



SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA
A MEMBER OF ST. GEORGE DEANERY
19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 9TH, 2015



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Stop murmuring," Jesus told the disciples in today's gospel. Complaining is a dead-end and constant complaining is nagging. We might feel better but others feel bitter.
Silence or grumbling will not resolve the problem.
Address differences honestly and respectfully. Don't make them personal attacks.

Mass Schedule

August 11	Tuesday		No Evening Mass
August 12	Wednesday		No Morning Mass
August 13	Thursday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Weekday ~ { Betty Schumacher }
August 14	Friday		No Morning Mass
August 14	Friday	7:00 p.m. Mass	Vigil ~ The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary ~ { Alice Gerten (CRHP II) }
August 15	Saturday	8:00 a.m. Mass	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary {For The Parish }
August 15	Saturday	4:30 p.m. Mass	Vigil~20th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ {Norm Maag ~ Bernice Korte }
August 16	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ {Sally & Butch Schroeder }
August 16	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Mass	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ {William P. Schumaker }

Servers

August 11	Tuesday		No Evening Mass
August 12	Wednesday		No Morning Mass
August 13	Thursday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Caleb Stechschulte
August 14	Friday	8:00 a.m. Mass	No Morning Mass
August 14	Friday	7:00 p.m. Mass	Quinton Langhals, Garrett Langhals, Tayte Langhals
August 15	Saturday	8:00 a.m. Mass	James Schroeder, Renee Schroeder
August 15	Saturday	4:30 p.m. Mass	Jevin Langhals, Garrett Langhals, Quinton Langhals
August 16	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass	Elizabeth Martin, Dane Schroeder, Kurt Griffith
August 16	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Mass	Bryce King, Kyle Schroeder, Victoria Edelbrock

Commentators

August 14	Friday	7:00 p.m. Mass	Harold Gerten
August 15	Saturday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Judy Schroeder
August 15	Saturday	4:30 p.m. Mass	Marge Tabler
August 16	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass	Carl Warnecke
August 16	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Mass	Hannah Warren

Eucharistic Ministers

August 14	Friday	7:00 p.m. Mass	Volunteers Please
August 15	Saturday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Volunteers Please
August 15	Saturday	4:30 p.m. Mass	Rose Schnipke, Ken & Connie Kruse, Kasey Kruse
August 16	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass	Faith Oglesbee, Diana Kaufman, Charlie Schmiesing, Marilyn Siefker, 1 Volunteer
August 16	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Mass	Harold Gerten, Pam Hummel, Shirley Goedde, Desiray Engberg, Lisa Meuleman
August 16	Sunday	~ Hilty Home ~	~ Len Kruse

~ Hilty Home Residents ~

*Angela Knott-Room 101; Wilbert Roof-Room 103B; Mary Maag-Room 119; Bill Alt-Room 121;
Jan Kiene-Room 200; Dorothy Geiger-Room 211A; Beatrice Inkrott-Room 212B; Dolores Daniels-Room 215A;
Mary Rita Fischbach-Room 215B; Betty Meyer-Room 303; Cathy Ruhe-Room 306*

Usher

August 14	Friday	7:00 p.m. Mass	Volunteers Please
August 15	Saturday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Volunteers Please
August 15	Saturday	4:30 p.m. Mass	Scott Hummel, Bill Roth, Cody Wagner, Nick Schroeder
August 16	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass	Dan Maag, Brian Shafer, Dan Selhorst, Karl Verhoff
August 16	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Mass	Al Schroeder, Dale Schroeder, Alan Stover, 1 Volunteer

Confessions ~ Saturday ~ 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Income For The Week of August 2nd

Adult ~ Sunday ~ 200	\$ 7,872.00
Children's ~ 39	<u>50.00</u>
	7,922.00
School Donation	750.00
Festival	110,136.22
Miscellaneous	<u>4,334.56</u>
Total Income	\$ 123,142.78



Expenses For The Week of August 2nd

Ordinary Parish & School Expenses	\$ 3,937.97
Festival	<u>49,229.36</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 53,167.33

Thank you to the family of Rosemary Maag who made a donation to our School Endowment in memory of Rosemary.

300 Club Winner ~ August 8th ~ Roger & Theresa Cole ~ Ticket #184 ~ \$100.00
Special 300 Club Drawing ~ August 8th ~ Rosemary Hoffman ~ Ticket #105 ~ \$150.00

Marriage Bans III~ Kristen Meyer & Randy Burgett

Best wishes to Kristen & Randy who will be married on Saturday, August 15th, here at St. Anthony's. May the Lord bless you both with a lifetime of happiness together!

Helps Along The Way ~ We have recently made available various books, DVD's and CD's which give information we can use to help us on our faith journey. Every week we will showcase one of the items to give you information on what the book, DVD or CD is all about.

"Rediscover Catholicism"
By: Matthew Kelly

Are we at a time when many Catholics are disillusioned, questioning their faith, and filled with doubts about the relevance of Catholicism in the modern world? Read "Rediscover Catholicism" by Matthew Kelly and be revitalized to live a life with passion and purpose.

The book is available for \$5.00 on the "Deepen Your Faith" display located at the Sycamore Street entrances of the church. Please feel free to share this CD with others.

Scrip ~ Scrip will be available this weekend, **August 8th & 9th** after Mass in the church basement. The helpers are: Ken & Connie Kruse, Marge Tabler and Anne Schroeder.

Christian Formation News ~ Registration for the new CCD year will take place in the church basement after Mass on **August 15th and 16th**, and **August 22nd and 23rd**. These classes are for children kindergarten age through 8th grade. The instruction encourages God's love for us. It promotes basic Catholic teachings and how we are to live our faith in the world, and form a relationship with Christ! Classes are on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:45 a.m. September through April and are held in the school. If your child was not baptized here at St. Anthony's please bring a copy of his or her certificate of baptism to the registration. Registration fees are \$30 for one child, \$50 for two, and \$60 for three or more. Any child who will be making their First Holy Communion or Confirmation must attend religion class either in CCD or St. Anthony School the year before they receive these Sacraments in order to be properly prepared. If your child has not had formation in religion class for a few years and you would like him or her to get caught up so that they can receive the sacraments, arrangements can be made for special instruction. If you have any questions, please call Judy Schroeder 419-659-5498. Thank you!

Help Needed ~ Would you be willing to share your faith with children? Could you help to teach them about God and their Catholic faith? We have all the supplies you need. I am asking for your help. Would you consider being a substitute teacher, or possibly a full time teacher in the future for the CCD program? Requirements include taking a small workshop for protecting youth and those who serve them and having a background check. (St. Anthony's will cover the cost.) Also, you should be actively involved in your Catholic faith. It's a great way to reach out and help others! If you are able to help, please call Judy Schroeder at 419-659-5498. Thanks!

Catholic Chronicle ~ The August issue of the Catholic Chronicle is available at all the entrances of the church.

"2015" Parish Festival

Summer Festival Update ~ Our gross income to-date is **\$135,000**. Thanks to the Life Teen young adults who helped on Thursday evening. Thanks also to all the chairmen and chairladies, our workers and all those who helped in any way to help make our festival such a great success. A festival wrap-up meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 2nd** at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement.

Festival Drawing Winners

Dave Klinker, Columbus Grove ~ Winner of \$20,000 toward a new car.

George & Evelyn Wyant ~ \$600.00

Joseph C. Schroeder (Road R) ~ \$500.00

John & Marilyn Siefker ~ \$400.00

Faith Oglesbee ~ \$300.00

Patti Morman ~ \$200.00

Joe & Alice Koch ~ \$100.00

James Giesige ~ \$100.00

Jennifer Maenle ~ \$100.00

Julie Neu ~ \$100.00

Armella Menke ~ \$100.00

\$100 Altar Rosary Gas Card Winners ~ Lori Giesige and Lori Brubaker from Columbus Grove, and Wendy Mangas, Marysville, Ohio. The net profit from the Altar Rosary Gas Cards was \$1,067.00. The profits from the gas cards will be used to purchase the hosts and wine used during Mass at St. Anthony's.

Parent Guild Lottery Tree ~ The Parent Guild would like to thank **Indian Trail** for donating the beautiful tree and **The Rainbow Party Shop** for donating the lottery tickets for the lottery tree. Our community is truly blessed to have businesses so willing to support our parish. Also, thank you to everyone who purchased tickets. We had a profit of **\$1,166.00**. The profits from the lottery tree will be used for special activities for our St. Anthony students. Congratulations to our winner, *Blanche Stechschulte!*

Country Store Raffle Winners

20" Boy's Bike ~ Matthew Benroth

20" Girl's Bike ~ Bonnie Fuerst

Razor Scooter ~ Kennedy Siefker

Bud Light Picture ~ Kathy Verhoff

Sandwich Grill ~ Bruce Stephens

Sports Illustrated Ohio State Picture ~ Anne Koch

Bosch Compact Drill/Driver Set ~ Dave Tabler

Ohio State Gift Basket Set ~ Matt Myerholtz

Rada Cutlery Set ~ Chris Shaffer

26" Girl's Bike ~ Mike Ellerbrock

Ohio State Bag Chairs ~ Dorothy Landwehr

Doll House ~ Aneesa Langhals

Hand-Crafted Wooden Ice Chest ~ Ben Schroeder

Wall Decor ~ Lori Giesige

Columbus Grove Bulldog Corn Hole Set ~ Denny Ricker

Grapevine Tree With Lights ~ Eve Cassidy

Ninja Turtle Chest ~ Mackenzie Langhals

Tool Bucket ~ Andy Wasserman

Longaberger Harvest Weave Basket ~ Eve Cassidy

Ohio State Lap Robe ~ Beth Teders

Small Blue/Red/Yellow Quilt ~ Tammy Etkorn

Handmade Jewelry Set ~ Sammie Kohls

John Deere Door Mat ~ Joyce Seyer

Reserved Seating for Christmas Mass ~ Sarah Faber

Reserved Seating for Christmas Mass ~ Aaron Siefker

Vacmaster Wet/Dry Vac ~ Nick Gilgenbach

Cash IH Steiger 600 ~ Ann Burgei

John Deere Big Farm Tractor ~ Jake Slager

Case of Chicken ~ Pat Langhals

Case of Chicken ~ Darren Langhals

Nascar Collectors Cars ~ Jean Siefker

8 Tin Caps Baseball Tickets ~ Patti Morman

Pie of the Month ~ Kathy Bogart

Gray Ohio State Baby Blanket & Bib ~ Skyler Basinger

\$20 Griller's Tavern Gift Certificate ~ Lynne Hermiller

\$50 Alt's Gas Card ~ Gary Hermiller

\$30 Pizzeria Gift Certificate ~ Wanda Kiene

\$20 Hawkey's Gift Certificate ~ Irene Biederman

\$50 Sunoco Gas Card ~ Doug Langhals

\$25 Mustard Seed Gift Certificate ~ Rose Ellerbrock

Cooler Picnic Set ~ Aaron Lamb

Ohio State Blanket ~ Lori Giesige

Columbus Grove Bulldog Set ~ Brady Fuerst

Super Man Statue ~ Connie Schroeder

Porcelain Holy Family Set ~ Jean Hohenbrink

Motor Cross Helmet ~ Kaylee Westrick

DeWalt Drill/Driver Set ~ Ike Miller

Holy Mary Flower Decoration ~ Sandy Dulle

Child's Sled ~ Tori Warnecke

6' Table With 4 Chairs ~ Matt Wasserman

Oversized Bag Chair Set ~ Kathy Bogart

Ohio State Picture ~ Bryce Bonifas

Small Wooden Keepsake Chest ~ Dennis Siefker

Keurig ~ Christie Tabler

Lawn Spreader ~ Easton Osting

Wooden Shelf With Drawer ~ Becky Clark

Anna & Elsa Chest ~ Carrie Vorst

Longaberger Renewal Basket ~ Lynne Hermiller

Coach Wristlet ~ Irvin Grone

Calvin Klein Purse & Relaxation Items ~ Adam Kaufman

Multicolor Baby Quilt ~ Tammy Etkorn

Case IH Door Mat ~ Dennis Siefker

Harley Davidson Door Mat ~ Brian Wolverton

31 Piece Tool Set ~ Connie Schroeder

Vacmaster Wet/Dry Vac ~ Maria Schroeder

New Holland Tractor & Planter Set ~ Diana Stechschulte

International Tractor ~ Don Siefker

Wooden Bench With Hawkey's Gift Card ~ Bob Barnt

John Deere Tractor/Loader ~ Grayson Hohenbrink

Floral Home Decor ~ Sonja Schroeder

Nascar Collectors Cars ~ Owen Teders

Push Mower ~ Keith & Beth Hartoon

Pink Ohio State Baby Blanket & Bib ~ Dennis Siefker

Ohio State Towel Set ~ Tom Selhorst

Auto Go Oil Change & Lube ~ Dorothy Mershman

\$50 Alt's Gas Card ~ Abbie Vorst

\$50 Carl's Hardware Gift Certificate ~ Gary Hermiller

\$20 Pizzeria Gift Certificate ~ Ted Doty

\$50 Scrip Gift Certificate ~ Gary Hermiller

\$50 Shell Gas Card ~ Roger Wenzinger

Country Store Winners ~ cont'd

\$50 Shell Gas Card ~ Mike Rode
Hair Care Gift Box ~ Abbie Stechschulte
Hanging Lighted Decor ~ Wanda Kiene
Vera Bradley Make-up Bag Set ~ Jerry Ruen
Victoria Secret Cinch Bag & Socks ~ Macy McCluer
1/2 of Hog ~ Desiray Engberg
1/2 of Hog ~ Katie Ricker
Mr. Christmas Wall Hanging ~ Sue Schroeder
Pampered Chef Baking Set & Cookbook ~ Dave Davis
Ripstik ~ Zach Reynolds
Bright Colored Handmade Quilt ~ Tom Schulte
Baby Girl Afghan ~ Caroline Green
Blue & White Afghan ~ Kendal Palte
White Afghan ~ Dave Klinker
Wooden Pumpkin Decor ~ Anne Schroeder
Melissa & Doug Coloring Pads ~ Darren Langhals
Ohio State Hot & Cold Mug Set ~ Jim Oglesbee
5' Green Glider ~ Ginger Price
Asst. Wine Gift Basket ~ Roxie Schumacher
Case IH Steiger 620 ~ Nick Gilgenbach
Baby Hat & Bootie Set ~ Breann Halker
Welcome Baby-Pink & Yellow Set ~ Ted Doty
Skin Care Products ~ Carol Bockrath
Bicycle Planter ~ Dee Griffith

\$50 Kohl's Grocery Gift Certificate ~ Keith Bolyard
Truck Load of Firewood ~ Greg Kamphaus
American Girl Doll Clothes & Basket ~ Mia Young
Vera Bradley Duffel Bag ~ Becky Fortman
Floral Bag ~ Kristen Westrick
Ohio State Wind Chimes ~ Alton Kiene
5' Tan & Black Glider ~ Leslie Morman
OSU Stepping Stone & Fan Basket ~ Laurie Siefker
Maplewood Quilt Rack ~ Larry Tabler
Ohio State Canopy Tent ~ Don Siefker
Collapsible Cooler ~ Tom Schulte
Smoothie Machine & Mixes ~ Sandy Vorst
Peach & Yellow Afghan ~ Teresa Maag
Sofia the First Doll ~ Austin & Sarah Schroeder
Concrete Angel Statue ~ Robert Alt
Ohio State Hot & Cold Mug Set ~ Kaylee Westrick
Ohio State Mug & Hat Set ~ Jan Leis
Wine/Cheese/Meat Basket ~ Judy Dunn
Falcon T-Shirt & Flag ~ Karl Schroeder
16" Pedestal Fan ~ Kathy Yinger
Welcome Baby-Peach & Pink Set ~ Carol Clem
Columbus Grove Bulldog Neon Clock ~ Amy Brinkman
Dairy Whip Gift Basket & Gift Card ~ Kasey Kruse

From The Country Store ~ Thank you very much for all of the donations for this year's festival Country Store. We were once again overwhelmed with all who donated items and purchased items for the raffle. Thanks also to all those who bought raffle tickets. It was a huge success! We also want to thank *Jeanette Makley* who spent many hours during this past winter cutting and organizing all of our tickets for the Country Store raffle. All of the crafts, baked goods and MANY raffle items were all greatly appreciated. We appreciate all the hard work, time and talent that was contributed. We are very thankful to be a part of such a generous and giving parish family.

Kate Morman & Lynn Downing

From Bingo ~ We would like to thank the St. Anthony K of C for purchasing the new bingo balls for our bingo calling machine used during our summer festival. Hope they brought everyone good luck!!!

Rich & Jane Kamphaus, Rick & Kathy Ricker, Dwain & Anne Schroeder, Mike & Robyn Kohls

Lost & Found ~ We found a small bag with various school pictures along with some Pokemon Cards and a pair of sunglasses. These items will be on the table in the back of church.

Sales Tax Holiday ~ The Ohio Legislature enacted a one-time sales tax holiday, exempting school clothes and supplies from state sales tax. The holiday started this past Friday and ends on **Sunday, August 9th**, (today!) at 11:59 p.m. The following are exempt: clothing priced at \$75 per item or less; schools supplies priced at \$20 per item or less; and school instructional material priced at \$20 per item or less. For further questions please go to http://www.tax.ohio.gov/sales_and_use/salestaxholiday/holidayfaq.aspx.

St. Anthony School Bingo for Bags ~ It's a ladies night out event! On **Friday, November 13th**, St. Anthony will be hosting a **BINGO FOR BAGS**. The event will take place in the St. Anthony Church basement in Columbus Grove. All purses are designer bags: Coach, Kate Spade, Dooney & Bourke, Michael Kors, Tory Burch, and more. The doors open at 6:00 p.m. with bingo beginning at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$30 each which includes 20 bingo games and light hors d'oeuvres. There will be drinks available, 50/50, and raffle items. Contact Kate Morman: 419-659-6085, mormanfarms@metalink.net or Kim Birnesser: 419-659-5641, birnesser@fairpoint.net today to purchase your ticket.

St. Anthony Preschool Bible School Program ~ Starting this fall, St. Anthony will again be offering a Preschool Bible School Program. The program is for any child age 3 ½ (by September 2015 and fully potty trained) through kindergarten. There will be **seven classes starting September 20th through April**. The class will be from 5:30 – 6:45 p.m. The cost is \$10 per child. If you are interested in signing up your child/children, please pick up a registration form located by the doors of the church. You may drop off or mail the registration form and money to the parish office. If you have any questions, contact Lisa at 419-659-2112.

Red Cross Blood Drive ~ Will be held at St. Anthony's in the parish hall on **Tuesday, August 25th**, 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. If you have any questions or to set up an appointment, email Linda at linda.hartman@redcross.org.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM – WHY SHOULD WE BE CONCERNED? Come And See ~ A Religious Freedom Documentary, “**ONE GENERATION AWAY**” will be shown at St. John the Baptist Parish Center, Glandorf, **Saturday, August 22nd**, 7:00-9:00 p.m., and again, **Sunday, August 23rd** after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. This documentary lays out our constitutional rights and vividly outlines **HOW & WHY** they are under increasing assault. **BECOME INFORMED.** “Freedom is never more than One Generation away from Extinction”. **Ronald Reagan**

High School CYO Volleyball - Any high school student interested in playing CYO volleyball, please contact Lisa Kleman @ 567-376-0426 by call or txt, or email at lisakleman77@gmail.com at your earliest convenience. The first practice will be **Tuesday, August 11th**, from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m., at the St. Anthony School gym with a brief meeting prior for the parents. Parents are welcome to stay.

We are counting down! At the exits of church there are countdown envelopes asking for donations to help cover the costs for the teens going to the National Catholic Youth Conference. Please help us reach our count down by donating the suggested amount on the envelope. All countdown envelopes need turned in to the collection basket or parish office by **August 23rd**. Thank you for the donations that you have already given, and thank you for your continued support and prayers for our Life Teen kids.

Falcon Flag Football ~ We will be having Falcon Flag Football at St. Anthony's for ages pre-kindergarten through 6th grade. The league will have six games which will be played at St. Anthony's off of DeBlanche Street. Games will be on Saturdays and the coaches will decide when practices will take place. The 2015 Fall League games will start **September 12th through October 17th**. Registration forms are available at Tabler's Drive Thru, Alt's Gas Station and also at the entrances of the church. The cost to participate is \$40.00. Registration needs to be received by **August 10th** to ensure shirt's are received by game time. If you have any questions, contact Phil @ sautter45@gmail.com or Nick at tfnickg@gmail.com.

The Missionaries of the Precious Blood and Companions ~ Are inviting everyone in the Putnam County area to celebrate with them; the 200th Anniversary of the founding of the C.P.P.S. by their beloved founder St. Gaspar del Bufalo. A concelebrated Mass will be celebrated at the Ottawa Knights of Columbus on **Sunday, August 23rd**, at 1:00 p.m.. (*The Mass will be inside the Knights of Columbus Hall.*) All who have shared in the ministry of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood need to be a part of this 200th Anniversary Celebration! Fr. Rick Friebel, C.P.P.S.; Parochial Vicar of the four C.P.P.S. parishes will be principal celebrant and homilist.

Columbus Grove Community Senior Lunch & Bingo ~ The Columbus Grove Community Senior Lunch will be held on **Tuesday, August 11th** at 11:30 a.m. at the Columbus Grove Christian Church, 105 South Broadway in Columbus Grove. The menu is: chicken salad croissants, potato salad, baked beans, fresh fruit and cookies, coffee and water. Bingo will be played immediately following the luncheon. The lunch is sponsored by the Hilty Home of Pandora and the Columbus Grove Christian Church.

Fort Fest ~ Will be held in Fort Jennings, **August 14th, 15th and 16th**. This unique festival celebrates the military history of Putnam County with living history displays, artillery demonstrations, War of 1812 and Vietnam War re-enactments, two Vietnam era helicopters, the Hometown Heroes Military Museum, as well as many other military vehicles and equipment on display. Also featuring a Wine tasting, Genealogy Search, Craft Show, Gun Raffle, 2 ct diamond ring raffle and FREE entertainment from Nashville Crush, Midwest Dueling Pianos, and the Wright Patterson Airforce “Band of Flight”. Details at www.fortjenningspark.com or see the Fort Fest page on Facebook.

LOOK GOOD, FEEL BETTER – Is being held on **Monday, August 17th** at Putnam County Ambulatory Care from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Registration is required for this FREE program by calling 888-227-6446 (press #2). A woman undergoing cancer treatment may lose her hair or suffer other appearance-related side effects making a difficult time even harder. Specially trained volunteer beauty consultants work with women to learn about makeup, skin & nail care and ways to deal with hair loss. Each woman receives a free makeup kit and shares laughter with others going through the cancer journey.

Fatima, USA ~ Is being held on **Friday, August 14th**, at the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein, 2365 St. John's Rd, Maria Stein, Ohio. The Most Reverend Joseph Binzer, Bishop of the Diocese of Cincinnati, will be celebrating the **Holy Mass beginning at 7:30 p.m.** followed by a candle lit Rosary and a candle light procession around the grounds. Candles and holders will be available for a donation. No food service will be available. **Please bring your rosary, lawn chair, flashlight, and warm clothing, if necessary.** (Please dress appropriately). For details, contact Rita Borgelt at 419-532-3637.

Set a Date with Your Spouse ~ **Sunday August 30th**, from 1:00 – 4:30 p.m. Enjoy wine, beer, and hors d'oeuvres. As we enter into the meaning of Marriage at St. John the Baptist Parish Center. We will be presenting the 1st of 3 Sundays. RSVP by August 21st by calling 419-538-6740, or email jmschroeder51@gmail.com. Couple Workbooks are \$20.00 each - Babysitting will be provided. Save the Dates. 2nd session **Sunday September 20th** - 3rd session **Sunday, October 11th**. Come be refreshed and spend some quality time with your Spouse.

Bishop Daniel E. Thomas Statement Regarding Monday's U.S. Senate Vote on Planned Parenthood

On Monday, August 3, the U.S. Senate voted down a motion to proceed to a bill that would cut off funding for Planned Parenthood and redirect that funding to women's health organizations. While the vote is a setback in our fight for life, the debate over funding Planned Parenthood will continue this fall. Thus, I urge the Catholics of the Diocese of Toledo and all people of goodwill to continue to work to end the scourge of abortion and protect life. Join me as we continue to raise our voices together by writing or calling your elected representatives in state and national government, asking them to stop the flow of your tax dollars to Planned Parenthood.

Bishop Daniel E. Thomas

A Note from Fr. Tom

FESTIVAL THANKS: Tomorrow (Tuesday) I am supposed to sign the thank-you letters for the festival. My question is: all 1600 of them? It's a rare parishioner who doesn't deserve a thank-you. Maybe you were in the public's eye as a booth chairman, but maybe you did something behind the scenes, like washing dishes, parking cars, shopping for supplies, or helping with the clean-up. Maybe you are an older parishioner who helped with the festival years ago, and now your contribution is to pray for good weather. If so, you did a bang-up great job. I'd like to say to everyone else that I am amazed and edified at your dedication. It's too early to know the financial results. Although we surely did not break the financial records we set in 2013 and 2014, I'm sure that the bottom line on the festival report will be very gratifying.

RITE FOR THE CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: R.C.I.A. is a vital part of every parish's life, and something that every Catholic should be concerned about. Christ gave each of us a task when we were baptized and confirmed, and that task is to announce the Gospel to people who haven't heard it yet. Please ask the Lord to help you to see clearly who is ready for the invitation, and then to give you the right words to welcome someone. It may prove to be the greatest favor you could ever have done for your friend or family member.

R.C.I.A. has normally taken place on Thursday evenings, but we can be somewhat flexible if that doesn't work in the schedule of one of our inquirers. When we meet, we pray together, someone from the team gives a short presentation about the Saint of the Week, we study a chapter of our textbook, and have a concluding prayer. Typically we're done in 1½ hours. If you would invite someone and then accompany him or her to the rectory for at least the first couple of sessions, it would help that person to feel at home in an unfamiliar setting. Your witness to the faith would also be of great value.

"THAT MAN IS YOU" will begin on Saturday morning, September 12 at 6 a.m. with a light breakfast, followed by a video and a discussion. We will end promptly at 7:30 a.m. so that everyone can take care of his other obligations. The point of the program is to help men see how they can be Catholic leaders both at home and away from home. The program began in the Archdiocese of Houston, and it has spread to many dioceses in the last few years. It was very well received last year by our neighbors at Ottawa and Glandorf. I am of the opinion that it will bring men closer to Christ and enhance our parish life at St. Anthony.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION: The feast of Mary's Assumption is this coming Saturday, August 15. Although holy days that fall on a Monday or Saturday don't have an obligation attached to them, yet we are still supposed to celebrate them with some solemnity. And many people want to go to Mass anyway because of their devotion to Mary. There will be a Friday evening Mass on the 14th at 7 p.m., and a Saturday morning Mass on the 15th at 8 a.m. There will be no Friday morning Mass. The Saturday-Sunday schedule will remain the same.

Father Tom