

St. Mary's Catholic Church

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 3 2016



Dear parishioners,

The first reading tells us that after their return from Babylon the Israelites found great comfort in Jerusalem. The Church is the new Jerusalem. There is great comfort there also—if we give ourselves to the reality. I have to be engaged. I can't just sit back and wait to be waited on.

Paul's letter to the Galatians and the gospel allude to the same. Paul tells the Galatians--who have been complaining that he's getting members by taking the easy way out—that he has earned his credibility in the marks of Jesus that he bears in his body. Paul has been shipwrecked, beaten, stoned, and imprisoned because he has preached the gospel! He is sure that Jesus is the only necessity. Paul understands that to be a disciple means to carry the cross.

When Jesus sends the disciples out to preach, he has specific instructions for them. Only take one tunic, don't take any money or sandals, take whatever they give you, eat whatever they set before you, stay a while. The disciples are not doing just what is comfortable for them. Jesus is requiring some discipline of them.

Jesus also tells them to only spend time with the people to have openness to hear the gospel. He tells them, if people don't accept you, move on.

These examples and directions give us insight into what it means to be a disciple. We have a mission to spread the good news of God's love for us. This will take sacrifice. We need to be about the task in an unselfish way. Our membership and engagement in the family of God will give us both strength and comfort.

Sister Carol

Weekend Masses

Sat July 2	4:00 p.m.	Rita Agner
Sun July 3	10:00 a.m.	Jeff Brodman
Sat July 9	4:00 p.m.	Leonard & Sally Rieman Murphy & Immele families
Sun July 10	10:00 a.m.	Imajeane Mathewson and Gene Badertscher

Communion Services

Tue July 5	10:30 a.m.	Richland
Wed July 6	10:30 a.m.	Hilty
Fri Jul 8	8:00 a.m.	St. Mary's

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$1,845.00	Loose	\$946.00
Children	\$31.85	Total	\$2,822.85
72 envelopes returned = 35%			

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for July 9 & 10, 2016

Money Counters: Tonya Meyer and Angie Wenger

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: Sherry Heitmeyer

Greeter-West Door: Mel Heitmeyer

Cantor: Kevin Vance

Ushers: Mike and Serena Maag

Lectors: Brian Miller and Matt Ellerbrock

E.M.: Julia Miller, Jenna Kimmel, Cathy Hermiller,
Crystal Ellerbrock, Candace Vance

Servers: Kaden Reneker, Julia Mehaffie and
Jonathan Schriener

Readings for July 10, 2016

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1st Reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14

2nd Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

Gospel Reading: Luke 10:25-37

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Memorial stones 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. There are also order forms on the shelf in the main entrance.



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.

9th Annual Summer Harvest Gourmet Gala on Friday, August 12 (6:00pm -9:30 pm) on the St. Francis Campus, 200 St. Francis Ave., Tiffin, OH: Join us for a summer evening of gourmet food and festivities under a large tent on the beautiful grounds of the St. Francis Campus. Guests will enjoy horsd'oeuvres provided by the Canticle Cafe, followed by a gourmet dinner prepared by Carolyn's Personalized Catering of Millbury, Ohio, musical entertainment by Straight from the Harp, participating in a wine grab, raffle drawings, silent auction and live auction conducted by local Auctioneer Clayton Neal and sampling of Ohio wines and hand selected microbrew beers. Cost: \$75- Individual ticket or \$520- Table of 8. Deadline for all reservations is Friday, August 5. Reservations are required. For more information or to reserve tickets call the Mission Advancement Office at 419-447- 0435 or visit www.felctiffin.org

Marriage Help – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information about or to register for the next program beginning with a weekend on July 15-17 call 419-481-1116 (Toledo area) or 800-470-2230 or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo joins people across the country praying for the West Virginia flood victims who perished and the thousands now homeless from the devastating flash flooding from last week's deadly storms. If you'd like to support the disaster relief efforts in West Virginia, your donation, dollar for dollar, will be passed on to our sister Catholic Charities agency. You can send your check, designated for "WV Recovery," to Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo, 1933 Spielbusch Avenue, Toledo, OH 43604. Thank you and God bless.

EXCLAIM! 2016

The EXCLAIM! Christian Music festival returns this summer for its seventh year on Sunday, July 31. Join us for music from Matt Hammitt, the former lead singer of Sanctus Real, with members of the University of Toledo Gospel Choir and members of the Toledo Symphony. Josh Wilson and Tori Harris will also be performing. This FREE event includes music on the main stage all day, along with kids activities, inflatables, and plenty of room to run around! The day will end with Mass at 7 p.m. The event is located at 555 S. Holland Sylvania Rd in Toledo. Details at www.exclaimtoledo.org

Emmanuel UCC Ice Cream Social will be held on July 22, 2016 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the church at 8375 Phillips Road, Bluffton, Ohio. Cost for adults is \$8 and Children 10 and under is \$4. The menu includes: Chicken or Sloppy Joes Sandwiches, Chicken Noodles, Baked Beans, a variety of salads, pies, and cakes, plus Ice Cream and Beverages.

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.

Kelly is in need of clean empty Gatorade bottles. They will be used for a project at Vacation Bible School.