

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 24, 2016



Dear parishioners,

I've been listening to some audio tapes about St. Francis' "Salutation to the Virtues." Francis names three sets of sisters: Wisdom with her little sister Simplicity, Poverty with her little sister Humility, and Charity with her little sister Obedience.

Francis says that real wisdom comes, not with showing off our wisdom, but with simplicity or sincerity. Poverty comes not with being proud of our poorness, but with the humility of God who gave up divinity out of love. Charity is about love and service. This "big" virtue comes with obedience which means to listen. Francis had a tremendous respect for all of creation and believed that true charity meant to listen to all of it. We are of loving service when we listen to and respond to the needs that are all around us.

This gave me reason to think about all of you who are volunteers. When you give service, you respond to the needs that you have heard all around you—whether it be the need to lead the music, or weed the flowerbeds, or shovel the snow, or give a little more to a special collection, or go to Booneville, or make supper for a new mom, or....

Francis actually heard a voice from the cross at San Damiano ask him to rebuild the church. We have to do a different kind of hearing

Thank you to all of you for your listening and responding hearts!

Sister Carol

## Weekend Masses

Sat Jan 23	4:00 p.m.	Libby Schmenk
Sun Jan 24	10:00 a.m.	Charley Shepler
Sat Jan 30	4:00 p.m.	For the parish
Sun Jan 31	10:00 a.m.	For the parish

## Communion Services

Tue Jan 26	10:30 a.m.	Richland
Fri Jan 29	8:00 a.m.	St. Mary's

## SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$2,849.00	Loose	\$706.00
Children	\$ 21.59	Total	\$3,576.59

83 envelopes returned = 40%

*Thank you for your generosity!*

*Thank you also to those who give electronically!!*

## Assignments for January 30 & 31, 2016

**Money Counters:** Angie Wenger and Jason Granger  
**4:00 p.m.**

**Greeter:** Peg Murphy

**Cantor:** Katie Hohenbrink

**Ushers:** Bob Minto and John Parinello

**Lector:** Laura Jones

**E.M.:** Jessica Wischmeyer, Basil Meyer and  
Rosemary Meyer

**Servers:** Derek Swartzlander and Abigail Kettels

## 10:00 a.m.

**Greeter-East door:** Judy Lester

**Greeter-West Door:** Basil Meyer

**Cantor:** Becca Schlumbohm

**Ushers:** Mike and Serena Maag

**Lectors:** Sr. Carol and Pat Lugibihl

**E.M.:** Jerry Wehri, Kim Garmatter, Dave Gerschutz,  
Travis Kahle and Basil Meyer

**Servers:** Drew and Ken Lovett, Jonathan Schriener

## **Readings for January 31, 2016**

### **Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading 1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13

Gospel Reading: Luke 4:21-30

**Remember to turn in your Community Market receipts for a 1% rebate through the Community Rewards program. The money received is used for the Religious Education programs here at St. Mary's.**

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**Lenten Small Groups--There's still time!** Sign-up sheets are out in the main entrance. Please be part of this learning, sharing, and prayer.

**Thank you** to the Pastoral Council for providing, preparing, and serving the lunch for the Eucharistic Day.

**Volunteer Appreciation Supper** is tonight, January 24, at 6 o'clock.

**Eucharistic adoration** There have been several requests that we have a nighttime Eucharistic adoration. We will begin this Thursday, January 28, 8-9 o'clock, in the church. It will be time for silent prayer and some songs of praise. You may want to bring your Bible or a prayer book.

## Food pantry collection

Next weekend, January 30-31, we will collect for the food pantry. You may bring the items they need, or you may contribute to the special collection. They are in special need of the following items:

- Lotions and creams
- Personal hygiene products (deodorant, shampoo, hair care items—No bath soaps or toothpaste are needed at this time.)
- Paper products (Kleenex, paper towels, toilet paper)
- Cereals
- Soups and crackers
- Spaghetti and spaghetti sauce
- Macaroni and cheese
- Spaghetios and similar canned foods
- Canned fruits
- Canned vegetables (No corn or green beans are needed at this time.)
- Canned meats
- Tuna
- Hamburger Helper and Tuna Helper

**Purchase a book of five Kewpee coupons** for only \$5.00, starting January 4, 2016. Buy a regular Kewpee hamburger and receive an additional hamburger and 16-ounce hot or cold beverage at no additional cost. Coupons are good through March 12, 2016. Mail \$5.00 check for each book desired to: Lima Central Catholic Business Office,

c/o Kewpee Coupons, 720 S. Cable Rd., Lima, Ohio, 45805.

## Trip to Rome and Assisi – Year of Mercy

The trip you gave me for my 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary was so very wonderful that I want others to have the opportunity, too! I will be leading a tour for Pinnacle Tours to Rome, the Vatican, Sorrento, and Assisi from October 3 to October 13, 2016. There are fliers on the shelf in the main entrance. The trip is limited to 20 on a first-come basis. Estimated cost is \$3950 with airfare, transportation, housing, and some meals included. I would love for those who can to join me!

*Sister Carol*

**6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ECUMENCIAL CHOIR FOR GOOD FRIDAY:** The Good Friday Ecumenical Choir, also known as *Adoramus*, is looking for members to sing a musical reflection on Good Friday, March 25, at 12:00 noon, in the Basilica of Our lady of Consolation. Rehearsals will be held in the choir loft of the Basilica on Sunday afternoons, beginning on February 14 at 1:00 p.m. Contact the Basilica's music director, Mr. Jack Gerding, [music@olcshrine.com](mailto:music@olcshrine.com) or 419-396-7107, if you have any questions and to reserve a musical score. Singers high school age and up are welcome to join.

# P.R.E.P

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** is during the 10 o'clock Mass.

**K-6:** No PREP class on Wednesday, January 27. However, there will be a Catechists Meal and In-Service Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

**Jr Hi** Next class is Sunday, February 7th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**God Squad** Next class is Sunday, February 7th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.