

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 3, 2014

Dear parishioners,

The readings this weekend are all about God's generous, lavish love. In the reading from Isaiah we hear God saying to us, "Come. Drink. Delight." St. Paul tells us that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ—not anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine.... And the gospel reminds us that Jesus fed the five thousand with bread and fish—not just a little to tide them over. Everyone ate all they wanted, and there was enough left over to fill twelve wicker baskets.

All of that describes God's eagerness to show us love and to shower us with grace and blessing. Why don't we get it? What does it take for us to accept love? To spend our lives smiling at the love showered on us? What needs to be done to bask in this love?

How and when do you realize the love your parent or spouse or child has for you? Does it occur when you are busy and rushing around? Does this realization come in quiet moments when you take the time to relish what's going on?

My dad was a jack of all trades, a generous one! If I made a list of all the things he did for me through my life, it would take this whole bulletin. When I realized his love for me most clearly was when he was in the nursing home. He wasn't able to do for me anymore. Sometimes he'd be asleep when I came, and I'd just sit by his side and soak it all in. The thing that touched me the most was that he always gave me a big smile, either when I came or when he woke up, and I always knew he was glad to see me. I had a sure sense of being loved.

Maybe we need to just sit quiet and soak in all the goodness we experience—in good times and in bad—and let God smile at us and realize that God is always glad to see us. Let's pray we recognize God's lavish love.

Sister Carol

## Weekend Masses

Sat Aug 2	4:00 p.m.	Jim Alt
Sun Aug 3	10:00 a.m.	For the parish
Sat Aug 9	4:00 p.m.	Mel Schroeder
Sun Aug 10	10:00 a.m.	For the parish

## Communion Services

Tue Aug 5	10:30 a.m.	Richland
Fri Aug 8	8:00 a.m.	St. Mary's

## SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$3,535.00	Loose	\$233.00
Children	\$ 22.25	Total	\$3,790.25

**79 envelopes returned = 38%**  
*Thank You for your generosity!*

## Assignments for August 9 & 10, 2014

**Money Counters:** Tonya Meyer, Jason Granger

### 4:00 p.m.

**Greeter:** Peg Murphy

**Cantor:** Jenny Roby

**Ushers:** Dave and Joel Siefker

**Lector:** Jason Swartzlander

**E.M.:** Jerry Wehri, Jeanne Parinello, Brianna Atkins

**Servers:** Derek Swartzlander and Courtney McLaughlin

### 10:00 a.m.

**Greeter-East door:** Mel Heitmeyer

**Greeter-West door:** Sherry Heitmeyer

**Cantor:** Kevin Vance

**Ushers:** Mike and Serena Maag

**Lector 1:** Brian Miller

**Lector 2:** Tyler Begg

**E.M.:** Megan Dulle, McKenna Reneker, Julia Miller,  
Audrey Miller, Sarah Schriener

**Servers:** Kaden Reneker, Abby Bryer,  
Jonathan Schriener

## **Readings for August 10, 2014**

### **19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

2nd Reading: Romans 9:1-5

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:22-33

**Congratulations** to Lane and Jessica (Wenger) Oberly on the baptism of their son Grayson Lee. Welcome to the family, Grayson!

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**Library display** During the month of August St. Mary's 150<sup>th</sup> will be featured in the display case at the public library. If this is of interest to you, please stop in and take a look. Thanks to Rosemary Meyer, Travis Kahle, and Sophie Marcum for their help in setting it up.



**The Red Cross blood drive** will happen here at St. Mary's on Thursday, August 7, noon to 6 pm. Please plan to be a donor if you are able. We also need volunteers again to help with registration and

refreshments. The signup list is on the shelf in the main entrance. We'd very much appreciate your help.

**Mark your calendar** Friday, August 15, is a holy day of obligation. It is also our parish feast day. Mass will be celebrated on the vigil, Thursday, August 14, at 7:00 p.m. Afterwards we'll have a little "party" to celebrate the special day.

**ALSO the kickoff for our 150<sup>th</sup>** is Sunday, August 17. Be sure to plan to be here for that!

**A Project Rachel Retreat for Hope & Healing after Abortion** will be held Saturday, Sept. 27, 2014, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The retreat is designed to help women hurting from past abortions to experience the personal love of Christ and find hope for healing. The location is confidential within the Diocese of Toledo. The cost is \$20 and includes lunch. Scholarships are available. Pre-registration is required. For more information, please contact Tara Woodbury of Project Rachel at (419) 654-4886 or e-mail: [projectrachel@toledodiocese.org](mailto:projectrachel@toledodiocese.org).

**Corpus Christi University Parish Christian Leadership Program** offers twelve \$5,000 Scholarships for UT freshmen. If you plan to attend UT, see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information about these scholarships. Deadline to apply for the 2014-2015 academic year is Thursday, September 11, 2014.

**There will be a meeting on** Tuesday, August 12 at 7:05 for anyone interested in hosting coffee/rolls on a Sunday after Mass in 2015. We will be making up a schedule for the year that evening. Please come to this brief meeting to get your name on the list.

**A registration table for PREP & SNLY will be set-up** for August 9<sup>th</sup>, at 3:30 p.m. (before Saturday's church service) and Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup> immediately following Mass. The cost is \$20 per child unless your child is in 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The cost for those grades will be \$30. Price deductions are available for those who wish to teach. Call Kelly Honse at the parish office (419-358-8631) if you are interested in helping.

**RECHARGE your soul 2014 | Young Adult Summer Gathering – September 6**  
Young adults (ages 18-39) from across the Diocese of Toledo seeking to connect with one another and boost their spirits are invited to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, Ohio on September 6, 11am-8pm. Come to experience dynamic speakers, music, Adoration, food, fellowship, and more! Event is free! Details about how to register and order meals will be coming out soon. Find the latest information about speakers and details revealed at [www.facebook.com/ToledoRecharge](http://www.facebook.com/ToledoRecharge).

**Bridge Bereavement Services** will be hosting a **Creative Expressions Grief Support Program** in September. Parting with clothing that belonged to our deceased loved one can often be an emotional decision to make. This program, which is open to any child, adult, or family, who has recently experienced the death of a loved one, will offer participants the opportunity to turn their loved one's clothing into a keepsake. No sewing experience is necessary. Volunteers will be on hand to help. Supplies will be provided at no cost to participants. Lunch will be provided. Registration is required by August 22. Registrants must attend both dates in order to participate (Thursday, August 28 from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. we will have a planning session, and Saturday, September 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., we will have a sewing session). To RSVP and learn more, please contact Bridge Bereavement Services by calling 419-423-5351 or emailing at [bridge@bvhealthsystem.org](mailto:bridge@bvhealthsystem.org).