

St. Mary's Catholic Church

The Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2016



Dear parishioners,

Louise and I have “forever” been trying to find the solution for keeping the chapel windows really clean. When the sun is not shining on them, they look wonderful. In mid-morning when the sun is shining brightly through them, every streak and dust particle shows!

The windows always remind me of myself. I can think I am a good person. The light of God, however, lets me see that there is a lot to be desired.

At Jesus' baptism the Father reveals to us that Jesus really is God. “This is my beloved son.” Our baptism also has brought us into the family of God in a real and powerful way. We share in God's divine life. We may not see it or feel it. It is faith that lets us know what has happened to us and faith that allows us to ask for the power of that divine life to work in us.

The Father also said of Jesus “in whom I am well-pleased.” Does he say that of me? Does integrity, devotion, goodness, and sincerity show itself in my life? Would the Father say of me “I am well-pleased”?

The key to goodness is not in my efforts. It is in my openness to allow God to transform me through the events of life. The example of this acceptance is Jesus. The Father tells us, “Listen to him.”

The small groups will be a great opportunity to listen to Jesus in the gospels of Lent. I hope that you will take advantage of sharing this listening with others of your faith community.

Sister Carol

Weekend Masses

Sat Jan 9	4:00 p.m.	Mel Schroeder Tim Kahle
Sun Jan 10	10:00 a.m.	Fr. Gary Ferguson
Sat Jan 16	4:00 p.m.	Ed Murphy
Sun Jan 17	10:00 a.m.	Janet Maenle

Communion Services

Tue Jan 12	10:30 a.m.	Richland
Fri Jan 15	8:00 a.m.	St. Mary's

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$3,710.00	Loose	\$909.00
Children	\$ 20.79	Total	\$4,639.79
86 envelopes returned = 41%			
Christmas to date	\$6,693.00		

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for January 16 & 17, 2016

Money Counters: Janet Begg and Chad Wolford

4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Basil Meyer

Cantor: Steve McCullough

Ushers: John Parinello and Chuck Niese

Lector: Jim Kinn

E.M.: Diana Bucher and Jennifer Tschuor

Servers: Brayton and Addison Businger

10:00 a.m.

Greeter-East door: Kelly Yarnell

Greeter-West Door: Steve Yarnell

Cantor: Steve McCullough

Ushers: Jerry and Jeanne Wehri

Lectors: Judy Lester and Joe Herrmann

E.M.: Amy Marcum, Mark Zwiebel,
Tricia Herrmann and Hank Schroeder

Servers: Joel Siefker, Anthony Kiser and
Makayla Schweingruber

Readings for January 17, 2016

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel Reading: John 2:1-11

Appreciation Supper Remember that if you have helped with anything during the 2015 year—big or small—you are invited to the Volunteer Appreciation Supper on Sunday, January 24, at 6 o'clock. Everybody's help and contribution counts!

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The Finance Council will meet Tuesday evening, January 12, at 7 o'clock in the library.

Coming events:

January 9-10 and 16-17-- Sign up for Lenten small groups

January 17 – Eucharistic Day

January 24 – Volunteer Appreciation Supper



Annual Eucharistic Day As you know, each year every parish is asked to have a Eucharistic Day to give special attention and thanks to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

We will again have lunch after the 10 o'clock Mass and then a holy hour before the Blessed Sacrament. Please plan to participate.

Living the Eucharist This Lent you will again have the opportunity to grow in your relationship with Jesus by participating in a small group for faith sharing. The groups meet once a week for six weeks—a small offering of time for the Lord. Sign-up sheets will be out this weekend and next weekend, January 16 and 17. Please be part of this learning, sharing, and prayer.



Un-decorating the church Now that the Christmas season is over (The Church counts the season as lasting until the Baptism of Jesus.), we need to take down all the Christmas loveliness. If you can help us (the Liturgy Committee) Tuesday night at 6 o'clock, we'd be very grateful!

A new LIMEX group is starting soon! An Information Meeting about the newly forming class will be held on Monday, February 8, 2016, from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Emmaus Room of St. Wendelin Parish, 323 N. Wood St., Fostoria, OH 44830. Course 1 is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2016, at St. Wendelin's. The Loyola University of New Orleans Institute for Ministry Extension (LIMEX) Program is a part-time, Catholic university program leading to a master's degree or certificate in religious education or pastoral studies. **For more information and/or to apply for the Fostoria class, contact:** Marian Bermudez,

LIMEX Coordinator for the Diocese of Toledo, at 419-663-5036 (please leave a message) or mbermudez@neo.rr.com.

Fertility Awareness Class Series Think all couples who practice natural family planning have large families? Think again. A series of classes is starting on Saturday, January 16th at 9am at the St. John ministry center in Delphos. For more information contact Jeff & Bridget Bockey at delphosnfp@gmail.com or 419-233-1600 or register at www.ccli.org.

Hope after Abortion An "Entering Canaan" Day of Prayer and Healing for women who are suffering from a past abortion will take place on Saturday, January 16, 2016. The day retreat will be hosted by Catholic Charities Project Rachel. For further information and confidential reservations, please call 419-260-5811 or see the flyer on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Purchase a book of five Kewpee coupons for only \$5.00, starting January 4, 2016. Buy a regular Kewpee hamburger and receive an additional hamburger and 16-ounce hot or cold beverage at no additional cost. Coupons are good through March 12, 2016. Mail \$5.00 check for each book desired to: Lima Central Catholic Business Office, c/o Kewpee Coupons, 720 S. Cable Rd., Lima, Ohio, 45805.

P.R.E.P

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

K-6: Class will be Wednesday, January 13, 2016 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Also there is a First Communion Parents Meeting.

Jr Hi Next class is Sunday, January 17th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

God Squad Next class is Sunday, January 17th. We will be attending the Eucharistic Day lunch and Holy Hour.