

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 19, 2014



Dear parishioners,

Well, we learned in our Alternative Orthodoxy class the difference between orthodoxy and orthopraxy. It's just what the words say. One is about what's in our head; the other is about how we live.

Richard Rohr, the presenter, pointed out that St. Francis is not noted for what he taught. He is remembered for how he lived—treating every person with dignity, acting peacefully toward everyone and everything, caring for the lepers, following God's commands even when he didn't understand it at first. He also reminded us that Jesus did not quibble with the Jewish teachers about what they taught. He challenged the way they lived—doing things for show, giving big offerings but neglecting the poor, condemning others' morality without judging themselves.... You get the picture.

So Richard was inviting us to not be SO concerned about right teaching—although good theology is a very important foundation. We need to be busy living what Jesus taught us—feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked, giving shelter to the homeless, visiting the sick and imprisoned, comforting the sorrowing, instructing the ignorant, forgiving wrongs readily, praying for the living and the dead....

Jesus says in Matthew 25, not that there will be a test about theology, but that we will be judged about how well we did those things above. And our motive cannot be, as was the Pharisees, that people will think well of us nor can it be about proselytizing nor to make ourselves feel superior. We need to help others because they need help. AND we need to learn from them!

It's a good day to think about my orthopraxy!

Sister Carol

Weekend Masses

Sat Oct 18	4:00 p.m.	Jim Alt
Sun Oct 19	10:00 a.m.	Dorothy Herrmann
Sat Oct 25	4:00 p.m.	Janet Maenle
Sun Oct 26	10:00 a.m.	Theda Hankish

Communion Services

Tue Oct 21	10:30 a.m.	Richland
Fri Oct 24	8:00 a.m.	St. Mary's

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$2,115.00	Loose	\$485.00
Children	\$ 35.15	Total	\$2,635.15

77 envelopes returned = 37%

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for October 25 & 26, 2014

Money Counters: Tonya Meyer & Josh Barhorst
4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Jeanne Parinello

Cantor: Dave Roby

Ushers: Hank and Carol Schroeder

Lector: Jenny Roby

Eucharistic Ministers: Bob Minto, Edna Conkling

Servers: Alyson and Abigail Kettels

10:00 a.m.

Greeter-East door: Judy Lester

Cantor: Stephanie Greggila

Ushers: Gloria Vance and Joseph Schriener

Lectors: Lisa Welch and Jan Schulte

Eucharistic Ministers: Michelle Risner, Betty Gerten,
Tom Schulte, Linda Kinn

Servers: Brayton Businger, Josh and Nathan Meyer

Readings for October 26, 2014

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Exodus 22:20-26

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:34-40

Thank you to Nanci Mistovich for finding out this interesting piece of information. St. Mary Parish in Evanston, Illinois, is also in the midst of a year-long celebration of their 150th anniversary as a parish. Their feast day is also August 15. They will also conclude their celebration on that day in 2015. We sent them a congratulatory card and shared our story.

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Thank you to all who helped with providing and serving the clergy luncheon on Tuesday. **Thank you** to Libby Schmenk and Anne Parker for gifting us with the beautiful window from the original church. **Thank you** to Dick Ziessler for overseeing the restoration and installation of the window. **Thank you** to the Men's Fellowship for paying for the restoration.

Alternative Orthodoxy The fifth and final presentation in the series will be "Mysticism vs. Moralism." We will meet at the regular time of 7:00 o'clock.



Welcome for Bishop Daniel Thomas for Junipero Serra Deanery: Monday, November 3, at St. Gerard Parish, Lima. Vespers at 7:00 p.m. with reception following. All are invited.

Support Our Retired Priests: Please consider a donation to Perpetuate the Gift. Your gift benefits our retired diocesan priests and your parish. Once a priest retires he is responsible for his own personal expenses: medical, housing, car, clothing and food. The envelopes are in the benches and can be put in the collection over the next few weeks.

The Installation of The Most Reverend Daniel E.

Thomas: The schedule of events for the installation of the Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas as the Eighth Bishop of Toledo will begin with Evening Prayer on Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral. The Installation and Mass will be celebrated at Rosary Cathedral the following day, 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 22, 2014. Addition: At present the seating for the installation and Mass will be by ticket only. The Installation and Mass will be broadcast live beginning at 2:00 p.m. on WTVG-ABC Channel 13, WTOL-CBS Channel 11, and EWTN on cable.

Please help to record our 150 acts of service—either write your service on the kiosk in the main entrance or send to #sm150.

Tickets available for the **Bluffton University Artist Series** concert by the Palace Theatre Big Band at 7:30 p.m. Thurs. (Oct. 23) in Yoder Recital Hall. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for senior citizens and non-Bluffton students and \$10 for children ages 6-13. Children ages 5 and under are free. Tickets can be purchased at Marbeck Center box office between 8 a.m. and 11 p.m. daily; or, visit the web at <http://tickets.bluffton.edu>.

St. Mary's Parish History

DID YOU KNOW?

Paris Owens, the third son of James and Sarah Owens, was attending school in Findlay but dropped out temporarily to earn money to continue his education. For this reason he joined the Union Army in the Civil War. While serving he contracted measles, went to the hospital, and died of complications. The last person to visit him was his friend Frank Kiene who was also serving in the army. It was Frank who wrote to James and Sarah to tell them the details of Paris' death. When she received the letter, Sarah walked nine miles to Ada to visit Frank's parents and walked home in the evening. James and Sarah received money from the government for Paris' death. They remembered that Parish had hoped for a Catholic church in Bluffton so they used the money to purchase a tract of land. They also donated \$200 toward materials for building a church. This is the beginning of St. Mary's Parish.

The Serra Club of Lima Area exists to promote and support vocations to the priesthood and religious life. On Oct. 23, Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer, Vocation Director Archdiocese of Cincinnati will speak on "A Futuristic Vocations Perspective". The evening begins at 5:45 with Mass and is followed by dinner and the presentation. It is held at Lima Central Catholic High School in Lima and is open to the public. For more information or to make a reservation please call Florian Smith at 419-999-4694 by Oct. 20.

Join the Franciscan Friars at the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, Carey, Ohio for a special Hope and Healing Mass on Friday, October 24 at 7 pm. This Mass is for those afflicted with cancer, survivors and their loved ones. All are welcome to come and pray on their journey to faith, hope and healing.

P.R.E.P

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

K-6: Class is Wed., October 22nd, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Junior High & SNLY: Next class is Sun., Nov. 2, 11:00-1:00 p.m.