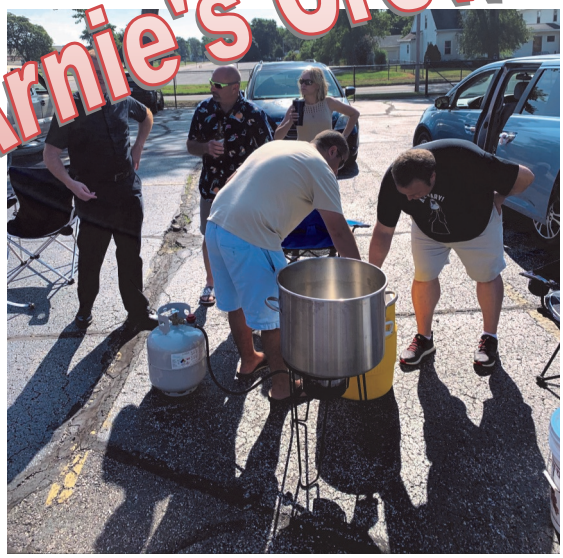
Last weekend, I joined Arnie's Crew and began the process of brewing my first batch of beer. It was a wonderful time for fellowship as we crafted various creations. I say "creations" in part because the blessing of beer that we used from The Roman Ritual Volume III: The Blessings, was located in the chapter titled "Blessings of Other Irrational Creatures". Hopefully, the process continues to go well and each of the beers will be enjoyed by parishioners at our next social event, which may be a trivia night in October. I am grateful to Deacon Stephen and others who organized this event and got it started. We plan to have another one in a few months so join us—even if you just want to come learn about brewing like I did this time. There was excitement as we discussed this becoming an outreach ministry to the larger community and an opportunity for increased fellowship within our own parish.

Four weeks from now a Christ Renews His Parish Welcome Weekend is coming to our parish. Many people have been working to put this together so that those who participate have an amazing experience. This includes several parishioners from St. Pius X and some of our own who previously attended a weekend at St. Vincent de Paul. This may be the time God is inviting you to spend with Him. It is free so sign-up and let God reveal to you His love for you, His creation.

Fr. Jason

Arnie's Crew



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 11th, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00a.m. Rae Ann Lane by Carolyn Schmanske
10:30a.m. Summers & Shamory Families by Bob & Catherine Summers
6:00p.m. The Parish
Monday, August 12th, Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
7:00a.m. Father Len Banas from St. Thomas Parish
Tuesday, August 13th, Saints Pontian and Hippolytus
5:30p.m. Toni Minichillo by Mary Ann Osuch
Wednesday, August 14th, Memorial of Saint Maximilian Kolbe
6:30p.m. Rae Ann Lane by Larry & Mary Therese Daher
Thursday, August 15th, Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:00a.m. Bob Summers by Bob & Stevie Giel
8:15a.m. Bella Torres by Ronica
12:05p.m. The Parish
Friday, August 16th, Saint Stephen of Hungary
8:15a.m. Dean H. Hopper by Rosanna Hopper
Saturday, August 17th, Weekday
8:00a.m. Special Intentions for Veronica & Diego Campos by their mother
Saturday, August 17th, Vigil, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30p.m. Louise Joubert by her brother & sister-in-law Frank and Maureen Lima
Sunday, August 18th, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00a.m. The Parish
10:30a.m. The 40th Anniversary of Jeff & Cindy Robertson
6:00p.m. William Jobin, Sr. by Theresa Jobin

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Readings for the Week of August 11th, 2019

Sunday	Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or Heb 11:1-2, 8-12; Lk 12:32-48 or Lk 12:35-40
Monday	Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday	Dt 31:1-8; Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday	Dt 34:1-12; Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20 Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28
Thursday	Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1Cor 15:20-27;Lk 1:39-56
Friday	Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday	Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15
Sunday	Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK
Welch Packaging Group

UPCOMING EVENTS
Mark Your Calendars

Monday, August 12th
8:05a.m. First Day of School
Wednesday, August 14th
No Morning Mass
6:30p.m. Vigil Mass for the Holy Day
Thursday, August 15th—HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
7:00a.m. Mass
8:15a.m. All School Mass
12:05p.m. Mass
Saturday, August 17th
9:00a.m. Confessions
9:00a.m. to Noon SHRED IT EVENT! - Church Parking Lot

RCIA ...a journey in faith
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? Have you considered joining the Catholic Church? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, RCIA, begins August 20th. We are also looking for sponsors and hosts (helping with food). If you are interested in participating, in sponsoring or in hosting, please contact Theresa Hock at 574-848-4127

Now HIRING

Saint Joseph High School has an opening for a part time pastoral minister; a Bachelor's degree is required. If you or someone you know is interested, please have them call Ginny Weaver at 574-233-6137 or email her at gweaver@saintjoehigh.com. More information may be found at their wesite: www.saintjoehigh.com under the About Us / Employment link.

Be part of

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH!

Women's weekend: September 7th and 8th
Men's weekend: September 21st and 22nd

This overnight retreat is designed to help participants have an encounter with Jesus, develop a personal prayer life, and discover the genius of Catholicism. Sign up online or in the gathering space.

KIDCARE INTERNATIONAL
"Making a difference in the life of a child."

Kidcare International is in need of your gently used clothing for their clothing sale to raise funds for their schools in Africa. They will be accepting clothing until August 12th (nothing accepted late). Donations can be dropped off at St. Mary's in Bristol or contact Kay Gonsoski at 264-1054.

Set up for the sale: August 19th, 20th, and 21st from 10am until 5pm. Help will be needed to size clothes and place clothes on tables. This is a job for anyone, even if you can only sit down….they need you.
The sale dates: Thursday, August 22nd from 9am until 5pm, Friday August 23rd, 9am until 5pm and Saturday August 24th from 9am until 1pm. Help is needed those days too.

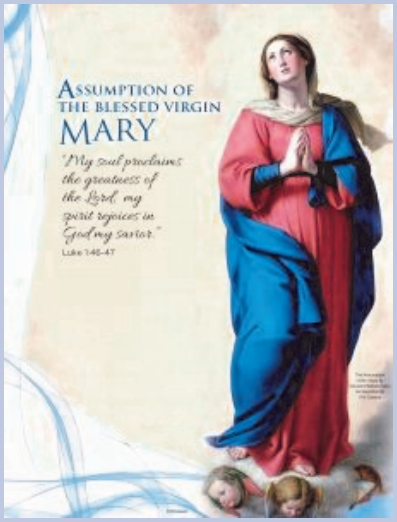
Please consider donating, helping and/or shopping this important fundraiser!
Questions, contact Kay at 264-1054.

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

for Thursday, August 15th,
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Vigil Mass:
Wednesday,
August 14th,
6:30pm

Thursday,
August 15th,
7:00a.m.
8:15a.m.
12:05p.m.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY—**Be a Sponsor**
Join the Monthly Pledge Program

Be a Sponsor: Pledge to our "Chicken in Every Pot" project. Help us continue to offer Chicken with your monthly pledge dedicated to providing chicken for our neighbors.

Be a Sponsor: Pledge to our summer "FRESH PRODUCE" project. We provide garden fresh, locally grown tomatoes, squash, lettuce, green beans, and a host of other seasonal garden items. Your monthly pledge dedicated to providing fresh garden products will be greatly appreciated by our neighbors served in our pantry.

Just write on the memo line of your check which project you wish to support or write on the preprinted Society envelopes located in the gathering space and drop your donation in the Sunday Mass collection basket or mail it to the St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry, 1108 South Main Street, Elkhart, IN 46516. Your participation in these projects is appreciated.

Religious Education Registration
Open House
Sunday August 25th from
9:00a.m. - Noon

Please come to the St. Thomas School commons to register and get your family packet for the 2019-2020 Religious Education classes.

The Religious Education Program is in need of several Catechists for this year's program. Please contact Tami DeLucenay for more information. 574-264-0491/ tdelucenay@stselkhart.com

This past Saturday, the first Saturday of the Month, our Life Chain received overwhelming support for life from those passing by. Be sure to join us next month as we work to promote a culture of life in America!!

Rosary Makers

Rosary Makers will be meeting Wednesday Aug. 21 in Elliott Hall from 10-11:30 a.m. All are welcome to come and count beads or assemble Rosaries.

Nurses Of Faith

Shingles. About 1 out of every 3 people in the United States will develop shingles during their lifetime. If you've had chickenpox, you are at risk for shingles. More than 99% of Americans born before 1980 have had chickenpox, even if they don't remember it. Your risk of getting shingles and having serious complications increase as you get older. About 1 in 10 people who get shingles develop nerve pain that lasts for months or years after the rash goes away. This is called postherpetic neuralgia and is the most common complication of shingles. Shingles may lead to other serious complications involving the eye, including blindness. Very rarely, it can also lead to pneumonia, hearing problems, brain inflammation (encephalitis) or death. CDC recommends the Shingrix vaccine for healthy adults 50 and older. The vaccine reduces the risk of shingles by more than 90%. Source: CDC

EMAIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our parish will soon be utilizing an email notification system to occasionally contact parishioners about upcoming events or with important announcements. If you have previously submitted your email address to us, you will be added to this notification system. If you have never submitted your email to us but would like to receive notifications from us, please email the church office at office@stthomaselkhart.com. You will be able to opt out of emails at any point, but we hope this will be an effective means of communicating important news about our community!!

WE NEED USHERS!

HAVE YOU BEEN LOOKING FOR AN EASY WAY TO VOLUNTEER AT OUR PARISH? MAYBE YOU'D LIKE TO MEET OTHER PARISHIONERS? BEING AN USHER IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO. JUST COME TO YOUR NORMAL MASS A BIT EARLY, GREET OTHER PARISHIONERS, HELP AT COLLECTION TIME, AND PASS OUT BULLETINS AFTER MASS. WE ARE ESPECIALLY IN NEED AT THE 10:30AM MASS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 262-1505 OR OFFICE@STTHOMASELKHART.COM

Weekend Assignments

Saturday, August 17th & Sunday, August 18th

Mass Times	5:30p.m.	8:00a.m.	10:30a.m.	6:00 p.m.
Extraordinary Ministers Of Holy Communion	Terry Wedel* Brad Billings Ann Britzke Jan Cawley Janette Day Kathleen Dotlich Choir Member	Jenn Howard* Mike Howard Pete McCasland Jim McLane Bill Milroy Larry Scalise Steve Wenzel	Jim Smith* Leslie Smith Matt Snyder Rebecca Snyder Frank Vargo Barb Vargo Choir Member	Volunteers
Lectors	Deb Duchac Volunteer	Bob Giel Kay Gonsoski	Leslie Postle Dan Morrison	Jim Byron Volunteer
Sacristan	Jan Cawley	Larry Scalise	Rebecca Snyder	Carolyn Farrow
Servers	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
SCRIP Sales	No Scrip Sales	No Scrip Sales	No Scrip Sales	No Scrip Sales

August 11th: Peter Dotlich, Consuelo Espitia, Michael Lopez Hernandez, Terry Smith, Suzanne Wenzel
August 12th: Matthew Bueter, Anet Flores, Cecilia Hicks
August 13th: Samuel Spurgeon
August 14th: Barbara Bremigan, Christine Brewers, Chris Byrd, Angela Duchac de Gonzalez, Gavin Franger, Susan Gietzen, Aileen Hurd, Dianne Letherman, Nancy Rodman, Nicholas Seidl
August 15th: Rachel Granzotto, Izabel Melvin, Kimberly Phelps, Rick Roberts, Noah Wilsey
August 16th: Sophia Acierto, Lois Danielson, Adrienne Dolph, Alexander Eash, Kathryn Eash, Susan Granzotto, Conrad Kubasiak, Leslie Sauder
August 17th: Ron Sumrak, Ryan Whalen

Remember in your prayers those parishioners or their family or friends who are sick, in the hospital, nursing home, homebound or

Norma Royer
Sandy Richardson
Linda Hunt
Shelley Eppers
Cathy Lytell
Philip Wiskotoni
Lois Dusthiner
Jim Weitz
Charlie Sonneborn
Gezo Shapo
Kim Knopf
Monica Worthington
Rosa Santos
Katherine Pluas
Elizabeth Rose
Jerry Lockwood
Peg Covert
Lucille Izak
Rick Newman
Mary Pulley
Rocky Freehart
Matt Snyder
Ann Brigant
Max Rockrohr
Teresa Schultz
Pauline Williams

Stephen & Steve Spretnjak
Amanda Jasin-Foens
Muff Klose
Noreen Jankowski
Murray & Martha McKay
Bev Johnson
Phyllis Flamion
Andy Pringle
Karen Feltz
John Schultz
Mark Campbell
Jay Arthur
Jackie Schafer
Sharon Long
Matthew Marks
John DiPiro
Dan Mulheran
Sharon Edsall
Dorothy Feichtner
John Sadowey, Sr.
Camdon Pomson
Mary Ellen Shamory
Joseph Spirito

Please call the rectory to update: 262-1505

If you are home-bound temporarily or long term, you may call the rectory to arrange for Holy Communion to be brought to you.

August 11 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Food Pantry Collection 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month
Build an Inexhaustible Treasure in Heaven

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says, "Sell your belongings and give alms. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven that no thief can reach nor moth destroy. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." Hearing our Lord's command, we Vincentians believe that we get to possess this "treasure" not by possessing, but by giving away. We become rich, by not having but by focusing our hearts on God's kingdom. Dave Barringer, CEO of the National Council of the United States Society of St. Vincent de Paul, could not have explained our mission any better: "Charity as taught us by St. Vincent and St. Louise keeps us humble, honest and balanced in our lives. Systemic Change as described by Blessed Frederic and others helps us achieve increased justice for those we provide with such charity. Together they help those in need on their road to better lives, and ourselves on the road to Heaven."

As we serve the least of our brethren, may we invite you to get with us on what we pray will be our road to Heaven?