**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Sunday, August 24th**  
9:00 am  Sick & Needy of SJN Parish  
St. Vincent DePaul Society  
11:00 am  Joseph A. Krol

**Monday, August 25th**  
No Morning Mass

**Tuesday, August 26th**  
8:30 am  Bill Montague

**Wednesday, August 27th**  
No Morning Mass

**Thursday, August 28th**  
Irene Nemeckay

**Friday, August 29th**  
8:30 am  Living & Deceased Members of the Suchy & Christoff Families

**Saturday, August 30th**  
4:00 pm  St. John Nepomucene Parish

**Sunday, August 31st**  
9:00 am  Ludi & Ruth Vaccher  
11:00 am  Rose Davis & Rosalie Hejl

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**Sick Calls** – Please call the rectory to arrange for Father Jasany to bring the Sacraments when a member of your family is hospitalized.

**Weddings** – Parishioners are asked to call the rectory office at least 6 months in advance of the wedding to schedule an appointment with Father Jasany.

**Baptisms** – The 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at 12:00 pm. Parents are required to attend Pre-Baptism Class. Arrangements must be made a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the date of baptism. Before parents baptize their child, Diocesan and parish policy requires you to complete a Baptism Preparation Class. **The next class will be on Wednesday, September 10th at St. Stanislaus Parish at 7:00 PM.** Reservations are needed; please call 216-341-9091 for information or to make your reservation.

**Godparent and Sponsor Certificate** – Sponsors for Baptism or Confirmation must be registered and practicing members of the Church, attending weekly and Holy Day Masses for a minimum of 3 months prior to the celebration of the Sacraments for which they have requested the certificate. Please note individuals 18 years of age and older, no longer in school, need to register.

**Stewardship of Treasure**

Sunday, August 17th  
Assumption of Mary  
Praise the Roof  
Utilities

$2860.82  
1004.05  
159.00  
66.05

God bless you for your continued support and generosity to our parish.

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**Pre-Cana Program** for couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage at the Jesuit Retreat House- **September 7, 2014 at 12:45 pm.** This program satisfies the requirement for marriage preparation as stipulated by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. Register at 440-884-9300 or online at [www.jrhcleve@att.net](http://www.jrhcleve@att.net)
**Sunday, August 24th**  
Today is the Faith & Value Appeal for Catholic Education. Money raised through this Diocesan appeal is used for tuition assistance programs. Envelopes for this collection are in your monthly envelope packet.

**$1000 Raffle Drawing** after the 11 AM Mass in the school hall. Interested in purchasing tickets? Please stop in the hall after mass.

**St. Vincent DePaul Society Meeting after the 9 AM Mass.** The purpose of the meeting is for the Diocesan Membership Drive.

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**Tuesday, August 26**
Rosary at 8 AM before Mass

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**Wednesday, August 27**
Rosary Makers 10 AM – Noon  
Rectory
East 50th Street Block Club Meeting at  
6:30 PM - Rectory
Zumba  
7 PM

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**Thursday, August 28**
Rosary at 8 AM before Mass

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**Friday, August 29**
Rosary at 8 AM before Mass
**Friday Night @ the Movies – 6:30 PM** at the rectory. The movie will be “God’s not Dead” the story of a first year college student challenged to present his reason for believing in God.

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**Sunday, August 31**
The Slovak Festival at St. Anthony of Padua Hall, 6750 State Road in Parma.  
Music by Anthony Culkar Band and Frank Moravcik Band. Cultural Program - 3 PM.  
Homemade Slovak Food. Admission is $5.00. Children 12 & under free.

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Saint Paul reminds us in today’s second reading that the ultimate origin of everything is God. Since everything comes from God, we are God’s own. We can never put God in our debt. There is absolutely no negotiating with God. Every breath we take is a gift. Every good deed we perform is grace. Good stewards realize they are created and called to make the beauty, greatness, compassion and justice of God and his gifts known throughout the world. The stewardship question for us is whether we are willing to embrace this call, acknowledge our dependence on God and give our lives over to him completely for this purpose.

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May the sick and their caregivers, receive comfort and strength through our prayers, remembering especially John Balciar, Mary Ann Betliskey, Bill Connors, Nancy Cox, Corrine Dawe, Midge Denova, Jose Dybzinski, Kristin Hill, Frances Holecek, Cindi Magyar, Dorothy Mangan, Linda Rivera, Andrew Turowski and Virginia Turowski

May our Loved Ones who have died rest in eternal happiness in heaven, remembering especially Joseph Brick, whose funeral was last week.

For the safety of the Men and Women serving in the military, especially those from our parish and their families.

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Sanctuary Guild Volunteers for August 20th thru September 1st

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Kathy Bondzio & Patty Kowalec
Please remember these individuals, who have been called to the priesthood in your daily prayers:

- Sunday, August 24th – Bishop A. Edward Pevec
- Monday, August 25th – Anthony Gomez (St. Mary Seminary)
- Tuesday, August 26th – Andrew Gonzalez (St. Mary Seminary)
- Wed., August 27th – Francisco Honorato (St. Mary Seminary)
- Thursday, August 28th – Andrew Hoover (St. Mary Seminary)
- Friday, August 29th – Matthew Jordan (St. Mary Seminary)
- Sat., August 30th – Joseph Hyunsup Kim (St. Mary Seminary)
- Sunday, August 31st – Father Michael McCandless

Also, please remember the Sisters of St. Francis (Sylvania) (OSF)

**The 91st Annual St. Wenceslaus Day Celebration** will be held on Saturday, September 27th at our parish. The Feast of St. Wenceslaus is commemorated by Czech Catholics of Great Cleveland, who pay tribute to our Patron Saint and the King of Bohemia. The celebration will begin with Mass at 4 PM celebrated by the Most Reverend Bishop Roger Gries, OSB. Following the Mass, a traditional Czech dinner of pork, dumplings and sauerkraut will be served in our hall catered by Wal-Tams Catering. The Hronek Brass band will provide music. Dinner tickets are $15.00 per person, by ADVANCE RESERVATION ONLY. No take out orders are available. Please contact the rectory office at 216-641-8444 to purchase tickets for this event.

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**PSR REGISTRATION**

St. John Nepomucene Regional Parish School of Religion is accepting registration for any student in grades 1-8 for the 2014-2015 school year. We accept and serve children from Slavic Village and Southeast Cleveland parishes. So invite a friend, relative or neighbor to join us in learning more about our faith. Classes are held every Monday evening from 6:30 pm – 8 pm. Hurry, classes begin September 29, 2014! Please call Judy Lasecki at 216-641-8444, Ext. 29 for more details and to register.

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**A Message from Bishop Lennon**

As you may know for the past year and a half Bishop Lennon has been speaking at the Cathedral twice a month at 12:30 pm following the noontime mass. A good number of people have been faithfully attending.

Bishop Lennon will be speaking about Organization at the Vatican on Wednesday, September and Thursday, September 25th.

Bishop Lennon will be speaking about Evangelization and the Family on Wednesday, October 15th and Wednesday, October 29th.

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**Wedding Banms**

II Evelyn Barton
And Brett Lilley
Did you know that God actually understands us, accepts us, delights in us, and is eager to smile at us? This is something I think people don’t grasp as deeply as Jesus would like us to. Ronald Rolheiser, in his book, “Prayer: Our Deepest Longing”, recounts a dream he had of Jesus. He dreamed that he had to go to the airport to pick up Jesus, who was arriving on a flight. He was very nervous because he was not sure how he would recognize Jesus. What would he look like? How would he react to Ronald? What would they say to each other? So he stands watching passengers get off the plane and is afraid Jesus will be disappointed in him. But what happens is the exact opposite of what Ronald expected! Jesus walks toward him, smiling, beaming with delight, rushing toward him, eager to meet him! Ronald knows Jesus can see his faults and weaknesses, but none of that mattered! Jesus was eager to meet him!

In thinking upon this dream of his, I came to a couple of conclusions. First, we tend to live in fear of God. Some of it is bad theology or bad teaching, but mostly I think we fear God because we have never truly experienced the kind of unconditional love that God offers to us in our human lives.

Second, we believe God is disappointed in us; that we haven’t done enough and that when we do see Him, he will be frowning at us instead of smiling.

Finally, I think because of these things, we avoid God when we are most in need of his love and acceptance. We are so afraid that God will be disappointed in us that in times of need, we are afraid to go to Him with our need. We have all had people in our lives who are disappointed with us and even angry with us over some small thing. And we tend to put that image on God instead of the image that is given to us in 1 John 4:16, “God is love.”

The chapter goes on to say that “Perfect love casts out all fear.” We have nothing to fear in coming to our Lord or in seeking our Lord! He will never be disappointed in us! He loves us perfectly! Jesus wants us to seek Him out in ALL things, not just the “major” events of our lives! Jesus wants to be involved in every tiny detail of our lives for He is the Perfect Parent as well as being the perfect friend, sibling, neighbor, etc.! We have nothing to fear in coming to the Lord. He will never force us, but rather receives us with great love! My favorite verse in Paul’s letters comes from Romans, Chapter 8, verses 38-39. “For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Can I get an AMEN?

I still have 3 copies of “The Chronicles of Narnia”, the 7 stories bound as one, available in my office for $13.00.

See you soon! Karen

Readings for the Week of August 24th
Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/ Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Mk 6:17-29
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 25:14-30
Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/ Mt 16:21-27