

St. Mary's Catholic Church

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 18, 2016



Dear parishioners,

Here is a parable from India which I found this week.

One day a young aspirant went to see an old saint who lived beside a river in a small hut made of hemp sacks. He enjoyed the company of the old saint very much. The young man asked the saint if he could ask an important question.

“Of course, my son,” said the saint.

“Where can I find God?”

The saint smiled. “That is not an easy question. Let me dwell on it. Come back tomorrow and I will answer it. Please also bring me a glass of milk.”

The next day the young man returned with the glass of milk. The saint poured it into his begging bowl. Then he put his fingers in the milk and lifted them up. When the milk ran through his fingers, he frowned and repeated the gesture, with the same result.

The young man watched, perplexed, but remained silent. He wished the saint would stop this foolishness and get on with his question.

Finally the young man lost his patience and he said, “Guruji, what are you looking for?”

“I have heard there is butter in milk. I am looking for the butter.”

Before he could stop himself, the young man laughed. “The butter is part of the milk. You must churn the milk to make the butter come out.”

“Very good!” said the saint. Now go churn the milk of your soul until you have found God.”

Sister Carol

Weekend Masses

Sat Sept 17	4:00 p.m.	Jim Alt
Sun Sept 18	10:00 a.m.	Janet Maenle
Sat Sept 24	4:00 p.m.	Jim Badertscher Kevin Benedict
Sun Sept 25	10:00 a.m.	Leonard and Sally Rieman

Communion Services

Tue Sept 20	10:30 a.m.	Richland
Fri Sept 23	8:00 a.m.	St. Mary's

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$3,115.00	Loose	\$893.00
Children	\$42.24	Total	\$4,050.24
85 envelopes returned = 41%			

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for September 24 & 25, 2016

Money Counters: Tonya Meyer and Deb Buck
4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Basil Meyer

Cantor: Dave Roby

Ushers: Hank and Carol Schroeder

Lector: Jenny Roby

E.M.: Bob Minto and Edna Conkling

Servers: Abigail Kettels and Kendal Giesige

10:00 a.m.

Greeter-East door: Basil Meyer

Greeter-West Door: Deb Buck

Cantor: Katie Hohenbrink

Ushers: Jeanne and Jerry Wehri

Lectors: Lisa Welch and Jan Schulte

E.M.: Michelle Risner, Betty Gerten, Tom Schulte,
Linda Kinn

Servers: Alyson Kettels, Julia Mehaffie and
Makayla Schweingruber

Readings for September 25, 2016

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Amos 6:1a, 4-7 (138C)

2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Gospel Reading: Luke 16:19-31

Congratulations to Dave and Phyllis Gerschutz who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

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The next **RCIA gathering** is Thursday evening, September 22, at 7 o'clock.

Vocation Discernment Every one of us is called to listen to God speaking in our hearts to call us to our vocation in life. The diocesan vocation office has chosen us to host their next RU Called supper. This is for young men and women aged 19-39 who are interested in learning about religious life as a priest, brother, or sister. Supper will precede the presentations. There is no obligation and no cost. If you are interested RSVP by Tuesday, September 20, to Rucalled@gmail.com.

2016 Diocesan Celebration of Wedding

Jubilees: "Marriage is the icon of God's love for us" –Pope Francis

Join Bishop Daniel Thomas and the Office of Marriage and Family at Our Lady Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral on Sunday, October 23, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. to commemorate 25, 40, 50, 60, and 60-plus years of marriage for couples in the Diocese of Toledo. Mass includes the renewal of matrimonial vows, and registered couples will receive a commemorative certificate. To register go to: www.1023mass.eventbrite.com, contact Marsha Rivas, 419-214-4938, or call your parish office at 419-358-8631. Registration deadline is October 13, 2016.

40 Days for Life Campaign Begins September 28 Catholic Charities is hosting the ecumenical 40 Days for Life campaign in northwest Ohio from September 28 through November 6. You can participate in three ways: prayer and fasting, community outreach and peaceful vigil. We invite you to pray for an hour in front of Capital Care Network, the Toledo abortion clinic, located at 1160 W. Sylvania Avenue. Sign up at: www.40daysforlife.com/toledo.

Since the international 40 Days for Life Campaign began in 2007, over 700,000 volunteers in over 36 nations have stood in prayerful witness at abortion clinics to witness to the dignity of human life. Through these prayerful campaigns, over 11,796 lives have been saved, 133 abortion workers have quit their positions, and 73 abortion facilities have shut down! To learn more, email Peter Range at prange@toledodiocese.org. Join the movement, and help us end abortion in northwest Ohio! See the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

The Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, Carey, OH invites you to come for the annual Family Day on Sunday, September 25th. Mass at noon in the Shrine Park, followed with a free picnic lunch and 2:30 pm Devotions with an outdoor Rosary procession. All are welcome! For more information call the Shrine office, 419-396-7107 or www.olcshrine.com.

The Service Group of Mennonite Home will be holding their annual Fall Festival Bake Sale this Friday and Saturday, September 23 & 24. The Bake sale will feature a variety of home baked goods including delicious cinnamon rolls, cakes, pies, noodles and breads. This annual event will be held in the MMH Lobby this Friday and Saturday, September 23 & 24 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Be sure to come early for your homemade baked treats!

If you are willing to donate a baked good to this worthy cause, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. Items may be brought to MMH by September 23rd, at 9:00 a.m.

Matrimony: A calling to forgive! "Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope."

Retrouvaille offers a welcoming and loving space to couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. Retrouvaille offers hope. Retrouvaille helps couples to show each other mercy through the opportunities it provides to listen, to forgive, to be reconciled and to move into their futures believing that God loves them and with His help and their efforts, their marriages can be healed and restored. For more information about our October 7-9 Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact registration team: Joe and Arlene @ 419-841-1116.

P.R.E.P

Children's Liturgy of the Word is during the 10 o'clock Mass and the first class is today, September 18.

K-6: Next class is Wednesday, September 21st from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

God Squad and Jr. High Classes start today, Sunday, September 18th after Mass from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

We are still in need of walkers for Weekday Christian Ed classes at Bluffton. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex if you are interested in helping.