

St. Mary's Catholic Church

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 24 2016

Dear parishioners,

A number of years ago a young woman from Appalachia moved into the parish where I worked. She was soon interested in becoming part of RCIA. To my absolute amazement she had never learned anything about Jesus. After a few classes she wanted to know what she could do to learn more about him, so I suggested she read the gospel of Mark. She got so captivated that she read two gospels from beginning to end. At class I asked her what she had learned from the gospels. With no hesitation whatever her answer was "God is so forgiving!"

She came to mind as I read the readings for today. We've heard about Jesus for so long that we take him for granted. Our eyes and our hearts are no longer open to the greatness of the message Jesus came to bring. We've allowed his message to lose its freshness for us.

Richard Rohr says the shadow side of our culture (the side we don't like looking at) is our attachment to achievement and success. We are very poor at admitting mistakes, failures, and weaknesses. We try to cover them over and hide them. That makes it hard for us to acknowledge our sins. We don't go to confession because we have deluded ourselves into thinking we don't have any sins to confess. I've often heard people say "I haven't killed anybody." We are blind to the fine points of character and don't admit our gossip or our uncaring or our meanness. In that way we miss one of the greatest of God's attributes-- "God is so forgiving!"

Sister Carol

Congratulations to Nick and Jenna Kimmel on the baptism of their son Declan Robert. Welcome to the family, Declan!

Weekend Masses

Sat July 23 4:00 p.m. Jim Alt
Sun July 24 10:00 a.m. Jim Badertscher
Sat July 30 4:00 p.m. Rita Agner
Sun July 31 10:00 a.m. Jerry Musser

Communion Services

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

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults \$2,581.00 Loose \$646.00
Children \$43.15 Total \$3,270.15
78 envelopes returned = 38%

*Thank you for your generosity!
Thank you also to those who give electronically!!*

Assignments for July 30 & 31, 2016

Money Counters: Barb Galvan and Janet Begg
4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Peg Murphy

Cantor: Sister Carol

Ushers: Bob Minto and John Parinello

Lector: Laura Jones

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

Servers: Derek Swartzlander and Abigail Kettels

10:00 a.m.

Greeter-East door: Basil Meyer

Greeter-West Door: Judy Lester

Cantor: Katie Hohenbrink

Ushers: Mike and Serena Maag

Lectors: Sister Carol and Pat Lugibihl

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

Servers: Drew and Ken Lovett, Jonathan Schriener

Readings for July 31, 2016 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:13-21

Ladies if you have brought food to the church for any recent funerals or events and have not picked up your dishes we would appreciate it if you could please check the cart in the narthex to see if anything belongs to you.

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Celebrate Your Parish!!

Plan to attend the Parish Picnic here at St. Mary's parking lot on Saturday, August 13, noon-3 p.m. Food, bounce houses, games. It's all free for you to celebrate our parish, our feast day, and your generosity!

Community Supper Don't forget that we are hosting the Community Supper on Thursday, August 4. We will need food and volunteers. Please sign up to help. Confirmation candidates, you might use this opportunity for your service hours!



The Community worship service is Sunday morning, July 31, at 9 o'clock, in the Presbyterian Church lawn. You may bring money or nonperishable food as your offering. The offering will be given to the local food pantry.

Year of Mercy—Clothe the naked Next Sunday, we will take up a collection for diapers and formula for Heartbeat as our outreach of mercy for July this Year of Mercy. You are also still welcome to bring packages of diapers as your contribution.

The EXCLAIM! Christian Music festival returns this summer for its seventh year next Sunday, July 31. Join us for music from Matt Hammitt, the former lead singer of Sanctus Real, with members of the University of Toledo Gospel Choir and members of the Toledo Symphony. Josh Wilson and Tori Harris will also be performing. This FREE event includes music on the main stage all day, along with kids' activities, inflatables, and plenty of room to run around! The day will end with Mass at 7 p.m. The event is located at 555 S. Holland Sylvania Rd in Toledo. Details at www.exclaimtoledo.org

Family Promise of Lima-Allen County is looking for a Part-time Van driver. See the notice on the bulletin board in the narthex if you are interested.

Mass for Peace and Healing We will again have a Mass for healing and peace on Wednesday evening, July 27, at 7 p.m. Please join us in our pleas to God for health for our loved ones and for an end to terrorism in our world.

St Anthony Parish Festival, Columbus Grove, will be hosting their annual parish festival on Saturday, August 6th from 5:30 - 11 p.m. and Sunday, August 7th from 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. Saturday's activities include BBQ ribs and chicken dinners beginning at 5:30. The St Anthony 5K Race kicks off at 7 p.m. Contact Hannah Warren at: 419-303-5476 for more info on the race. Hamburgers, fries, and refreshments will be available. Music will be provided by Truck Stop Manners Band from 7 - 10 p.m. Sunday's activities will include beef and chicken dinners: dine in from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., drive thru from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., carry out from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., and cafeteria style from 4-7 p.m. Sunday is the BIG day with a huge garage sale, BINGO, country store raffles, bakery wheel, duck races, big ticket drawings, kid's games, rides, putt-putt, and lots of food and other refreshments. The grand prize is \$20,000 towards the purchase of a new vehicle or \$15,000 CASH. Winner need not be present to win. Come join us! Everyone is welcome! For more info please call the parish office at: 419-659-2263.

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. James Sichko will be the Novena preacher. Join us on this journey of faith, hope and healing. For more information call 419-396-7107 or look at us at olcshrine.com.

P.R.E.P

Community Vacation Bible School

The annual Community VBS will be held at Emmanuel United Church of Christ on Phillips Road starting tonight, Sunday evening through Thursday evening July 24-28, from 6-8 each evening.