

St. Mary's Catholic Church

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 24, 2017

Dear parishioners,

One of the things St. Francis of Assisi understood very well was the beauty and goodness of creation. Here for your reflection is the Canticum of the Creatures which he composed.



Most High, all powerful, good Lord, all praise is yours, all glory, all honor and all blessing. To you alone, Most High, do they belong. No mortal lips are worthy to pronounce your name.

*All praise be yours, my Lord, through all you have made, and first my lord **Brother Sun**, who brings the day; and through whom you give us light. How beautiful is he, how radiant in all his splendor; of you, Most High, he bears the likeness.*

*All praise be yours, my Lord, through **Sister Moon** and the stars; in the heavens you have made them bright, and precious, and fair.*

*All praise be yours, my Lord, through **Brothers wind and air**, and fair and stormy, all the weather's moods, by which you cherish all that you have made.*

*All praise be yours, my Lord, through **Sister Water**, so useful, humble, precious, and pure.*

*All praise be yours, my Lord, through **Brother Fire**, through whom you brighten up the night. How beautiful is he, how cheerful! Full of power and strength.*

*All praise be yours, my Lord, through our **Sister Mother Earth**, who sustains us and governs us, and produces various fruits with colored flowers and herbs.*

All praise be yours, my Lord, through those who grant pardon for love of you; through those who endure sickness and trial. Happy those who endure in peace. By you, Most High, they will be crowned.

*All praise be yours, my Lord, through **Sister Death**, from whose embrace no mortal can escape....*

Praise and bless my Lord, and give him thanks, and serve with great humility.

Sister Carol

Weekend Masses

Sat Sept 23	4:00 p.m.	Richard and Angela Knott
Sun Sept 24	10:00 a.m.	Jan Schulte
Sat Sept 30	4:00 p.m.	Jerry Musser
Sun Oct 1	10:00 a.m.	Cyril & Dorothy Sterrett

Communion Services

Fri Sept 29 8:00 a.m. St. Mary's

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$2,245.00	Loose	\$644.00
Children	\$31.65	Total	\$2,920.65

69 envelopes returned = 33%

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for Sept. 30 & Oct. 1, 2017

Money Counters: Angie Wenger and Janet Begg

4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Lisa & Logan Welch

Cantor: Jenny Roby

Ushers: Bob Minto and John Parinello

Lector: Laura Jones

E.M.: Kevin Vance, Kaden Reneker,
Rosemary Meyer

Servers: Derek Swartzlander and Alaina Kiser

10:00 a.m.

Greeter-East door: John & Sarah Schulte family

Greeter-West Door:

Cantor: Karen Phillips

Ushers: Todd Phillips and John Schlumbohm

Lectors: Mel Heitmeyer and Caitlyn Couch

E.M.: Wes Lovett, Lisa Welch, Logan Welch,
Larry Hoffman, Becca Schlumbohm

Servers: Drew and Ken Lovett, Jonathan Hoorman

Readings for October 1, 2017

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:28-32

The Religious Education program is still in need of an aide for third grade. Please speak to Kelly Honse if you are willing to help.

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Holy Hours We have resumed our Monday night holy hours. We will gather in the chapel at 8:00 o'clock each Monday.

Pastoral Council Retreat

The Pastoral Council is spending today, Sunday, September 24, at Maria Stein for their annual retreat. Please pray for them.



Another Adult Formation Opportunity

Monday evening, October 2, at 7:00 p.m., Sister Carol will share some of her insights about the story of Francis and Clare of Assisi. The feast of St. Francis is October 4.

The Liturgy Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 26, at 7:00 o'clock. Wear your grubbies. We're going to clean!

RCIA

We have begun the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. We are meeting on Monday evenings at 7:00 o'clock. If you or someone you know is interested in joining the Catholic Church or is interested in learning about it, know that you are welcome. These first weeks of the journey are "Inquiry."

Community Market receipts

Please remember to bring in your Community Market receipts. We redeem 1%. We are this year directing the proceeds to the Summer Camp Fund since these young men and women are working so hard to raise money for next summer. They'd be grateful for your help.



Our Lady of Consolation Shrine, Carey, OH

invites you to "Our Journey with Our Blessed Mother." The sixth and final "Journey" series will be on Sunday, October 1 at the noon Mass with the former Pastor of St. Michael's Parish, Findlay, OH Msgr. Michael Hohenbrink. Plan to attend our "Journey." Any questions call 419-396-7107 or look us up at olcshrine.com.

Our parish youth have the opportunity to attend Catholic Youth Summer Camp 2018. The students are currently fundraising to help defer the cost. **We invite you to please attend our pancake breakfast today, Sunday Sept 24th after Mass.**

Catholic Charities is hosting the ecumenical **40 Days for Life** campaign in Northwest Ohio from Wed. Sept. 27 through Sun., Nov. 5, 2017. You can participate in three ways: prayer and fasting, community outreach and peaceful vigil. To learn more, email Peter Range, Office of Life and Justice Director at prange@toledodiocese.org. Join the movement, and help us end abortion in Northwest Ohio! Or visit 40daysforlife.com to learn more.

World Mission Sunday is October 21/22, 2017.

The theme for this year's Mission Sunday is "Mission at the Heart of the Christian Faith" and is truly a global effort for the entire Church. It is a central moment each year to provide for the building up of over one thousand local churches in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, parts of Latin America and Europe, an area that covers more than half of the territory of the globe. Through the work of these churches and their witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help and experience God's love and mercy, His hope and peace.

Amanda Vernon Concert Keynote St. Michael the Archangel Parish invites you and your family to see internationally-known recording artist Amanda Vernon in a free concert on Monday October 2nd @ 7pm at the main campus of St. Michael. She will share her original music and give the faith-filled stories behind the songs. For more info, visit amandavernon.com. This concert is free and open to the public.

P.R.E.P

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

K-6: Next class is Wednesday, September 27 at 6:30. Also, there will be a Parents 1st Reconciliation class.

Jr. High and God Squad: Next class is Sunday, October 1st from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.