

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 29, 2017



Dear parishioners,

God has told us "Your ways are not my ways." Today's readings reinforce that thought. Paul reminds the Corinthians and us that very few of us are wise, powerful, or noble. That's okay because God chooses to use the foolish, the weak, and the despised. It's why the Church promotes a preferential option for the poor. God's glory is better and more fully revealed through those who are weak and on the margins.

I was very touched at our Volunteer Supper by our university students. An older couple was left with only a table by themselves and went looking for a table that had two empty places. The university students had one extra place and then squeezed together to make the second spot. I am inspired by that kind of looking out for others. We do need to work at that some more. There were also families left to sit by themselves. That's a kind of "being on the margins." We need to be more attentive.

In the gospel—a gospel that we have heard many, many times—we are told of the virtues that delight God's heart. They are not what make comfortable or popular. Blessed are you if you are poor in spirit, meek, merciful, and clean of heart. Also blessed are you if you mourn, if you hunger and thirst for righteousness, if you are persecuted, if you are insulted. Choosing to do the right is not always painless. That choice, however, will be rewarded.

Sister Carol

Weekend Masses

Sat Jan 28	4:00 p.m.	Bill Shackelford Sr.
Sun Jan 29	10:00 a.m.	Dolores Hermiller and James Trenkamp
Sat. Feb 4	4:00 p.m.	Libby Schmenk
Sun Feb 5	10:00 a.m.	Eldon (Ike) Businger

Communion Services

Tue Jan 31	10:30 a.m.	Richland
Wed Feb 1	10:30 a.m.	Hilty

First Friday

Fri Feb 3	8:00 a.m.	St. Mary's
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SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$2,922.00	Loose	\$427.00
Children	\$49.75	Total	\$3,398.75
85 envelopes returned = 41%			
Christmas to date: \$6,825.00			

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for February 4 & 5, 2017

Money Counters: Chad Wolford and Barb Galvan
4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Peg Murphy

Cantor: Katie Hohenbrink

Ushers: Dave and Mary Hoffer

Lector: Caitlyn Couch

E.M.: Jessica Wischmeyer, Brianna Atkins, Basil Meyer

Servers: Zane and Grace Myers

10:00 a.m.

Greeter-East door: Logan Welch

Greeter-West Door: Lisa Welch

Cantor: Karen Phillips

Ushers: Trent/Todd and Colin Phillips

Lectors: Mel Heitmeyer and Shannon Wannemacher

E.M.: Wes Lovett, Lisa Welch, Logan Welch,
Megan Dulle and Mackenzie Butler

Servers: Drew and Ken Lovett, Jonathan Hoorman

Readings for February 5, 2017 Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:13-16

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Community Supper It is our turn again to host the Community Supper on Thursday, February 2, at the Bluffton Senior Center. On the shelf in the main entrance there is a sign-up sheet for food donations and for workers. Please help if you can.



Thank you to the Pastoral Council for setting up for the Volunteer Supper. **Thank you** to all who stayed to help take down. **Thank you** to those who came to the in-service.

DON'T FORGET!!!



Sign-up for the Lenten small groups continues this weekend. This is a great opportunity to deepen your faith and to get to know others in the parish. If you want to form a new group, contact Shar Dunlap.

Entering Canaan Men's Day of Prayer and Healing on Saturday, Feb. 18. Men suffer from abortion too! If you are carrying the pain and sorrow of losing a child to abortion(s), you are not alone. Find support from other men who are suffering during our "Entering Canaan Men's Day of Prayer and Healing," on Saturday, February 18. The day retreat is hosted by Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo's Project Rachel ministry. For more information and confidential reservations, please call Project Rachel Coordinator Clarissa Lapinski at 1-888-456-HOPE or email projectrachel@toledodiocese.org. Come and experience the mercy of God!

Join Fr. Charles Obinwa for the trip of a lifetime, an elite tour planned just for you. Trip Name: Rome, Assisi, Cascia, Padre Pio, & Medjugorje with Fr. Obinwa. **Dates: Jul 01-10, 2017.** Cost: \$3,999.00 This elite tour includes airfare, 5 star accommodations, taxes, tips, fees, transportation, breakfast, and dinners. **Places you'll visit:** Rome, Assisi, Cascia, San Giovanni Rotondo, Padre Pio Shrine, Medjugorje, Krizevac Mountain, & Cenacolo. This all-inclusive trip is being arranged by Pro Catholic Tours. Please register through their website, www.procatholic tours.com or by calling 769-233-6515 or 769-220-2702.

The following items would be helpful for February for the Bluffton Food Pantry:

- Cereals
- Chunky soups
- Crackers
- Chili beans, chili sauce, tomato sauce
- Canned fruits
- Baked beans
- Spaghettios
- Canned meats – beef, chicken, pork
- Tuna
- Tuna helper/Hamburger helper
- Tacos, taco sauce, tortillas
- Cake mixes, cookie mixes, brownie mixes
- Catsup, mustard, dill pickles
- Paper products – TP, paper towels, tissues
- Lotions, creams, deodorants

We will do a food collection next week and take up a second collection for the food pantry.

A Retreat Weekend for Women and Men! **"How To Find Our Spiritual Bearings"** will be held February 10-12, 2017 at Our Lady of Consolation Retreat House in Carey, Ohio. Registrations begin Friday, Feb. 10th at 6:00 p.m. with the first presentation starting at 7:00 p.m. The retreat will conclude with a closing Mass late Sunday morning! See the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

Important notice

This is the year when Eucharistic Ministers need to be commissioned/recommissioned. This means each of them is required to do some formation. We will offer this formation on Sunday, March 12, at 11:30 a.m.—after Mass and lunch. Sister Edna Michel will be the presenter. The title of her presentation is "The Body of Christ." Mark your calendars now.

P.R.E.P

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

K-6: Class is Wednesday, February 1st from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. Mass is at 7:00 p.m.

Jr. High and God Squad: Next class is Sunday, February 5, 2017 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.