

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 13, 2014



Dear parishioners,

The gospel this weekend is the parable of the seed. No doubt each of us has said about this parable, "I understand this one." But we can challenge ourselves and ask if we really understand it. If I do understand it, it will make a difference in my life. If it doesn't make a difference in my life, then I am one of those for whom the seed is lost—it has no roots, it dries up; it gets choked out by the cares of the day.

How often do we prepare for hearing the readings on Sunday by reading them ahead of time and reflecting on them—letting them take root in our hearts? How often are we touched by the readings of the day but don't do a thing to change how we live? We let the cares and busyness of the day keep us in the *status quo*.

St. Paul says to the Romans and to us, "creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God." God has given us the holy Scriptures so that we might come to know and draw near to God. Do I wait with eager expectation the seed of God's revelation? We will never deserve to have the infinite God reveal to us who God is nor to be loved by God as deeply as we are. All of this is God's gracious gift. Do I treasure it or do I "blow it off" because I don't have time for God?

The Christian life takes discipline and effort. It's a good day to ask myself what I'm doing.

Sister Carol

Congratulations to Veronica Ballard and Trevor Dodd on the baptism of their daughter Ellie Sue Dodd. We will do our best to be good example of discipleship for her.

Weekend Masses

Sat July 12	4:00 p.m.	For the parish
Sun July 13	10:00 a.m.	Janet Maenle Sharon Jolliff
Sat July 19	4:00 p.m.	Jim Alt
Sun July 20	10:00 a.m.	Teresa Rieman

Communion Services

Tue July 15	10:30 a.m.	Richland
Fri July 18	8:00 a.m.	St. Mary's

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$2,965.00	Loose	\$265.00
Children	\$ 21.85	Total	\$3,251.85

73 envelopes returned = 35

Thank You for your generosity!

Assignments for July 19 & 20, 2014

Money Counters: Deb Buck, Deb Goldenetz

4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Basil Meyer
Cantor: Steve McCullough
Ushers: John Parinello and Chuck Niese
Lector: Deb Garlock
E.M.: Diana Bucher, Jennifer Tschuor
Servers: Alyson and Abigail Kettels

10:00 a.m.

Greeter-East door: Steve Yarnell
Greeter-West door: Kelly Yarnell
Cantor: Steve McCullough
Ushers: Jerry and Jeanne Wehri
Lector 1: Judy Lester
Lector 2: Joe Herrmann
E.M.: Amy Marcum, Kim and Josh Garmatter,
Tricia Herrmann
Servers: Joel Siefker, Anthony Kiser

Readings for July 20, 2014
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1st Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
2nd Reading: Romans 8:26-27
Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:24-43

We extend our sympathy to Diana Braidic and her family at the death of her father. May he rest in peace.

On July 20th after coffee and donuts we will be **decorating for VBS**. Anyone who would like to help is welcome. See you there.

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We will have a simple farewell for Becky Meyer next Sunday, July 20—coffee and donuts after Mass so we can say thank you and good-bye.

Thank you On Maintenance Day lots of people pitched in to clean out our storage shed. **Thank you!** An extra **thank you** to Mel Heitmeyer for hauling away the scrap metal and to Kevin Vance for taking the old doors to ReStore.

Join Deacon Jerry Ziemkiewicz of St. Richard-Swanton on his "St. Pope John Paul II Poland Pilgrimage", Sept. 28 – Oct. 6, 2015. Seven nights in Kraków's City Center, with 5 Day-trips: St. Pope John Paul II "Catholic Tour", Jasna Gora Monastery and the Black Madonna, Auschwitz & Birkenau Concentration Camp and Museum, the legendary Wieliczka Salt Mine and Zakopane in the Tatra Mountains. Enjoy leisurely relaxing dinners in Kraków Old Town, not to mention the wonderful shops and much more! Want the flier/enrollment form or have questions? Contact Chris at cdougherty@pinnacletoexperience.com. or 419-345-2512. Space limited to **26 travelers**. **Deadline is Sept. 1, 2014.**

Thank you to those who volunteered to be Crew Leaders for Vacation Bible School. Please come to the Vacation Bible School meeting on Monday, July 14, at St. Mary's at 6:30 p.m.

We are still in need of volunteers to sign up the children the first night, Sunday, July 20th. There is a sign-up sheet on the shelf in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Krystal Giesige at (419) 308-3188 or Kelly Honse at 419-358-1475.

Weird Animals

**Bluffton Community
Vacation Bible School
Sun. -Thurs. July 20-24
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
St. Mary's Church**

FREE! Children ages 4 through Grade 5 are invited. Registration forms are in the main entrance. Return these by July 14 to be eligible for a prize.

Needed The public library has invited us to use their display case during the month of August. We would like to center the display around the beginnings of St. Mary's Parish. If you have any memorabilia of a 3-D nature that we could borrow for a month, we'd be grateful. Please call (419-358-8631), text (419-890-8050), or visit about it first. We can only use a limited amount of things.

"AT THE WELL" A Healing Retreat for Separated & Divorced Catholics featuring Rose Sweet will be at the Lial Renewal Center in Whitehouse, Ohio on August 22-24, 2014. Presenter, Rose Sweet, brings help, heart and even humor to the separated & divorced. She's a popular guest on Catholic radio and television, author, speaker and producer of the Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide DVD program. This weekend experience is a combination of workshop and retreat, with information/formation sessions, group sharing and activities, and quiet time for prayer and reflection. The focus is on getting to the root thinking of wounded emotions and returning into the embrace of Christ. To learn more and to register visit toledodiocese.org/page/marriage-and-family and click on "divorce" or contact Monica Martinez at mmartinez@toledodiocese.org or 419-244-6711 ext. 715.

English Lutheran Church has invited us to attend a showing of the film "God's Not Dead" at their church on Friday evening, July 18, at 7:30 p.m. Their intent is not to promote everything in the movie but rather to open discussion about the film. We and some of the other congregations in town are making a small contribution to English Lutheran to support their showing of the film. Please come. It'll be good summer exercise to do some critical thinking.

Save the date: EXCLAIM, a free Christian music festival, is on Sunday, July 27, 2014. This year's featured artists are Tenth Avenue North and for King & Country. The festival includes inflatables, family games, sports tournaments, concessions, and booths from area ministries and businesses. The festival will be at the Monsignor Schmit CYO Athletic Complex. Gates open at 1 p.m. and a closing Mass is at 7 p.m. Check it out on Facebook or www.exclaimtoledo.org.