

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 21, 2018



Dear parishioners,

Today is our annual Eucharistic Day. We used to call it Forty Hours because parishes actually spent forty hours in prayer. In my home parish when I was a kid we usually began on a Sunday after Mass and ended on a Tuesday. Each evening there were devotions with a procession. This devotion closed the adoration for the day. During the three days parishioners were assigned hours of adoration. Priests from the neighboring parishes attended the devotions and came for a special supper when they could. There were flowers and incense and lots of people. It was actually (in my memory) a rather glorious three days. If I'm honest, I still miss that experience of a parish coming together with so much commitment to honor Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. For those of you who are able, let's come together today for our holy hour.

I also want to tell you that we are about half way in our LED project at this point. The company is still waiting for a few pieces of equipment to complete the project. The theoretical projection is that we should use about half the electricity for lighting that we are using now. Our intent is twofold—to lessen our carbon footprint and to lessen our electrical costs. LEDs do not use ballasts—of which we had many, which we needed to replace quite frequently, and some of which were expensive. This should be an additional reduction in cost and resources. We do still have some electric heat and this will not be affected by the switch to LEDs. We will give this some time to see what effect it will have.

Sister Carol

## Weekend Masses

Sat Jan 20	4:00 p.m.	Jim Badertscher
Sun Jan 21	10:00 a.m.	Deceased members of the Hankish family
Sat Jan 27	4:00 p.m.	Lena Badertscher
Sun Jan 28	10:00 a.m.	Special Intension

## Communion Services

Fri Jan 26 8:00 a.m. St. Mary's

## SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$2,933.00	Loose	\$ 1,020.00
Children	\$37.72	Total	\$3,990.72
76 envelopes returned =37%			
Christmas collection	\$14,346.66		

*Thank you for your generosity!*

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

## Assignments for Jan. 27 & 28, 2018

**Money Counters:** Angie Wenger, Courtney Gerten

### 4:00 p.m.

**Greeter:** Basil Meyer

**Cantor:** Steve McCullough

**Ushers:** Hank and Carol Schroeder

**Lector:** Jenny Roby

**E.M.:** Bob Minto and Edna Conkling

**Servers:** Alyson and Abygail Kettels

### 10:00 a.m.

**Greeter-East door:** Basil Meyer and Deb Buck

**Greeter-West Door:**

**Cantor:** Steve McCullough

**Ushers:** Jeanne and Jerry Wehri

**Lectors:** Lisa Welch and Shannon Wannemacher

**E.M.:** Michelle Risner, Betty Gerten,

Tom Schulte, Linda Kinn

**Servers:** Julia Mehaffie, Makayla Schweingruber,  
Jordan Schweingruber

## **Readings for January 28, 2018 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:21-28

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**This weekend** we are taking up a second collection to help the Knights of Columbus local councils purchase a new ultrasound machine for Heartbeat in Lima. Please be generous.



**Eucharistic Day** Today, Sunday, January 21, is our annual Eucharistic Day. Please join us for the lunch and the holy hour immediately after Mass.

**Volunteer Appreciation Supper** Sunday, January 28, 6:00 p.m., in the social hall, we have our annual Volunteer Appreciation Supper. This year the supper will be catered by Jeanne's Kitchen. **Today is your last chance to sign up!**



**Holy Communion for the Sick at St. Rita's**  
Visiting the sick is one of the corporal works of mercy, and bringing Holy Communion to people in the hospital is a great way to practice this. St. Rita's Medical Center is looking for volunteer Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to share the sacrament with patients—especially on weekends. The Medical Center would provide orientation and training. If you are interested in serving the sick, please contact Deb Miller, Spiritual Care Office Coordinator, at 419-226-9481.



**Lima Area Habitat for Humanity** greatly appreciates the Christian generosity of those seeking to bring positive change to our local communities. Currently, we have two major needs: **1) On Saturday, Feb. 17**, the Habitat ReStore in Lima is needing to move all their showroom inventory to another location, in order to refurbish their floor. A week later, **Feb. 24**, the inventory will be moved back. To make this move possible approximately **50** people are needed each morning and **50** people each afternoon. **2) There is an urgent need for additional volunteers in the ReStore - product preparation, customer service, donation/product pick-up and more.**

**Contact:** Mark Suderman, Volunteer Coordinator (419)222-4937 or [mark@habitatlima.org](mailto:mark@habitatlima.org) or find more information at [www.habitatlima.org](http://www.habitatlima.org).

## 2018 March for Life

There will be a March for Life on Sunday, January 21 in Lima, Ohio starting at 2:00 p.m. Prayer and walk begins at Heartbeat of Lima's Satellite office (226 S. Elizabeth St.). Group will walk approximately three city blocks to The Meeting Place for coffee and hot chocolate. The speaker will be Sherry Neuenschwander. If you have any questions you may contact Patti Kennedy, Heartbeat of Lima, Inc., 3225 W. Elm Street, Lima, Ohio 45805 or phone 419-222-7945.

**Serendipity by Sarah** invites you to come and look at our Custom Designed Handmade Outfits. We have Communion and Confirmation Ties sized for boy and adults. We also make matching Vests for boys. Many of our Communion Dresses and Baptismal Outfits are "One of a Kind Designs". We make Communion Veils in four different styles. We will be here at St. Mary's on Wednesday, January 24, 2018 (for one day only) from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. All items displayed are for sale the day of the show-custom orders may also be placed. Come and see what we have to offer.

# 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 24, 2018 from 6:30 to 7:30. Also there is a Parents First Communion meeting.

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**Jr. High & God Squad:** Class is today, Sunday, January 21 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.