

St. Mary's Catholic Church

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 16, 2016



Dear parishioners,

I think the two lessons from today's readings are easy to find. Never stop praying and help each other.

Joshua wins the battle as long as Moses has his arms up in prayer. Moses gets tired so Aaron and Hur hold up Moses' arms for him. Because they help Moses when he can't go on, Joshua wins the battle.

Paul says to Timothy "be persistent, whether it is convenient or inconvenient." In the gospel Jesus tells us about the necessity to pray always without becoming weary.

We often think we have to pray so that God will give us what we want or need. We pray for good things for the people we love. The deeper truth about prayer is that it changes us. Even the persistence and the consistency help to form our character. When we pray regularly and persistently, we begin to look at things from God's perspective. Sometimes we begin to look at the benefit of alternatives or even of not getting what we think we want.

God is not a dispensing machine. Our relationship with God is not about putting in enough prayers to get what we want. Prayer is about talking with our loving God and growing to know God better.

Sister Carol

We extend our sympathy to Anne Osborne and all her family on the death of her mother, Lou Ann. May she rest in eternal peace.

Weekend Masses

Sat Oct 15	4:00 p.m.	Jim Alt
Sun Oct 16	10:00 a.m.	Jerry Musser
Sat Oct 22	4:00 p.m.	Jim Badertscher
Sun Oct 23	10:00 a.m.	Janet Maenle

Communion Services

Tue Oct 18	10:30 a.m.	Richland
Fri Oct 21	8:00 a.m.	St. Mary's

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$2,597.00	Loose	\$557.00
Children	\$27.56	Total	\$3,181.56

59 envelopes returned = 28%

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for October 22 & 23, 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: Abygail 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 October 23, 2016

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1st Reading: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel Reading: Luke 18:9-14

Holy Hour is Monday, October 17 at 8:00 p.m.

Baptism preparation for parents will be tonight, Sunday, October 16, 7 o'clock, in the parish library.

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Coming events

The annual collection for the Propagation of the Faith (Missions) will be taken at St. Mary's next weekend, 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, Ike Businger, and Lou Ann Osborne.

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.

Support Our Priests' Retirement: Clergy vocations are the cornerstone of our Catholic Church and we are grateful for the service that our priests have given to their local parishes. In the United States, half of all the diocesan priests are expected to retire by 2019.

Express your appreciation for those who have faithfully served in the Diocese of Toledo by making a gift to Perpetuate The Gift Appeal. Your gift benefits our diocesan priests and retired diocesan priests and your Parish. Once a priest retires he is responsible for his own personal expenses: medical, housing, car, clothing and food. All funds contributed between October 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016 help reduce the amount the parish contributes to the fund. A gift of cash or check can be sent to Perpetuate The Gift, PO Box 954, Toledo, OH 43697 or placed in the parish collection. A gift may also be made online at www.toledodiocese.org

Hope after Abortion Healing Retreat on Saturday, October 29 - 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!

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the funeral of Lou Ann Osborne this past week. Also, **thank you** to Beth Yarger and all those who helped with registration, hosting, and cookie baking for the Red Cross blood drive. You're the best!

Next week, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Its theme this year is "Mercy Changes the World." Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support the young mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve some of the poorest of the poor. Please keep the Missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith.

Fall is a beautiful season full of color and crisp fresh air. **A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** is like autumn because it's a weekend full of fresh air, new beginnings, and a time to rejoice in the beauty of your marriage and family. It's a great time to rekindle communication and enjoy a weekend away. Participate in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on November 11-13, 2016 at Howard Johnson in Lima, OH. To apply, go to www.wwme.org or call Brian & Chris Schroeder at 419-538-7210. Weekends are offered throughout the year; visit www.wwme.org to find out more!

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.

P.R.E.P

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

K-6: Class is Wed., October 19, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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