

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 31, 2014



Dear parishioners,

The introduction to the Office this past week reminded us that what we are about is constant conversion of heart. This means simply that during our lives our task is to "turn our hearts around" to be dedicated to God. The reading gave three essentials for this conversion of heart: acknowledge God, adore God, serve God.

We know how it feels when we say hello to someone and he/she walks by without even making eye contact! It's demeaning! That's what we are talking about. Do I go through the whole day without a single effort to pay attention to God? The Church is very wise in requiring us to participate in Mass every Sunday. She knows how easily we get distracted from what is most important. As Stephen Covey tells us, we omit doing the important because we are always chasing after the urgent. The Church knows we need for our own sakes to make the time to acknowledge God. It is also the reason for morning prayers, meal prayers, and night prayers. We acknowledge God as the giver of all that is good, as the source of life and hope.

In the same vein we need to adore God and give to God a rightful place—we as creatures, God as Creator. And we need to focus on serving God, on being open to do God's work instead of my own agenda. This really is something that needs constant attention and effort.

This week let's see how well we do with acknowledging God, adoring God, and serving God.

Sister Carol

Weekend Masses

Sat Aug 30	4:00 p.m.	Teresa Rieman
Sun Aug 31	10:00 a.m.	Family of Michael Brown
Sat Sept 6	4:00 p.m.	Murphy & Immele families
Sun Sept 7	10:00 a.m.	Dennis Warren

Communion Services

Tue Sept 2	10:30 a.m.	Richland
Wed Sept 3	10:30 a.m.	Hilty

First Friday

Fri Sept 5	8:00 a.m.	St. Mary's
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SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$1,810.00	Loose	\$270.00
Children	\$ 19.47	Total	\$2,099.47

78 envelopes returned = 37%

Thank You for your generosity!

Assignments for September 6 & 7, 2014

Money Counters: Deb Goldenetz, Tonya Meyer

4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Peg Murphy
Cantor: Becca Schlumbohm
Ushers: Dave and Mary Hoffer
Lector: Deb Garlock
E.M.: Jerry Wehri, Brianna Atkins, Mark Schumacher
Servers: Zane Myers and Grace Myers

10:00 a.m.

Greeter-East door: Logan Welch
Greeter-West door: Rachel Welch
Cantor: Matt Meyer
Ushers: Trent/Todd and Colin Phillips
Lector 1: Mel Heitmeyer
Lector 2: Adam Basinger
E.M.: Wes Lovett, Lisa Welch, Rachel Welch, Basil and Rosemary Meyer
Servers: Drew and Ken Lovett, Brayton Businger

Readings for September 7, 2014 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

2nd Reading: Romans 13:8-10

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:15-20

This year we have 100 Catholic students attending the Bluffton University. Please make them feel welcome.

Save the Date for Lift Jesus Higher Rally, November 8, 2014 at Seagate Centre, Toledo.

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The Diocese of Toledo has a new bishop—Bishop Daniel Edward Thomas who is presently the auxiliary bishop of the diocese of Philadelphia. He was appointed September 26 and will be installed in our diocese on October 22. Please do pray for him as he makes this transition. And pray for us that we have open hearts.

Pastoral Council will meet Tuesday, September 2, for supper at 6:00 p.m. and for the subsequent meeting. Please bring your study books. Remember also to mark your calendars for the Pastoral Council retreat Sunday, September 28, all day, at Maria Stein.

The Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, Carey, Ohio will celebrate the annual Latino Pilgrimage Day on Sunday, September 21. Come and celebrate the rich culture and strong faith of the Hispanic Culture. Mass will be celebrated in Spanish at 12:00 noon in the Basilica; confessions in Spanish and English from 10:30 a.m. until Mass. Mexican food will be available for purchase in the Shrine Cafeteria. A bilingual, Spanish and English, Rosary Procession and Shrine Devotions begins at 2:30 p.m. Other masses that day in English are at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Catholic Charities Sunday Our parish will host a second collection at Masses on the weekend of Sept. 20/21 in support of Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo. Catholic Charities is celebrating 100 years of bringing the love and mercy of Christ to people in need and helps over 40,000 people each year through emergency shelter, food, crisis navigation, adoption services, jail and prison ministry and more. Learn more and watch a short video about the work of Catholic Charities at www.catholiccharitiesnwo.org. Thank you for your generosity.

There is a program called "Extra Help for Medicare Part D" which is a low income subsidy that provides financial assistance for some Medicare Part D beneficiaries who have limited income and resources. Those who are eligible for the low income subsidy will get help paying for 75% or more of their monthly Part D premium, yearly deductible, and prescription copayments. To get more information about eligibility or assistance with applying call: The Area Agency on Aging 3, 200 E. High St., 2nd Floor, Lima, Ohio, 45801 at

1-800-653-7723. Area Agency on Aging 3 is an excellent resource for older adults and their children to find services and information they may need to remain in their homes. They are also a resource for disabled. Call if you have questions.

We are still in need of catechists for Kindergarten, 5th Grade and Confirmation. Anyone who is interested can contact Kelly Honse at 419-358-8631 or email khski7@aol.com.

Save the date for the Catechists Dinner and meeting on September 10th at 6:00 p.m. E-mail or call Kelly Honse if you are able to make it. We look forward to seeing you there.

If you have a child in PREP or SNLY and have not yet picked up a 2014-2015 registration form, forms and schedules can be found in the church entrance. Please complete both the front and back of the form and return it by dropping it off in the parish office or putting it in a collection basket in an envelope marked "PREP Registration."

RECHARGE your soul 2014 | Young Adult Summer Gathering – September 6 Young adults (ages 18-39) from across the Diocese of Toledo 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! **Registration is Open!** To register online visit: rechargeyoursoul2014.eventbrite.com. Find us on Facebook to keep up with latest details: www.facebook.com/ToledoRecharge. For questions contact Kathy Haninger, 419.244.6711 ext. 350, or visit khaninger@toledodiocese.org.

The Conventual Franciscans are offering a Vocation Retreat September 19-21, 2014 for single men, ages 18-40, who are interested in learning more about priesthood and brotherhood. Come and experience our fraternity, our prayer life, and our mission as we live the Gospel in today's world. The retreat is at the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, Ohio. It begins Friday at 7 p.m. and ends Sunday by noon. There is no cost for the weekend. For information call 800-424-9955.