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### **PRO-LIFE CORNER: FROM SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA**

"But I feel a great destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a direct war, a direct killing, direct murder by the mother herself. And we read in the scripture, for God says very clearly. "Even if a mother could forget her child, I will not forget you. I have carved you in the palm of My Hand." We are carved in the palm of His Hand; so close to Him, that unborn child has been carved in the Hand of God. And that is what strikes me most, the beginning of that sentence, that even a mother could forget something impossible—but even if she could forget -- "I will not forget you." And today the greatest destroyer of peace is abortion. And we who are standing here—our parents wanted us. We would not be here if our parents would do that to us." – Lecture upon receiving the Nobel Peace Prize, Oslo, Norway, Dec. 11, 1979.

**REFLECTION:** Everybody is aware of the destruction caused by lack of forgiveness for brothers, sisters or neighbors. We experienced or learnt of wars between countries, civil wars, broken relationship in families, or lost jobs. These things happened because people failed to forgive the mistakes of others. On the issue of forgiveness, Peter one time asked Jesus, "Lord, how often shall I forgive my brother? As much as seven times?" Jesus' answer revealed that forgiveness has no limit. Christians are to forgive their brothers and sisters according to what they received from God. Forgiveness is a Sacred duty through which Christians bring healing to their brothers and sisters or neighbors who wronged them. Jesus has shown the importance of forgiveness in His last expressions on the Cross asking His Father to forgive those who crucified Him. Christ wants his followers to be instruments of peace and live exemplary life with hearts free from bitterness, anger and hatred for those who wronged them. Christians, show your love for Christ by granting forgiveness to your brothers and sisters with no limit. – Rev. Benjamin Koka, AJ

### **ST. STEPHEN'S VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION**

Mass & Reception will be on September 24 at 11 AM. Please call the Parish Secretary if you plan to attend.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE** runs from September 27 to Nov. 5  
40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion.  
For more info go to [www.40daysforlife.com/cleveland](http://www.40daysforlife.com/cleveland)

### **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

We've seen how the rescue of Eucharistic Prayer II from the mists of history changed the style of our prayer, introducing a sleek simplicity to the prayer said aloud by the priest. Remember, before the reform of our prayer in the late 1960s, the priest whispered the words of the Roman Canon, Eucharistic Prayer I. His voice was not amplified, his back was to the people, who could only tell what was going on by a shift in his posture as he bowed and genuflected and as bells were rung to indicate his progress through the prayer.

With the emergence of the new prayers, some feared that the old prayer would be lost forever if it weren't somehow changed. The reformers asked that it be streamlined a bit by omitting the repeated "Through Christ" at the end of various intercessions, and trimming the list of somewhat obscure saints. The new edition therefore brackets parts of the two lists of saints in the prayer, unfortunately dropping all the women from the second set. The decision was also made to keep the Lord's words at the consecration exactly the same in every Eucharistic Prayer, although there is precedent for more variety. On November 2, 1968, Pope Paul VI signed off on the plan of the new Mass, and by April 1969, the publication of the revised order of Mass was announced.—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN** will be the weekend of September 23-24. Our parish will take up the collection for the Catholic Communications Campaign. This collection communicates the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through podcasts, television, radio, and print media. Half of all proceeds remain in our diocese and support local needs, so please be generous in this collection.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY** to the victims of hurricanes Harvey and Irma! We collected \$1,000.00! The funds collected will be used both to support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities USA and to provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted dioceses through the USCCB.

**BLESSING OF THE PETS** is on Saturday, Sept. 30, at 11:00 am in the parish garage. Bring your dog, cat, bird, bunny, etc. You must have your pet on a leash or in a proper carrier. All animals are welcome!

### **CELEBRANT SCHEDULE**

<b>MASS TIME:</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
Sept. 16 & 17	Rev. B. Koka	Rev. C. Shao	Rev. B. Koka
Sept. 23 & 24	Rev. C. Shao	Rev. B. Koka	Rev. C. Shao

All Sundays & Holy Days at 9:30 AM: Rev. Bede Kotlinski

### **September 9 & 10 Offertory Contributions**

General Collection: \$2,499.12 Children: \$3.36 (5)

Issued: 213 Returned: 83

**Hurricane Relief:** \$1,000.00

**Utilities:** \$110.00

Thank you for each and every contribution!

## Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 17, 2017

*Please pray for the following:*

Father Franz            Laurel Miller            Burley Blankenship  
Chris Rose              Sidonia & Hans Speier   Roger Gregory  
Colin Hogan             Ann Miller Kufner       Agnes Hogan  
Sharon Sneed          Theresa Dailey           Victoria Bailey  
Michalyn Blasius      Lawrence Blasius       Judith Kenny

The families affected by hurricanes Harvey and Irma.

Our brave safety forces who work to protect us.

If you would like someone added to this prayer list, please call the Parish Secretary at 216-631-5633. Thank you.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES <u>September 16 &amp; 17</u>			
	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 8 AM	Sunday 11 AM
Lector	Steve McElroy	Barb Rieth	Doris Durica
Euch.Min	Dr. Jim Lisi	John Rieth	Diane & Paul Beargie
Acolytes:	Terry Shannon	Kevin Kroesen	

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES <u>September 23 &amp; 24</u>			
	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 8 AM	Sunday 11 AM
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## THIS WEEK'S CHURCH SERVICES

### Saturday, September 16 Church

4:15 - 4:45 PM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)  
Pray the Holy Rosary

5:00 PM Vigil of the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
† Helen Ujvari

### Sunday, September 17 Church

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Kevin Birdwell

9:00 AM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)  
Pray the Holy Rosary

### 9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Intentions of Robert Spuhler

### 11:00 AM Sunday Mass

† Chrisann Blankenship  
† Dawn Tucker  
The Bewley Family

The Deceased Members of the Smith Family

### Monday, September 18 Chapel

6:30 PM † † Madeline T. & Roland M. Sittley

### Tuesday, September 19

7:00 AM Latin (Church) (St. Januarius & Companions)  
Intentions of Cassandra Roesler

6:30 PM (Chapel) Intentions of Our Lady

### Wednesday, September 20 Church

6:30 PM Latin Mass Ember Wednesday)  
Deceased Members of this Parish

7:00 - 8:00 PM Holy Hour

### Thursday, September 21 Church

6:30 PM Latin Mass (St. Matthew, Apostle)  
Intentions of Father Franz

### Friday, September 22 Chapel

6:30 PM Members of this St. Stephen Parish

### Saturday, September 23 Church

4:15 - 4:45 PM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)  
Pray the Holy Rosary

5:00 PM Vigil of the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
† Helen Ujvari

### Sunday, September 24 Church

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM The Members of this Parish

9:00 AM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)  
Pray the Holy Rosary

### 9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
† Coletta Spuhler

### 11:00 AM Sunday Volunteer Mass

Volunteers of St. Stephen Parish

Call the office at 216.631.5633 to schedule a Mass.  
The customary stipend is \$10.00

### **SAINTS/OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 9/17** (o) = Optional

Sunday: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Catechetical Sunday

Tuesday: St. Januarius

Wednesday: Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gõn,  
Paul Chõng Ha-sang, and Companions;  
Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year 5778)  
begins at sunset

Thursday: St. Matthew

Friday: Autumn begins

Saturday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

### **READ THE BIBLE WITH THE CHURCH (Daily Mass Readings)**

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6;  
Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18;  
Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

**RECYCLE, RECYCLE, RECYCLE!** Thanks for supporting our newspaper recycling bin located behind the church! All proceeds go to our St. Vincent de Paul Society to help the less needy. Saving the planet while assisting the poor, WIN-WIN!

**ANNUAL CLAM BAKE** – Great news, it is that time of year again for our Third Annual Clam Bake! Please mark your calendar for October 21. This event is catered by Smith's Catering of Avon. For all you clam lovers we will have extra bags of clams available. For those not liking clams we will be offering chicken dinners only. We also have a chicken tenders meal for the children. In addition, we will have door prizes, a 50/50 raffle and St. Stephen apparel available. Registration forms are in this week's bulletin and on the tables at the back of the Church. Tickets must be pre-paid. Our own parishioner, Tim Barrett, noted author and church historian, will be providing his annual informative Church tour. Questions? Please call the Parish Secretary at 216-631-5633

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