

St. Mary's Catholic Church

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 4, 2018



PRAYER



FASTING



ALMSGIVING

Dear parishioners,

Lent is just around the corner. Ash Wednesday is February 14. We do best if we do some planning for this holy season, so I am inviting you to consider some options as you make your plan.

The Church, as you well know, encourages prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. All of them are for the purpose of bringing us closer to Christ Jesus. They help us to let go of our egos and focus on our life with God.

The Pastoral Council wants especially to encourage almsgiving this Lent. This practice has historically been done in atonement for sin. We do good and help others to make up for the harm that we have done by our self-centeredness.

The Council will provide for you opportunities that you can use as your primary or secondary almsgiving. We regularly receive from Family Promise, from Heartbeat, and from the Bluffton food pantry lists of needs. We will bring out our giving board and post the things needed. You are welcome to take the tags and bring your alms to the social hall for us to deliver. We will also post some envelopes with opportunities for monetary donations to various charities. You are welcome to place these in the collection. The envelopes will be appropriately labeled.

Prepare your hearts!

Sister Carol

We extend our sympathy to Sarah Schulte and her family at the death of her sister Karen. Karen and her family frequently joined us at Mass here at St. Mary's. May she rest in peace.

Weekend Masses

Sat Feb 3	4:00 p.m.	Cassie Kiene
Sun Feb 4	10:00 a.m.	For the parish
Sat Feb 10	4:00 p.m.	Richard and Angela Knott
Sun Feb 11	10:00 a.m.	Jan Schulte

Communion Services

Fri Feb 9 8:00 a.m. St. Mary's

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$2,852.00	Loose	\$799.00
Children	\$168.20	Total	\$3,819.20

79 envelopes returned = 38%

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for Feb 10 & 11, 2018

Money Counters: Tonya Meyer and Deb Buck

4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Jan and Diana Emmert

Cantor: Jenny Roby

Ushers: Dave and Shirley Siefker

Lector: Jason Swartzlander

E.M.: Jerry Wehri, Jeanne Parinello,
Amanda Woolley

Servers: Derek Swartzlander and Shylee Kaufman

10:00 a.m.

Greeter-East door: Sherry Heitmeyer

Greeter-West Door: Mel Heitmeyer

Cantor: Kevin Vance

Ushers: Mike and Rhonda Maag

Lectors: Brian Miller and Matt Ellerbrock

E.M.: Julia Miller, Kaden Reneker,
Cathy Hermiller, Crystal Ellerbrock,
Candace Vance

Servers: Grace Yarnell, Josh and Nathan Meyer

Readings for February 11, 2018

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1st Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:40-45

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Don't forget! Next Sunday there will be rolls and coffee after the 10:00 o'clock Mass. Come get to know your fellow parishioners!



40 Days for Life Campaign Begins February 14

Catholic Charities is hosting the ecumenical 40 Days for Life campaign in Northwest Ohio from February 14 through March 25. You can participate in three ways: prayer and fasting, community outreach and peaceful vigil. We invite you to pray for an hour in front of Capital Care Network, the Toledo abortion clinic, located at 1160 W. Sylvania Avenue. Sign up at: www.40daysforlife.com/toledo.

We may not be able to go to Toledo but we can do prayer and fasting, and community outreach.

Since the international 40 Days for Life Campaign began in 2007, over 750,000 volunteers in over 40 nations have stood in prayerful witness at abortion clinics to witness to the dignity of human life. Through these prayerful campaigns, over 14,000 lives have been saved, 170 abortion workers have quit their positions, and 90 abortion facilities have shut down! To learn more, email Peter Range at prange@toledodiocese.org. Join the movement, and help us end abortion in Northwest Ohio!

"Entering Canaan" Day of Prayer & Healing Retreat for Men February 10, 2018

Suffering from a past abortion?
Begin your healing journey
Saturday, February 10, 2018

Experience God's hope and mercy!

Cost: \$25 (includes lunch); Scholarships available
Confidential pre-registration required
For more info & registration: Call: 419-260-5811
Email: Projectrachel@toledodiocese.org

Landeck St. John the Baptist Church On Sunday, February 18, we will be having our Second Annual Soup and Sandwich Meal Fundraiser from 3:30-7:00 pm. The meal includes Venedocia Lions sausage, homemade soups and homemade ice cream. Free Will Offering, all proceeds will go to our Capital Campaign. This will be held in Landeck at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Basement. We will also be selling Venedocia Lions sausage in 1 pound and 2 pound packages. Hope to see you there!

RCIA Retreat Pray for Britny, her sponsor Mark, and the RCIA Team as they participate in the RCIA Retreat next Sunday!

LENTEN GIVING As an opportunity of almsgiving this Lent, we are asking parishioners to donate items to the Family Promise Center. The center provides breakfast and lunch, showers and washing machines for the guests that are hosted at the churches. In the entrance of church will be a giving board. Please select a tag and donate generously. We will be adding more opportunities during the weeks of Lent. Thank you in advance for your kindness.
Nancy Benroth
Family Promise Coordinator at St. Mary's



4th Annual

Join us for an evening of Fun and Fellowship.

Adult Turn-up Euchre Tournament

Saturday, February 10th

6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

St. Mary's Bluffton, Social Hall

\$5/person entry fee. Sandwiches provided.
Please bring a snack to share. BYOB! Singles & Couples welcome. Round-Robin play – rotating partners. Prizes to be awarded to top 3. Please sign up on counter in main entrance.

P.R.E.P

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

K – 6: Class is Wednesday, February 7, 2018 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. There is no Mass tonight.

Jr. High and God Squad: Class is today, Sunday, February 4th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.