



# MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

## Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am *Martin J. Mangan II*

11:00 am *David & Sophie Zupkovich  
& the Deceased Members of  
The Zupkovich Family*

## Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup>

*No Morning Mass*

## Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>

*No Morning Mass*

## Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>

*No Morning Mass*

## Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup>

*No Morning Mass*

## Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>

*No Morning Mass*

## Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>

4:00 pm *St. John Nepomucene Parish*

## Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am *Sick & Needy of SJN Parish*

*St. Vincent DePaul Society*

11:00 am *Joseph A. Krol*

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### Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday, August 10 <sup>th</sup>	\$3189.00
Praise the Roof	181.00
Utilities	8.00
St. Vincent DePaul Society	105.00

God bless you for your continued support and generosity to our parish.

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**Sick Calls** – Please call the rectory to arrange for Father Jasany to bring the Sacraments when a member of your family is hospitalized.

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**Weddings** – Parishioners are asked to call the rectory office at least 6 months in advance of the wedding to schedule an appointment with Father Jasany

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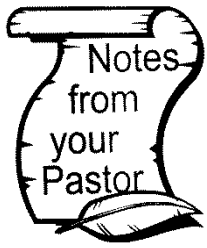
**Baptisms** – The 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at 12:00 pm. Parents are required to attend Pre-Baptism Class. Arrangements must be made a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the date of baptism. Before parents baptize their child, Diocesan and parish policy requires you to complete a Baptism Preparation Class. **The next class will be on Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at St. Stanislaus Parish at 7:00 PM.** Reservations are needed; please call 216-341-9091 for information or to make your reservation.

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**Godparent and Sponsor Certificate** – Sponsors for Baptism or Confirmation must be registered and practicing members of the Church, attending weekly and Holy Day Masses for a minimum of 3 months prior to the celebration of the Sacraments for which they have requested the certificate. Please note individuals 18 years of age and older, no longer in school, need to register.

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**Pre-Cana Program** for couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage at the Jesuit Retreat House-**September 7, 2014 at 12:45 pm.** This program satisfies the requirement for marriage preparation as stipulated by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. Register at 440-884-9300 or online at [www.jrhcleve@att.net](http://www.jrhcleve@att.net)



Dear Parishioners,

I am very grateful for the wonderful parish, which we celebrated on Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. I am grateful

to our Picnic Chairperson, Kathy Bartoszek and her Committee that once again did a wonderful job!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time, talent and treasure for our picnic. As I walked around and talked to those in attendance, it seemed they were enjoying the day and were pleased with the event. Also, our 11 AM Mass, which was held at the picnic, was very well attended. The congregation fully participated.

I thank Sue McDonough, our Sacristan; our Contemporary Music Ministry and all our Liturgical Ministers who assisted with the Mass.

Finally, I express my thanks to everyone who came to the Parish Picnic for fun and fellowship.

The funds generated from the Parish Picnic will help us to defray the expense of the new church roof. I am grateful to everyone who provided items for the raffles and made monetary donations for the event.

The Parish Picnic expressed our wonderful sense of community. The day fostered our connection with God and with one another.

God blessed us with a beautiful day together. May we continue to deepen our relationship with God and one another.

Gratefully,  
Father Jasany

**Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish**

**Summer Social** from 2-8 pm at Klima Gardens. Live music, ethnic food. All are invited to attend. Please call 216-341-2734 for information.

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**Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Rosary Makers 10 AM – Noon** Rectory

**Golden Agers Meeting 11:30 am** at

Newburgh Heights Senior Center

**Adult Education Series** – “The Chronicles of Narnia” at 6:30 pm

**Zumba 7 PM**

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**Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Grandmothers Club Meeting 11:30 am** at Cuyahoga Hts. Village Hall

**Fundraising Committee Meeting – 7 PM**

This meeting will be to evaluate the Parish Picnic. Everyone is invited to attend and present their ideas/comments

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**Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Today is the Faith & Value Appeal for Catholic Education.** Money raised

through this Diocesan appeal is used for tuition assistance programs. Envelopes for this collection are in your monthly envelope packet.

**\$1000 Raffle Drawing** after the 11 AM Mass in the school hall. Please make sure your tickets have been turned in for today's drawing. Anyone interested in purchasing tickets may stop in the hall after masses or call the rectory office at 216-641-8444.

**St. Vincent DePaul Society will be having a special meeting after the 9 AM Mass.** The purpose of the meeting is for the Diocesan Membership Drive.

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Congratulations to the Winners of our  
Parish Improvement Raffle!!!

\$1000 Winner – Jim Ciesla  
\$50 Seller Prize – Joann Ciesla

\$100 Consolation Prize Winners  
Robert Dunning, Ed Vitigoj, Sandy Calton,  
B. Szymanski and Jacqueline Malecki



In today's first reading, the Lord speaks through the prophet Isaiah during a time of political dissolution and moral decline. The prophet had warned of God's judgment against people for the feelings of self-importance they found in their possessions, and condemned them for various forms of economic injustice such as exploiting the poor and immigrants. Good stewards know that Isaiah's message is as compelling today as it was in the time of the kingdom of Judah: Do the right thing. Offer justice and compassion toward others. Be honest in all your dealings. And remember to observe the day of the Lord.

Readings for the Week of August 17<sup>th</sup>

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15,  
29-32/Mt 15:21-28  
Monday: Ez 24:15-23/Mt 19:16-22  
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Mt 19:23-30  
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Mt 20:1-16  
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Mt 22:1-14  
Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Mt 22:34-40  
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Mt 23:1-12  
Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/  
Mt 16:13-20

Sanctuary Guild Volunteers for  
August 20<sup>th</sup> thru September 1<sup>st</sup>

Kathy Bondzio & Patty Kowalec

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May the sick and their caregivers, receive comfort and strength through our prayers, remembering especially John Balciar, Mary Ann Betliskey, Bill Connors, Nancy Cox, Corrine Dawe, Midge Denova, Jose Dybzinski, Kristin Hill, Frances Holecek, Cindi Magyar, Dorothy Mangan, Linda Rivera, Andrew Turowski and Virginia Turowski

For the safety of the Men and Women serving in the military, especially those from our parish and their families.

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Please remember these individuals, who have been called to the priesthood in your daily prayers:

Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup> – Bishop  
Anthony Pilla  
Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup> – Robert Johansen  
Borromeo Seminary  
Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> – Thomas Lydic  
Borromeo Seminary  
Wed., August 20<sup>th</sup> – Samuel Martinez  
Borromeo Seminary  
Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup> – Luke McNeill  
Borromeo Seminary  
Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> – Joseph Menkhaus  
Borromeo Seminary  
Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> – Luis Munguia  
Borromeo Seminary  
Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup> – Bishop  
A. Edward Pevec

Also, please remember the Sisters of  
St. Francis (Millvale) (OSF)

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**Attempting to pick up the pieces of one's life after the tragedy of divorce is complex and demanding.** One of the significant issues that a person faces is their place in the Church. Does the Church still care about me even though I am divorced? Am I allowed to go to Mass? Can I receive communion? How can the Church help me heal? If I decide to marry again, what do I have to do?

The Tribunal of the Diocese of Cleveland is continuing to offer its very successful First Step Program in order to help with these questions. This program is offered to help everyone, especially those who have experienced divorce, learn more about Catholic teaching in these areas. Representatives from the Ministry to the Divorced Office of the Department for Marriage and Family Ministry will also be present to explain their ministry to those who are divorced. The schedule for the general meetings in 2014 are:

- Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at St. Ambrose Parish, Brunswick at 7 PM.
- Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Cuyahoga Falls at 7 PM

In any endeavor, taking the "first step" is always the most difficult. The First Step Program helps individuals to navigate the path of healing and closure, of which the annulment process is an important aspect. Everyone is welcome to deepen their knowledge of the Church's teaching on marriage, their ministry to the divorced/separated and discover a path to healing after the divorce. You will also hear the true facts about the annulment process and how to submit a case.

Please refer to the Tribunal website [www.dioceseofcleveland.org/tribunal](http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/tribunal) for information or testimonials about the program from past participants. You may also call the Tribunal at 216-696-6525, ext. 4000 for information.

The Diocese of Cleveland does not require any fees for this process.

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**The 91<sup>st</sup> Annual St. Wenceslaus Day Celebration** will be held on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at our parish. The Feast of St. Wenceslaus is commemorated by Czech Catholics of Great Cleveland, who pay tribute to our Patron Saint and the King of Bohemia. The celebration will begin with Mass at 4 PM celebrated by the Most Reverend Bishop Roger Gries, OSB.

Following the Mass, a traditional Czech dinner of pork, dumplings and sauerkraut will be served in our hall catered by Wal-Tams Catering. The Hronek Brass band will provide music. Dinner tickets are \$15.00 per person, by **ADVANCE RESERVATION ONLY**. No take out orders are available. Please contact the rectory office at 216-641-8444 to purchase tickets for this event.

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**Seeds of Literacy**, a nonprofit organization offers free, one-to-one tutoring in adult basic education and GED preparation and has an urgent need for more tutors. Volunteers will work individually with students on reading, writing and math skills, offering encouragement and support, and help students develop confidence and positive attitudes about learning. Please contact Alexandraia Marshall at 216-661-7950 or [alexandriamarshall@seedsofliteracy.org](mailto:alexandriamarshall@seedsofliteracy.org) for more information or the dates of upcoming tutor training sessions.

## Karen's Corner

Did you know that according to several authors, Jesus was either a Liar, a Lunatic or the Lord? Part of an article I read recently says this: Is Jesus really whom he is reported to have said he was? Was Jesus really the Son of God? C.S. Lewis believed so and also believed that he had a very good argument for convincing people to agree: if Jesus was not whom he claimed, then he must be a lunatic, a liar, or worse. Lee Strobel who wrote "The Case for Christ" asks this same question in his search for truth. Lewis was certain that no one could seriously argue for or accept these alternatives and that left only his favored explanation. Lewis expressed his idea in more than one place, but the most definitive appears in Mere Christianity: "I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: "I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept His claim to be God." That is the one thing we must not say. A man who said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic, on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg, or else he would be the Devil of Hell.

You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to." I love C. S. Lewis and his theology is sound. I have heard all the arguments that Jesus was a myth, or just a great teacher or just a holy man.

Lewis' point here is one that the Catholic Faith is based on: the Incarnation. We believe that Jesus was truly human and truly divine. The gospel of John, in its first chapter, states this very thing: Verse 1: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." John is telling us that God always was and always will be! Verse 14: "And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen the glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth." Jesus became like us, he became a human being. In essence, there is the belief in the Incarnation. Lewis was an atheist for a good part of his life. In discussion with J. R. R. Tolkien, a good friend, and other philosophers and authors, Lewis was brought back into Christianity.

It is a marvelous story and one I will be touching upon it when we start our discussions on his books, "The Chronicles of Narnia"; which by the way, if you have never read them, you ought to! Like Tolkien, there is deep spirituality in the "children's" stories of Narnia. Each book (there are 7) is a story that is very easy to read and each has its own merits and insights. I still have copies of the 7 books bound as one, available in my office for \$13.00.

Join us beginning August 20, 2014 at 6:30 pm in the rectory as we begin our journey together!

See you soon! Karen

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**Join the Cleveland Indians for Mass and a ball game for Catholic Family Day on September 28<sup>th</sup>; Pre-Game Mass at 10:15 am in the ballpark. Tickets start at \$14. Purchase by calling 216-420-4162 or online at <http://tinyurl.com/kmtyg8z> and enter the special offer "baseball"**

# COMING

Many of us have heard the repeated calls of our Holy Father to pray for peace in Iraq. Violence there has escalated as the Islamic State (ISIS) has taken control of large sections of Iraq destroying, burning and looting churches, homes and businesses. Thousands of Christians and other who choose not to convert to ISIS' extremist brand of Islam have fled for their lives.

The Holy Father has said "violence generates more violence; dialogue is the only path to peace." Let us continue to pray in communion with the Holy Father and with Patriarch Sako for a cessation of the violence and for a peace that will allow people to live in harmony and with fear.

His Beatitude Louis Rafael Sako, Chaldean Catholic Patriarch of Iraq, has called for a Global Day of Prayer for Peace and has written a special prayer for this intention.

A copy of Patriarch Sako's prayer follows so that we may all pray for peace in Iraq.

## **Patriarch Sako's Prayer for Peace in Iraq**

**Lord,  
The plight of our country  
is deep and the suffering of Christians  
is severe and frightening.  
Therefore, we ask you Lord  
to spare our lives, and to grant us  
patience,  
and courage to continue our witness of  
Christian values with trust and hope.  
Lord, peace is the foundation of life;  
Grant us the peace and stability that will  
enable us to live with each other without  
fear and anxiety, and with dignity and  
joy.**

**Glory be to you forever.**

**St. John Cantius Tremont Polish Festival**  
Friday thru Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup> thru 31<sup>st</sup>.  
Dinners by Sokolowski's University Inn.  
Stands & Boutiques. Games of Chance.  
Polka music for dancing. English Mass on  
Saturday at 4 PM. For daily events please  
call 216-781-9095. St. John Cantius is  
located at 906 College Avenue.

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**The Slovak Festival** will be held on  
Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at St. Anthony of  
Padua Hall, 6750 State Road in Parma.  
Music by Anthony Culkar Band and Frank  
Moravcik Band. Cultural Program - 3 PM.  
Homemade Slovak Food. Admission is  
\$5.00. Children 12 & under free.

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**St. Mary Magdalene Byzantine Catholic  
Church;** 5390 West 220<sup>th</sup> Street in  
Fairview Park will hold it's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual  
European Festival on Saturday,  
September 6<sup>th</sup> from 11 am – 11 pm. Live  
musical entertainment from groups of  
various European heritages. European  
cuisine. Homemade bakery. Bier Garten  
with selections from Europe. Craft Fair &  
religious goods available for sale.  
Childrens activities, bounce house, basket  
raffles & cash prizes. Church tours and  
guest speakers. Visit the parish website  
at [www.ebni.com/stmarymagdalen](http://www.ebni.com/stmarymagdalen) or  
[contact 216-906-3463](tel:216-906-3463) for more  
information.