

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2014

Dear parishioners,

The letter to the graduates that was the bulletin letter last week was written by Pastor Kim Miller at First Methodist Church and published in the Bluffton News on behalf of the Bluffton Ministerium. It so well expressed what many of us might have in our hearts that I used it to extend the inspiration. The credit for this thoughtful piece goes to Pastor Kim, not to me.



I'm going to try again to make a complete list. I apologize to Grant, Pamela, and Sarah Vogel for overlooking them last week.

Congratulations, graduates!



Tyler Begg	Grant Risner
Pamela Fischbach	Sarah Schriener
Kyle Kahle	Chad Shepler
Josh Klima	Celeste Stauber
Sophia Marcum	William Theisen
Trent Phillips	Sarah Vogel

We are very proud of you!

But isn't this life! We are always making apologies and corrections. It's what we call the human condition. That is what Jesus shared with us while he was on earth—our limitation! His death and resurrection changed all that for him. He now is glorified and is no longer limited. He can be in all places with all people at all times. So he has longed to be with his Father, and he does not die and be buried again. He takes his glorified body to heaven by ascending right before the apostles eyes. Can you imagine being there!?

We were not left orphans. Jesus, knowing our human condition, promised to send us an Advocate to be with us for all time. That's what we pray for in the days between Ascension and Pentecost—for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Let's remember to do that.

Sister Carol

Thank you to all who came to the listening sessions. Your input was invaluable! **Thank you** to the Pastoral Council members for providing refreshments and for acting as our recorders. **Thank you** to Jessica Wischmeyer (and Scott) for providing such a lovely reception for our graduates. **Thank you** to Rhonda Maag for making the beautiful and delicious cakes. You all are wonderful!

Booneville, Kentucky



Our mission trip to Booneville is June 13-15. We will again be leaving on Friday afternoon, working all day Saturday and celebrating Mass and a potluck with the folks, and driving back Sunday morning. We are limited to 12 people. Eight spots are already filled. If you want to be a part of this year's mission team, please sign up ASAP by calling the parish office.

Happy 40th Anniversary, Father Mike! Last weekend Msgr. Mike Hohenbrink celebrated his 40th anniversary of priestly ordination. We give him a gift certificate to Rosilli's, one of his favorite restaurants. Wish him well if you see him.



Pray Hard: Ride On! Diocesan Youth Day at Cedar Point on Tuesday June 17, 2014 (10:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.). Open to all Middle and High School Youth and their families. \$37 per ticket for ages 3 and older (regularly \$49.99); children 2 and under are FREE. Tickets will be sold the day of the event at a window designated for the Diocese of Toledo, just to the right of the main entrance. Tickets will be sold from 9:00 a.m. – noon. Additionally, beverage bracelets will be sold for \$8. This will allow you to receive FREE refills throughout the day. At 4:00 p.m. a Mass will be celebrated! The details of the location will be at the ticket window that day.

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Bluffton Community

Vacation Bible School

Sun. -Thurs. July 20-24

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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FREE! Children ages 4 through Grade 5 are invited.
Registration forms are in the main entrance. Return these by July 14 to be eligible for a prize.

Wanted St. Mary's is again looking for someone to serve as our Catechetical Leader/Coordinator of Religious Education. The job is for up to 50 hours per month (as needed) for 10 months per year. If you are interested, please call the office for an application.