

St. Mary's Catholic Church

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 11, 2018



PRAYER



FASTING



ALMSGIVING

Dear parishioners,

In a few days it will be Ash Wednesday. We have the opportunity once again to search our hearts to know how we can, with greater integrity and authenticity, renew our baptismal commitment at Easter. As Britny prepares for the Easter sacraments, we share in her journey by purifying and strengthening our own commitment to follow Jesus.

As you know, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast. Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. We are encouraged to "make space" for God in our minds and hearts by prayer and fasting. We make atonement for our sins and selfishness by giving alms more deliberately. I trust by now you have chosen your path for Lent.

As always there are resources in both entrances for you to use for daily reflection. Please feel free to take these. Every Wednesday we will pray the Stations of the Cross and celebrate Mass. You have opportunities for the sacrament of Reconciliation each Saturday and Sunday and on March 7 and March 14.

Perhaps most of all in this time we need to slow our pace so that we can be more reflective and more prayerful. However you can do that, do that!

Blessed Lent!

Sister Carol

Weekend Masses

Sat Feb 10 4:00 p.m. Richard and Angela Knott
Sun Feb 11 10:00 a.m. Jan Schulte
Sat Feb 17 4:00 p.m. Jim Badertscher
Sun Feb 18 10:00 a.m. For the parish

Communion Services

Fri Feb 16 8:00 a.m. St. Mary's

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults \$3,172.00 Loose \$1,016.00
Children \$72.36 Total \$4,260.36
78 envelopes returned = 38%

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for Feb 17 & 18, 2018

Money Counters: Courtney Gerten, Janet Begg

4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Jeanne Parinello

Cantor: Dave Roby

Ushers: John Parinello and Chuck Niese

Lector: Jim Kinn

E.M.: Diana Bucher, Jennifer Tschuor

Servers: Brayton and Addison Businger

10:00 a.m.

Greeter-East door: Steve & 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 February 18, 2018

First Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:12-15

Don't forget to turn in your Community Market receipts. We receive 1% of the amount that we submit. This year the proceeds are going to the Summer Camp fund.

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

Next Sunday, February 18, at the 10:00 o'clock Mass we will celebrate the Rite of



Sending with Britny Zwiebel marking the final leg of her preparation for the Easter sacraments. For her, Lent is a time of "Purification and Enlightenment." On Sunday we give her again our affirmation and support and send her to meet with the bishop to receive her as a candidate for her entrance into the full membership in the Catholic Church. The latter rite "The Call to Continuing Conversion" will be celebrated at St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Findlay.

Lenten Schedule



Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14,

--noon, Communion service with distribution of ashes

--6:30, Stations of the Cross

--7:00 p.m., Mass with distribution of ashes and commissioning of Prayer Partners

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!

Sign-up sheets for the **Partners in Prayer** prayer chain are on the cabinet this weekend. If you would like to join our group to pray for the needs of others, please provide your name and email address. Anyone who would like to request prayer, please contact Rosemary Meyer, 358-0631, Pat Lugibihl, 358-0665 or Kathy Sehlhorst 419-230-0882 (call or text) or cksehlhorst@gmail.com

Countless lives are touched by every contribution to the **2018 Annual Catholic Appeal**. Children, seminary students, the sick and aged, the needy—they all depend on our generosity. Faith, hope and love come alive through the Annual Catholic Appeal, which in turn fosters the Holy Disciples, Holy Families and Holy Vocations. Thank you for pledging today to help meet our parish goal of \$11,000.00 and assure the continuation of these programs and services. For more information on ministries funded by the appeal visit: www.Toledodiocese.org/ACA.

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

P.R.E.P

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

K – 6: Class is Wednesday, February 14, 2018 from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. There will be Ash Wednesday Services.

Jr. High and God Squad: Next class is Sunday, February 18, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.