

St. Mary's Catholic Church

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 16, 2017



Dear parishioners,

Thanks to Denise Fett we will be participants in America in Bloom this week. Judges will be coming to consider our memorial garden as one of the entries. We'll see how it goes.

Whether we win recognition or not, we have a great deal for which to be grateful—grateful to God for the beauty of the colors and variety, grateful to all who donated and did the work to create this lovely space.

In his encyclical letter “Laudato Si!” (“Be Praised My Lord”) Pope Francis says:

“The universe as a whole, in all its manifold relationships, shows forth the inexhaustible riches of God. When we see God reflected in all that exists, our hearts are moved to praise the Lord for all his creatures and to worship him in union with them.The bishops of Brazil have pointed out that nature as a whole not only manifests God but is also a locus of his presence. The Spirit of life dwells in every living creature and calls us into relationship with him.”

I am proud of all of you for placing value on this place of beauty as a revelation of God and as a place to meet God. I hope you take some time to sit on the sitting wall and soak in some of the beauty. I hope those who pass by are also moved to praise God in all of God's magnificent creation!

Sister Carol

Weekend Masses

Sat Jul 15	4:00 p.m.	Janet Maenle
Sun July 16	10:00 a.m.	For the parish
Sat July 22	4:00 p.m.	For the parish
Sun July 23	10:00 a.m.	Sharon Jolliff

Communion Services

Fri July 21	8:00 a.m.	St. Mary's
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SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$2,467.00	Loose	\$559.00
Children	\$30.07	Total	\$3,056.07

68 envelopes returned = 33%

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for July 22 & 23, 2017

Money Counters: Jason Granger, Chad Wolford

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: Alyson Kettels, Grace Yarnell and
Ayla Grandey

10:00 a.m.

Greeter-East door: Basil Meyer and Deb Buck

Greeter-West Door:

Cantor: Katie Hohenbrink

Ushers: Jeanne and Jerry Wehri

Lectors: Lisa Welch

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

Servers: Julia Mehaffie, Makayla Schweingruber,
Jordan Schweingruber

Readings for July 23, 2017

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1st Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

2nd Reading: Romans 8:26-27

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:24-43

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Operation Artic

The community Vacation Bible School begins tonight at English Lutheran Church, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. It runs Sunday, July 16 through Thursday, July 20.

Thanks to Kelly Honse for coordinating and to all our volunteers and participants.



Parish picnic If you do not already have the parish picnic on your calendar, remember to save the day! This big event will happen on Sunday, August 13, right after the 10:00 o'clock

Mass. We'll be celebrating, among other things, the fact that our present church is 50 years young!

Welcome to Father Howe who is our presider this weekend!

Requests for the Bluffton Food Pantry for July:

Personal items: lotions, creams, hair care products, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes, bath soaps, soft soaps

Paper items: paper towels, toilet paper, tissue paper, napkins

Breakfast cereals

Instant oatmeal's

Macaroni and cheese

Chunky soups

Spaghetios and similar canned foods

Canned fruits

Canned meats, including tuna, chicken, beef, and pork

Hamburger and tuna helper

Beef Ramen noodles

Crackers and cookies

Project Rachel Healing Retreat for Women -

An "Entering Canaan" Day of Prayer and Healing Retreat for women who are suffering as a result of an abortion will be held Saturday, August 26, 2017. The day is hosted by Project Rachel, a ministry of Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo.

For more information and confidential reservations, please call 1-888-456-HOPE or 419-260-5811. Or email projectrachel@toledodiocese.org. Come and experience God's mercy!

Pope Francis has appointed Bishop Nelson J. Perez as the new bishop of Cleveland. He will be installed September 5. At this time Bishop Thomas' administrative duties in Cleveland will conclude.

The Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation invites area singers to join the *2017 Assumption Choir*. This choir, along with a brass quintet, will lead the music for the Vigil Mass of the Assumption, in the Shrine Park, on Monday, August 14, 2017 at 9:30 p.m. This unique experience gives singers, amateur and professional, the opportunity to sing a wide variety of music with a short-term commitment. Rehearsals will be held from 4:00–5:30 p.m. in the Original Shrine Church (next to the Gift Shop) on Sundays: July 30, August 6, and August 13. Please direct any questions to the Basilica's Director of Music Ministries, Mr. Jack Gerding, at music@olcshrine.com or 419-396-7107.

St Anthony Parish Festival, Columbus Grove, will be hosting their annual parish festival on Saturday, August 5th from 5:30 - 11 pm and Sunday, August 6th from 11 am -10 pm. Saturday's activities include BBQ ribs and chicken dinners beginning at 5:30. The St Anthony 5K Race kicks off at 7 pm. Contact Hannah Warren at: 419-303-5476 for more info on the race. Hamburgers, fries, and refreshments will be available. Music will be provided by Truck Stop Manners Band from 7 - 10 pm. Sunday's activities will include beef and chicken dinners: dine in from 11 am - 1:30 pm, drive thru from 11 am - 1 pm, carry out from 11 am - 3 pm, and cafeteria style from 4-7 pm. Sunday is the BIG day with a huge garage sale, BINGO, country store raffles, bakery wheel, duck races, big ticket drawings, kid's games, rides, putt-putt, and lots of food and other refreshments. The grand prize is \$20,000 towards the purchase of a new vehicle or \$15,000 CASH. Winner need not be present to win. Come join us! Everyone is welcome!

Support scholarships for Catholic schools with a gift to the Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund. In the 2016-2017 school year over 600 need-based scholarships were awarded to students to attend a private school for grades K-8 or for homeschool expenses. Your gift to the NOSF will assist a family by providing an educational choice for their children including Catholic Schools. To learn more about the Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund or to make a gift go to <http://nosf.org/donate-now> or contact the NOSF office at (419) 720-7048.