

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 19, 2016

Dear parishioners,

Did you ever wonder what prompted Jesus to ask the question: "Who do people say I am?" Was he wondering if he was being successful in making God the Father known? Was he discouraged and wondering if he was doing anything to make a difference? Was he testing the apostles to see if they were getting the message?

The apostles have obviously been listening to people. They have answers. Elijah. John the Baptist. Then Jesus wants to know who they say he is. Peter gets it right, "The Christ of God." The word Christ means "the anointed one." Peter has come to realize that Jesus is extraordinary. Jesus is the one sent by God. After the resurrection the apostles will realize that Jesus IS God.

The first reading gives us an insight into what it means for Jesus to be God. The people of Israel will be aware of offending God and they will mourn over their sins as a parent mourns the death of a child. That's mighty powerful! How many of us have that kind of sorrow for disobeying God's commands? Is it because we don't realize who we are in the light of God's holiness and greatness?

And the people will know "a fountain to purify from sin and uncleanness." The very God whom we offend offers us ungrudging forgiveness.

The second reading tells us that in God's eyes we are all brothers and sisters—ALL of us. Perhaps if we really understood this there would be no Orlando massacres. Who is God? Who am I? These are great questions to answer sincerely from our hearts.

Sister Carol

We extend our sympathy to Carol Musser and her family on the death of her husband Jerry. May he rest in peace.

Weekend Masses

Sat Jun 18	4:00 p.m.	Jim Alt, Tim Kahle & Ralph Wischmeyer
Sun Jun 19	10:00 a.m.	Dennis Warren
Sat Jun 25	4:00 p.m.	Rita Agner
Sun Jun 26	10:00 a.m.	Jim Badertscher James Trenkamp and Dolores Hermiller

Communion Services

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

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$2,040.00	Loose	\$689.00
Children	\$29.50	Total	\$2,758.50
61 envelopes returned = 29%			

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for June 25 & 26, 2016

Money Counters: Chad Wolford and Jason Granger

4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Jeanne Parinello
Cantor: Dave Roby
Ushers: Hank and Carol Schroeder
Lector: Jenny Roby
E.M.: Bob Minto and Edna Conkling
Servers: Alyson Kettels and Kendal Giesige

10:00 a.m.

Greeter-East door: Deb Buck
Greeter-West Door: Judy Lester
Cantor: Katie Hohenbrink
Ushers: Nick Marcum and Joseph Schriener
Lectors: Lisa Welch and Jan Schulte
E.M.: Michelle Risner, Betty Gerten,
Tom Schulte and Linda Kinn
Servers: Brayton Businger, Josh and Nathan Meyer

Readings for June 26, 2016
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1st Reading: 1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21
2nd Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-18
Gospel Reading: Luke 9:51-62



Happy Father's Day to all the dads!

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AED training and re-certification For those of you who were certified in AED use in 2014 and wish to renew their certification or if you want to be trained and certified...It is now possible to "do" the theoretical part on-line. Go to "On-line AHA.org." Search for "Heartsaver CPR AED On-line Part 1." You will be asked to pay \$23. The instruction takes approximately one hour. Print out the certificate of completion at the end. We will have a hands-on training here at St. Mary's at 7 p.m., on Monday, July 11. Bring your certificate of completion and a \$10 class fee. If you plan to do this, please call the parish office by July 5 to sign up so that we can have enough manikins and instructors.

Thank you to all who helped with Family Promise and the funeral luncheon. You're the best!

Ushers, servers, and greeters We are in need of more parishioners to minister as ushers, greeters, and servers. If you are willing to give your time to serve the parish in one of these capacities, please talk to Sister Carol, drop a note in the collection, or call the parish office. Each will require some training and/or explanation.

Please pray for Bishop Thomas and the priests of our Diocese as they gather for this year's convocation (Monday June 20 to Thursday, June 23, 2016) which will focus on "the Priest as a Man of Mercy." Pray that this year's convocation will bear fruit for our priests in holiness of life and in their service to the Lord and His Church.

Now is the time! If you are interested in ordering a memorial stone to be engraved and added to our memory garden, NOW is the time to order it so that the work can be done at one time. Talk to Jerry or Jeanne Wehri to place your order: call 419-358-7132 or call or text 419-296-3038.

Next weekend we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection. The Peter's Pence Collection is an opportunity to stand in solidarity with Catholics all over the world to support the charitable works of Pope Francis. Your donations will support the Holy Father as he reaches out to those suffering the effects of war and violence, natural disasters, and religious persecution. Please be generous!

Fortnight for Freedom The Fortnight for Freedom, a call to fourteen days of prayer, education, and action for religious freedom in the United States and abroad, will again take place this year from June 21 to July 4. This year's theme for the Fortnight for Freedom is: Witnesses to Freedom, as we celebrate many great martyrs of the church who stood for their faith in the public square, in a time when our own religious freedom is being challenged on several fronts. Please refer to the USCCB website for further information, materials, and to learn more about current threats to our religious liberty: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/fortnight-forfreedom/>.

Leipsic St. Mary's 2016 Summer Social will be held this Saturday, June 18 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and again on Sunday, June 19 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Men's Softball Tournaments begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday. Pork Sandwiches and refreshments are available all day. The Food and Beer Tent open at 5 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. Also there will be a Band at 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. The Men's Softball Tournament Resumes at 10 a.m. on Sunday. Old Fashioned Chicken and Ham Dinners will be served in the parish Life Center from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. There will be Kids Rides and Activities, Food and Beer Tent, Bingo in the Parish Life Center and Cafeteria Style Meal served from 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. At 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. there will be a DJ under the Big Tent. Hope to see you there. See the flyer on the bulletin board.

P.R.E.P

Community Vacation Bible School

Bluffton Community Vacation Bible School will happen Sunday evening, July 24, through Thursday evening, July 28. You can register via Facebook. Message "BlufftonVBS" and give your child's/children's name, date of birth, age, and grade just completed. You can sign the necessary release form when you come the first evening of VBS.

All PREP classes will resume in the fall.