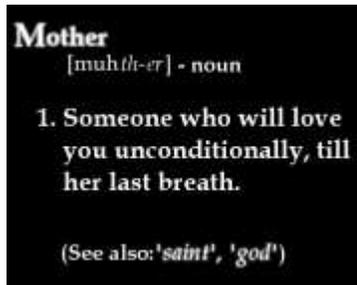


St. Mary's Catholic Church

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2017



Dear parishioners,

Happy Mother's Day to all you moms!

While we were discussing our chapter from The Name of God Is Mercy at our last Pastoral Council meeting, one of the young mothers said she never realized how much she could love someone until her child was born. Now she realizes her mother loves her in the same way and that's really touching for her.

Not everyone is lucky enough to have a mother and/or father who loves him/her unconditionally. Those of us who do are also blessed to be able to extend our understanding to how much God loves us.

Marriage is a vocation. It's a partnership of love and love. It's an openness to create a family. It is also a vocation to witness to the world the unconditional love that God has for God's people. And that's an honor, a big deal, and a life-long challenge. Love involves acceptance, support, care, forgiveness, faithfulness, unselfishness, generosity.... A married couple promises that to each other and to God. When others see them as a couple and as parents, they will be reminded of how much God loves us and the ways in which God loves us. That's why the grace of the sacrament is so important. I pray that you may be true to that vocation.

Sister Carol

The parish extends its sympathy to Shirley Siefker and to all her family at the death of her father, Arnold Borgelt. May he rest in peace.

Weekend Masses

Sat May 13	4:00 p.m.	Gene Badertscher Imajeon Mathewson
Sun May 14	10:00 a.m.	Janet Maenle
Sat May 20	4:00 p.m.	Ike Businger Ellen Von Lehmden
Sun May 21	10:00 a.m.	For the parish

Communion Services

Fri May 19 8:00 a.m. St. Mary's

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$3,790.00	Loose	\$704.00
Children	\$52.30	Total	\$4,546.30

81 envelopes returned = 39%

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for May 20 & 21, 2017

Money Counters: Angie Wenger, Deb Goldenetz

4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Jeanne Parinello

Cantor: Katie Hohenbrink

Ushers: John Parinello and Chuck Niese

Lector: Jim Kinn

E.M.: Diana Bucher, Jennifer Tschuor

Servers: Brayton and Addison Businger and
Caitlyn Couch

10:00 a.m.

Greeter-East door: Kelly and Steve Yarnell

Greeter-West Door:

Cantor: Choir

Ushers: Greg and Gabe Denecker

Lectors: Chris Denecker and Joe Herrmann

E.M.: Amy Marcum, Mark Zwiebel,

Tricia Herrmann and Sr. Carol Inkrott

Servers: Luke Denecker, Olivia Smallcombe and
Kendal Giesige

Readings for May 21, 2017

Sixth Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel Reading: John 14:15-21

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Booneville Mission Trip

We will leave on Friday, June 9, and return on Sunday, June 11. Twelve of us can go. There is a sign-up sheet on the shelf in the main entrance. The food donation board is also in the main entrance. Please help!



PLEASE HELP! Our Annual Maintenance Day will be Saturday, May 20, 8:00 a.m. until noon lunch (or sooner if we get done sooner.) There will be some outside work and a major portion of inside work. Please sign up and help.



We want to expand and renew the leadership of our Family Promise team. We will have a meeting to explain what Family promise is about, what is done on our part, and what we need. The roles can be big or small—fetch and return

the air mattresses (This would be good with a pickup and some muscle!), coordinate the meals, tend to the schedule. Now that we have some experience, we have a better idea of how to divide the workload. If you have an interest, please come to a meeting Thursday, May 18, 7:00 p.m. or call Bethany Barnhart 419-615-5833 to let her know of your interest.

Our Lady of Consolation Shrine, Carey, OH invites you to the first in a series of monthly devotions, "Our Journey with Our Blessed Mother". Rev. David Ross, pastor of St. Rose Parish, Lima will be the celebrant and homilist for Mass on Sunday, May 21, 12 noon. Devotions will follow at 2:30. For more information call 419-396-7107.

The Bishops of the United States have approved a special one-time collection to take place in parishes across the nation on Mother's Day 2017 to support the mosaic ornamentation of the Trinity Dome, the crowning jewel of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The National Shrine has been a century in the making since the laying of its foundation stone in 1920. Thank you in advance for your promotion and support of this initiative to help complete America's Catholic Church in advance of its 100th anniversary. For more information visit www.trinitydome.org or www.nationalshrine.org

Next Sunday, May 21, we will celebrate our graduates—those being graduated from high school and those getting degrees from college. Please join us at the Mass and at the reception immediately after Mass.



Thank you to Sherri Heitmeyer and Rita Unterbrink for hosting the annual Remembrance Dinner. **Thank you** to Jeff Goldenetz for saving our plants from the frost by covering them—two days in a row!

Summer Migrant Ministry

The Sisters of Notre Dame invite high school girls, college students and young adult's women to join them for a mission trip right here in Northwest Ohio this summer. Join a service team and help with a Vacation Bible School at a migrant camp, learn about the life of a migrant farm worker, and live in a service community for a week. Volunteers will stay in Fostoria, Ohio. For more information contact Sr. Teresita Richards at trichards@toledosnd.org or 419.7241371. The weeks of service are: July 9 – 14, 2017, July 16 – 21, 2017, and July 23 – 28, 2017

Summer Camps are being offered at the Franciscan Earth Literacy Center, located at 194 St. Francis Ave., Tiffin. June 12-16 (Grow It, Bake It, Eat It), June 19-23 (Science Camp I), June 26-30 (Pickles, Pie, Peace & Me), July 10-13 (I Will Survive), July 24-28 (Amazing Animals), July 31-Aug 4 (Camp Dig, and Aug 7-10 (Extreme Game Camp).

Our outdoor summer day camp programs are designed to be active, fun, and educational. Campers will be challenged, and excited by our hands-on activities, experiments, crafts and games. Through the generosity of the B.A. Seitz Fund and the Cliff Farmer Scholarship Fund, a limited number of scholarships are available for children who wish to attend a camp, but whose families are financially challenged. For more info, call us prior to registering for a summer camp. **To register for a camp, visit www.felctiffin.org or call Sister Shirley at 419-448-7485.**

P.R.E.P

Children's Liturgy of the Word is during the 10 o'clock Mass. This is your last class until fall.

K-6: On Wednesday, May 17 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., there will be a Touching Safety program. If you have any questions, call Kelly at 419-358-8631.