

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 27, 2014



Dear parishioners,

This is a wonderful story of King Solomon that we each and all can take to heart. It hinges again on our image of God. Is God our dispenser who when we say the right prayer and enough prayers is supposed to give us what we want? Or is God a loving Father who has given us everything we have and who has our best interests at heart?

God tells Solomon to ask for whatever he wants. Solomon's first response is to say to God—You have already given me so much beyond my wildest dreams. But what I want is wisdom so I rule your people well.

God is so very pleased! Solomon didn't ask for anything for himself—not long life, not riches. And God does indeed give to Solomon what he asked. We remember Solomon these thousands of years later for his wisdom.

The gospel describes for us the value of the kingdom of God. Sell everything so you can buy a field with a treasure; sell everything so you can buy a fine pearl. The kingdom of God is like that treasure or that pearl. The kingdom of God is so valuable and precious that it should rank before all else.

Have we ever asked God to give us the grace to understand and treasure the kingdom? Try it. We just might get exactly what we want in abundance, and it could change our lives. We might learn to put priority on the kingdom. It might make of us real disciples who do God's work. It's a dangerous prayer so we need also to pray for courage to open our hearts to grace.

Sister Carol

Our congratulations to Audrey Klima and Jason Kleman who will be married at St. John's in Glandorf on Saturday. We wish you a long and blessed life together.

Weekend Masses

Sat July 26 4:00 p.m. Cassie Kiene
Sun July 27 10:00 a.m. Dorothy Herrmann
Imajeau Mathewson and Gene Badertscher
Sat Aug 2 4:00 p.m. Jim Alt
Sun Aug 3 10:00 a.m. For the parish

Communion Services

Tue July 29 10:30 a.m. Richland
First Friday
Fri Aug 1 8:00 a.m. St. Mary's

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults \$2,490.00 Loose \$623.35
Children \$ 25.93 Total \$3,139.28

81 envelopes returned = 39%
Thank You for your generosity!

Assignments for August 2 & 3, 2014

Money Counters: Angie Wenger, Janet Begg

4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Jan Emmert and Diana Sabater
Cantor: Becca Schlumbohm
Ushers: Dave and Mary Hoffer
Lector: Jim Kinn
E.M.: Jessica Wischmeyer, Brianna Atkins,
Mark Schumacher
Servers: Zane and Grace Myers

10:00 a.m.

Greeter-East door: Logan Welch
Greeter-West door: Aaron Welch
Cantor: Matt Meyer
Ushers: Trent and Colin Phillips
Lector 1: Mel Heitmeyer
Lector 2: Adam Basinger
E.M.: Wes Lovett, Lisa Welch, Rachel Welch,
Basil and Rosemary Meyer
Servers: Drew and Ken Lovett, Devin Meyer

Readings for August 3, 2014
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1st Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3
2nd Reading: Romans 8:35, 37-39
Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:13-21

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Enormous THANK YOU to Becky Meyer who for months has spear-headed the Vacation Bible School effort. **Thank you** to Kelly Honse, our new CRE, who stepped up to the plate in the last minute! **Thank you** to Laura Jones, Jenny Lovett, Charlie Miller, Laura Crisp, Daisy Meyer, Angie Wenger, Jessica Wischmeyer, Courtney McLaughlin, Pam Businger, Krystal Giesige, Paula McKibben, Cathy Couch who were here ahead of time to decorate and organize the registration and were here every night to lead the music, emcee, register, organize, coordinate...all the stuff related to making a great experience for so many children! **Thank you** to those who came to help out for a night or two—Deb Goldenetz, Anna Crisp, Beth Granger, Mary Kay Smallcombe and Julia Smallcombe, Tyler Begg, Doug and Kristy Schweingruber. You and your families all did wonderful work! **THANK YOU!**



The Red Cross blood drive will happen here at St. Mary's on Thursday, August 7, noon to 6 pm. Please plan to be a donor if you are able. We also need volunteers again to help with registration and

refreshments. The signup list is on the shelf in the main entrance. We'd very much appreciate your help.

Mark your calendar Friday, August 15, is a holy day of obligation. It is also our parish feast day. Mass will be celebrated on the vigil, Thursday, August 14, at 7:00 p.m. Afterwards we'll have a little "party" to celebrate the special day.

ALSO the kickoff for our 150th is Sunday, August 17. Be sure to plan to be here for that!

A Project Rachel Retreat for Hope & Healing after Abortion will be held Saturday, Sept. 27, 2014, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The retreat is designed to help women hurting from past abortions to experience the personal love of Christ and find hope for healing. The location is confidential within the Diocese of Toledo. The cost is \$20 and includes lunch. Scholarships are available. Pre-registration is required. For more information, please contact Tara Woodbury of Project Rachel at (419) 654-4886 or e-mail: projectrachel@toledodiocese.org.

A registration table for PREP & SNLY will be set-up for August 9th, at 3:30 p.m. (before Saturday's church service) and Sunday, August 10th immediately following Mass. The cost is \$20 per child unless your child is in 2nd, 7th or 8th grade. The cost for those grades will be \$30. Price deductions are available for those who wish to teach. Call Kelly Honse at the parish office (419-358-8631) if you are interested in helping.

The Basilica & National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, Carey, Ohio invites you to come and pray during the Novena of Our Lady, August 6-14 at 8 pm (Sunday 2:30 pm). Fr. Ken Davis, OFM Conv. will be the Novena preacher. Join us on this journey of faith, hope and healing. For more information call 419-396-7107 or look us up at olcshrine.com.

The St Anthony Parish Festival in Columbus Grove will be held on Saturday, August 2nd from 5:30 - 11 pm and Sunday, August 3rd from 11 am - 10 pm. Saturday's activities include BBQ Ribs & Chicken supper beginning at 5:30. The St Anthony 5K Race begins at 7 pm. Sunday's activities include duck races, rides, bingo, crafts, country raffle store, kid's games, bakery wheel, and garage sale - something for everyone! Beef & Chicken dinners will be served in the air conditioned church basement. Carry-outs are also available. A grand prize of \$20,000 towards the purchase of a new vehicle, or \$15,000 cash will be given away Sunday evening. Winner need not be present to win. Come join us for a fun weekend! Everyone is welcome!

"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.