

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, July 25
 5:00 p.m. George Priselac by Ruth Braidic
Sunday, July 26
 9:00 a.m. Bishop George Murry by St. Ann Church
Tuesday, July 28 Mass at St. Ann
 9:00 a.m. Special intentions for Better Health
Saturday, August 1st
 5:00 p.m. Sr. Gerald Vietmeier O.P. by Shivers Children
Sunday, August 2nd
 9:00 a.m. John P Ashton by St. Ann

Liturgical Ministers' Schedule: August 2nd, 2020

Mass	Lector	EM/Bread	EM/Cup	Servers
Saturday at 5:00 pm	Chrissy Dundon	Pinky Allen		
	Donna Miller			Allan Barlis
Sunday at 9:00 am	Jeri Close	James Foster		Jessica Sartor
	James Foster			

Parish Stewardship Weeks of July 19, 2020

Collection 7/19/20 Envelopes: 38
 Attendance: 105
 Sunday Offertory \$ 1655.50
 E-Offering \$ 624.00 Weekly Budget: \$ 3,050.00
 Women of Faith \$ 5.00
 Candles \$ 18.75
Total -- \$ 2303.25

Bulletin Sponsor of the Week
Thank You for Your Support
Dr. Bruce Jeffries – Optometrist
330-938-2647

Please remember our online giving during this time, signing up is simple! Just go to our church website www.stannchurchsebring.org and look for the button to donate online. If you are in need of help getting this set up please call Theresa at the office and she will help you.

Readings for this Sunday
 First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
 Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30
 Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52
Readings for next Sunday
 First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3
 Second Reading: Romans 8:35, 37-39
 Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

- Tuesday Morning Mass at 9:00 am
- Rosary on website
- Aug. 9th First Communion at 9:00 Mass
- Aug. 16th Parish Council Mtg. 10:15 AM

Attention Lectors, Ministers, and Servers. The new schedules are at the ramp entrance this weekend. Please pick yours up.

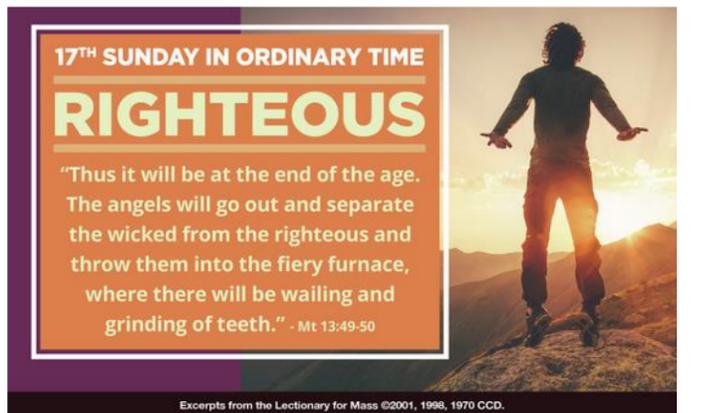
Birthdays
 July 29 Opal Boals, Robert Hively
 Aug. 1 Carol Keil, Tom Grier, Elizabeth Cackovic, Melanie Sartor, Sam Morrow

Lectors and Servers: We are in need of people to read and serve for Masses. Please call the office if you can help us out.

What Is God Asking of You?
 What are you willing to give for the sake of the kingdom of God? Often, we begin a discussion like this with a story or a few leading thoughts. However, if we are to be serious about who we claim to be as Christians, there should be no beating around the bush. The question is not only important for each of us and our relationship with our God, but it should be important for the relationship each of us has with the entire Body of Christ. Like any good team or family, I need you to have my back, and I need to have yours.

If one of us is going to lay it on the line and be all in for our faith, then we all need to be as well. If only all the Christians of the world felt the same way. In some parts of the world, Christians are still being martyred for their faith. Others must worship underground and avoid the government-led police. Then there are those who seem to take faith for granted, and because little is asked by their friends or parish, they give nothing. It is quite a contrast of situations.

On this day, it may seem like little is being asked of you and I by God. Is that because we aren't being asked or because we aren't listening? If you are counting on me and I am on you, we should figure this out sooner than later. Of course, I suspect we actually do know the answer, don't we? — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI



Hometown URGENT CARE & Occupational Health

Hometown is here to help with quick and safe COVID-19 testing and other services. PCR test results are available within 48 hrs. The COVID-19 tests (PCR) are fully covered by all insurances. For patients without insurance, the CARES Act will cover the test and office visit. Antibody tests, which are recommended for asymptomatic patients, will require a co-payment or can opt to pay self-pay rate.

Alliance Hometown Urgent Care
 1939 W. State Street
 Alliance, OH 44601
 PH: 330-238-4455

Gospel Meditation: A single mother who has a child with special needs works two jobs and sacrifices much of her own pleasures in order to be available for her son. Being the best mother possible is important to her and brings her joy. We are willing to make great and often heroic sacrifices for those people and things that matter most to us. Unless there is something of obvious importance to us in our immediate path, we can easily approach life in a more haphazard and chaotic way. We jump from one thing to another, responding to whatever it is that is competing for our attention at that moment. When everything is important, nothing is important.

If we do not wear the right pair of glasses, we can get all too easily caught up in the superficial stuff and neglect paying attention to the things that really matter. The kingdom of God is like the pearl of great price that is worth selling everything for so that it can be obtained. Based on where I invest my time and energy each day, I really wonder whether I am serving God's kingdom or my own. Have you ever considered tracking how you spend your time? You may be surprised! We allow our agendas to set the clock of our lives. We forget that joy and a true sense of purpose are not going to be found in following that timepiece. Joy is the expression of the happiness that is discovered when living in the kingdom of God. When our agenda matches God, not only do we leap for joy but God leaps with delight as well. Our well-being is what matters most to God.

Can you imagine God delighting in you? It is easy to deaden our senses to the whole reality of God and the joy that living the Gospel can bring. The demands of secular life and the agendas competing for our attention can quickly do that. We can get tired and spiritually apathetic. But if we can see our way through all of the conflicting voices and hear the voice of God, we can rediscover our zeal and passion and redirect our efforts. When we begin to see as God sees, we can rise each day and notice what really needs our attention and embrace it with exuberance. Be careful, though. It may not be what we originally had on our list. Responding to it, however, will be worth putting everything else aside.
 ©LPI

Question: Why do Catholics light candles in church?

Answer: Candles have been part of the Church's worship from the earliest times. In the days before electricity, candles and oil lamps were the ways that people lighted buildings. Even today, we often still depend on candles during power outages, relying on their flickering flames to bring light into the dark.

Like our ancestors, we also light candles on special occasions. Think about a festive family meal or a romantic dinner for two — there will often be candles on the table, special objects for a special event. We light candles on birthday cakes and carry them in processions. We also place candles at makeshift memorials that appear when there has been an accident or act of violence. In these moments, their light casts aside a different kind of darkness — the darkness of grief, fear, and death.

The custom of the early Christians lighting candles and lamps at the tombs of the martyrs gave way to the practice of having candles at Mass, honoring the sacredness of the celebration.

As Christians decorated their worship spaces with statues and icons, they would burn candles in front of sacred images and the relics of the saints, basically "shining a light" on what they held to be sacred. When pilgrims would visit these shrines, they would often bring candles to light before the image or relic. These candles came to be a symbol of the person, and their prayer and the burning these candles came to be understood as an extension and continuation of the prayer that was offered. What began as a practical way to provide light has come to be a symbol of the hopes, desires, loves, losses, fears, and faith of everyday Christians offering their prayers to God and his saints.
 ©LPI

