

## MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF 09/16/2018

Fundraising Committee will meet on Monday, September 17 at 7 P.M. in the St. Francis Room

Outreach committee will meet on Tuesday, September 18 at 7 p.m. in the Club Room

Blessing of the Pets is Saturday, October 6 at 11:00 a.m. in the Parish Garage

PSR classes begin on Saturday, October 13 – Please call the Parish Office to Register!

### PRO-LIFE CORNER: ST. 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. [www.priestfolife.com](http://www.priestfolife.com)

**REFLECTION:** The misconception of the people that Jesus was one of the old Prophets prepared a favorite opportunity for Jesus to put things right with the Apostles. A part from the answers of the others, Jesus wanted His followers to give their personal decision to his question, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter rightly said "You are the Christ". In deepening the Messianic role, Jesus said the Son of Man is destined to suffer, be humiliated, abused, rejected and sacrificed on the cross. The Apostles were not ready to accept such a message. Peter came strongly to prevent Jesus, but the Lord invited him to get behind Him to know more about His Saving mission. He challenged the crowd saying, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny .....and take up his cross....". The Lord shown his greatest love for us on the cross. He wants his followers not to run away from suffering, problems, or humiliation which are related to their faith. But to persevere in all kinds of difficulty in the Grace of God, up to the end. – Father Benjamin Koka, AJ

**BLESSING OF THE PETS** – Saturday, October 6, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. in the St. Stephen Parish Garage there will be a special Pet Blessing! The garage is located behind the rectory, please enter through the parking lot off West 57<sup>th</sup> Street. Bring your dog, cat, bird, bunny or fish in a bowl – all animals are welcome! Please have your pet on a leash or in a proper carrier.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE** [www.40daysforlife.com/cleveland](http://www.40daysforlife.com/cleveland)

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In this country, we don't name our churches "The Fourth Avenue Catholic Church," but rather seek a patron saint or mystery of faith. We inherit this tradition from an old Roman custom via medieval England. Interestingly, that has not been the practice elsewhere, and parishes abroad often do carry just the name of the neighborhood. In Ireland, the Roman (English) practices didn't take hold, and so churches are known simply by the street they are on, or by a nickname. Saint Francis of Assisi in Dublin is often called "Adam and Eve" after a pub in the same street. The pub sign is an interesting carving of our first parents, so they become patrons by default.

Increasingly in the United States, we are seeing a familiar European pattern emerge when a few churches, each bearing the name of a patron saint or mystery, are gathered into one parish that bears a different name. Thus, we might hear of a parish of "Midvalley City" comprised of Saint Mary, Saint Francis, and Saint Ursula churches. Once a church has been consecrated, its name may not normally be changed. Therefore, when parishes are merged, a new name is given to the parish, which may or may not be that of a heavenly patron, but the church buildings retain their names. In the process, we have lost sight of some worthy patrons of old, but have also seen new parishes open dedicated to twentieth-century saints like Edith Stein, Katharine Drexel, and Mother Teresa.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

### SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL

In today's Gospel Jesus says "If a man wishes to come after me, he must deny his very self, take up his cross, and follow in my steps." The cross of Jesus and the crosses of his members can evangelize us: the sick, who bear illness with courage; the grieving, who hope against hope; the dying, who clearly trust in the resurrection; the suffering of our poor brothers and sisters who are hungry and homeless, but who still trust in God's love. Simply write SVDP on the memo line and your donation remains here at St. Stephen's to help your brothers and sisters in Christ. Thank you for your continued support!

### THE GREATEST NEED

The world's greatest need is not more Christians but more Christians who practice their Christianity.

—Anonymous

### CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

MASS TIME:	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	11:00 AM
Sept. 8 & 9	Rev. C. Shao	Rev. Franz	Rev. B. Koka
Sept. 15 & 16	Rev. C. Shao	Rev. C. Shao	Rev. B. Koka
All Sundays & Holy Days at 9:30 AM: Rev. Bede Kotlinski			

### September 8 & 9 Offertory Contributions

General Collection: \$3,534.12 Children: \$4.48 (12)

Issued: 181 Returned: 88

**Community Kindness Food Pantry:** \$693.12

**Maintenance:** \$20.00

Thank you for each and every contribution!

## Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 16, 2018

Please pray for the following:

Robert Johnson	Jim Cables	Burley Blankenship
Michalyn Blasius	Wayne Daubert	Karin Whyde
Patricia Burfield	Wanda Eland	Jean Gandee
Leo Bevelacqua	Judith Kenny	Dr. Lawrence Tosca
Inis Lustri	Lawrence Blasius	Sharon Sneed
Susan Hatta	Tadaaki Hatta	René Kolecki

The families served by our Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES		September 15 & 16		
	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 8 AM	Sunday 11 AM	
Lector	Steve McElroy	Barb Rieth	Matt Minarik	
Euch.Min	Dr. Jim Lisi	John Rieth	Paul & Diane Beargie	
Acolytes:	Evelyn Trucks	Kevin Kroesen	Minarik Boys	

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES		September 22 & 23		
	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 8 AM	Sunday 11 AM	
Lector	Steve McElroy	Barb Rieth	Glenn Sneed	
Euch.Min	Dr. Jim Lisi	John Rieth	Paul & Diane Beargie	
Acolytes	Evelyn Trucks	Kevin Kroesen		

### SAINTS/OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 09/16 (o) = Optional

Sunday: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Catechetical Sunday

Monday: St. Robert Bellarmine;

Yom Kippur (Jewish day of atonement)  
begins at sunset

Wednesday: St. Januarius

Thursday: Ss. Andrew Kim Taegön and Paul Chöng  
Ha-sang and Companions

Friday: St. Matthew

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50

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

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-8; Jas 3:16 — 4:3;

Mk 9:30-37

### FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES

will be starting on Saturday, October 13. You must register to participate. Please call the Parish Office at 216-631-5633 for a registration form. If you worship in the Tridentine Latin Rite we still need to have an official registration filled out. Thank you.

**TOUR OF GOOD CHEER** – For the past two years this nonprofit has partnered with St. Stephen Church to bring the love of Christmas to the needy. We are once again asking for your help. Here's what we can use. A new or used toy. Cleaning out the kids toy box before Christmas? We can redistribute those gently used toys. Do you have an extra hat, scarf or mittens in your closet? How about a new pair of socks? These are all things the residents in the shelters can enjoy. We are starting our collection now and will continue until Christmas. We thank you for helping us to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

## THIS WEEK'S CHURCH SERVICES

### Saturday, September 15 Church

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

5:00 PM Vigil Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
† Helen Ujvari

### Sunday, September 16 Church

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Members of the Parish

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

9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

† Margaret Rotsaert

11:00 AM Sunday Mass

† Chrisann Blankenship

† Dawn Tucker † Theresa Dailey

Living & Deceased Members of the Bewley Family

The Deceased Members of the Smith Family

### Monday, September 17 Chapel

6:30 PM Intentions of Jennifer Brierly

### Tuesday, September 18 Church

6:45 AM Latin Mass (St. Joseph Cupertino, Confessor)

† Daniel Polantz

6:30 PM (Chapel) † Michael Schmidt

### Wednesday, September 19 Church

6:30 PM Latin Mass (Ember Wednesday)

Intentions of Father Paul Pietrzyuk

### Thursday, September 20 Church

6:30 PM Latin Mass (Feria)

† Joseph Butano

### Friday, September 21 Chapel

6:30 PM † Lucille DuBlasi

### Saturday, September 22 Church

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

5:00 PM Vigil Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
† Helen Ujvari

### Sunday, September 23 Church

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Members of the Parish

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

9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

† Coletta Spuhler

11:00 AM Sunday Mass

† † Madeline T. and Roland M. Sittley

Call the office at 216.631.5633 to schedule a Mass.

The customary stipend is \$10.00

We are scheduling 2019 Masses.