

St. Mary's Catholic Church

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 21, 2016



Dear parishioners,

“Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough.” – Jesus

It seems to me that bringing up a child in the faith is like having them brush their teeth. You don't ask them if they'd like to brush their teeth. You don't wait until they are eighteen and then let them decide for themselves if they want to brush their teeth. You start when they are small to teach them the need for good oral hygiene and to establish in them the habit of making time to brush.

Christianity is really for grown-ups. A child doesn't have the capacity for the commitment, sacrifice, and unselfishness that is required to live as Jesus did. We choose to make the sacrifices required to live by Jesus' values. Our faith will always bring us peace. It will not always bring us “feeling good.” Children need to see and experience this.

Jesus is telling us it won't be easy. We work to build up our spiritual strength by sharing in the Eucharistic banquet each week to be fed with God's Word and with Jesus himself. We work on our relationship with God by spending time in prayer and by reflecting on God's constant presence in our lives. In Scripture we look at how and why Jesus did what he did so that we can imitate him.

This is most important because we are told that the strongest influence of faith on a child is the faith of his/her parents. What we do speaks much more loudly than what we say. We need faith-filled, **STRONG** mothers and fathers to help real faith to grow in our children.

Sister Carol

Weekend Masses

Sat Aug 20	4:00 p.m.	Jim Alt Mel Schroeder
Sun Aug 21	10:00 a.m.	Jerry Musser
Sat Aug 27	4:00 p.m.	Jim Badertscher
Sun Aug 28	10:00 a.m.	Kevin Benedict

Communion Services

Tue Aug 23	10:30 a.m.	Richland
Fri Aug 26	8:00 a.m.	St. Mary's

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$2,500.00	Loose	\$580.25
Children	\$43.59	Total	\$3,123.84
65 envelopes returned = 31%			

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for August 27 & 28, 2016

Money Counters: Janet Begg and Tonya Meyer

4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Jeanne Parinello

Cantor: Dave Roby

Ushers: Hank and Carol Schroeder

Lector: Jenny Roby

E.M.: Bob Minto and Edna Conkling

Servers: Alyson Kettels and Kendal Giesige

10:00 a.m.

Greeter-East door: Deb Buck

Greeter-West Door:

Cantor: Steve McCullough

Ushers: Nick Marcum and Joseph Schriener

Lectors: Lisa Welch and Jan Schulte

E.M.: Michelle Risner, Betty Gerten, Tom Schulte,
Linda Kinn

Servers: Brayton Businger, Josh and Nathan Meyer

Readings for August 28, 2016

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1st Reading: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

Gospel Reading: Luke 14:1, 7-14

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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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. We have offered to help Jan with this. If you are willing to prepare a dish – salad, dessert, or side—please give Jan a call 419-384-3380.



The liturgical minister schedule for next year is ready. Please pick up a copy from the shelf in the entrance.

We are blessed! Our parish has again received a \$500 grant from the diocese to assist with our ministry to the Catholic students of Bluffton University.



Ann Heimann says "hello" to all of you. She is recuperating at Hilty Home.

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**

Supporting Louisiana Recovery Efforts

Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo joins people across the country praying for the Louisiana flood victims who perished and the tens of thousands now homeless from the devastating flash flooding from last weekend's deadly storms. If you'd like to support the disaster relief efforts Louisiana, your donation, dollar for dollar, will be passed on to our sister Catholic Charities agency. You can send your check, designated for "Louisiana Recovery," to Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo, 1933 Spielbusch Avenue, Toledo, OH 43604. Thank you and God bless!

Catholic Divorce Ministry A 12-week divorce & separated support group, Catholic Divorce Recovery, will be hosted by Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Ottawa. The Catholic Divorce Recovery program was created to help divorced or separated Catholics by offering support and healing through the wisdom and truth of the Catholic faith. Meetings will be held in the SPPS library on Tuesday evenings at 7PM beginning September 27. A registration fee of \$20 includes the cost of a workbook, materials, and refreshments. For more information or to register, call Jeanne Beutler at 419-615-2298.

Looking for a safe, healthy, and natural way to achieve or avoid pregnancy? A fertility awareness class series is starting on September 10th in Delphos, OH. For more information, contact Jeff and Bridget Bockey at [419-233-1600](tel:419-233-1600), delphosnfp@gmail.com or visit www.ccli.org to register! You can also contact Ryan and Jessica Rahrig from our parish who are also a certified NFP teaching couple. 419-303-1873.

P.R.E.P

Children's Liturgy of the Word will start class on Sunday, September 18, 2016 during the 10 o'clock Mass.

K-6: Class will start on Wednesday, September 14 at 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

God Squad and Jr. High Classes will start September 18th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.