell, Dick & Becky Young, Volunteer
Ushers: Ed Schumacher, Steve Schumacher, Jim Sifferlin, Mike Smith
Greeters: Clem & Kathy Kanney, Casey Kerr, Kathy Lowe
Music: Disciples of Song
Counters: Toni Anspach, Dick & Sue Kirkendall

A & R NEWS: The next Altar and Rosary Society meeting will be on September 20 at 7:00 p.m.

CALENDAR of Events

Monday, September 12

6:00 p.m. PTO Meeting--Theology Room

Tuesday, September 13

7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting--Conference Room

Wednesday, September 14

5:30 p.m. Rel.Ed. grades 1-6--School

7:00 p.m. Rel.Ed. grades 7 & 8--Theology Room

7:00 p.m. DEEPER--Youth Room

Sunday, September 18

7:00 p.m. SLAM--Youth Room



Wedding Banns III:

Kari Krebs

&

Christopher Owens

MAINTENANCE MEETING: The next scheduled maintenance meeting will be Monday, September 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish center conference room. All are welcome.



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. "Our environment." What needs to change? What action can I take? Make a plan to live differently. Planning involves selecting a goal, breaking it down into bite-size pieces, and get moving! How can you improve God's earth?

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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) will have a meet and greet on **September 21 at 6:45 p.m.** in the Parish Center lower level meeting room. RCIA 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. If you would like to update your faith or know someone who might be interested at looking at the faith, please invite them on the 21st. Any questions, please call Barb Pifher at 419-347-2381. There is no commitment during this process....just to look and explore.



Due to the holiday weekend, we will not have a money report this week. Please see next week for the money report.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Helen Thornton, Harold Metzger, Monica Cirata, Marcy Johnson, Amanda Miller-McCarthy, Mitchell Metzger, Charles Schiffer, Jennifer Mayer, Wayne Sutter, Howard Souder, Scott Kurtzman, Gregory Durkin, Jeremy Thornton, Matthew Donnersbach, Vincent Donnersbach, John Kleman, Susann Henkel, Craig Studer, Megan Evans, Bradley Downs, Lauren Semon, Hali Ramsey, Daniel Friebe, Camden Armstrong, Benjamin Wilkins, Wendy Krutsch, Anthony Young, J.L. Cellantani, Lawrence Sadowski, Jason Young, David Green, Kristin Stanton, Heath Kline, Steven Beer.



DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA:

The D of I will meet on Monday, September 19 at 7:00 p.m., in the Most Pure Heart of Mary Parish Center lower meeting room. The speaker will be Fr. Chris Mileski. The committee for the evening is Laura McGarvey, Nancy Metzger, Eileen Studer, and Mary Ann Fraley. Bring a can of food for Shelby Helpline.



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Rehearsals begin soon! Now is a great time to join one of our music groups. Music, fun, and fellowship for all ages. Bring your instrument whether it's your voice, guitar, wind, string, percussion, or anything else. All are welcome!

Group	Practice	Masses/Month
Adult Choir	Wed., 7:00 p.m.	Twice
Disciples of Song	Thurs., 7:00 p.m.	Twice
SpiritSong	As needed	Once
Youth Praise Team (Grade 7-College)	2 Wed./month, 6:00-6:45 p.m.	Once
Children's Choir (Grades 3-6)	2 Wed./month, 3:30-4:15 p.m.	Once
Cantors	As needed	As needed
Funeral Choir	None	As needed

For more information on any of these groups, contact Joy Wagner, Director of Music: jwagner@stmaryshelby.org. or 419-347-2381.

SAVE THE DATE

The fun of Christmas Bazaar Candy Making is just around the corner. We have a change in the day of the week we will be creating these delicious treats this year. Mark your calendars so you too can join in the fun.

Tuesday, November 1

Tuesday, November 8

Tuesday, November 15

We will make candy in two shifts:

1:00-3:00 p.m. and 6:00-9:00 p.m.

You are welcome to show up for one or both times.



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

10,078 Children's Summer Free Lunches served this summer! That means 10,078 times, children's lives were touched by the love of Jesus being passed out through you!

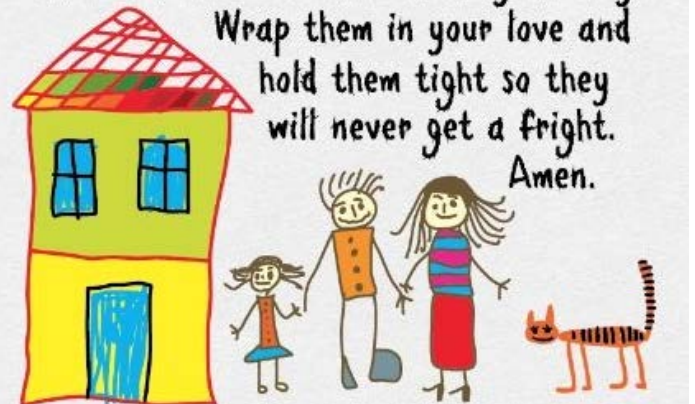
Your love and kindness shown to the children and their families has not only blessed them physically with a meal but also has blessed them with gifts of caring, encouragement, hope and love. Thank you for all your hard work preparing and serving the lunches. God Bless You abundantly! "The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor." (Proverbs 22:9)



A prayer to Grandparents

I praise you dear Grandparents. I love you so much my love will never fade. You give me joy when I am down and I have you when I cry. I love my Grandparents. God put a hedge of protection around them and care for them as they do to you.

Wrap them in your love and hold them tight so they will never get a fright. Amen.



Our Parish School News



Sometimes it is so nice to see things from a child's perspective. We were driving somewhere with the windows open. My daughter said "It smells like rainbows." I asked her what that smells like. She said, "Honey."

Over the nice long weekend, my mom shared a book she was reading called "Pay It Forward". A social studies teacher asked the class to each make the world a better place. Then they were to come back and report to the class what they did.

Often our world can seem negative. If we were asked this question, how would we make the world a better place? Choosing to see the good? Choosing to say something positive or nothing at all? Conserving water or energy? Feeding the hungry? Serving the poor? Forgiving someone who hurt us? Giving our time, talent or treasure to our church? Praying? Doing the right thing? Writing letters to soldiers? Mowing our elderly neighbor's lawn? The list is endless.

This week we celebrated Grandparent's Day. This relationship can be so beneficial to both parties involved. Grandparents bring patience, wisdom and time. Children have curiosity, joy and energy. The bond of love they share is marvelous. These Grandparents are definitely paying it forward.

This job is an amazing journey. Being around children can constantly change my perspective. Through this school, we are changing the world one child at a time. I pray we can be a good example of giving back and paying it forward as well. All of us can change the world by investing in our future generations.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers;

Principal Stover



ALL ST. MARY'S SCHOOL PARENTS--YOU ARE INVITED!: Our PTO will be meeting on Monday, September 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the school Theology Room. By joining in with PTO, you can meet other parents, help plan the fun activities for our children, and mostly help make St. Mary's School the best school ever for you child(ren).



SCHOOL PICTURE DAY is Tuesday, September 13th. SMILE-Each child is beautiful just the way they are. Students can wear dress up clothes or any school appropriate clothing to look extra special for picture day. Bring gym shoes for gym class though to be prepared.

