

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Ascension of the Lord

May 8, 2016



Dear parishioners,

Jesus had said to the disciples: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations." As he is ready to ascend into heaven and return to his Father, Jesus tells them: "you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

It's obviously very important to Jesus that we continue his work, that we show people what it means to follow him, that we do the things he has commanded us—love one another, break the bread together in remembrance of him, reach out to the poor and marginalized.... To follow Jesus is a big order! He has chosen us to do this work for him. "I have chosen you. You have not chosen me."

The first place where we do all this is in our daily life. We don't have to go to far off places to make disciples. Our first obligation is closest to us. At every baptism parents are reminded that they are the first teachers of their children. All of the rest of us are reminded that we will support the parents in this endeavor. This is not a little aside we fit into our lives. Faith can be lost in a single generation. This means we need to be always aware of our example, our prayer, our encouragement of each other in the practice of the faith so that it soaks into our being.

On this Mother's Day I think of my own mom (and dad) and am immensely grateful to them for their faithfulness in putting God first in their lives and holding up that example for us kids. I pray that our children will think of all of us with that kind of gratitude when they are adults.

Happy Mother's Day to all you moms.

Sister Carol

Weekend Masses

Sat May 7	4:00 p.m.	Gene Badertscher Imajeon Mathewson
Sun May 8	10:00 a.m.	Janet Maenle Leonard & Sally Rieman
Sat May 14	4:00 p.m.	Jim Alt Glenn Dickman
Sun May 15	10:00 a.m.	Art Schramm

Communion Services

Tue May 10	10:30 a.m.	Richland
Fri May 13	8:00 a.m.	St. Mary's

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$3,120.00	Loose	\$785.00
Children	\$37.58	Total	\$3,942.58

80 envelopes returned = 38%

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for May 14 & 15, 2016

Money Counters: Jason Granger and Janet Begg

4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Jan and Diana Emmert

Cantor: Jenny Roby

Ushers: Dave and Joel Siefker

Lector: Jason Swartzlander

E.M.: Jessica Wischmeyer, Jeanne Parinello,
Jack Marcum

Servers: Derek Swartzlander and Courtney McLaughlin

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,
Hank Schroeder

Servers: Joel Siefker, Anthony Kiser and
Makayla Schweingruber

Readings for May 15, 2016

Pentecost Sunday

1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-23

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If you are hoping to go to Booneville with us this year, mark your calendars now!

The sign-up sheet is on the shelf in the main entrance. The dates are June 3-4. We leave near noon on Friday, June 3; work Saturday, June 4, and share Mass and a potluck with the parishioners of Holy Family Parish; and drive home on Sunday, June 5. The number is limited to 12. We will also be having a donation board for the food and travel if you can help in that way.

The Finance Council will meet Tuesday, May 10, at 7 p.m., in the library.

Olive wood carvings The family from Bethlehem will be here again next weekend, May 14-15, to sell their olive wood carvings. This is their way of raising money to support their families back in Israel.

Thank you to our catechists, to Kelly Honse, Travis Kahle, Amanda Wooley, Makenzie Butler who have so generously and steadfastly worked to make disciples of our children and young adults. The parish very much appreciates your commitment and generosity. **Thank you** to all who came to our Outside Maintenance Day.

Thank you to Diana Braidic for cleaning our refrigerators!



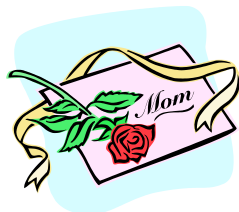
Don't forget to pray each day this week that each of us may be fully open to the coming of the Holy Spirit. Sunday, May 14, is Pentecost Sunday.

Our effort this month for the Year of Mercy is to give drink to the thirsty.

- 1 in every 10 persons lacks access to safe water
- 1 in every 3 persons lacks access to a toilet
- Every 90 seconds a child dies from a water-related disease.

--The water crisis is the #1 global risk based on impact on society.

We will take up a collection the weekend of May 28-29 to send to Catholic Relief Services (CRS) to assist in their efforts to provide safe water to many in the world.



*Happy Mother's Day
to all of our mothers!*

Scholarships for Catholic Freshmen at the University of Toledo:

Corpus Christi University Parish will again be offering \$5,000 Christian Leadership Program Scholarships to twelve incoming Catholic freshmen at the University of Toledo. These students will also receive spiritual formation, opportunities for community service, and leadership training. The 2016-2017 scholarship application is available online at www.ccup.org/clp

Any questions can be directed to the program director: Father Phil Smith (psmith@ccup.org or 419.531.4992).

Hope after Abortion "I don't deserve to be happy."

God wants to restore your happiness. Come back to God who is love and mercy. For hope and healing after an abortion, contact the local confidential Project Rachel Helpline at 1-888-456-HOPE or projectrachel@toledodiocese.org. Learn more at www.hopeafterabortion.org.

Volunteer Coordinator needed: Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio is seeking a part-time Volunteer Coordinator. This individual will coordinate the volunteer program on all four campuses including recruiting, orienting, managing and celebrating volunteers. Submit a resume and application on-line (mhcoliving.org/why-us/careers) or to Doug Luginbill, MHCO, 410 W. Elm St., Bluffton, Ohio 45817 or email to dluginbill@mhcoliving.org. Deadline: May 15, 2016.

P.R.E.P

Children's Liturgy of the Word has their last class today, May 8, 2016 until the fall.

K-6: Classes are finished until September.

Jr. Hi: Classes are finished until the fall school year begins.

God Squad: Graduation Mass will be Sunday, May 22nd at 10 a.m.

