

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of August 16, 2015

Sunday, August 16

9:00 am—Parishioners of St Francis of Assisi Parish
11:00 am—In Honor of M/M Bryan Carlson (M/M Mike L'Esperance)

Monday, August 17

NO MASS

Tuesday, August 18

6:00 pm—For Peace In Our World

Wednesday, August 19

6:00 pm—For Sick and Homebound Persons

Thursday, August 20

6:00 pm—For Teachers and Students

Friday, August 21

NO MASS

Saturday, August 22

NO MASS

Sunday, August 23

9:00 am—Parishioners of St Francis of Assisi Parish
11:00 am—

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

Aug 16—9 am—Lorri Kuczynski, Terry Gatton

11 am—Jackie Emch, Sophia Brown

Aug 23—9 am—VOLUNTEER, Terry Gatton

11 am—Tera Kovar, Gretchen Rivera

Servers

Aug 16—9 am—Elizabeth Maite; 11 am—Margaret O'Brien

Aug 23—9 am—Susan Kyanko; 11 am—Margaret O'Brien

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

Aug 16—9 am—Skip Camerucci; 11 am—Dan O'Brien

Aug 23—9 am—Bob Geoghegan; 11 am—Julie Byrne

Lectors

Aug 16—9 am—Will Brenner, Renee Morkassel

11 am—Sue Cruickshank, Susie Sarwark

Aug 23—9 am—Elise Ryan, Katherine Kriedermann

11 am—Sue Cruickshank, Jon Murphy

Eucharistic Ministers

Aug 16—9 am—Frank Conway, Mary Ann Kerscher, C Paisley

11 am—Sandy Glasner, Joanna Nunn, Jaime Capestany

Aug 23—9 am—F Schneider, Joyce Schneider, J Rosenfield

11 am—Renee Morkassel, Lori Toczorczic, Mark Coleman



Are these events on your calendar?

The St. Francis Book Discussion Group will meet TODAY, August 16, in the church hall following the 11 o'clock Mass to discuss the book *The Prodigal God* by Timothy Keller.

All are welcome.

The St. Francis Drumming Circle will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday evening August 17 in the church hall. All are welcome. Extra drums are available. No experience needed.

Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

TODAY ... Sunday, August 16

- ▶ SVDP Sandwiches for Homeless, 10 am, hall
- ▶ Baptism Workshop, 12:30 pm, Desert Room
- ▶ Book Discussion Group, following 11 am Mass, hall
- ▶ Laudato Si' encyclical discussion group, 6 pm, hall (all Sunday evenings in Aug; come to one, come to all!)

Monday, August 17

- ▶ Diocesan SVDP meeting, 5:30 pm, hall
- ▶ Drum Circle, 7 pm, hall

Tuesday, August 18

- ▶ Monthly Mass at Westminster Thurber, 11 am
- ▶ Dulcimer Music Group, 7 pm, hall

Thursday, August 20

- ▶ Bible Study at Westminster Thurber, 1:30 pm
- ▶ Finance Council quarterly meeting, 7 pm, hall

LOOKING AHEAD ... Sunday, August 23

- ▶ Missionary Visit, both Masses
- ▶ Secular Franciscan Order, 2-5 pm, church and hall
- ▶ Laudato Si' encyclical discussion group, 6 pm, hall (all Sunday evenings in Aug; come to one, come to all!)

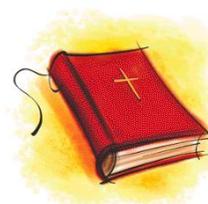
Diocesan and Other Local Information

Are you looking for Bible Study? St. Paul Parish in Westerville is offering **Live The Word** Bible study program taught by Mary

Koors, M.A. Theology, Jay Jackson, M.A. Theology, and Deb Sabo, M.A. Theology.

Live The Word is a two year study that will meet weekly *beginning in mid-September and concluding in mid-May with breaks at Christmas and Easter*. The Old Testament will be covered the first year; the following year the New Testament. Both evening and morning

classes will be held. The purpose of the Live the Word Bible Study is to provide students with a better understanding of Sacred Scripture and in doing so, deepen their faith. For a registration flyer, location and dates go to St. Paul Parish website www.stpaulcatholicchurch.org ... on the HOME page scroll down for the short description and link for **Live The Word**.



Mark your calendars! The annual Friends of the Poor Walk that raises funds for the work of St. Vincent de Paul will take place this year on **October 3, 2015**. Plan to join fellow St. Francis of Assisi parishioners in walking in the event, which will once again take place at St. Francis De Sales High School. Or, if walking is not your thing, plan to make a pledge to a parishioner who is taking part. Details on how to do so will be available in upcoming bulletins.



Haitian Labor Day Festival

Join the Haitian Community in this Annual Event
at St Mattheis Catholic Church
1582 Ferris Road in Columbus

Labor Day, Monday, September 7
(afternoon and evening)

Pastoral Reflection for August 16, 2015

All that Jesus has taught thus far has become a source of contention among some of the Jews. Suddenly they said, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" In the midst of that climate of discord and misunderstanding, Jesus concludes his discourse on the Bread of Life, and reiterates that those who do not eat his flesh and drink his blood will have no life within them. He is the true food and the source of eternal life.

Jesus' exhortation to eat and drink has sacramental and prophetic signs of attitude that is not expressed directly throughout the development of the entire Christian community. The goal of the Eucharist is to nourish us, to strengthen us, and to change us in the same way natural food and drink does. "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." Taste and see the goodness of the Lord and your reward will be everlasting life.

In Christ ~ Fr Fritz

Parish News and Information

Pastoral Council Parish Bulletin Notes (for August 4th meeting) ... Pastoral Council discussed the monthly reports from Fr. Fritz, which included both the Stewardship and Finance councils, and the various parish committees. A special note -- the SVDP collection on the last Sunday of August is for the needs of our parish ministries. Also, if you are able to help plan and/or execute the October parish picnic, please contact Bill Keller.

CONGRATULATIONS! We welcome into our family of faith, through the Sacrament of Baptism – **Olive Sophia Schulz**, baptized at the 9 am Mass today.



Join us on Sunday, August 30 at 3 pm, for a free concert given by former St Francis of Assisi choral assistant **ABBIE STANDS** – along with a small ensemble of piano and percussion – and the SFA Choir. There will be a free will offering (to raise funds for ministries at SFA). The afternoon promises an uplifting program featuring beloved spirituals, American and Latin jazz standards, and original compositions. Bring your family and friends to this special event!

Parish Financial Update

Our parish Finance Council, after review with the Pastor, Stewardship, and Pastoral Councils, has recommended to the Pastor that we contract with Cunneen, a fundraising company specializing in offertory enhancement. This is a 14-week program which will coincide with our annual "Tapestry" giving program in the Fall. The modest fee for this program is "guaranteed" (if new funds raised are less than the fee, we only pay the amount of new funds raised in the 14-week period). More information will be coming your way soon!

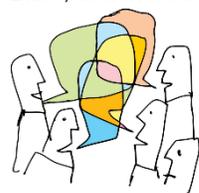
More Parish News and Information

Pope Francis' Encyclical Laudato si' Discussion. There will be a "Sunday School" discussion of the Pope's encyclical on the ecology from 6-7:30 pm on **Sunday evenings**, Aug. 2, 9, 16, and 23 in the church hall. The text is readily available online at <http://w2.vatican.va> or you can pick up a copy at the first meeting. Our goal is to provide an opportunity for all to read the text itself in order to better understand the theological principles on which it rests and its likely impact on our lives. You need not have read the text prior to the first meeting. All are welcome. Please contact Barbara Finan (614-261-8875; finanb@sbcglobal.net) if you would like any additional info about the group or want us to provide a copy of the text for you.

Next Sunday, we will hold our annual Missionary Co-op Visit, as part of our participation in the Diocesan Missions Office program. This year, we will hear an appeal from **The Augustinian Friars**, a Religious Order in the Church, which was founded in the year 1256. The American Augustinians have served foreign missions for than 100 combined years in Japan and Peru. Rev. Anthony P. Burrascano, O.S.A. will be present here at St Francis of Assisi Parish on August 23, and will speak at both Masses. He will share the story of the friars serving the poor and often forgotten of the world. We ask you to share generously of the blessings which God has bestowed on you. Thank you in advance.

More Diocesan Information

St. Margaret of Cortona Parish invites you to attend Catholic Conversations ... Join us to discuss current topics, trends, the Bible, and more all from a Catholic perspective. The event is



FREE to attend -- you just pay for your food and drink of choice. There will be social time, a presentation, and Q&A. Open to all who are 21 years old and up. Connect with one another and bring our Catholic faith and conversation into our community!

Meet us at Old Bag of Nails in Hilliard from 6-7:30p at 4065 Main St, Hilliard, OH 43026 in the private room located upstairs. RSVP appreciated for room set-up. Contact Nancy Whetstone at nancywhetstone@gmail.com or Julie Naporano at julienaporano1@gmail.com

Sept.20---Social Justice Isn't Left or Right,

Mark Huddy (Director of the Office of Social Concerns & Episcopal Moderato for Catholic Social Charities & serves on the Diocesan Bishop's Council)