

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 14, 2018



Dear parishioners,

I want to ask you to pray for the safety of our sisters in Chiapas, Mexico. There has been a decades-long dispute over land. Some of the municipalities are trying to take the land of the indigenous farmers. Bishop Samuel Ruiz brokered a settlement back in 1994. Now the dispute has revived. The municipalities have hired paramilitaries to shoot at the houses (huts actually) of the farmers to force them off their land by sheer terror. Many families have moved away and are living under plastic sheeting to protect them from the elements. At the present time our sisters are working with Caritas to provide blankets and food for the refugees. The situation is very tense as the government is making no effort to bring peace to the area.

This causes me to think about how privileged I am to live in a place where we are blessed with peace. Many people all over the world live in situations of war and terror where the rich oppress the poor and the powerful oppress the powerless. Leaders employ violence and starvation to force peoples into submission. The misuse of power is rampant.

There are opportunities to give of our abundance to help the downtrodden. We can at least try in our own lives to be peacemakers and strive to be non-violent in our treatment of others. Perhaps we need to spend more time reflecting that every person on earth is our brother and sister.

Sister Carol

**Congratulations** to Jana Heitmeyer on the baptism of her son Zayden. Welcome to the family of faith, Zayden!

## Weekend Masses

Sat Jan 13	4:00 p.m.	Mel Schroeder
Sun Jan 14	10:00 a.m.	Jan Schulte
Sat Jan 20	4:00 p.m.	Jim Badertscher
Sun Jan 21	10:00 a.m.	Deceased members of the Hankish family

## Communion Services

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

## SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$2,523.00	Loose	\$ 1,080.66
Children	\$76.00	Total	\$3,679.66
70 envelopes returned =34%			
Christmas collection	\$14,346.66		

*Thank you for your generosity!*

*Thank you also to those who give electronically!!*

## Assignments for Jan. 20 & 21, 2018

**Money Counters:** Tonya Meyer, Deb Goldenetz

### 4:00 p.m.

**Greeter:** Jeanne Parinello

**Cantor:** Dave Roby

**Ushers:** John Parinello and Chuck Niese

**Lector:** Jim Kinn

**E.M.:** Diana Bucher and Jennifer Tschuor

**Servers:** Brayton and Addison Businger

### 10:00 a.m.

**Greeter-East door:** Steve and Kelly 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, Hank Schroeder

**Servers:** Luke Denecker, Issabella Stechsulte  
and Kendal Giesige

## **Readings for January 21, 2018 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:14-20

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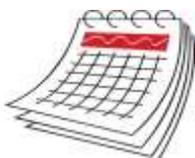
**Our Local Knights of Columbus councils** are asking us to take up a second collection next week, January 20-21, to help them purchase a new ultrasound machine for Heartbeat in Lima. Many abortions have been prevented because of the ultrasound machine the K of C purchased in 2011. That ultrasound machine needs to be replaced. There is a fuller story in the insert in this bulletin. Some folks are going to the March for Life. For those of us who are not going to Washington, D. C. donating toward this very worthy project is a great opportunity to support life.

**Mark your calendars!** We have two special events in January. Mark your calendars!

Sunday, January 21, lunch after Mass and holy hour for our annual Eucharistic Day at noon.

Sunday, January 28, 6:00 p.m., in the social hall, our annual Volunteer Appreciation Supper.

There are sign-up sheets for both events on the shelf in the main entrance. **Please sign up so we can make adequate preparation!**



**Stress in Your Marriage?** — Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the January program beginning with a weekend on Jan. 26 – Jan. Jan. 28 call 419-481-1116 or email: Toledo@retrouvaille.org or visit the web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)

**Bluffton Presbyterian Church** is coordinating the **second annual Chili Cook-Off** as a fund raiser for the food pantry. It will be held at the middle school cafeteria on Tuesday, February 20, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. You can simply come to eat or you can help in other ways: provide and serve chili, organize donations and sale of desserts, organize donation and sale of sandwiches, assist with set-up or tear-down, promote and participate in the "People's Choice" competition. To offer help call Carol Enneking 419-348-7691 or Lynda Best 419-296-2790.

A BIG **thank you** to Tom Schulte, John Schulte, Cathy and Caitlyn Couch, Mel and Sherry Heitmeyer, Lisa and Logan Welch, and Larry and Ethan Hoffman for "undecorating" the church and to Bob and Louise Rieman for taking down the outdoor lights.

## **This is the official policy of the Diocese of Toledo relating to Level 3 Snow Emergencies**

Whenever a county/city within the Diocese of Toledo is placed under a Level 3 Snow Emergency, during which all roadways are closed to non-emergency personnel, the Catholic Churches within that geographic region will cancel the scheduled Saturday Vigil, Sunday, or Holy Day Masses. Roman Catholics in that region, therefore, are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass. If Masses are cancelled, Catholics are encouraged to participate in Holy Mass via television, radio, or internet, making a spiritual Communion. When Mass is cancelled, all other diocesan, parish, or school events in that geographic region are also cancelled.

**Please remember** to bring in your Community Market receipts. We receive 1% of the amount of the receipts we submit. This year we are putting those proceeds toward the Summer Camp Fund.

## **P.R.E.P**

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

**K-6:** Next class will be on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 from 6:30 to 7:30. There will be safety training.

**Jr. High & God Squad:** Next class is Sunday, January 21st from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p. m.

**The 8<sup>th</sup> grade** is putting hygiene kits together for the homeless who go to "Our Daily Bread" soup kitchen for a lent project. They are in need of deodorant to put in these kits. If you are willing to donate, please call Kelly at 419-358-8631.