



SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA
A MEMBER OF ST. GEORGE DEANERY
20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 14TH, 2016



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Today Jesus warns us His Word will create conflict between parents and children.
In a permissive society which advocates individualism and consumerism, parents must continue to teach and
live the gospel values of respect, service to others, forgiveness, generosity and compassion.
A Christian family is a countercultural family.

Mass Schedule

August 15	Monday	8:00 a.m. Mass	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary {Harold & Alice Gerten}
August 15	Monday	5:00 p.m. Mass	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary {Elmer & Lucille Karhoff ~ Vern Karhoff}
August 16	Tuesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Weekday ~ {William & Ethel Hoffman}
August 16	Tuesday		Confession, Exposition & Adoration After Mass
August 17	Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Weekday ~ {Velma Diemer}
August 17	Wednesday	10:30 a.m. Mass	Hilty Home ~ {For The Parish}
August 18	Thursday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Weekday ~ {Alvin Best}
August 19	Friday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Weekday {Elmer & Audrey Vorst}
August 20	Saturday	8:00 a.m. Rosary	
August 20	Saturday	4:30 p.m. Mass	Vigil~21st Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ {Ed Koch ~ Dan Blankemeyer ~ Paul Best ~ Steve Morman}
August 21	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time~{Norbert & Lorene Fuerst ~ Nolan Diller}
August 21	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Mass	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ {Carl & Edna Mae McCrate ~ Alice Robbins}

Servers

August 15	Monday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Valerie Morman, Abe Morman, Hunter Sudlow
August 15	Monday	5:00 p.m. Mass	Renee Schroeder, Lauren Birkemeier, Derek Birkemeier
August 16	Tuesday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Rose Ellerbrock
August 20	Saturday	4:30 p.m. Mass	Lauren Birkemeier, Derek Birkemeier, Dylan Birkemeier
August 21	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass	Hannah Morman, Renee Schroeder, James Schroeder
August 21	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Mass	Evan Dunbar, Nathan Dunbar, Garrett Nemire

Commentators

August 15	Monday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Harold Gerten
August 15	Monday	5:00 p.m. Mass	Judy Schroeder
August 20	Saturday	4:30 p.m. Mass	Don Siefker
August 21	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass	Gary Hermiller
August 21	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Mass	Diana Johnson

Eucharistic Ministers

August 15	Monday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Volunteers Please
August 15	Monday	5:00 p.m. Mass	Volunteers Please
August 20	Saturday	4:30 p.m. Mass	Norm Schnipke, Bob & Bev Baxter. Pat Birnesser, Sue Knott
August 21	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass	Gib Kaufman, Charlie Schmiesing, Bill Schroeder, Judy Schroeder, Mary Ann Schroeder
August 21	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Mass	Noralu Kahle, Karl Schroeder, Anne Schroeder, Hannah Warren, Harold Gerten
August 21	Hilty Home	~ Don Ellerbrock	

~ *Hilty Home Residents* ~

Wilbert Roof-Room 103B; Agnes Friedel-Room 124; Jan Kiene-Room 116; Mary Maag-Room 119; Bill Alt-Room 121; Ed Schulte-Room 125; Betty Meyer-Room 201A; Margaret Rosenbauer-Room 208B; Dolores Daniels-Room 209B; Beatrice Inkrott-Room 212B; Mary Margaret Bockrath-Room 214B; Dorothy Geiger-Room 215A; Mary Rita Fischbach-Room 215B; Cathy Ruhe-Room 306; Jim Fischbach-Room 314; Ann Heimann-Room 507; Paula Stechschulte-Room 513

Ushers

August	15	Monday	8:00 a.m. Mass	Volunteers Please
August	15	Monday	5:00 p.m. Mass	Volunteers Please
August	20	Saturday	4:30 p.m. Mass	Scott Hummel, Cody Wagner, Bill Roth, Nick Schroeder
August	21	Sunday	8:30 a.m. Mass	Dan Maag, Adam Siefker, Dan Selhorst, Karl Verhoff
August	21	Sunday	11:00 a.m. Mass	Al Schroeder, Dale Schroeder, Alan Stover, Roger Wenzinger

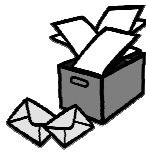
~ *Confessions* ~

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

Tuesday ~ Confession & Exposition After Mass

Income For The Week of August 7th

<i>Sunday ~ 180</i>	\$ 8,297.35
<i>Children's ~ 30</i>	<u>28.70</u>
	8,326.05
<i>Festival</i>	114,394.93
<i>St. Rota's School Donation</i>	1,500.00
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	<u>364.25</u>
Total Income	\$ 124,585.23



Expenses For The Week of August 7th

<i>Ordinary Parish & School Expenses</i>	\$ 4,818.37
<i>Festival Expenses</i>	<u>14,543.60</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 19,361.97

300 Club Winner ~ August 13th ~ Gene & Shi Niese ~ Ticket #115 ~ \$100.00

Marriage Bans III ~ Emily Rieman & Ross Litten

Best wishes to Emily & Ross who will be married on Saturday, August 20th, here at St. Anthony's. May the Lord bless you both with a lifetime of happiness together.



St. Anthony's family extends our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Lucille Karhoff who died on Monday, August 8th. A Mass of Resurrection was celebrated for Lucille on Saturday, August 13th here at St. Anthony's. May our prayers and the grace of God see you through this very difficult time.

Holy Day Masses ~ There will be Holy Day Masses at **8:00 a.m.** and **5:00 p.m.** in celebration of the **Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, on Monday, August 15th.**

Finance Committee ~ Will be meeting on **Tuesday, August 16th** at 6:00 p.m. in the **church basement.**

Parish Council ~ There will be **no** Parish Council meeting in August.

Scrip ~ Scrip will be available this weekend, **August 13th & 14th**, after Mass in the church basement. The helpers are: Ken & Connie Kruse, Marge Tabler and Anne Schroeder.

K of C ~ Will be meeting on **Tuesday, August 16th**, at 8:00 p.m. in the church basement. Members will congregate in the church basement at 7:35 p.m. and go up to the main church to recite the Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament.

School News ~ The school office will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. August 15th and August 16th. If parents wish to pay fees early, they may do so during these times. Also, it is not too late to sign up your child to attend St Anthony this school year.

Everyone is invited to the School Open House **Monday, August 15th from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.** Meet the teachers, check out the classrooms and our school building. School fees may also be paid at this time. See you there!

St. Anthony Purse Bingo ~ Mark your calendar for the St. Anthony School **Purse Bingo** on **Friday, November 11th**. Tickets will begin to go on sale Monday, August 15th during school open house from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Contact Kate Morman at 419-659-6085 or mormanfarms@metalink.net to purchase your ticket. Tickets are \$30 each which includes 20 bingo games and hors d'oeuvres. There will be drinks available, 50/50, and raffle items. Whether you want to win a designer purse or simply have a ladies night out with family and friends, please support St. Anthony School and purchase a ticket. All proceeds will be donated to the school.

"2016" Summer Festival

Summer Festival Update ~ Our gross income to-date is **\$144,777.93**. 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 7th** at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement.

Festival Drawing Winners

Donna Schroeder (Jerry), Columbus Grove ~ Winner of \$20,000 toward a new car.

Helen Meyer ~ \$600.00 - (Donated \$100.00 back to St. Anthony School.)	Leroy Maag ~ \$100.00
Sarah Barto ~ \$500.00	Grant Schroeder ~ \$00.00
James & Vanessa Karcher ~ \$400.00	Hudson Schroeder ~ \$100.00
Annette Bogart ~ \$300.00	David Schroeder, Jr. ~ \$100.00
Wilma Ritchey ~ \$200.00	Ken Rieman ~ \$100.00

\$100 Altar Rosary Gas Card Winners ~ Our Altar Rosary gas card winners are: Irene Biederman, Janet Klinker and Richard Yinger all from Columbus Grove. The net profit from the Altar Rosary Gas Cards was **\$1,066.00**. The profits from the gas cards will be used to help cover the cost of 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. Also thank you to everyone who purchased tickets. We had a net profit of **\$1,403.00**. The profits from the lottery tree will be used for special activities for our St. Anthony students. Congratulations to our winner, Father Tom who now is \$103.00 richer!!!

Country Store Raffle Winners

Case of Chicken ~ Kris Malsam	Longaberger Picnic Basket ~ Amber Daniel
Case of Beef ~ Sandy Vorst	John Deere Desk Set ~ Karl Schumacher
Pogo Stick ~ Ben Stechschulte	Ohio State Jersey & Basketball ~ Jeanne Selhorst
Nascar Model (Set of 3) ~ Matthew Benroth	Rada Cutlery Set ~ Laura Schroeder
Weighted Fitness Hoop ~ Lisa Stateler	St. Anthony Golf Ball Set ~ Rosemary Hoehn
Ohio State Sign ~ Jane Ellerbrock	Vera Bradley Beach Towel ~ Kayla Gerding
Ohio State Picture ~ Gene Kreitemeyer	Hand-Crafted Quilt Rack ~ Becky Koch
Religious Plaque ~ Karl Schroeder	Black Ohio State Fire Ring ~ Tracine Stechschulte
Welcome Tin Bucket ~ Laura Schroeder	Silver Ohio State Fire Ring ~ Sandra Vorst
Pinata & Candy ~ Hadley Bonifas	DeWalt Cordless Drill ~ Tammy Etkorn
Blessed Virgin Mary Statue ~ Amy Stechschulte	Lawn & Garden Sprayer ~ Bill Morman
Garage Power Station ~ Dee Dunn	American Girl Clothes & Hanger Rack ~ Keelie Langhals
American Girl Doll Gift Basket ~ Rose Siefker	Ohio State Tool Box ~ Tony Birnesser
Mega Dinosaur Play Set ~ Dawn Bockrath	Black & Decker 8 Volt Drill ~ Nick Gilgenbach
Portable Wet/Dry Vac ~ Damian Vorst	Doll House Including Furniture ~ Elizabeth Sudlow
Seashell Mirror ~ Deidre Kaufman	Wine Rack With 6 Bottles of Wine ~ Dwain Schroeder
Bud Light Mirror ~ Ginny Kahle	Motorized John Deere Gator ~ Ann Koch
Baking Set ~ Deb Warnimont	Bucket of Tools ~ Rayne Renner
Illuminated Rosary ~ Robert Alt	Wind Chimes ~ Jean Hohenbrink
1/2 Hog-Processing Included ~ Kathleen Yinger	Reserved Seating for Christmas Mass ~ Kim Siefker
Ohio State Stained Glass End Table ~ Ron Buss	Bulldog Towel Set ~ Gary Hermiller
Bulldog Corn Hole Set ~ Barb Schroeder (State Route 12)	Victoria Secret Bag ~ Olivia Schulte
Cream Afghan ~ Madison Hefner	Multicolor Afghan ~ Norma Fortman
Cleveland Cavs Knotted Blanket ~ Wendy Schroeder	Garbage Can & Lawn Care Tools ~ Doug Martin
Ohio State Buckeyes Knotted Blanket ~ Sonja Schroeder	Ohio State Barn Siding Decoration ~ Brittany Caudill
Nutribullet ~ Brian Wolverton	Ohio State Barn Siding Decoration ~ Dwayne Cox
Garden Set ~ Joyce Kaufman	Ohio State Barn Siding Decoration ~ Jen Siefker
Pink & White Afghan ~ Elizabeth Sudlow	Religious Psalm Blanket ~ Hannah Warren
Anti-Theft Purse ~ Jane Kamphaus	Santa Christmas Decoration ~ Clint Schroeder
Ohio State Laser Designed Wall Decor ~ Carolyn Maag	"Always Blessed" Religious Gift Basket ~ Cindy Selhorst
Footprints Wall Hanging ~ Hannah Warren	Ohio State Towel Set ~ Mark Selhorst
Inaugural Longaberger Basket ~ Jeff Hanneman	Longaberger Basket ~ Marge Roth
Longaberger Purse With Cookbooks ~ James Fuerst	Mint Green Afghan ~ Norma Fortman
Yellow, Blue, Pink Zigzag Afghan ~ Len Kruse	Yellow, Blue, Pink Baby Afghan ~ Norma Fortman
Baby Quilt ~ Norma Fortman	Cash IH Magnum Tractor ~ John Smith
John Deere Combine ~ William Shepline	Cash IH International Farmall Tractor ~ Don Siefker
Case International Loader Tractor ~ Carrie Fuerst	John Deere Prestige Tractor ~ Andrew Hohenbrink
1/2 Hog - Processing Included ~ Nathan Wilson	Nativity Fairy Garden ~ Carolyn Maag
Beach Fairy Garden ~ Amy Schroeder	26" Bike ~ Don Ellerbrock

Country Store Winners ~ cont'd

- Red Huffy Bike ~ Sarah Faber
- Green Huffy Bike ~ Beth Morman
- Pink Huffy Bike ~ Emma Jerwers
- Pie of the Month Certificate ~ Ted Schroeder
- Purse Planter ~ Sue McFadden
- Doll Baby Pillow & Quilt Set ~ Elizabeth Sudlow
- Snowman Christmas Decoration ~ Theresa Schroeder
- Case IH International 1566 Tractor ~ Robert Alt
- Fitbit ~ Sarah Faber
- Wooden Fall Decorations ~ Marilyn Siefker
- Dairy Whip Gift Flower Pot ~ Kara Palte
- Travel Iron & Handbag Organizer ~ Sonya Selhorst
- Hot Pink Vera Bradley Purse Set ~ Lori Caudill
- Blue & Teal Vera Bradley Purse Set ~ Barb Ceclatti
- Black & Purple Vera Bradley Purse Set ~ Christine Ricker
- Pancake/Waffle Syrup Set ~ Wilma Ritchey
- 6-Bottle Ohio Wine Assortment ~ Derrick Doseck
- St. Francis Statue ~ Logan Stechschulte
- 10 Piece Cookware Set ~ Dave Tabler
- Baby Boy Blanket & Hat Set ~ Robert Kamphaus
- Baby Girl Blanket & Hat Set ~ June Miller
- \$50 Sunoco Gas Card ~ Kara Sanderson
- \$50 Sunoco Gas Card ~ Ruth Kruse
- \$25 Apple Bee Gift Card ~ Cindy Selhorst
- \$100 Walmart Gift Card ~ Kasey Kruse
- \$35 Panera Gift Card With Coffee Mug~Hannah Morman
- \$50 Shell Gas Card ~ Barb Hohenbrink
- Large Grill ~ Gene Niese
- Minions Gift Basket ~ Alexa Kamphaus
- Glider Rocker ~ Feeney
- Terrarium With Succulent Plants ~ Janice Siebeneck
- Grandma Roebke's Daily Prayer Calendar~Alice Morman
- Ladder Ball Set ~ Dawn Bockrath
- Ohio Barn Siding Home Decor ~ Mike Birkemeier
- Beach Set With Cooler ~ Tina Basinger
- Tailgating Grill ~ Ben Schroeder
- Case of Canned Ground Beef ~ Barb Maag
- Bulldog Clock ~ Grant Eversole
- "31" Utility Tote ~ Miriam Miller
- Ohio State Football Jersey ~ Bob Kamphaus
- Japanese Chocolates & Beverages ~ Dwain Schroeder
- Decorative Saw Blade With Moose ~ Samantha Rellinger
- Decorative Saw Blade With Deer ~ Dave Tabler
- Earbuds & \$40 Gift Card ~ Everett Palte
- "Our Family" Wall Hanging ~ Lindsey Malsam
- Mirror ~ Marie Laudick
- Oil Change & Tire Rotation ~ Dave Hermiller
- 1 Hour Massage ~ Amy Gertsen
- \$50 Darden Gift Card ~ Emily Morman
- \$50 Carl's Hardware Gift Certificate ~ Sonya Selhorst
- \$50 Sunoco Gas Card ~ James & Kim Vogt
- \$100 Kohls Grocery Gift Certificate ~ Gloria Hermiller
- 2 Car Wash Gift Cards ~ Dennis Siefker

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 Makely who spent many hours during this past year 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

Detox ~ Within every heart is a battlefield between love and lust. In this presentation, Jason Evert discusses the strategies necessary to win the war and uproot the vice of pornography once and for all. Jason is an internationally known Catholic author and speaker and has spoken to more than one million people around the world. He is the author of more than a dozen books, including *Pure Manhood* and *Theology of His Body*. His CD *Detox* is available on the Deepen Your Faith display at the Sycamore Street entrances of the church. A \$3.00 donation is requested.

Parish Library ~ Enrichment Center ~ If you have borrowed any library books or videos from the parish, religious library in the Enrichment Center, please return those items to the marked box on the landing of the Sycamore Street entrances of the church. We will be moving all materials to the entrances of the church.

High School CYO Volleyball ~ It's that time of year. Any high school student interested in playing CYO volleyball, please call or text Lisa Kleman @ 567-376-0426. The first practice will be **Tuesday, August 16th**, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., with a brief meeting prior. Parents are welcome to stay but not necessary.

St. Joseph Parish Festival, Ft. Jennings ~ The St. Joseph Parish Festival will be held this **Sunday, August 14th** from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Family style chicken and beef dinners will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Drive-thru carry outs will be available. Weekend trip to Gatlinburg raffle, \$1,000 raffle, Country Store raffle items, kids activities, beer tent and hamburger stand. Something for everyone. Please come and join us!

St Barbara Parish & Students ~ From the Franciscan University of Steubenville will host a Divine Mercy Holy Hour this **Sunday, August 14th** from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. at St. Barbara Church (160 Main St. Cloverdale). Exposition/Talk on Prayer & the Sacred Heart/Private Prayer Time/ Chaplet of Divine Mercy/Benediction/Divine Praises. All are invited to join us as we ask for God's mercy during this Year of Mercy. *"Being present before the Blessed Sacrament nourishes social love and gives us opportunities for adoration and thanksgiving, for reparation and supplication."* St. John Paul II

Coming Soon NaPro Women's Health Seminar ~ Will be held on **Saturday August 27th** 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at St. John's Parish. Leading physicians, experts, and real women will share insights. Medical professionals, parents, women, couples, high-school youth, as well as clergy are invited to attend. The seminar is sponsored by the Diocese of Toledo. Register by 8/20/16 ~ www.tdfertilityseminar.eventbrite.com or email jmschroeder51@gmail.com or call Jeanette at 419-890-3724.

St. Michael's Ridge ~ St. Michael's Ridge will be hosting their 113th annual festival this Sunday, August 14th. Family style dinners will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Food, fun, games and prizes for everyone! (Take State Route 66 north of Defiance 4 miles, east on Banner School Road, 3 miles to Moser Road.)

33 Day Transformation Experience: A Journey to Total Consecration to Jesus... ~ These 33 days will prepare individuals and families for total consecration to Jesus through Mary begins September 4th. Receive daily e-mail reflections, weekly videos and a personalized consecrated certificate, which you'll receive at the special Mass with Bishop Thomas on October 7th. For more information or to sign up visit www.33days.eventbrite.com.

The Father Ronald R. Warnimont Assembly 4th Degree of the Knights of Columbus, Ottawa ~ Will be sponsoring a 15th Anniversary Prayer Service; A World Day of Prayer for Peace. This year we will be marking the 15th anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attacks on the United States. The prayer service will take place at Saints Peter and Paul Parish at Ottawa, on **Sunday, September 11th** at 7:30 p.m.

Fort Fest - A Salute to Our Military ~ Will be held in Fort Jennings **August 19th, 20th, and 21st** and, this year, will be featuring the Traveling Vietnam Wall. Anyone who wishes to honor our beloved Veterans with flowers or memorabilia can bring it to the wall during this weekend. Fort Fest celebrates the military history of Putnam County and all Veterans with living history displays, artillery demonstrations, War of 1812 and Vietnam War re-enactments, two Vietnam era helicopters, the Hometown Heroes Military Museum, the Traveling Tomb of the Unknown Soldier as well as many other military vehicles and equipment on display. The event also includes a Wine Tasting, 5-K, Car Show, Gun Raffle, free musical entertainment and much more. Details at www.fortjenningspark.com or see the Fort Fest page on Facebook.

Red Cross Blood Drive ~ Will be held at The Church of Good Shepherd Gymnasium, 224 South Elm Street, Columbus Grove, on **Tuesday, August 16th**, from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code: COGS.

Our Lady of Consolation Shrine, Carey ~ You're invited to attend our next Year of Mercy Celebration at the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, **Sunday, September 4th**, with a noon Mass. Msgr. Michael Hohenbrink will be the Celebrant and Homilist. He is the Pastor of St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Findlay and Dean of the St. Francis Deanery. Please plan to join us and pass through the Holy Doors promising to live a life of Mercy. Confessions will be available at 11:00 a.m. that day. You are encouraged to receive the blessings and indulgences of this Holy Year.

Challenge Club Fun Day ~ All Putnam County girls (incoming 5th grade through seniors) are invited to a Challenge Club Fun Day on **Wednesday, August 17th** at Camp Clay Aqua Park, 91906 Liberty Union Road, Van Wert. Check out their Facebook page to see the fun! The cost is \$2.00 per person. Snacks and drinks will be provided. RSVP to Jill Zeller at 419-532-2511 or Julie Siebeneck at 419-532-2572 by Monday, August 15th, Carpools will leave from the Parish Center at 11:45 a.m. or meet us there. We will return to the Parish Center around 4:45 p.m.

Medjugorje ~ Under the spiritual direction of Father Bill Pifher, visit Medjugorje, November 2, - 10, 2016, and experience the beauty, spirituality and peace of this simple mountain village. Visit the Hill of Apparitions where the visionaries first saw Our Blessed Virgin Mary, pray before a statue that symbolizes the place of the first apparition. Space is limited, early registration is recommended. For more information please contact Croatian MIR Center at 1-800-220-7729 or croatia@mircenter.com.

Potential Deacon Inquiry Candidates ~ The Diocese of Toledo will conduct four inquiry sessions beginning on October 17th for men who are interested in learning about the deacon formation program. The dates and locations for these sessions are as follows:

Monday, October 17th ~ at Findlay, St. Michael's
Tuesday, October 18th ~ Defiance, St. Mary's
Wednesday, October 19th ~ Fremont, St. Joseph
Thursday, October 20th ~ at the Pastoral Center, Toledo

Each potential candidate must attend one of these meetings. A fifth meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 15th at Fostoria, St. Wendelin's for the potential candidates and their spouses. This meeting is required for all potential candidates and their spouses. The theology of the diaconate and the process of formation will be presented. The meetings in Findlay, Defiance, Fremont and Toledo will begin at 7:00 p.m. and conclude by 8:00 p.m. The meeting in Fostoria will begin at 7:00 p.m. and conclude by 8:30 p.m. If you would like to attend, please contact Bonnie Rybak @ Brybak@toledodiocese.org and let her know which date and location you would like to attend.

A Note from Fr. Tom

ASSUMPTION OF MARY: This Monday, August 15 is the feast of the Assumption of Mary. This feast is important for two reasons: 1. Mary's being taken into heaven body and soul is a sign of her importance as Mother of God; 2. The Assumption of Mary shows us the destiny that God has planned for every human being. We will celebrate this mystery of our faith on Monday at 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The evening Mass time is changed so as not to interfere with the school's open house.

FESTIVAL THANKS: How could I ever say enough thanks to enough people? We had excellent weather; the heat and humidity became less brutal for just the right 48 hours. So many people worked very hard and kept their cool about it, and all of our visitors seemed to be very happy. The booth chairmen to whom I have talked say that they had more customers than in 2016. We also received some significant donations to hold down the cost. So I am very hopeful about this year's festival profit.

LOTTERY TREE: One of the incoming fifth-grade girls pulled my name out of the hopper, and I won the Lottery Tree. It's a Colorado blue spruce, now planted in the rectory side yard. It had been decorated with 100 Ohio Lotto tickets. I looked at that stack of lottery tickets, and dreamed up big plans for my Trump-like wealth. Every kid would get a scholarship; the church would get the marble wainscoting that we never were able to afford; the Bishop's financial problems would go away, et cetera. And then I scratched off all 100 tickets. Sorry, everybody, but I won just enough money to have a good time with at the 2017 festival.

EXPOSITION, CONFESSIONS, BENEDICTION: The expanded Confession schedule has been working well (exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, after Mass every Tuesday, Confessions for 30 minutes or until all are heard, Benediction). Now I'm able to serve some people whom I hadn't served before. An unexpected result is an increase in Saturday Confessions. The only small glitch is that it doesn't work to have Exposition on a Saturday when there is a wedding. People socialize in church after weddings, and it takes a while for the photographer to get his pictures. But we will have Exposition and Benediction on Saturdays when there is no wedding. So even if you haven't planned to confess, come to church for a Holy Hour, or even a Holy Ten Minutes on Tuesday or Saturday.

GUARDIAN ANGEL FUND: Due to some recent generous donations, the Guardian Angel Fund stands at about \$11,500. This is more than enough to take care of families who have requested help to keep their children in Saint Anthony School. Any additional donations will be used to help with tuition for families that might have an emergency later in the year. Usually I do not give people a "full free ride." I believe that for most families, it is better if they make an investment in their child's education. I ask them how much they can afford to give once a month for ten months, and then the Guardian Angel Fund tries to pick up the balance – which we are able to do this fall, thanks to your generosity.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FUND: Our fund for helping the needy is overdrawn. Several years ago, parishioners gave \$2797 to help the poor of this area. We set up some rules: 1. We would help people who have a Columbus Grove, Pandora or Vaughnsville address; 2. we would help parishioners no matter where they live; 3. we would give consideration to helping out-of-town people stranded in Columbus Grove; 4. gasoline help would be restricted to \$25 once every 3 months; 5. we would help with utility bills, but we would expect the individual to apply for help at other agencies, like the Salvation Army or Putnam County Job and Family Services; 6. if we gave a large amount of help, we would not be able to help again for six months. Following these rules, we have helped as follows: gasoline, \$793.48; electricity, 1312.41; heating, 50.00; water, 354.32; medical expenses, 371.38; car repairs 166.88; and funeral lunch expense, 45.75. These add up to \$3094.22. We no longer pay for car repairs, because we found that this was being abused. We were surprised to learn that none of the social service agencies will help with a water bill. We are grateful to Tabler's for helping us monitor gasoline purchases for people in need, and for allowing us to put these amounts on the parish's monthly bill.

Father Tom