

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 13, 2016



Dear parishioners,

Do you believe this?

That's a very good question for each one of us! It's at the heart of how we live our lives. If we believe in Jesus—not just as the source of eternal life, but also as the sources of all good and all hope, it will direct our lives. We will not be taken in by the current culture. We will live by the commandments, by Jesus' teachings and Jesus' example. Even more we will commit ourselves to the growth of his Church by being true to it.

Our lives are far more driven by culture and media than we'd like to own up to. Following Jesus and being true to his Church is not meant to give us every delight and pleasure that the culture offers. Jesus calls us to fullness of life, a life beyond what easily means the eye. Following Jesus is often difficult and requires sacrifice. What it gives us is integrity and inner strength and purpose and meaning.

As we pray one last time for Tori and ourselves in the Rite of Scrutiny, let's pray for the courage to offer to God what it takes for us to be all that God wants us to be.

Sister Carol



Remember that next Sunday, March 20, is Palm Sunday. On Sunday our liturgy will begin in the social hall with the blessing of palms and with the procession with the palms.

Weekend Masses

Sat Mar 12 4:00 p.m. Jim Alt
Sun Mar 13 10:00 a.m. Janet Maenle
Tim, Steve, and Herman Kahle
Sat Mar 19 4:00 p.m. Ellen VonLehmden
Sun Mar 20 10:00 a.m. for a Christian outcome
of the presidential election

Communion Services

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

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$4,265.00	Loose	\$619.00
Children	\$44.33	Total	\$4,928.33

89 envelopes returned = 42%

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for March 19 & 20, 2016

Money Counters: Jason Granger and Janet Begg

4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Basil Meyer
Cantor: Steve McCullough
Ushers: John Parinello and Chuck Niese
Lector: Jim Kinn
E.M.: Diana Bucher and Jennifer Tschuor
Servers: Brayton and Addison Businger

10:00 a.m.

Greeter-East door: Kelly Yarnell
Greeter-West Door: Steve Yarnell
Cantor: Steve McCullough
Ushers: Jerry and Jeanne Wehri
Lectors: Judy Lester and Joe Herrmann
E.M.: Amy Marcum, Mark Zwiebel, Tricia Herrmann,
Hank Schroeder
Servers: Joel Siefker, Anthony Kiser, and
Makayla Schweingruber

Readings for March 13, 2016

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1st Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

2nd Reading: Romans 8:8-11

Gospel Reading: John 11:1-45

Remember to keep bringing in your Community Market receipts so we can turn them in for Reward dollars. We received a check this week for \$303.85. This money is used for Religious Ed programs here at St. Mary's.

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Lenten opportunities

Wednesday - Stations of the Cross at 6:30

Mass at 7:00

Thursday – Adoration from 8:00-9:00

Wednesdays, March 16 – confessions from 5:00 to 6:30 (7:00) and after Mass until all who wish have received the sacrament



Holy Week schedule:

Sunday, March 20 – Palm Sunday. The 10 o'clock Mass will begin in the social hall with the blessing of and the procession with the palms.

Tuesday, March 22 – Chrism Mass to bless the new oils at Rosary Cathedral

Wednesday, March 23 – Stations at 6:30
Tenebrae at 7:00

Thursday, March 24 – Holy Thursday – Mass at 7:00 p.m. followed by adoration in the chapel of repose until 11:00 p.m.

Friday, March 25 – Good Friday –
Cross Walk at 11:30 beginning at St. Mary's parking lot

Ecumenical service at noon at Bluffton Presbyterian
Our service at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 26 – Holy Saturday – Vigil service and baptism at 8:30 p.m. There will be NO 4:00 Mass that day!

Sunday, March 27 – Easter Sunday – Mass at 8:00 a.m. and 10 o'clock a.m.

Mennonite Memorial Home needs baked goods for its Easter bake sale from 9-12 on Saturday, March 19. Anything home-baked is acceptable, especially cinnamon rolls, cakes, cookies, pies, and breads. For more information, call Paula McKibben at [419-303-7054](tel:419-303-7054).

Attention Married Couples. Easter Sunday is like a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend because it's a weekend full of fresh love, rebirth, and new beginnings. All married couples deserve a richer, fuller life together! A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will help you enjoy life with a new closeness to each other and God. For more information or to apply for a weekend, contact Brian & Chris Schroeder at 419-538-7210 or bcschroeder@bright.net. The next weekend in the Toledo Diocese is April 1-3, 2016 in Perrysburg.

Please remember to sign up to help with the liturgical roles for the days of Holy Week and Easter Sunday.



The Carey Ecumenical Choir – *Adoramus*, will present their 6th annual Ecumenical Music Reflection at 12:00 Noon on Good Friday, March 25, in the Basilica of Our Lady of Consolation, 315 Clay Street in Carey. Adoramus is directed by the Basilica's Director of Music, Jack Gerding. This year's program, *The Lenten Sketches*, will bring you to the last hours of Christ's life through narration and music inspired by famous Christian Artwork. All are welcome to hear the music of this solemn day in the stunning acoustics of this historic Basilica.

Motorcycle Pilgrimage with Fr. Ron Brickner
June 6 – 10 - Visit 7 Basilicas and walk through their Jubilee Year doors for this Jubilee Year of Mercy. Basilicas include the newest basilica in the US at Marietta OH and the oldest cathedral in Bardstown KY. Also spend an afternoon enjoying the peace of Gethesemane KY and another at St. Meinrad IN. Ride with Catholics from around the diocese and enjoy the beautiful hills in southern Ohio and northern Kentucky. Celebrate Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours in beautiful settings. A great way to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy. For more information go to proatholicstours.com and search under Trips with your clergy.

P.R.E.P

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

K-6: Next class is Wednesday, March 16 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Mass will be at 7:00 p.m.

Jr. Hi & God Squad: Next class is Sunday, March 20th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be next Saturday, March 19th after Mass. All children are welcome!