

St. Mary's Catholic Church

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 31 2016



Dear parishioners,

The theme of all the readings is to keep things in the right perspective. Don't put all your energy into worldly success and security. It is much, much more important to look to eternity, to work to tend our relationships with God and with each other, to treat others as God would have us do, to do those works that have value in God's eyes. We've heard and known these admonitions all our lives. Why is it so difficult to keep our eyes on the goal?

I believe our number one opponent in this effort is our culture. We are fed a line hundreds of times a day that what matters is how you look, what you wear, what kind of house you have, what kind of car you have.... People all around us make decisions, not out of concern for the common good, but out of concern for personal comfort or avoidance of personal loss.

What would our world be like if we "put to death" our constant condemnation of our leaders, our public servants, and our neighbor? What if we had an attitude of gratitude about their service and gave constructive criticism to them rather than about them? What would our world be like if we truly believed in Jesus? If we put aside our fear and suspicion and trusted in Jesus' victory over sin and evil? Would that make everything better by tomorrow? No. As Father John said in a homily: Jesus didn't take away sin and death. He overcame it. He gave it meaning. He gave us eternal purpose.

I know two things. I can do better at what I preach, and being the person I want the world to be will make a difference!

Sister Carol

Weekend Masses

Sat July 30	4:00 p.m.	Rita Agner
Sun July 31	10:00 a.m.	Jerry Musser
Sat Aug 6	4:00 p.m.	Nathan Sterrett
Sun Aug 7	10:00 a.m.	Betty Wieser

Communion Services

Tue Aug 2	10:30 a.m.	Richland
Fri Aug 5	8:00 a.m.	St. Mary's

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$3,280.00	Loose	\$566.00
Children	\$43.44	Total	\$3,889.44
72 envelopes returned = 35%			

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for August 6 & 7, 2016

Money Counters: Tonya Meyer and Angie Wenger

4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Peg Murphy

Cantor: Katie Hohenbrink

Ushers: Dave and Mary Hoffer

Lector: Deb Garlock

E.M.: Jerry Wehri, Brianna Atkins, Bob Minto

Servers: Zane and Grace Myers

10:00 a.m.

Greeter-East door: Logan Welch

Greeter-West Door: Rachel Welch

Cantor: Karen Phillips

Ushers: Trent/Todd and Colin Phillips

Lectors: Mel Heitmeyer and Laura Jones

E.M.: Wes Lovett, Lisa Welch, Logan Welch,

Megan Dulle, Rosemary Meyer

Servers: Drew and Ken Lovett, Olivia Smallcombe

Readings for August 7, 2016

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9

2nd Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:32-48

Don't forget to save your Community Markets receipts and turn them in so we can get Reward dollars for the Religious Education programs here at St. Mary's. We just received a check last week for \$345.36. Thanks for your help.

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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! If you want to help, please sign up. There is a sign-up sheet on the tripod in the narthex.

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 Beaverdam-Richland Volunteer Fire

Department is looking for volunteers to help with our annual summer festival on August 13th from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. We are in need of people to help serve food and help with clean-up. If you are interested or need community service hours please contact me Cody Bryer at [419-296-5449](tel:419-296-5449).

St Barbara Parish & Students from the Franciscan University of Steubenville will host a Divine Mercy Holy Hour on *Sunday, August 14th* from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. at St. Barbara Church (160 Main St. Cloverdale). Exposition/Talk on Prayer & the Sacred Heart/Private Prayer Time/ Chaplet of Divine Mercy/Benediction/Divine Praises. All are invited to join us as we ask for God's mercy during this Year of Mercy.

"Being present before the Blessed Sacrament nourishes social love and gives us opportunities for adoration and thanksgiving, for reparation and supplication." St. John Paul II

The Red Cross blood drive will take place at St. Mary's on Thursday, August 4, noon until 6 o'clock.



Volunteers are needed for registration and refreshments. Cookie bakers are also needed. The sign-up sheet is on the shelf in the main entrance. And, of course, donors are needed!

ATTENTION: 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. Any items not picked up will be taken to the Et Cetera Shop. Also, please check the **LOST AND FOUND items.** If something belongs to you please take it with you as we will be taking all lost and found items that have not been claimed to the Et Cetera Shop.

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

Classes resume in the fall.