



Mass Intentions

- Monday** **February 24th**
5:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of St. Mary Parish
- Tuesday** **February 25th**
8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of St. Mary Parish
- Wednesday** **February 26th**
5:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of St. Mary Parish
- Thursday** **February 27th**
8:30 a.m. Joseph and Mary Jo Elek
- Friday** **February 28th**
8:30 a.m. Gordon Freeman
- Saturday** **March 1st**
9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of St. Mary Parish
4:30 p.m. Loretta Glasser
- Sunday** **March 2nd 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 a.m. Don Yunker
9:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of the Fada & Hartman Families
11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of St. Mary Parish



My Friends,

As Lent is fast approaching, it is time to think about ways of deepening our faith life. Again this year, we will have a Cluster Parish Mission beginning the Sunday evening of March 9th. Through different presenters, we will prepare ourselves for the diocesan-wide celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday, March 12th. While more details will follow, it is a good time to reach out to friends who have not been active in the practice of their faith and invite them to participate.

On the Tuesdays of Lent (except for the Parish Mission on March 11th), the Evangelization commission is sponsoring a program known as *Awakening Faith*. During the Tuesdays of Lent, parishioners are invited to gather and share a meal. The meal is followed by input on a relevant topic of faith and personal faith-sharing with the group. I highly recommend your participation in this program as a way to renew and deepen your life of faith.

On Thursday nights, the Elyria Ministerial Association as part of its initiative to promote Elyria as a 'Compassionate City', will be reading Karen Armstrong's book, *Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life*. Each week they will discuss a few chapters from the book. Mayor Brinda presented a resolution to City Council on making Elyria a 'Compassionate City' and the Council passed the resolution. It is all about raising our consciousness about extending compassion to one another. This would be a great first step in pursuing this initiative. (To find out more about this initiative, you can google: Compassionate City. It is an international program.

It is not too early to give some consideration of what you want to do this Lent. Ash Wednesday is a week from this Wednesday. It has been a long, cold winter. Let us pray for an early spring for our life of faith!

Fr Charlie

Readings for the Week of February 24th:

- Mon Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29
Tues Jas 4:1-10Ps 55:7-11, 23; Mk 9:30-37
Wed Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-3, 6-11; Mk 9:38-40
Thurs Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-20; Mk 9:41-50
Fri Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12; Mk 10:1-12
Sat Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-3, 8; Mk 10:13-16
Sun Is 49:14-15; 1 Ps 62:2-3, 6-9; Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34

In your prayers...

This week, please remember all in our parish community, the intentions in our intention book, our family and friends in need, especially: **Ann, Arlene, Bette, Carmen, Christie, Chuck, Dan, Doug, Fred, Geannie, Jack, Joyce, Kelly, Mary, Matt, Meg, Pam, Tom** and all who have asked for our prayers.



Congratulations to Cliff & June Essenmacher as you celebrate your 62nd Wedding Anniversary on February 23rd ~ God bless you!

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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| Faith Direct (02/04/14) | \$6,778.00 |
| Sunday Collection (02/16/14) | \$8,648.13 |
| Envelopes | 282 |
| Tuition Assistance | \$659.47 |

Thank you for your generosity.

[February 23rd - Catholic Charities Annual Appeal]
[2nd Collection March 2nd - Helping Hands Ministry]

**The Catholic Church of Elyria
Cluster Mission**

Presented by: Fr. William Padavick, Sunday
Sister Rita Mary Harwood - Monday
Fr. Joseph Callahan - Tuesday

Sunday ~ March 9th 7pm - St. Mary Church
Monday ~ March 10th 7pm - St. Agnes Church
Tuesday ~ March 11th 7pm - St. Jude Church

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



This Week in our Parish

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| Monday | February 24th |
| 5:30 p.m. | Helping Hands Ministry - Conference Room |
| 5:45 p.m. | Finance Committee - Staff Room |
| 6:30 p.m. | P.S.R. Marian & St. Joseph Buildings |
| 7:00 p.m. | Stewardship Committee - Staff Room |
| Tuesday | February 25th |
| 5:00 p.m. | Hot Meals - Cafeteria |
| 6:00 p.m. | Cub Scouts - Green Room |
| 7:00 p.m. | Evangelization - Conference Room |
| Wednesday | February 26th |
| 7:00 p.m. | R.C.I.A. - Conference Room |
| Thursday | February 27th |
| 9am - 5pm | Eucharistic Adoration - Lower Church |
| 6:00 p.m. | Daisies - Green Room |
| 6:00 p.m. | Parish Council - Conference Room |
| Sunday | March 2nd |
| 9:30 a.m. | Liturgy of the Word with Children |
| 11:00 a.m. | Pre-School P.S.R. - St. Joseph Building |
| 12:00 Noon | Cub Scouts - Green Room |
| 12:00 Noon | Bridal Fair - Parish Hall |

200 CLUB WINNERS: 02/23/14 Earl Mahl #22



The next Senior Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, March 4th at 12:00 noon in the Weigand Room. The cost of the luncheon is \$5.00. Please call your reservation to Sister Mary Dorothy at 323-0140 by Friday,

February 28th. Come prepared to celebrate Mardi Gras. Time will be available for those who wish to stay and play bingo. We look forward to a great meal, sharing new ideas and hope that you will bring a friend with you.

Have some time during Lent to volunteer to help with our Pierogi Lunches?

Contact Joyce Snyder at 440-775-1967 if you are interested in prep, serving or clean up. Lunches begin on Ash Wednesday [March 5th] and will be held the following 6 Fridays: March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4 & 11th.



The 2014 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal is underway with an in-pew commitment process taking place this weekend. The Catholic Charities Annual Appeal represents the chance for all Catholics to make a pledge, payable in installments, to Catholic Charities in order to support its mission of a society that stands united in its support of the "least among us." Something wonderful happens when we unite ourselves through Christ with others. Please consider a gift to the Catholic Charities 2014 Annual Appeal and pray for its success. We invite you to view the stories of inspiration at www.catholiccommunity.org/2014Appeal.



Registration for the **2014-2015** school year for Preschool, Kindergarten and **NEW** students to St. Mary School has begun. Registration will take place in the school office. Students new to St.

Mary School must bring the following documentation: Birth Certificate, Baptismal Certificate (if not Baptized at St. Mary), Records of First Communion and First Reconciliation (if applicable), Immunization records, Legal custody papers (if applicable) and Registration fee of \$150 [\$50 at time of registration [before Mar. 3rd with remainder due May 12th - nonrefundable]. A student registering for Kindergarten must be 5 years old by September 30, 2014. Registration will be considered complete when Parish registration has been verified and the school office has received all materials and fees.

Journey with Loss is a 4-session workshop sponsored by St. Joseph Parish, Amherst. The purpose is to provide information & support to those who have experienced the death of a loved one. Sessions will be on Saturdays: Mar. 8, 15, 22 & 29 from 1:30-3:30pm in the School Library [175 St. Joseph Dr., Amherst.] To register to attend, or for further information, please call Maria Maldonado at 988-2848 x205. There is no charge - everyone is welcome.

FIRST FRIDAY FORUM, MAR. 7TH: Ms. Elizabeth Nero, Prayer Leader, Centering-Space: "Praying Outside the Box" is a presentation on non-conventional ways of prayer. Our churches and faith traditions have taught us how to pray. But, sometimes, we might find ourselves at a place in life where those ways seem not to be working. What then? We will consider other creative possibilities. Join the First Friday Forum for spiritual refreshment, fellowship & good food - LCCC Spitzer Conference Center at 11:30am. Tickets: \$17. RSVP by calling the reservation line 440-244-0643 or fflorain@gmail.com by Friday, February 28th.

Gentle Woman Fellowship - an Intra-parish Group meets 1st Fridays at St. Clarence Parish Center, 30106 Lorain Rd - N. Olmsted, at 9:45am. Pray the Rosary, attend Mass and enjoy lunch & a talk. Jennifer Highland will be our speaker. She is representing the Catholic West Side Center. Her talk will tell us what the Center is all about and Jennifer will speak on all that it does. Mar. 7th's gathering will include a pot-luck luncheon. Please bring a cold salad, veggies w/dip, cold sandwiches, fresh fruit or something similar to share. Dessert will be provided. All women are welcome - No reservations needed. Questions? Call Mary @ 440-458-5063 or 440-235-6258.

POSITION AVAILABLE: St. Agnes Church, 611 Lake Ave. is hiring a part-time Maintenance Person with an April 1, 2014 start date. This person will need to be able to fulfill minor carpentry, plumbing, electrical, etc. repairs, clean buildings, and maintain the parish grounds as well as other responsibilities. If you are interested please speak with Father Veigas or Debbie at the St. Agnes Parish Office for an application.

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