

St. Mary's Catholic Church

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 12, 2017



Dear parishioners,

Next Sunday we begin again the journey of rites that welcomes a person into full membership in the Catholic Church. We will be celebrating the Rite of Welcome with Britny Zwiebel. She is already baptized so she is a candidate rather than a catechumen. At Easter she will make a profession of faith, will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation, and will make her First Communion.

I never cease to be humbled and amazed at God's work in the hearts of those who walk the RCIA journey. Every person's story is different. Everyone is inspired in a different way. Almost always the inspiration is a person who sets a compelling example or who was at home talking about faith or who cared enough to invite the catechumen/candidate into the Church.

Another common characteristic among the candidates is their openness to hear and follow their heart. I also admire them because stepping up to begin this journey takes some courage.

Becoming a member of the Church is not a solitary endeavor. A candidate becomes part of a community. He/She cannot do that alone. There has to be a community that is open to receive and welcome, to encourage, and to show the way.

Sunday's rite will not be a celebration for Britny alone. It will also be a celebration for each of us—for the grace of blessing us with another member in our faith family, for the call to reach out to and welcome Britny.

Let's give thanks to God for the goodness and grace shown to us.

Sister Carol

Weekend Masses

Sat Nov 11	4:00 p.m.	Janet Maenle
Sun Nov 12	10:00 a.m.	Gene Badertscher Imajean Mathewson
Sat Nov 18	4:00 p.m.	Ellen Von Lehmden Ed Murphy
Sun Nov 19	10:00 a.m.	Anna Schroeder

Communion Services

Fri Nov 17 8:00 a.m. St. Mary's

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$3,459.00	Loose	\$1,420.00
Children	\$29.10	Total	\$4,908.10

82 envelopes returned = 39%

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for Nov. 18 & 19, 2017

Money Counters: Barb Galvan and Janet Begg

4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Jeanne Parinello

Cantor: Katie Hohenbrink

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 and Kelly Yarnell

Greeter-West Door:

Cantor: Choir

Ushers: Greg and Gabe Denecker

Lectors: Chris Denecker and Joe Herrmann

E.M.: Amy Marcum, Mark Zwiebel,

Tricia Herrmann, Hank Schroeder

Servers: Luke Denecker, Issabella Stechschulte,
Kendal Giesige

Readings for November 19, 2017

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1st Reading: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:14-30

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Community Supper Come join the Community Supper at the Bluffton Senior Center on Thursday, November 16, at 6:00 p.m. A freewill offering is taken for the food pantry. BAMA pastors will lead the annual Thanksgiving prayer after the supper.



First Reconciliation Pray for our children who will be celebrating their First Reconciliation on Wednesday, November 15.

The celebration of National Vocations Awareness Week is a good reminder to continue to pray for an increase in vocations to the ordained ministry and consecrated life in the Diocese of Toledo. Jesus said: "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest" (Luke 10:2). We offer prayers this week that God will call many young people in our parishes to labor with the Lord in serving the Church.

There are envelopes in the pews marked "Make a Difference Today! Help our youth attend Catholic Youth Summer Camp. If you wish to make a contribution you may drop the envelope in the collection basket. If you write a check please make it out to St. Mary's and mark "Summer Camp" on the memo line.

Parents of students with special needs enrolled or will soon be enrolled in Catholic Schools within the Diocese of Toledo are invited to a presentation by the Ohio Department of Education, Thursday, November 16, 6-8 pm, St. Jerome Parish Hall, Walbridge. Sue Cosmo, Director of the Office of Nonpublic Educational Options, will answer your questions about state funding for students with IEP's attending Catholic schools under the Autism and Peterson Scholarship Programs. For more information contact Marsha Rivas, 419-214-4938, mrivas@tolediodocese.org.

Repurpose your shoes! The community is collecting gently worn, new or used shoes!!! BFR is collecting shoes thru December 1. We have a box here at church in the social hall that you may drop off your gently used or new shoes for repurposing. They will be given to people in our community who may need a good pair of shoes.

Thanksgiving Mass Our Thanksgiving Day Mass will be at 9:00 on Thanksgiving, November 23.

The Service Group of the Mennonite Home

Communities of Ohio will be holding its annual Thanksgiving Bake Sale on Friday, Nov. 17, in the lobby of the Mennonite Memorial Home from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The bake sale features a variety of home-baked goods like cinnamon rolls, cakes, pies, noodles and breads.

Do you like to bake? Please prepare something to add to the bake sale and drop it off at Mennonite Memorial Home on Friday morning or call Paula McKibben at 419-303-7054 to pick it up. Monetary donations are also acceptable.

While we can use volunteers at any time, we have two current needs at the Lima Habitat for Humanity ReStore:

1. Once a month continuing commitment for 2-4 hours: This would involve 4-6 people organizing and tidying up the showroom floor.
2. One time commitment for 2-4 hours: This would involve any number of people or even a Sunday school class to organize and clean the back storage room.

Contact Mark Suderman, Volunteer Coordinator at mark@habitatlima.org or 419-230-5368.

P.R.E.P

We are still in need of an aide for third grade. Speak to Kelly if you are willing to help.

Children's Liturgy of the Word is during the 10 o'clock Mass.

K-6: Next class is on Wednesday, November 15th, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Also, there will be First Reconciliation for second grade.

Jr. High and God Squad: Next class is Sunday, November 19th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There will be Virtus Safety training.