



Parish Schedule and Mass Intentions



From the
Pastor's Desk

February 18	Saturday	Wkdy in Ordinary Time; BVM
5:00pm	Mass	(Henry "Hank" Pugel)
February 19	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8:30am	Mass	(People of the Parish)
11:00am	Mass	(Florence Williams)
1:00pm	First Reconciliation	(Church)
February 20	Monday	Weekday in Ordinary Time
	Presidents' Day	
8:30am	Mass	(William "Ryan" Owens)
7:30pm	Bible Study	"Joy of the Gospel" (Hall)
February 21	Tuesday	Weekday in Ordinary Time;
		St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
8:30am	Mass	(Ken Mako)
February 22	Wed.	The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
6:45pm		Avilas Prayer Group for Vocations (Church)
8:00pm		AA Meeting (Church Hall)
February 23	Thursday	St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr
8:30am	Mass	(Ron Mako)
7:00pm		Parish Finance Council Meeting (Hall)
February 24	Friday	Weekday in Ordinary Time
8:30am	Mass	(James Hugh McCormick)
February 25	Saturday	Wkdy in Ordinary Time; BVM
4:00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
5:00pm	Mass	(People of the Parish)
February 26	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8:30am	Mass	(Cletus R. Smith)
9:45am		Parish School of Religion (Woodridge)
11:00am	Mass	(Doris Shriver)
1:30pm	Confirmation Meeting	(Church)

Family Perspectives

Jesus challenges us to be generous in our love. Keeping score, getting even, holding grudges, being resistant and hating enemies are not routes to holiness and the fulfilling life. Draw on God's limitless love for you to go the extra mile, seek the great good, love your enemies and see what miracles God can work in your life! You cannot out give God!

General Intercessions

*We pray for generous hearts and the willingness to go the extra mile and seek the greater good.
Let us pray to the Lord.*

Scriptures for Week of February 19, 2017

Sunday	Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48
Monday	Sir 1:1-10/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday	Sir 2:1-11/Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday	1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19
Thursday	Sir 5:1-8/Mk 9:41-50
Friday	Sir 6:5-17/Mk 10:1-12
Saturday	Sir 17:1-15/Mk 10:13-16
Sunday	Is 49:14-15/1 Cor 4:1-5/Mt 6:24-34



Read and pray the Scriptures daily.

On this Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time we are challenged "...be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matthew 5:48). Being attentive to the Sermon on the Mount calls us to a level of holiness that reflects the new life we have received in Baptism. We are to live a life of grace and holiness. We are to keep the Commandments, center our life on the Beatitudes, and be as the *Lord is kind and merciful*. Let us pray...

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, always pondering spiritual things, we may carry out in both word and deed that which is pleasing to you.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Collect, 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Roman Missal, 3rd Edition

Journeying In Faith

Keep in your prayers the following children, their families, Catechists as they prepare and share in The Sacrament of Reconciliation...

Alexander Aguilar, Zachary Jaegers, John Kloss, Carley Shriver, Jack Terlop, Henry VanGinkel. James Weigand

Remember in your prayers



Ann, Arthur, Monica Baird, Garth Bender, Violet Benich, Richard Bennett, Celia Bican, Dennis Babb, Logan Boone, James Brigotti, Heidi Burmeister, Johannah Conner, Frank, Millie Fritz, Tom Gardner, Chris Gibbs, James Ging, Marilyn Griffith, Angie Grimes, Jennifer Grimes, Tayha Hostetler, Kathy James, Ellen Jansen, Jill, Kathleen Jones, Maureen Joyce, Marca Kaplar, Helen Kracker, Carol Leach, Ramona Lucas, Paul Marcene, John McDermott, Megan, Annalisa Menke, Audrey Menke, Menke Family, Bill Misencik, Marjorie Morgan, Molly, Ashley Munoz, Natalie, Nate, Carroll O'Donnell, Richard Edward and Richard William Parker, Anika Patrick, Bridget Perez, Michael Phillips, Jacqueline Polcen, Edna Raber, Rita, Bruno Ruppel, Rosanne Sanford, Bonita, Steve Sheets, Dylan Trecaso, Mallory Trecaso, Theresa "Tess" Slenn, Miriam Sommers, Stephen Sommer, Shirley Southard, Amy Stephen, Paul Stephen, Bruce Styles, Marla Sliwinski, Clara Szydlowski, Patty Tesmer, Laura Tories, Marianne, Stephen, Paul Trecaso, Sylvia Trecaso, Minnie Wagner, Patricia Wiatrowski, all in need of prayer or who have been forgotten...



*February 19, 2017
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jesus said to his disciples: "You
have heard that it was said, An eye
for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.
But I say to you..."
Matthew 5:38-39*

Faith at Work at the Ozanam Center

"What does it profit, my brethren, if a man says he has faith but has not works? Can his faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and in lack of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things need for the body, what does it profit? So faith by itself, if it has not works, is dead." James 2:14-17. **We don't preach to the people who need help at the Ozanam Center but we do help provide for their need of food and clothing. You can help do this on February 25, 2017**, since that is our next turn. **Hope to see you there at 9:00-12:00. Call Cathie or Jim at 330-467-5762 for further questions.**

February Fantasy Dinner and Auction

Our Lady of the Elms (1375 W. Market St. in Akron) will be holding its annual **February Fantasy dinner and auction, Saturday, February 25**. The event begins a **6pm at the high school**. For more info or to buy tickets, go to www.theelms.org/february-fantasy.

February 26th Concert

The **West Shore Chorale** will be performing for us at **St. Stephen Catholic Church on Sunday, February 26 at 3pm**. A freewill offering will be taken to benefit the Church. The West Shore Chorale was founded in 1968 by a group of Lakewood residents dedicated to bringing excellent choral music to Cleveland's West Side. The Music will include Schubert "Mass in G" and a collection of hymns, folk songs and spirituals. **More info on the group may be found at www.westshorechorale.org.**

Night at the Races

Join the **Christ Child Society of Akron** on **Saturday, March 11, 2017** at **Zwisler Hall - St. Sebastian Parish** from **6 until 11pm** for a fun and exciting night at the races! The event will support the Society's ongoing service to area children in need. Tickets are \$25, which covers dinner and beverages. Wagers are \$2 per race. \$25 buys an individual horse with chances at additional prize money for winning horses. Individuals and businesses can sponsor a race, buy a horse, place an ad in the event program, or make a general donation to the Christ Child Society of Akron. **Visit www.christchildsofakron.org for more information, to purchase tickets or a program ad, or to donate to the Christ Child Society of Akron.**

YOU DID IT FOR ME.

Thank you for your prayers and donations for the Catholic Charities Appeal last weekend! This appeal represents the chance for all Catholics to make a significant pledge, payable in installments, to Catholic Charities, Diocese of Cleveland in order to support it's mission of a society that stands united in its support of the "least among us." If you would still like to donate, please fill out a Catholic Charities Annual Appeal envelope found in your pew. If you have received the mailing, please respond to it. Your support of the 2017 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal helps us to carry out the mission that Jesus entrusted to us: I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Please consider a generous gift that will change the lives of the 400,000 who are served each year in Northeast Ohio. Please pray for the success of the appeal, which provides for essential programs and services in need throughout all eight counties of the Diocese of Cleveland. On behalf of the poor and needy of Northeast Ohio, thank you! We invite you to view the stories of inspiration and more info at www.catholiccommunity.org/2017Appeal.

Office Administration Position

Right to Life of Northeast Ohio has a position in office administration available. We are looking for someone committed to the pro-life cause, has good organizational skills, people skills and some office experience. The candidate should be familiar with Microsoft Office and Quick Books. For more info, contact Denise Leipold, Executive Director at 330-762-2785. Resumes may be submitted to dleipold@rtlofneo.com.

Volunteer Opportunity

Community Pregnancy Center in Barberton is looking for volunteers to work one-on-one with clients. Training is provided. All you need to bring is your desire to love as Jesus does. **For more information, contact Peggy at 330-825-1900 or peggy@communitypregnancycenter.org.** (Community Pregnancy Center is a Christian outreach ministry faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church.)

Donation Summaries

Requests for 2016 donation summaries may be placed in the collection basket with your name, address, phone number, email, and envelope number.

Weekend of February 12, 2017

Sunday Offering	2,148.00
Monthly Offering	200.00
Church Maintenance	20.00

Thank you for your generosity!