

St. Mary's Catholic Church

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 14, 2016



Dear parishioners,

Speaking/Hearing the truth in a difficult situation is never an easy job. Somehow we think that if we oppose what we don't want to hear, it won't be true.

Jeremiah was a prophet chosen by God. The Israelites had turned to false gods and no longer followed God's direction. Jeremiah had the job of telling them that the Babylonians would overtake their city and take them captive if they didn't turn back to God. In response to Jeremiah's warning they threw him into a cistern of mud to try to kill him. Only the courage of one brave man saves his life.

In the gospel Jesus also tells us that following in his way will set us against people. Often we get caught up in the culture and resist being challenged. We want to be just like everybody around us. We don't want to stand out. Look at how many "good Catholics" in surveys say abortion, capital punishment or euthanasia are acceptable, how many young couples choose a "site wedding" or live together before marriage instead of doing what is right. See how many of the earth's resources are wasted and buried in a landfill simply because the kitchen or bathroom isn't stylish by culture's standards.

We also have been chosen by God to speak for and to live what is right and just. It takes courage to be different for God's sake—to do what God commands.

Sister Carol

Congratulations to Kris and Molly (Welch) Gillespie on the baptism of their son Tyler Jay! We pray we will be a support and example for him in his Christian journey.

Weekend Masses

Sat Aug 13	4:00 p.m.	Jim Badertscher
Sun Aug 14	10:00 a.m.	Janet Maenle
Sat Aug 20	4:00 p.m.	Jim Alt Mel Schroeder
Sun Aug 21	10:00 a.m.	Jerry Musser

Communion Services

Tue Aug 16	10:30 a.m.	Richland
Fri Aug 19	8:00 a.m.	St. Mary's

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$2,940.00	Loose	\$528.00
Children	\$26.38	Total	\$3,494.38

77 envelopes returned = 37%

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for August 20 & 21, 2016

Money Counters: Chad Wolford and Barb Galvan

4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Basil Meyer

Cantor: Sr. Carol

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: Steve Yarnell

Greeter-West Door: Kelly Yarnell

Cantor: Katie Hohenbrink

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 August 21, 2016

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Gospel Reading: Luke 13:22-30

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.

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Thank you to Lisa (and I'm sure Logan) Welch for all their work in coordinating the picnic. And **thank you** to all who helped in any way with the preparation, enactment, and clean-up!

Year of Mercy—Our focus for the month of August is “Visit the Sick.” Please make an effort to visit someone this month, to send a card, to prepare a meal, say a prayer. Times of illness are often times of loneliness. Reach out to spread some hope and joy!



Mass with Bishop Thomas
Just a reminder that Bishop Thomas will be at St. Mary's to offer Mass for rural life on Thursday, September 1, at 9 o'clock in

the morning. He will be presenting the Century Farm awards to those around the diocese whose families have been working the family farm for 100 years or more. Everyone is invited to join us. Bishop Thomas is especially eager to have children be present. Greg Denecker has graciously agreed to excuse Bluffton students if parents write a note asking for their child/children to be excused. If you are in the Pandora-Gilboa or Cory-Rawson school districts and need Sister Carol to make a phone call on your students' behalf, let her know.

Bishop Thomas will also be visiting Tom and Jan Schulte, Mike and Dawn Schulte at their farm. He and all the Rural Life Committee will be having lunch at the Schulte farm. I offered to Jan that we would help her with this. If you are willing to prepare a dish—salad, dessert, or side—please give Jan a call 419-384-3380.



15th Anniversary Prayer Service - A World Day of Prayer for Peace

The Father Ronald R. Warnimont Assembly 4th Degree of the Knights of Columbus (Ottawa, OH) is sponsoring a 15th Anniversary Prayer Service - A World Day of Prayer for Peace. This year we will be marking the 15th anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks on the United States. The prayer service will take place at Saints Peter and Paul Parish, Ottawa, at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, September 11, 2016.

Holy Day of Obligation Monday, August 15, is our parish feast day and normally a holy day of obligation. Because it falls on a Monday this year, the obligation has been lifted. There will be no holy day Mass at St. Mary's this year. Let's pray for Mary's continued intercession in our personal prayer.

The liturgical minister schedule for next year is on the shelf in the narthex. Be sure to pick yours up!

FREE OUTDOOR CHRISTIAN CONCERT--Sun., Sept. 4, 2016, at 7:00pm. On Sunday evening of Labor Day weekend, St. Michael's, Hicksville, is especially blessed to be hosting a Free Christian Outdoor Concert in the parking lot at 100 Antwerp Drive, Hicksville, with Catholic Music Artist **Michael James Mette** (rhymes with spaghetti). Michael tours the country with his wife and six kids. Just bring your lawn chairs and come enjoy some good family fun! A free will donation will be collected for the Mette Family. To listen to Michael's music, check on YouTube for his Bring Forth the Light Playlist

Toledo Diocesan Council of Catholic Women – Save The Date The TDCCW will host their annual conference on Saturday, September 24, at Saint Alphonsus Parish, Peru. Pre-conference dinner will be held on Friday, September 23 at the parish. The theme of the conference is “Be Merciful, As Your Father is Merciful” (Luke 6:36). Father Ron Cameron, CPM, Mission Director, Fathers of Mercy, will be the conference speaker. Pat Oedy-Murray will also present. All women of the Diocese of Toledo are invited. Registration details will be published in August.

You're invited to attend our next **Year of Mercy Celebration at the Basilica and Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation** – September 4, 2016 – the Noon Mass. Msgr. Michael Hohenbrink will be the Celebrant and Homilist. He is the Pastor of St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Findlay and Dean of the St. Francis Deanery. Please plan to join us and pass through the Holy Doors promising to live a life of Mercy. Confessions will be available at 11:00 AM that day. You are encouraged to receive the blessings and indulgences of this Holy Year.

P.R.E.P

Classes resume next month.