

St. Mary's Catholic Church

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 9, 2016

Dear parishioners,

The handbook that our lectors use to prepare for the Sunday readings has an interesting observation about today's gospel.



Jesus gives no physical sign to the 10 lepers to let them know he has heard them. He only gives the instruction to go show themselves to the priests. They are healed as they are going to do this. One of them returns to Jesus, and only this one receives the promise of salvation. The other nine received only physical healing.

I had never noticed that little detail in this reading. I had always thought that Jesus was disappointed that the nine did not return to give him thanks. This commentary says that Jesus is disappointed because he could not give to them everything that Jesus wanted to give.

I suspect that many of you like me may be in that same category. Once I get what I asked for, I often forget to go back. It is possible that I have been open to what I wanted but not to the greater gift that Jesus may have in mind for me. This gift might be insight or deeper gratitude or joy. No doubt it is also the promise of eternal salvation.

Let's remember—when we give thanks to God, we can be expectant of even greater gifts. God is indeed lavish and generous. He loves us and wants our good more than we can imagine!

Sister Carol

Baptism preparation for parents will be Sunday, October 16, 7 o'clock, in the parish library. Please call the parish office to sign up.

Weekend Masses

Sat Oct 8	4:00 p.m.	Special Intention
Sun Oct 9	10:00 a.m.	Jim Badertscher
Sat Oct 15	4:00 p.m.	Jim Alt
Sun Oct 16	10:00 a.m.	Jerry Musser

Communion Services

Tue Oct 11	10:30 a.m.	Richland
Fri Oct 14	8:00 a.m.	St. Mary's

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$3,534.00	Loose	\$633.00
Children	\$36.52	Total	\$4,203.52
88 envelopes returned = 42%			

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for October 15 & 16, 2016

Money Counters: Barb Galvan and Deb Goldenetz
4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Jeanne Parinello
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: Schulte family
Greeter-West Door: Utendorf family
Cantor: Steve McCullough
Lector: 1st Reading: Isabella Stechschulte
Responsorial Psalm: Elizabeth Honse
Lector: 2nd Reading: Olivia Smallcombe
Ushers: Greg and Gabe Denecker
Gift Bearers: Lovett family
E.M.: Amy Marcum, Mark Zwiebel,
Tricia Herrmann and Hank Schroeder
Servers: Luke Denecker, Olivia Smallcombe and Kendall Giesige

Readings for October 16, 2016 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Exodus 17:8-13
2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14—4:2
Gospel Reading: Luke 18:1-8

Holy Hour is Monday, October 10 at 8:00 p.m.

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Wednesday Mass This month the evening Mass will be on the second Wednesday of the month, October 12, at 7 o'clock.

I wish to extend my sincere appreciation to the Parishioners of St. Mary's for the many cards, gifts, and best wishes on the 40th Anniversary of my ordination. What a great place to be able to celebrate at a parish I served shortly after my ordination!

Fr. John

Coming events

The annual collection for the Propagation of the Faith (Missions) will be taken at St. Mary's the weekend of October 22-23.

Our annual Mass to remember those who died during the past year will be the 10 o'clock Mass on Sunday, October 30. Please come pray for those who have gone before us: Ed Murphy, Libby Schmenk, Jim Badertscher, Jeff Brodman, Jerry Musser, and Ike Businger.

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.

Bridge Home Health & Hospice is pleased to offer another **Hospice Volunteer Training Class**

for prospective volunteers beginning on Saturday, October 29 in Bluffton. The training will be held at the Bluffton Hospital, located at 139 Garau St. in Bluffton, and will take place for two consecutive Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. No previous hospice experience is necessary; however, volunteers must be at least 18 years old. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to request an application packet, contact Julie Tiell, Hospice volunteer coordinator, at 419-423-5351 or 1-800-982-3306.

The Red Cross blood drive will be here at St. Mary's on Thursday, October 13, noon to 6:00 p.m. If you can donate, please do. If you can help, please sign up.



Sacred Heart Catholic Church in New Bavaria will be displaying Eucharistic Miracle Posters. This entire exhibit contains 126 miracles and will be displayed in the school hall. Eucharistic Miracles can encourage us to understand, appreciate and love the Eucharist... They can help a person to discover the mystery, the beauty and the riches of the Eucharist. Come experience the display from October 8th through October 19th. Hours are 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday and 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Free admission.

Hope after Abortion Healing Retreat on Saturday, October 29 - "God will never forgive me for this."

God wants you to come back to His love and mercy.

An "Entering Canaan" Day of Prayer and Healing

for women who are suffering from a past abortion will take place on Saturday, October 29, 2016. The day retreat is hosted by Catholic Charities Project Rachel. For further information and confidential reservations, please call Project Rachel Coordinator Clarissa Lapinski at 419-260-5811 or email projectrachel@toledodiocese.org. Come and experience the mercy of God!

In preparation for the centennial of the apparition of Our Lady at Fatima, a traveling statue, blessed by Pope Francis, will be at Saint Anthony Parish, Columbus Grove on Wednesday, October 19. The day will begin with 8:00 a.m. Mass and conclude at 7 p.m. with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Vespers of Our Lady, a Rosary, and Benediction.

P.R.E.P

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

K-6: Next class is Wednesday, October 12 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Mass is at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome!

Jr. High & God Squad: Next class is Sunday, October 16th from 11:00 to 1:00 p.m.

We are still in need of a few walkers on Fridays for Weekday Christian Ed. Contact Kelly if you can help.