

St. Mary's Catholic Church

First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2018



Dear parishioners,

I want to say thank you to all of you who showed me care last weekend and to all of you who stepped up to be sure everything got done in the parish. It was a busy and eventful week!

I surely experienced again how quickly life can change. One minute I was full of plans and able to move forward with wholeness and energy; the next, I needed to “recalculate” all my plans and ask for help over and over. It’s humbling!

I am also busy dishabituating—changing from my natural and preferred way of doing things with my dominant right hand and using my left for support. Another good image for Lent—getting out of the rut to reconsider how we do things.

It seems to be a rule of thumb that we learn the best and the most from suffering and loss. We don’t like it because we have to sacrifice our independence. We have to rely on others to accomplish even the simplest tasks.

We might see Lent as such an opportunity. We try to let go of some of the things that give us satisfaction and influence. We create some emptiness in our lives so that God can have some influence and help us see our need.

Let’s ask God to help us do a little “recalculating” and “dishabituating” these next weeks.

Sister Carol

The parish extends its sympathy to the family of James Clifford Davis. May he rest in peace.

Weekend Masses

Sat Feb 17	4:00 p.m.	Jim Badertscher
Sun Feb 18	10:00 a.m.	For the parish
Sat Feb 24	4:00 p.m.	Lena Badertscher
Sun Feb 25	10:00 a.m.	Bettie J. Altenburger

Communion Services

Fri Feb 23 8:00 a.m. St. Mary’s

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$2,700.00	Loose	\$858.00
Children	\$20.25	Total	\$3,578.25

76 envelopes returned = 37%

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for Feb 24 & 25, 2018

Money Counters: Angie Wenger, Deb Goldenetz

4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Basil Meyer

Cantor: Steve McCullough

Ushers: Hank and Carol Schroeder

Lector: Jenny Roby

E.M.: Bob Minto, Edna Conkling

Servers: Alaina Kiser and Calvin Freideger

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 February 25, 2018

2nd Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Genesis 22:1-18

2nd Reading: Romans 8:31b-34

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:2-10

Don't forget to turn in your Community Market receipts. We receive 1% of the amount that we submit. This year the proceeds are going to the Summer Camp fund.

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This afternoon, Sunday, February 18, at 3:00 o'clock Britny Zwiebel will

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celebrate with the bishop "The Call to Continuing Conversion" at St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Findlay. Please continue to hold her in your prayers.

Lenten Schedule

Wednesday, Feb. 21,

--6:30, Stations of the Cross

--7:00 p.m., Mass

ACA

Don't forget to make your contribution to the Annual Catholic Campaign. This is an important collection that supports our diocese and its works. St. Mary's has been assigned a goal of \$11,000. Please be generous.

40 Days for Life Campaign Begins February 14

Catholic Charities is hosting the ecumenical **40 Days for Life** campaign in Northwest Ohio from February 14 through March 25. You can participate in three ways: prayer and fasting, community outreach and peaceful vigil. We invite you to pray for an hour in front of Capital Care Network, the Toledo abortion clinic, located at 1160 W. Sylvania Avenue. Sign up at: www.40daysforlife.com/toledo.

We may not be able to go to Toledo but we can do prayer and fasting, and community outreach.

Since the international 40 Days for Life Campaign began in 2007, over 750,000 volunteers in over 40 nations have stood in prayerful witness at abortion clinics to witness to the dignity of human life. Through these prayerful campaigns, over 14,000 lives have been saved, 170 abortion workers have quit their positions, and 90 abortion facilities have shut down! To learn more, email Peter Range at prange@toledodiocese.org. Join the movement, and help us end abortion in Northwest Ohio!

A message from Bishop Thomas

Bishop Thomas called to ask how I was doing and if I needed him to do anything for me. I assured him there are lots of competent and generous people here who can do what is needed. He said to tell you thank you for your service and blessings on your Lenten season. *Sr. Carol*

THANK YOU to Beth Yarger and Jean Hohenbrink and all who helped with the funeral luncheon. Thank you to Deb Hohenbrink and Chris Denecker for preparing the church for Lent.

ANDREW DINNER will be held on March 22, 2018 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. at Glandorf Saint John The Baptist, 109 North Main Street, Glandorf, Ohio. Join Bishop Daniel Thomas, Father Phil Smith and other local priests for dinner, prayer, and an opportunity to learn more about the diocesan priesthood. Participants should be accompanied by their parish priest. This free event is for young men who are high school juniors and seniors and men in college. Register with the Office for Diocesan Priestly Vocations by email psmith@toledodiocese.org or by calling 419-244-6711, ext. 4941 by Thursday, March 8, 2018.

P.R.E.P

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

K – 6: Class is Wednesday, February 21, 2018 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Mass at 7 p.m. for grades K, 4th and 5th.

Jr. High: Class is today, Sunday, February 18th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

God Squad: Class is today, Sunday, February 18th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.