Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of July 30, 2017

Sunday, July 30

9:00 am – Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi 11:00 am – Julitta Taylor (Sue Cruickshank)

NO DAILY MASS IN AUGUST

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

Thank you for your willingness to serve to make our Mass Successful

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

July 30 —9 am— Frank Schneider, Joyce Schneider
11 am – Sandy Glasner, Andy Randel
August 6 – 9 am – Lorri Kuczynski, Joyce Schneider
11 am – Gretchen Rivera, Marilyn Smith

Servers

July 30 —9 am—Steve Hillyer, 11 am – Margaret O'Brien August 6 – 9 am – Frank Schneider, 11 am – OPEN

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

July 30—9 am—Frank Conway 11 am – Julie Byrne August 6 – 9 am – Susan Kyanko 11 am – Julie Byrne

Lectors

July 30 —9 am— Sr. Sharen Baldy, Cecilia McAdams 11 am –Michel Hindeme, Diane Meves August 6 – 9 am – Emily Matheny, Will Brenner 11 am –Emily Wu, Jarret Chirafisi

Eucharistic Ministers

July 30 - 9 am—Kathy Porter, Mary Ann Kerscher, Linda Wolfe 11 am –Mark Coleman, Renee Morkassel, Joanna Nunn August 6 – 9 am –J. Capestany, Kathy Porter, Mario Casselli 11 am – Maryellen O'Shaughnessy, OPEN, Joanna Nunn

Gluten "Free"/Low Gluten Hosts...are available for those who wish to receive them. If you would like to receive a low-gluten host at Communion, please notify one of the greeters before Mass. This will allow us to observe and maintain safety protocols for those who are sensitive or allergic to gluten.



Next Sunday's Readings

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 2 Peter 1:16-19 Matthew 17:1-9



Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Please check the St. Francis website for the full calendar of events

Sunday, July 30

► Baptism of Amia Codjo-Seignon during 11:00 Mass Tuesday, August 1

► 7:00 pm - Pastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday, August 2

→ 7:00 pm - RCIA

Thursday, August 3

► 10:00 am - Bible Study at Westminster Thurber

Saturday, August 5

▶ 8:30 am – Men's Coffee and Prayer Group

Parish News and Information

No Daily Mass – **During the month of August**. There will be no daily Mass with the exception of Tuesday, August 15 at 7:00 pm for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Volunteers Needed – During the month of August, the first floor of the Rectory will be deep cleaned and painted. If you would like to volunteer some time to help, please contact the parish office.



Feasibility Study - Thank you for participating in the Feasibility Study and returning your surveys. Your participation in greatly appreciated. Our church building is more than a century old and is in need of our attention and care. We have identified needs totaling \$292,000 that will be critical in maintaining the beauty and reverence of our parish. Results of the survey will be shared soon.

Parish Survey Results Available - A huge thank you to all who completed the St. Francis parish survey in early June. We value your feedback! We have compiled the results. The following areas are among the major improvements you suggested: communication about the ministries, the website navigation, and the hymns/music selection. Among our strengths: our welcoming parish and responsive administrative staff. You'll find a copy of both the full survey results and a summary of the results available for review during the August Hospitality Sunday. These copies will be available for review after that in the parish hall, and will remain there. You may also contact the parish office at office@sfacolumbus.org.

School Supplies – It's that of year again! We will be collecting



school supplies to send to the St. Francis Center in McArthur, Ohio. McArthur is located in Vinton County, which is one of the poorest county in the state of Ohio. Let's bless these kids with the supplies they need to get the school year started

off right. Supplies will be collected until August 20 and delivered on Monday, August 21. If you have any questions, please contact Frank Schneider at 614-565-9131.

Ice Cream Social August 13, 2017, after each Mass

Come and build your own yummy sundae! Volunteers needed, please contact Patti Maietta <u>pamaietta@gmail.com</u> or Lisa Lopez Snyder <u>LisaLopezSnyder@gmail.com</u>



Gospel Reflection ~ July 30, 2017

Jesus' parable in today's Gospel presents inanimate objects as images of the Kingdom of Heaven: a treasure, fine pearls, and a net cast into the sea. Each highlights a different dimension of the mysterious Kingdom of Heaven. In the first two parables, the hidden treasure and a fine pearl are objects of great value. In both cases, someone finds the precious item, and then sells all they have to buy it. With these common elements, we can easily see that the Kingdom is of immense worth. The differences in the two parables bring to light less obvious insights. The person who found the treasure wasn't looking for it, but found an unexpected windfall, whereas the merchant was actually out looking for fine pearls. The Kingdom breaks into the world whether people are oblivious of God's hidden grace or are actively seeking it.

Like the parable of the pearl, that of the net cast into the sea involves people who are expectation to find something of worth. An added aspect is the separation of the good and the bad fish, symbolic of the division of the righteous and the evil at the end of the age. Like the seeds and the weeds in last week's Gospel, they remain together in the present age.

The treasure, pearl, and net are not the only pictures of the Kingdom of Heaven. So too are the people involved. Their actions indicate how people are engaged in Kingdom pursuit. Hope of possessing a great treasure or fine pearls or a good catch of fish directs their actions even before they acquire anything. Seeking a way to obtain the desired object and working diligently toward obtaining it are hope filled actions. Similarly, hope for the Kingdom of Heaven directs the actions of all of us who would be Jesus' disciples.

Source: Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word.

Baptism

In Baptism, the Holy Spirit moves us to answer Christ's call to holiness. In Baptism, we are asked to walk by the light of Christ and to trust in his wisdom. We are invited to submit our hearts to Christ with ever deeper love.

Today, we celebrate with Amia Chloe Codjo-Seignon, as her family has chosen Catholic Baptism for her. We pray blessing on Amia and her whole family.



Bans of Marriage

Please keep these couples in your prayers as they celebrate their love and begin their married life together with a wedding at St. Francis this upcoming month.

8/5 - Jillian Renda/Jake DiEugnio

8/5 - Ali Condron/Craig Smith

8/12 - Lauren Stephens/Matthew Cooperrider

8/26 - Amanda Lanker/Taylor Vance

8/26 - Molly Jacobson/Eric Bookmyer



Saint Vincent De Paul

Today, we take up a second collection for our St. Vincent DePaul Society. Vincentians witness God's love by embracing all works of charity and justice. The Society collaborates with other people of good will in relieving need and addressing its causes, making no distinction in those served because, in them, Vincentians see the face of Christ. Thank you for continually supporting our Saint Vincent DePaul Society.

Mission Appeal

On August 13, 2017, Reverend Lazarus Langbiir, CSSp, will visit our parish to speak at the Masses about the missionary work of the Church and in particular that of the Spiritans (Congregations of the Holy Spirit, previously known as the Holy Ghost Fathers). To learn more about the Spiritans, please visit their website at http://spiritans.org

This visit is part of a national program in which annually a representative of one of the missionary groups visits parishes of the Diocese to invite the parish to share in the mission work of the universal Church. The Spiritans are an international community engaged in a wide range of missionary activity in over 60 countries throughout the world. Fr. Lazarus himself is from Ghana. He ministers in the Diocese of Pittsburgh while completing doctoral studies at Duquesne University.

When Jesus said: "You shall witness to me in Jerusalem and in Samaria and to the ends of the earth", He made the spread of the Gospel an essential part of our Catholic Life.

We urge you to respond generously to Father Langbiir's appeal.

Around the Diocese

City Wide Prayer Gathering - Saturday, August 5 from 9 a.m.—Noon. 9:00 am Mass celebrated by Fr. Dean Mathewson, Fr. James Coleman concelebrant. Breakfast, Praise Adoration, Prayer Ministry, Confession, Fellowship, and a Teaching on "Surrendering" to be given by Dcn. Ed Shikina.

OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL (Next to Independence H. S.) 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus 43232

Please bring a dish to share. Please come and bring a friend. Sponsored by the Columbus Catholic Renewal. For information contact Chervl at Church of Our Ladv. 614-861-1242.

The annual Catholic Laymens' Fall silent retreat is at St. Therese's Retreat Center, 6:00 pm Friday, September 8 through noon Mass, Sunday, September 10. In reflection sessions, Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR, will lead men to appreciate the power of the Holy Spirit by developing his theme "To Have a Relationship with the Holy Spirit, His Mercy is Everlasting." The total cost is only \$150.00. Make your reservation now and consider bringing a friend! Contact Charles Kielkopf at (614) 268-0175 or email kielkopf.1@osu.edu or Eric Lutz at 614-949-5905 or James Allan at 614-403-7831.

NNEMAP News – NNEMAP will be closed Wednesday, July 26th through Sunday, August 6th for the Ohio State Fair Parking Fundraiser.

We have added hours overall and will have a more consistent and easy to remember schedule. We will begin with the following schedule for the entire month starting Monday, August 7th.

Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday 9am until 12 noon Always Closed Thursdays! Saturday Produce Mart will continue to be open from 11 to 1.

St. Stephen the Martyr Festival - August 4th from 6 pm – midnight, August 5th 5:00 pm – midnight and August 6th from 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm. A weekend of fun including kid games, rides, live music, a 50/50 raffle, authentic Mexican and American food and plenty of fun for all! St. Stephen's is located at 4131 Clime Road, Columbus, Ohio 43228. For more information, please call 614-272-5206. Hope to see you there