

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Feast of the Ascension

May 28, 2017



Dear parishioners,

This has been an amazing time for the apostles—the time between Good Friday and Pentecost. They have lost their best friend and teacher. They have seen him alive again but very different. He's appeared to them on several occasions so that they know this is for real. He tells them to "Go make disciples of all nations." And now he's gone again! They lock themselves in the upper room to wait for the coming of the Spirit (whatever Jesus meant by that!) and to sort things out.

They have big decisions to make. Are they going to stick with this group and try to do what Jesus asked of them? How are they going to do what he asked? Do they believe enough in Jesus to give the time and energy and courage they will need to tell people about Jesus? Are they willing to be disciples? Will they be able to act the way Jesus told them to--reaching out to include others? forgiving? loving those on the margins? Taking time for prayer?

We are not so much different from the apostles. We have to believe in a risen Jesus whom we cannot see. We have the same command to make disciples of all nations. We too are called to follow in Jesus' way. This is not a simple decision. Our baptismal vow is like a wedding vow. It's a serious commitment that we need to renew every day. It's going to be costly sometimes.

This week of preparation for Pentecost would be a good time to try to walk in the apostles' shoes.

Sister Carol

Sunday, June 4, is Pentecost Sunday. Wear red!

Weekend Masses

Sat May 27	4:00 p.m.	Jerry Musser
Sun May 28	10:00 a.m.	For the parish
Sat June 3	4:00 p.m.	Jim Badertscher Richard & Angela Knott
Sun June 4	10:00 a.m.	Charley & Mim Shepler

Communion Services

Fri June 2	8:00 a.m.	St. Mary's
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SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$2,680.00	Loose	\$490.00
Children	\$74.81	Total	\$3,244.81

75 envelopes returned = 36%

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for June 3 & 4, 2017

Money Counters: Tanya Meyer and Deb Buck

4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Peg Murphy

Ushers: Dave and Mary Hoffer

Lector: Caitlin Couch

E.M.: Jessica Wischmeyer, Brianna Atkins,
Basil Meyer

Servers: Zane Myers, Grace Myers, and
Shylee Kaufman

Cantor: Katie Hohenbrink

10:00 a.m.

Greeter-East door: Logan Welch

Greeter-West Door: Lisa Welch

Cantor: Choir or Steve McCullough

Ushers: Todd and Colin Phillips

Lectors: Mel Heitmeyer and
Shannon Wannamacher

E.M.: Wes Lovett, Lisa Welch, Logan Welch,
Rachel Welch, Megan Dulle,

Servers: Drew and Ken Lovett, Jonathan Hoorman

Cantor: Karen Phillips

Readings for June 4, 2017

The Feast of Pentecost

1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-23

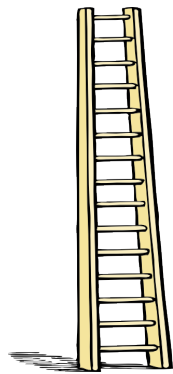
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Mission Trip

We will leave on Friday, June 9, and return on Sunday, June 11. Twelve of us can go. There is a sign-up sheet on the shelf in the main entrance. High school juniors and seniors, this is a heart-touching, heart-warming, though tough experience. Don't miss it if you don't have to. The food donation board is also in the main entrance. There are a few items left that we still need. Please help!



THANK YOU to those who helped with our Annual Maintenance ! Jerry and Jeanne Wehri, Dave and Mary Hoffer, Dave and Shirley Siefker, Joe and Diana Braidic, Lisa, Logan and Rachel Welch, Mel and Sherry Heitmeyer, Jeff and Deb (who worked Friday night because she couldn't come Saturday!) Goldenetz, Deb Buck, Jennifer Tschuor, Larry Hoffman, Amanda Woolley. Thank you to Beth

Yarger and Lauren Swartzlander for providing lunch. You are wonderful, and we think very highly of you!!!

New fans You may have noticed that the fans in church have been replaced. They will be running quietly now.



Summer Camps are being offered at the Franciscan Earth Literacy Center, located at 194 St. Francis Ave., Tiffin.

June 12-16 (*Grow It, Bake It,*

Eat It), June 19-23 (*Science Camp I*),

June 26-30 (*Pickles, Pie, Peace & Me*),

July 10-13 (*I Will Survive*),

July 24-28 (*Amazing Animals*),

July 31-Aug 4 (*Camp Dig, and*

Aug 7-10 (Extreme Game Camp)).

Our outdoor summer day camp programs are designed to be active, fun, and educational. Campers will be challenged, and excited by our hands-on activities, experiments, crafts and games. Through the generosity of the B.A. Seitz Fund and the Cliff Farmer Scholarship Fund, a limited number of scholarships are available for children who wish to attend a camp, but whose families are financially challenged. For more info, call us prior to registering for a summer camp. To register for a camp, visit www.felctiffin.org or call Sister Shirley at 419-448-7485.

The 3rd Annual Parish Picnic will be Sunday, August 13, immediately after the 10 o'clock Mass. There is no cost to you. There will be a picnic meal and then games for the kids and Bingo for the grown-ups or younger. Lisa Welch is getting a rough count so she knows the size of the tent and the number of bounce houses to order. If you are pretty certain that you will be coming, please sign up on the clipboards at church, call the office, or talk to Lisa. If you'd like to help, talk to Lisa about this too. It's going to be good! We'll be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the building of our present church.



Family Promise

It's time to get ready for the

Family Promise families. They will be arriving on Sunday, June 18. We need food for their breakfasts and lunches. The giving board is ready for you to take a tag or two. Bethany Barnhart and Nancy Benroth are our coordinators. If you want to help with a meal, stay overnight one night, or help entertain the families on Saturday please talk to Bethany or Nancy. They would be grateful for your help.

Catholic Charities Holds "Understanding Poverty" Workshop June 9

The Understanding Poverty Workshop will help you better identify poverty and improve your ability to effectively work with those struggling with poverty by:

1. Providing a Biblical understanding of Poverty and the effects it has on all people.
2. Helping you better understand the causes and influence of poverty from outside sources.
3. Teaching you how to systemically help people affected by poverty stabilize their lives.

To enroll, or for more information, contact Brian Rome by email: brome@toledodiocese.org or call (419) 214-4939 by June 1, 2017.

This might be especially helpful to those who are interested in Family Promise as their ministry.