

July 4th

IN GOD WE TRUST

BLESSED IS THE NATION
WHOSE GOD IS THE LORD

~Psalms 33:12

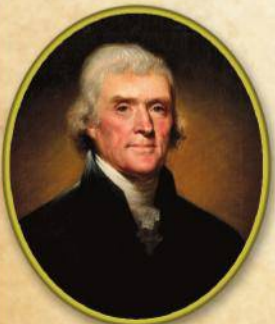
PASTORAL REGION ONE

United in Faith, Hope and Service to the Community



*Whereas it is the duty
of all nations to
acknowledge the
providence of
Almighty God,
to obey His will,
to be grateful
for His benefits...*

~GEORGE WASHINGTON



*Can the liberties of
a nation be secure
when we have
removed the
conviction that
these liberties are
the gift of God?*

~THOMAS JEFFERSON

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Welcome! Bienvenidos a todos!

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GENERAL INFORMATION

St. Benedict the Moor Catholic School
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Daily Mass Schedule:

Fri., - 8 AM (SM);
1st/3rd Wed. 1 PM @ The Glen;

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Sat. 4:30 PM @ SM & SB
Sun. 8:15AM@ SA; 9:45 AM @ SM; 11 AM @ SB;
1:15 PM Mass in Spanish @ SM

Holy Day Mass Schedules: (as announced)

Confessions: by appointment (call the Offices), or
Sat., 3:45-4 PM @ SB;
Sat. 3:45-4 PM @ SM;

New Parishioners call: 256-5633, or 268- 6697

Sacrament of the Sick/Hospital/Home Visits:
Call the Offices

Prayer Chains: 937-256-5633

Weddings: Call the offices at least 6 mo. In ahead

Baptisms: 937-256-5633 or 937-268-6697

RCIA/RCIC: Call St. Benedict 268-6697

St. Vincent de Paul:

St. Mary Food Pantry - 427 Steele Ave
(Covers a portion of 45403 & 45410)
- open Tues & Thurs 9-11:30 am - 256-5528

St. Benedict Food Pantry: 915 Edwin C. Moses Blvd
Open on 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of month
Covers: 45417, 45427 8-11:30 am
Other SM emergency needs: 256-5633
SB Emergency needs: 268- 6697

Pastor's Corner

STATEMENT ON MARRIAGE

In the Pastor corner this week I will like to share with you the Statement issued by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops on June 26, 2015 regarding the Supreme Court decision on marriage. It reads as follows:

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Supreme Court decision, June 26, interpreting the U.S. Constitution to require all states to license and recognize same-sex “marriage” “is a tragedy that harms the common good and most vulnerable among us,” said Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Kentucky, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). The full statement follows

Regardless of what a narrow majority of the Supreme Court may declare at this moment in history, the nature of the human person and marriage remains unchanged and unchangeable. Just as *Roe v. Wade* did not settle the question of abortion over forty years ago, *Obergefell v. Hodges* does not settle the question of marriage today. Neither decision is rooted in the truth, nor as a result, will both eventually fail. Today the Court is wrong again. It is profoundly immoral and unjust for the government to declare that two people of the same sex can constitute a marriage.

The unique meaning of marriage as the union of one man and one woman is inscribed in our bodies as male and female. The protection of this meaning is a critical dimension of the “integral ecology” that Pope Francis has called us to promote. Mandating marriage redefinition across the country is a tragic error that harms the common good and most vulnerable among us, especially children. The law has a duty to support every child’s basic right to be raised, where possible, by his or her married mother and father in a stable home.

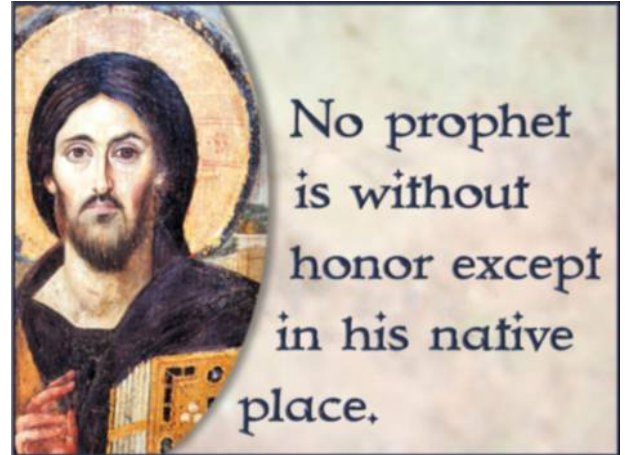
Jesus Christ, with great love, taught unambiguously that from the beginning marriage is the lifelong union of one man and one woman. As Catholic bishops, we follow our Lord and will continue to teach and to act according to this truth.

I encourage Catholics to move forward with faith, hope, and love: faith in the unchanging truth about marriage, rooted in the immutable nature of the human person and confirmed by divine revelation; hope that these truths will once again prevail in our society, not only by their logic, but by their great beauty and manifest service to the common good; and love for all our neighbors, even those who hate us or would punish us for our faith and moral convictions.

Lastly, I call upon all people of good will to join us in proclaiming the goodness, truth, and beauty of marriage as rightly understood for millennia, and I ask all position of

power and authority to respect the God-given freedom to seek, live by, and bear witness to the truth.

Keywords: U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, USCCB, Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, Supreme Court, religious freedom, marriage, same-sex, *Obergefell v. Hodges*, *Roe v. Wade*, Pope Francis, integral ecology, encyclical



REGION ONE LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

[SA] = St. Augustine [SB] = St. Benedict [SM] = St. Mary
Fri. July 10 8am [SM] SM Parishioners
Sat. July 11 4:30pm [SB] SB Parishioners
4:30pm [SM] Fred "Sonny" Spang
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun. July 5 8:15am [SA] Alma & Don Emrick, Sr.
9:45am [SM] Don Weimert, Mary Cash
11am [SB] SB Parishioners
1:15pm [SM] Spanish Mass

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS PASTORAL REGION ONE:

[SA] St. Augustine [SB] = St. Benedict; [SM] = St. Mary
Mon. 7/6 Fellowship of Work 7pm [SM]
Wed. 7/8 Bible Study 7pm [SB]
Holy Name mtg. 7pm [SM]

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS June 28, 2015

St. Mary Weekly Goal: \$4116.00
Weekly \$2119.50 envelopes used: 55
Peter's Pence: \$710 Building fund: \$10 SVDP: \$10
TOTAL: \$2849.50
YTD collection \$186,570.96 SHORTFALL (\$21,345.46)
END OF FISCAL YEAR

St. Benedict Weekly Goal \$5,200.00
June 27/28/ \$3136.55 (55 env) Maint. \$505.39

St. Augustine June 28: \$923 SVDP: \$262

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PRAY FOR OUR PARISH MILITARY MEMBERS



TSgt Timothy Scott Marcum, USAF; SSgt Justin Bentley, USAF; SrA Matthew Bauer, USAF; CPT Brian Hargis, US Army; SSG Lynn Jones, US Army; Saundra Ann Morrell, USN; Ronald Morrell Pruitt, US Army, Capt. Andrew J. Konicki, USMC.; SSgt Christopher DeWitt, USAF, Sgt Alex Zavakas, US Army, SSG Bill Himes US Army; PFC Michael V. Jackson, US Army, PVT Corey Taylor, US Army, Lt. Com. Ryan Jonathan Logan, USN, SGT Stephanie Lewis, US Army, PFC Solomon A. Smith, US Army, SrA Candice Smith, USAF, EOD3 Aaron R. Gorby, USN; Davion A. Redd, USCG, Pvt Jacob Deis, USMC, SSgt Jennifer Wagner, USAF, LCpl Jacob Deis, USMC.

PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED SICK of SB

In our prayers, let us remember those in need of the Lord's healing mercy, especially: Andrew Lewis, Jackie Bristow, Brenda Lewis, Mae Wilkerson, Kenneth Bronston, Zadie Buckner, Mary Helen Spanish, Ruby Hobbs, Chuck Dewitt, Valerie Smith, Phyllis Coley, Lora Singleton, Mark Wells, Gloria Patton, Jessie Campbell, Betty Jones, Pat Bell, Janis Lowery, Myrtle Truitt, Susie Roberts, Anna Brown, Richard Campbell. Bobbie Caldwell.

IN THE NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING FROM ST. BENEDICT AND ST. MARY PARISHES

Eddie Weaver	Mary Scott
Ralph Reid	Mary Scott
Mary Paschal	Livingston Care Center
Artie Oliver	Mercy Sienna
Vernon Saine	Maria Joseph

ST. BENEDICT LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

JULY 5TH – 14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reader, 2nd Reader, Petitions - Youth Group
Extraordinary Ministers – Juanita Newell, Mary Barker, Derek Arnold, Rose Williams(R); Robin Craft-Bell, Hazel Rountree, Janice Allen, Emmett Orr, Rita Ellicott (L); Call to Worship: Youth

JULY 12 – 15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reader, 2nd Reader, Petitions - Youth Group
Extraordinary Ministers – Juanita Newell, Mary Barker, Derek Arnold, Rose Williams(R); Robin Craft-Bell, Hazel Rountree, Janice Allen, Emmett Orr, Rita Ellicott (L). Call To Worship: Lois Woods

JULY 19 – 16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reader – Jerome Johnson; 2nd Reader – Christine Brown; Petitions – Rita Ellicott
Extraordinary Ministers – Juanita Newell, Mary Barker, Derek Arnold, Rose Williams(R); Robin Craft-Bell, Janice Allen, Emmett Orr, Susan Smith, Victor O'Basuyi (L). Call To Worship: Robin Bell

ST. AUGUSTINE MINISTRY SCHEDULE

July 12 **Lectors:** Sophie Delegato, Liz Miller
Eucharistic Ministers: Ken Stewart, Mary Hickle, Marie & Randy Klotz, Jim Adkins, Doug Hoog, Fran Delegato, Patrick Barnett
Ushers: Todd Kozarec, Michah Valenti, Mark Kozarec
Servers: Ansley & Max Kozarec, Tim Pheiffer

ST. MARY LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

July 11 - 4:30pm

[S] Patty Stevens
[L] Sr. Rose Margaret, Mary Ellen Oomens
[E] Joe & Bobbi Dues, Barb Wallbrown, Mike Snyder

July 12 - 9:45am

[S] Leo Campbell
[L] Robert Obach, Helen Saluke
[E] Steve Epps, Aida Perez, Helen Gorby, Becky Whitsett, Steve Arndts, Susan Brickner, Maria Taylor

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SHUT INS OF ST. AUGUSTINE.

Joe Szaruga, Kathy Schindler, Pat Shanefelt.
June Helmers and Fran Chroniak

TAKE TEN & CONNECT

**With God & With Others Your Faith & Daily Life
Spend 10 minutes reflecting on God's Word**

*Next Sunday's scripture: Amos 7: 12-15
Ephesians 1: 3-14; Mark 6:7-13*

Share a time when you were able to let go of the disappointment of your failures and get on with your life.

How did you feel when called away on an emergency and you had to leave without any of the usual necessities?

Relate a time in your life when your attitude shifted from "No way, I can't do it," to "I certainly can." What caused the shift?

REGION ONE YOUTH CAMP YOUTH CAMP

This year our camp will take place at Chautauqua Camp, the camp by the river in Miamisburg. The camp will begin on July 6 and end on July 10, 2015. The management at Pleasant Vineyard Ministries has joined that camp. Just like the past four years camp is designed specifically for Catholic Youth. This camp features all the fun filled adventures that include the zip line, climbing tower, swimming, bowling and many others. Evening Vespers will include a talk from Father Francis, Ms. Lois Woods and Ms. Camille Brown, all Youth Ministers from St. Benedict and Sr. Maria Stacy, from the Hispanic Ministry Office in Dayton. This will be the fifth year that this Camp will be taking place.

OUR 2015 REGIONAL PICNIC



This year's Region One Picnic (St. Benedict, St. Mary and St. Augustine Parishes) will take place at the Possum Creek Metro Park on Sunday, August 9. It will start with Regional Mass at 10am followed by the picnic. St. Augustine Parish will be our host for this year. Please mark your calendars and make it a point to attend!! **There will be NO MASS at our three churches on Sunday, Aug. 9.**



ST. MARY CLASS OF 2015

Congratulations to Caden and Carsten Deweese who completed Kindergarten at St. Anthony School. They are the grandchildren of St. Mary parishioners Alfred and Josephine Fischer. They plan to be everything from artists to veterinarians.

PRETZEL SALE AT ST. BENEDICT



St. Benedict SVDP will have a pretzel sale on Saturday, July 18 & Sunday July 19 after Mass. Please support the good works of the SVDP Conference at St. Benedict.

WILL YOU SHARE WHAT IS MOST PRECIOUS?

As part of the jubilee celebration of their 200th anniversary on August 15, 2015, the Missionaries of the Precious Blood are organizing another blood drive. Our next blood drive will take place on the Feast of the Precious Blood—**Wednesday, July 1st from 8AM – 5:45PM at the Community Blood Center** at 349 S. Main Street, Dayton, Ohio. Their friendly and professional staff will take good care of you—and enable you to take care of others. Appointments are encouraged. 1-800-388-4483. www.donortime.com.

ST. BENEDICT PARISH COUNCIL

The St. Benedict Parish Council will meet with Parish Ministry Chairpersons on Saturday, July 18th at 9:30am in the St. Benedict Multipurpose Room. The invitation is extended to the entire parish community as well, as we will be discussing follow-up from the Town Hall meetings and how to continue our journey in Faith. A continental breakfast will be served. See you there

CAN YOU HELP?

Elizabeth's New Life Center is in need of medical professionals to volunteer in our Women's Centers. If you are an M.D., D.O., LPN, RN, Nurse practitioner, Physician's Assistant or RDMS please consider giving a few hours of your time weekly, bi-weekly or monthly to work with the underserved women our community who may be at risk for abortion. Please email tmiller@elizabethnewlifecenter.org or call 937-226-7414 to talk about the possibilities!

THE FOODBANK, INC IS HIRING!

The Foodbank, Inc is hiring! Duties include daily pick-up and delivery of food and related goods, truck loading and unloading, and ability to lift 35 - 50 pounds repetitively. Clean driving record and valid Ohio Driver's License mandatory. Good customer service practices and warehouse experience a plus. Ability to pass drug screen and background check required. Starting pay will be \$11.00 hourly with full benefits after 90 days.

Anyone interested in applying can complete a job application by July 10, 2015 at The Foodbank at 56 Armor Place, Dayton OH 45417 from 9:00 am to 11:30 am and from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

Our EYES are fixed on
THE LORD,
pleading for his MERCY.

NO KID HUNGRY

Please help us in urging congress to support improvements to the summertime meals program. You can do so by clicking on the link below and signing the No Kid Hungry letter that will be sent to congress on your behalf. <https://secure.nokidhungry.org/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=273>

Thanks for all that you do to help feed our neighbors in need. Please remember that there are 125,700 men, women and children in Montgomery, Greene, and Preble County who do not know where their next meal is coming from.

DO YOU USE YOUR CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES?

Have you noticed that St. Mary has been reporting the number of contribution envelopes used? We decided to keep track and see what percentage of parishioners use the envelopes they receive.

We currently order 250 boxed sets of envelopes at St. Mary for a yearly cost of \$850. We order them early and even get a discount on the cost. That's a cost of approximately \$3.50 per box. Not a lot of money per set you say? Well, that would be true IF they all got used each week.

As you can this past week, only 55 envelopes were used. We are averaging about that number. So we pay \$850 so that 55 families can use envelopes (\$15.45 a set)? That's a bit pricier.

Every year we try to reduce the number of sets ordered. We remove folks who have moved or passed away. We also look at the number of folks who have not used their envelopes in YEARS. Some of these folks have moved and just not informed the offices. Others just never use their envelopes. We remove them from the recipients of sets, not remove them from the parish census.

A number of those who never use their envelopes and were removed from the list of those to get them, complain that they can't find their envelopes. Did you use them at all last year? The year before? Is there a pattern here?

Many folks just drop their donations into the basket without envelopes. This makes it difficult if not impossible to give you "credit" for your donations and come tax time, we have no way to correctly let you know what your contributions to the church were.

So, what is the point of this message? **PLEASE USE YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTION ENVELOPES.**

ST. BENEDICT SVDP REPORT

The St. Benedict SVDP has been busy the 1st half of 2015. We have helped 125 families with utilities. We provided 4 families with furniture vouchers. As we all know, everything is getting more and more expensive. So, please keep us in your prayers and remember to use your St. Vincent DePaul envelopes with the time comes. We appreciate all of your help as we try to help the less fortunate in our community.

HOW DID FIREWORKS BECOME AMERICA'S FOURTH OF JULY PASTIME?

For as long as Americans can remember, the nation has celebrated the Fourth of July by staging grand fireworks shows in public squares and lighting smaller displays at home. Why do we commemorate Independence Day by setting off thousands of small explosions?

Because John Adams wanted us to. Before the Declaration of Independence was even signed, he envisioned fireworks as a part of the festivities. In a letter to Abigail Adams on July 3, 1776, he wrote that the occasion should be commemorated "with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more."

The first commemorative Independence Day fireworks were set off on July 4, 1777. The Pennsylvania *Evening Post* wrote that in Philadelphia, "The evening was closed with the ring of bells, and at night there was a grand exhibition of fireworks (which began and concluded with thirteen rockets) on the Commons, and the city was beautifully illuminated." The paper noted that "Everything was conducted with the greatest order and decorum, and the face of joy and gladness was universal." That same year, fireworks also lit up the sky in Boston, where they were exhibited by Col. Thomas Crafts over the common. By 1783 a large variety of fireworks were available to the public. In 1784 one merchant offered a range of pyrotechnics that included "rockets, serpents, wheels, table rockets, cherry trees, fountains, and sun flowers."

While some historians have suggested that India first invented fireworks, modern fireworks seem to have come to the West by way of China. Most early fireworks were simply repurposed military munitions, fired for entertainment rather than to frighten or kill the enemy. In the 12th century, the Chinese improved the burning fire arrow (a long-established weapon) by affixing small packs of gunpowder to it. From there it was not long before they invented rockets, simply stuffing a container with gunpowder and leaving a hole in one end for propulsion. These "ground-rats" or "fire-rats," as they were called, were wildly unpredictable, however, and while this made them less effective, it did contribute to their entertainment value. These rockets made their palace hall debut when Emperor Li Tsung brought them before the empress Kung Sheng, but when one scurried up to her, she gathered up her skirts and brought the feast to a halt. During the Renaissance, fireworks became popular in Europe and were used in nationalist and imperialist celebrations by figures like Peter the Great and Louis XIV, who were especially big fans of the pyrotechnics.

Tradition alone, of course, does not explain the popularity of fireworks here and abroad. As with many festive decorations, including streamers, confetti, festival lights, and balloons, people often appreciate them simply for their bright colors. Others may appreciate the technical ingenuity and the choreography that goes into the show. And others just like dramatic loud noises, the sense of destruction, and the thrill of danger. Over time, fireworks shows can bring back memories of other festive occasions and warm summer nights.

