

## *Mass Schedule*

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### **Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**

**9:00 am Living & Deceased of the  
Holecek Family**

**11:00 am Living & Deceased Pastors,  
Associates & Religious of  
St. John Nepomucene Parish  
- SJN Altar Society**

### **Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**No Morning Mass**

### **Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**8:30 am Carl Hrehorevich &  
Harry & Vivian Gregorevich**

### **Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**

**No Morning Mass**

### **Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 am Joseph & Antoinette Kocab**

### **Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 am Rich Sempruch**

### **Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**

**4:00 pm In Honor of St. Wenceslaus  
Patron Saint of Czech Catholics**

### **Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 am Chester Ryba**

**11:00 am Helen Lenzo - Birthday**

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Sanctuary Guild Volunteers for  
September 17th thru September 30th

Loretta Delagarza & Gloria Seneff

**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 Sunday, October 5th at St. John Nepomucene Parish at 12:30 PM.** Reservations are needed; please call 216-641-8444 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-**October 5, 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](mailto:www.jrhcleve@att.net)

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**Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Catechetical Sunday – 9 AM Mass**

We will honor those who share in the teaching mission of the Church through a special rite of commissioning and blessing. We thank them for teaching our children and showing others how they live their faith. Please remember to pray for our catechists throughout the year.

**Altar & Rosary Society Meeting**

12:30 pm - Any woman interested in joining is invited to stop in and attend the meeting.

**The Sisters of Notre Dame 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Barbecue & Boutique**

from Noon to 5 pm. Enjoy barbecued chicken or ribs. Tickets available at the door -\$12/chicken and \$15/ribs. Held at Notre Dame Education Center, 13000 Auburn Road in Chardon, south of Mayfield Road

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**Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Rosary @ 8 am before Mass**

**Stewardship Meeting 7 PM**

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**Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Rosary Makers 10 AM – Noon** Rectory

**East 50<sup>th</sup> Street Block Club Meeting**

6:30 PM at the rectory

**Zumba 7 PM**

**Choir Practice 7 PM** – The Choir sings at the 9 am Mass each Sunday and now rehearses on Wednesday at 7 pm. Each Sunday's music is available online at [222.gregorianchant.weebly.com](http://222.gregorianchant.weebly.com) or on our parish website under ministries/music/traditional choir. Please join us. Call Ralph Bednarz at 216-641-7988 or [ralphbednarz@hotmail.com](mailto:ralphbednarz@hotmail.com).

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**Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Rosary @ 8 am before Mass**

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**Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Rosary @ 8 am before Mass**

**Friday Night at the Movies 6:30 PM**

being shown at the rectory. The movie is "Entertaining Angels" the story of Dorothy Day, the woman who started the newspaper "The Catholic Worker" as well as houses for the poor throughout the USA. Please call the rectory at 216-641-8444, ext. 13 to let us know you're coming!

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**Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**

**St. Wenceslaus Day Celebration with 4 PM Mass** with Celebrant Bishop Roger Gries. Traditional Czech dinner of pork, dumplings & sauerkraut following in the social hall. The cost of the dinner is \$15. and is by reservation only. Reservations due by Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at the rectory office.

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**Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Today is the Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign, which** communicates the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through Internet, television, radio and print media. Envelopes for this collection are provided in your monthly envelope packet.

**\$1000 Raffle** following the 11 AM Mass in the school foyer. Please make sure your tickets have been turned in for today's drawing.

**St. Vincent DePaul Society Meeting**

10 AM at the rectory

**The Sisters of Notre Dame 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Barbecue & Boutique**

from Noon to 5 pm. Held at Notre Dame Education Center, 13000 Auburn Road in Chardon

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## Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday, September 14 <sup>th</sup>	\$2881.61
Praise the Roof	160.00
Collection for the Middle East	502.31

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

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### Readings for the Week of September 21<sup>st</sup>

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/  
Mt 20:1-16a

Monday: Prv 3:27-34/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9--12:8/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11  
or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

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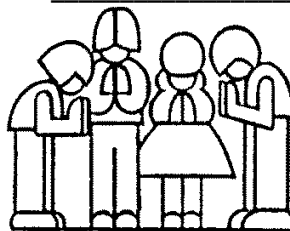
**STEWARDSHIP** –From an early age, we tend to distort the concept of “fairness”: “I am good. I deserve good things. I am not receiving good things. Something must be wrong. Who’s going to fix it?” We also know the age-old expression: “Who ever said life was fair?” Jesus knew this expression when he offered his parable in today’s Gospel reading. Christian stewards acknowledge, with humility, that they receive good things from the Lord in abundance; even if these gifts are not the ones they think they need when they need them. Consider which servants you identify with most in the Gospel reading, the ones who demand “fairness”, or that final servant who, seemingly, deserves the least.

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May the sick and their caregivers, receive comfort and strength through our prayers, remembering especially John Balciar, Mary Ann Betliskey, Millie Bloedorn, Bill Connors, Corrine Dawe, Jose Dybzinski, Jerry Grabel, Kristin Hill, Frances Holecek, Paul Kalal, Art Madsen, Cindi Magyar, Andrew Turowski, Virginia Turowski and Dolores Witovitz.

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



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### PSR REGISTRATION

St. John Nepomucene Regional Parish School of Religion is accepting registration for any

student in grades 1-8 for the 2014-2015 school year. We accept and serve children from Slavic Village and Southeast Cleveland parishes. So invite a friend, relative or neighbor to join us in learning more about our faith. Classes are held Monday evening from 6:30 pm – 8 pm. Hurry, classes begin September 29, 2014! Please call Judy Lasecki at 216-641-8444, Ext. 29 for more details and to register.



*Wedding  
Banns*

*II Katherine Bukowski  
and James Radesic*

## Karen's Korner

Did you know that the "Bible" that the Apostles carried with them in preaching the Good News, was what we consider to be the Old Testament? I never really thought about that, but it has come to light this week for me because of some discussions I have had. There are people who have real problems reading the Bible; those who "cherry pick" verses just to prove their point; those think every word of the Bible should be read in a literal sense and many others.

So how do we as Catholics, deal with these discussions? First of all, you have to study the Scriptures yourself. I don't mean just reading the Bible, but using a Bible commentary, a Bible dictionary, a Catholic Encyclopedia and a good Catholic Bible. Yes, there is a difference between a Catholic Bible and a Protestant Bible. It would be impossible to address every issue about the Bible in one column, so I will touch on some main points.

First, if your Bible does not contain the books of Tobit, I/II Maccabees, Wisdom, Sirach (or Ecclesiasticus) and Baruch, you have a Protestant Bible. There are reasons why these seven books are included in Catholic Bibles, but that would take days to talk about!

Second, the Bible is not a book, it is a library. The books of the Old Testament were written by many different authors over thousands and thousands of years, so there will be some inconsistencies. But this does not mean it is not true. The Bible is a library of religious truth, not scientific or historical fact; although many of the events of the Bible have been proven to be true through archeology.

Third, you have to understand the genre of the book you are reading. Is it poetry, like the book of Psalms? Is it an allegory, like the book of Jonah? Is it a letter to a particular community, like Paul's letters? Is it "good news", the gospels of the New Testament? Is it a love story, or a suspense story or a satire? There are many genres of the Bible and you have to know what you are reading.

Fourth, what was the culture like when that particular book was written? What things were happening in the culture that were acceptable then but are not acceptable now? The Bible is the record of people called into a long, loving relationship with God, while continuing to learn about God and themselves.

As a whole, the Bible is unified in that we see the plan of God's salvation for us from beginning to end. Also, the Old Testament should be interpreted in light of the New Testament. This means that God is love, and even though God appears to be violent in the Old Testament, many times it is just the author's perception of how things turned out. Men and women wrote the Bible and humans make mistakes! The Bible was not dictated to people, but God inspired people to write His words down. So, to summarize, the Catholic Church says the Bible is "Sacred Truth". The books of Scripture firmly, faithfully and without error, teach that truth which God, for the sake of our salvation, wished to see confided through the Scriptures. And what is that truth? God is good, all the time!

See you soon! Karen

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**Thank You**

To all the members of my parish family, I wish to express my appreciation for

your prayers during my recent illness. I wish to publically thank Father Jasany for his extraordinary pastoral care and let you all know that Our Lord has chosen to allow my recovery.

Dorothy Mangan

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**A MESSAGE FROM OUR ST. VINCENT DePAUL SOCIETY** – Once again our St. Vincent DePaul Society will be participating in the Acme Fresh Market Rewards Program. If you happen to shop there, we ask you to save your receipts and turn them in either in the collection basket or to the rectory office. Acme Fresh Market is located at 1225 West Pleasant Valley Road in the Pleasant Valley Shopping Center.

Thank you for your support!

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**Volunteers Needed** – University Hospitals Case Medical Center is in need of Eucharistic Ministers. Volunteers must already be currently certified by the Diocese. Volunteers needed for weekdays and Sundays to distribute Holy Communion to patients and their families in all the hospitals on our main campus. For more information or to schedule an interview, please call the Pastoral Care Office at 216-844-1668

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**Married Couples** – The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend helps your marriage to be a sign for the world. Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be October 17-19<sup>th</sup>. Apply or for more info call Scott & Lori at 330-305-9963 or online [wwme.org](http://wwme.org)

**40 Days for Life** – From September 24<sup>th</sup> through November 2<sup>nd</sup> you're invited to join other Christians for 40 days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. Our community will join hundreds of other cities participating in a life-saving campaign made up of three components – Prayer & Fasting, Community Outreach & Peaceful Vigil. Peaceful vigils will take place at Preterm-Shaker Blvd; Planned Parenthood-Bedford Hts; Family Planning-Painesville. Please contact John Noall @ 216-245-9744 or [clevelandprayersforlife@gmail.com](mailto:clevelandprayersforlife@gmail.com). Also visit [40daysforlife.com/Cleveland](http://40daysforlife.com/Cleveland)

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sokol Greater Cleveland** presents **The Good Captain Svejik, A Comedy** on September 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> at Bohemian National Hall/ 4939 Broadway. Call 216-561-7029 for information. Tickets available at the door

**Autumn Polka Mass & Dinner Dance** on September 28<sup>th</sup> at Mary Queen of Peace; 4423 Pearl Road in Cleveland. Mass at 2 pm followed by a Polish dinner. Tickets for the dinner are \$22/adult & \$10/children. Call the Parish Office at 216-749-2323 for more information or reservations for the dinner.

**St. Barbara Parish Guild French Toast & Sausage Breakfast** on September 28<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall; 1505 Denison Avenue from 9 am – 1 pm. Tickets are \$5 for children under 10 and \$8 for adults and may be purchased at the door. Call John at 323-8793 or Marge at 741-9108 for more information.

**Sokol of Greater Cleveland is holding the Great Chili Cook-Off** on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Enter your special brand of chili (a gallon-crock pot full) and you get free admission. If you come just for the food, the admission price is \$10. For those whose favorite dish is not chili, there will be other food on the buffet, including dessert and coffee. Cash bar with imported Czech beer and soft drinks. The deadline to enter your chili is September 30<sup>th</sup>. Reservations are necessary whether you are entering the cook-off or just eating. Call 216-447-1240 or email [elsieKralik@gmail.com](mailto:elsieKralik@gmail.com). Bohemian National Hall is located at 4939 Broadway Avenue. Doors open at 6 pm. Since there's a Browns game scheduled, you can watch the game as you feast.

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For young men & their families interested in a Catholic High School - **St. Edward High School**, 13500 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood is having:  
Open House – Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 am – 3 pm  
Admission Test for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> – 9 am  
Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> – 5:30 pm  
Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> – 9 am  
There is a \$20 test fee. Parent information sessions are held during each test. Contact the St. Edward Office of Admission at 216-521-2204 or [admission@sehs.net](mailto:admission@sehs.net) for information or to register.

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**St. Stanislaus Polish Festival will hold its Annual Polish Festival** on October 3<sup>rd</sup>–5<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Social Center at 6601 Baxter. The Polish Festival features delicious Polish food-pierogi, kielbasa, czarnina, cabbage & noodles, potato

pancakes, stuffed cabbage and other favorites. Bakery booth. Games of chance, sideboards and boutiques. Two bars featuring Polish and Domestic beer, wine and spirits. Music & Raffles!  
Fore more information call the parish office at 216-341-9091 or on the website at [www.ststanislaus.org](http://www.ststanislaus.org)

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**The St. Clement Respect Life Committee** invites families to their 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of life in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The rosary will be offered up in the cause of life, and then magic is in the air, as the St. Ignatius High School Circus Company provides the entertainment. This evening of prayer, party foods, entertainment and fellowship will take place on Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at St. Clement Church, 14401 Madison Avenue in Lakewood. This event is free and all are welcome to attend.

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**Holy Name Parish is holding their 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Friends of Holy Name Golf Outing** on October 11<sup>th</sup> at Emerald Woods Golf Course, 12501 North Boone Road in Columbia Station. The cost is \$85. Per golfer (includes 18 holes w/cart, lunch, dinner, beer, soft drinks and water.) If you are not a golfer, you can attend the dinner only for \$30. There will be prizes, sideboards, skin game, raffles and 50/50 raffle. Shotgun start at 10 am, registration begins at 9 am. For Person Scramble – Men, Women or Mixed Teams. Don't have a foursome? We will be happy to pair you up. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. For additional information or to register, please contact Nancy Boyland at 440-232-6972.