Liturgical Intentions
For The Week

Note: Mass locations indicated by “SB” or “SM”

Monday, August 19: St. John Eudes
6:30 am Chapel Communion Service
8:15 am SM Dick Jacobs-Kathy & George Kieler-Fr. Ang

Tuesday, August 20: St. Bernard
6:30 am Chapel Communion Service
8:15 am Chapel Walker Smitley (Birthday Rem.) Paul & Rosemary Gutmann-Fr. Tom
9:30 am SM Joe Davis-Connie & Richard Wion-Fr. Tom, Fr. Ang, Fr. Charles (Opening All School Mass)

Wednesday, August 21: St. Pius X
6:30 am Chapel Communion Service
8:15 am SM Mary Benkert-Estate-Fr. Ang
5:54 pm Chapel Confessions-Fr. Tom
6 pm Chapel Bud Ziegler (4th Ann. Rem.) Dorothy-Fr. Tom

Thursday, August 22: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
6:30 am Chapel Communion Service
8:15 am Chapel Joyce Covault Trevino-Dorothy Niekamp-Fr. Ang
10:30 am Mass at Sterling House-Fr. Tom
7-7:45 pm SM Confessions-Fr. Charles Caserta

Friday, August 23: St. Rose of Lima
6:30 am Chapel Communion Service
8:15 am SM Joe Hemm-Joe & Mary Teach-Fr. Tom

Sat., August 24: St. Bartholomew
6:30 am Chapel Communion Service
8:15 am Chapel John A. Miller Family-Joanne Qualters-Fr. Tom
9-10 am SB Confessions-Fr. Tom
3:30-4:30 pm SM Confessions-Fr. Ang
4 pm SB Donald Holtgreven-Barbara & Hal Paris-Fr. Tom
5 pm SM Robert S. Bell (Birthday Rem.) Family-Fr. Ang

Sunday, August 25: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
7 am SB Bobby & Thelma Masters-Doug & Jackie Gaier-Fr. Tom
9 am SM Joy DeBrosse-Family-Fr. Tom
10:30 am SB Linda Niswonger-Karen-Fr. Ang
12 pm SM Living & Deceased of Both Parish Families -Fr. Tom

ST. MARY COLLECTION: August 11, 2013:
Adult Offerings & loose $9,866.01
Children’s Offerings 43.00
Electronic Donations this week 530.00
Total $10,439.01
Estimated amount needed weekly for budget: $12,308.00

Capitol Campaign update:
Total Collected this week: $70.00
Total Collected 235,087.69
Goal 270,550.42
Total Balance $35,462.73

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Altar Servers: August 24, 25
5 pm George Staley, Matt Evans, Volunteer
9 am The Kris Lee Family
12 Noon Haylee or Zackery Lavey, Meredith & Jordan Karn

Extraordinary Ministers: August 24, 25
5 pm Karen Wendeln, Michelle Schellenberg, Cathy Oda, Myra & Mike Bosse, Jane Mikolajewski, Barb Kohl
9 am Ellen Jay, Brian Crawford, Sharon Semanie, Gloria & Don Stonerock, Mary Zimmerman
12 Noon S. Mary Alice, Tina Watts, Marlene Henry, Angie Cecil, Don Kuchta, Ann Bradl, Daren Cecil

Lectors: August 24, 25
5 pm Becky Hewitt, Tony Wendeln
9 am Theresa Anderson, Judy Terry
12 Noon Marna Finnerty, James Linthicum

Sacristans: August 24, 25
5 pm Andrew Streng
9 am Carol Anderson
12 Noon Reva Holtvogt

Scrip Schedule: August 24, 25
5 pm-Kelly Bornhorst, 9 am- Ann Comer, 12 Noon-Roger Petitjean

In Sympathy
Please pray for those who have recently died: Ralph Smith, Jr., father of Kim Worland & Rita Gallagher from St. Mary, Ernest Emmons & James Dembski, from St. Boniface, Bernie Rockey, friend of Fr. Bolte, Renee (Martin) Rudloff, former member of St. Boniface and Robert Rietz, Class if Piqua Catholic 1950. May they quickly share in the glory of heaven and may the Lord give comfort to their families. If a family member dies, please contact the office and we will include them in prayer.

“Our grateful thanks” to those who have stepped up to work in our cafeteria this year. If you are still deciding, it’s not too late to join us as we serve the children of our parish. We could still use 10-12 persons. We will accommodate your choice of day/week as much as possible. Please call Suzy Kalmar at 335-6141 to sign up.

Are you Current on your Virtus Bulletins? The Office for the Protection of Children & Youth in the diocese of Cincinnati requires each staff person & all volunteers working with children to continued Virtus training through follow-up bulletins as they are issued. Please make sure you are current on this important step in keeping our children safe at St. Mary & St. Boniface. Please contact John Popp with any questions about your Virtus account.
Funeral Dishes left from St. Mary Funeral Luncheons may be picked up at the NSC cafeteria during school hours. If you choose not to pick yours up, we will donate them to the Bethany Center.

Does anyone have extra rhubarb? Please consider donating it to the Miami county Right to Life Pie Booth for the Heritage Festival. We will gladly come and cut it now to be frozen for later use. Please contact Geri Ryan, 773-4684.

Music Needs-If anyone has a light that clips on a music stand, the bell choir would love to borrow it for a time. We need 7. - Thanks, Judy 244-1817

RCIA News - If you are aware of anyone who would like to learn more about the Catholic faith or is contemplating joining the Church, please have them give me a call at 773-1656 or 773-1327. They can also email me at sisterjoan@piquaparishes.org. Are there any baptized Catholics who are over the age of 6 who have not made their First Communion, First Reconciliation, or been Confirmed? If you are in any of these categories and would like to receive these sacraments, please let me know. We will talk and I’ll explain what needs to happen. I ask all parishioners to join in praying for all individuals who want to learn about the Catholic faith and for the Team as we share our Faith with others. God bless us all. Thank you. (First informational session will be Monday, August 19, at 7:00 pm.) - Sister Joan Clare

The Mission Commission will meet September 10th at 7 pm in the St. Boniface Room at the Downing St. Campus. The commission will discuss fundraisers and other items. Hope to see you there! -Thank You, Don Stonerock

Understanding Grief Series entitled “Seek a Guide for the Grief Terrain” has been scheduled for five consecutive Mondays, beginning Sept. 9th thru Oct. 7th. The meetings will be held from 6-8 pm at Jamieson & Yannucci Funeral Home. This series is designed for anyone who has suffered a recent loss of a loved one. Kelly Larger is the facilitator. Please call 773-3161 to register. It is beneficial to attend all five sessions.

Miami County Right to Life is requesting donations of homemade fruit pies for their booth at the Piqua Heritage Festival. Pies can be dropped off at 815 Caldwell, Piqua on Fri., Aug. 30 or Sat. Aug. 31. Please call Geri Ryan at 570-8212 for pickup or for pre made pie crusts to make your baking easier.

Religious Education/Youth Group News

Congratulations to Joe and Cathy Bundy our $25 Weekly Winner for the $7 A Month Club!

CCD Registrations-Registration has begun for the 2013/14 Religious Education Classes. Forms are available at all the church entrances, or you may complete the registration online at our website. Classes begin on Wednesday, September 4, at 7pm in the Caserta Center.

Homeschool Religious Education-If you are planning on teaching your children their religious education at home, and not participating in the parish programs, please contact John Popp by August 30. We must have a record of what each student is doing to become educated in the Catholic Faith.

Family Rosary Walk & Dinner at Transfiguration Center for Spiritual Renewal Aug. 25th in Ludlow Falls. Please register at 937.698.7180 or www.transfigurationcenter.com Starts at 4 pm. We provide meats & drinks. Bring Entrée to serve 6.

Parish Bible Study – Open to All!-We are continuing our journey through the Acts of the Apostles and would love for you to join us! We meet in the Parish Offices every week. Choose either Tuesday afternoon at 1pm or Wednesday evenings at 6:45 pm. Call the office with questions.

It’s the season to FALL in love again! You should take a weekend to enjoy the country air & some time with your spouse at a beautiful retreat center! The next Marriage Encounter weekends in this area for 2013 are Sept. 20-22 at the Holiday Inn in Georgetown, KY & Oct. 18-20 at the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood, OH. For reservation call Dave & Jan Stockelman at 513-251-1940 or 1-800-547-1251 Code 00 or on the web at www.esharing.org

Dear Friends-

It’s an exciting week with the Start of the New School Year for students. I ask students, “What is the most important subject in school?” I’m looking for the answer: Religion. Since that prepares them not just for high school, college or a career; but how to live a good, moral life and hopefully get to heaven. However it’s important for adults to keep getting “A’s” by attending Bible Study, Retreats, R.C.I.A. sessions, Faith formation classes, and much more. Don’t just hope to get into heaven by “the backdoor”, but grow in faith through the possibilities listed in the Bulletin and Newsletter.

On Tuesday, August 20 our new Early Childhood Learning Center begins in the Downing Street Campus. As of Aug. 15 there are 28 students enrolled, which is excellent for a new program. The Ribbon Cutting Dedication on Aug. 13 was enjoyable. Thank you to Director Jennifer Smith, the Coordinating Committee, volunteers and everyone who helped make this great program possible. There are some openings for children, so call Jenni at 773-3876.

Also, on Tuesday, August 20 Piqua Catholic School begins with the year-long theme of “Strength for the Journey”. We start with an All School Mass at 9:30 am in St. Mary Church, that everyone is welcome to attend. This year we have extra Technology/Computer Classes for grades Kn. through 8, Foreign Language, Before and After School Care, S.T.E.M. Initiatives in grade 5th thru 8th, Spring Musical for 7th and 8th Grades, and much more. As of August 15 there are 118 students enrolled in school with others considering our great school.

It’s not too late to register for Piqua Catholic, just call the school office for information at 773-1564.

For students attending Public School or Home School; registration forms to attend our Wednesday evening CCD program are at the Church doors, parish office or on line at www.piquaparishes.org. John Popp needs to hear from everyone by August 30, since classes begin on Sept. 4 at the Downing Street Campus.

A group of students attended the Matt Maher Christian Music Concert last Sunday at Maria Stein. Matt is a Catholic contemporary artist who recently performed for of over 3,000,000 people and Pope Francis at World Youth Day in Brazil. Watch the bulletin and our website for more youth activities or call John Popp.

I visited the Miami County 4-H Fair on Monday, which brought back memories of my taking hogs and exhibits to the Franklin County, Indiana 4-H Fair in the 1960’s. Congratulations to our parish students and adults, who took animals and projects to the Fair. Regardless of the ribbon received, it’s important to do your best and try hard.

I want to thank the Family Life Chairpersons of Gretchen Roeth and Rose Hemm, along with the many volunteers, who coordinated The 60th Birthday Celebration last Sunday, August 11. It was so much fun with delicious food, cute decorations, singing, stories of my past, plus the birthday cake candles that kept relighting regardless of how many times I blew them out. My family enjoyed the festivities, along with friends from Hazard, Kentucky; Brown County, Ohio; and from parishes where I was assigned as Deacon, Associate Pastor and Pastor.

Among the Birthday Cards I received was a special one from my niece, Jackie, and her husband, Daniel; whose wedding I celebrated in October, 2012. It said I was a “great” uncle and now I’m going to be a GREAT UNCLE, as they are having a baby, due March, 2014. What a Joy! However maybe I am getting a “tad older”, since now I begin the generation of having Great Nieces and Nephews.

Here are other cute Birthday cards I received: (Picture of little bear) You’re 60! I’ve noticed a big change now that you turned 60….(open card) Happy Birthday! The top of the ride is a perfect place to….(open card) What?….(open card) “60” used to be old, but not anymore.

Enjoy each day with the Lord on your roller coaster of life, regardless of your age. P.S. I do plan on being the oldest priest to ride the Diamond Back Roller Coaster at age 100, the good Lord willing.

~ God bless you, Fr. Tom