

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 29, 2018



Dear parishioners,

This is a follow-up to the letter where I told you studies show 80% of contributions and ministry in the Catholic Church is done by 6.4% of the membership.

I used to work in a cluster of three rural parishes. The smallest of these parishes had only 75 families. It was, however, the most active. There was never a hesitation about getting involved. Even today, though their parish has been closed, they are visible and generous in the new parish that "absorbed" them.

I understood this one day when one of their mem gave the talk to introduce nomination to their Pastoral Council. Charlie said something like: There aren't very many of us so it's not a great honor to be part of the Pastoral Council. It's our job. We each have to take a turn.

I think it's easy to lose ourselves in a crowd, to "let somebody else do it," to avoid taking a turn to shoulder some of the responsibility—even when the same people have been carrying the load for twenty years.

In RCIA we talked about how easy it is to rationalize God to be the God we want instead of the God who is. That probably applies to us too. It's easy for us to talk ourselves into believing we are the person who can't do it instead of the person who can.

Let's ask God to help us be the person God needs us to be.

Sister Carol

Weekend Masses

Sat Apr 28	4:00 p.m.	Lena Badertscher
Sun Apr 29	10:00 a.m.	Orville "Fritz" Smith Jr.
Sun Apr 29	1:00 p.m.	For the parish
Sat May 5	4:00 p.m.	Cassie Kiene and Greg Kiene
Sun May 6	10:00 a.m.	Jan Schulte

Communion Services

Wed May 2 10:30 a.m. Hilty

First Friday

Fri May 4 8:00 a.m. St. Mary's

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$2,600.00	Loose	\$816.08
Children	\$87.82	Total	\$3,503.90

74 envelopes returned = 36%

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for May 5 & 6, 2018

Money Counters: Tonya Meyer and Courtney Gerten

4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Peg Murphy

Cantor: Katie Hohenbrink

Ushers: Dave and Mary Hoffer

Lector: Deb Garlock

E.M.: Jessica Wischmeyer, Brianna Atkins,
Basil Meyer

Servers: Grace Myers and Jacob Granger

10:00 a.m.

Greeter-East door: John and 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 May 6, 2018

Sixth Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

2nd Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel Reading: John 15:9-17

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EPIC begins Thursday evening, May 3, at 7:30. Your study materials will be available.

Save the date!

Maintenance Day, Saturday morning, May 12, 8 o'clock until lunch. Please sign up to help. We have added a list asking for food donations for lunch if that's where you would like to help.



Mission Trip If you want to go on the mission trip to Booneville, remember to sign up! You can opt to go June 7-10 or June 8-10. The number of participants is limited to 12. We will soon put out the giving board for the food and money donations we need for the trip. We want everyone to have an opportunity to participate in some way.

Congratulations to the fifteen children who are today receiving Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion:

- Adelyn Althaus
- Annabelle Benton
- Alex Dulle
- Lainey Grandey
- Klaira Hohenbrink
- Weston Johnstone
- Ronald Kaufman
- Ty Meyer
- Zane Runion-Niese
- Isabella Recker
- Brooks Schwarz
- Gavin Schwab
- James Schieltz
- Aubrey Sunderhaus
- Toby Yarnell



The Pastoral Council will meet Tuesday evening at 7:00 o'clock in the social hall. Those who have been nominated for membership are invited to see how the Council functions and to ask questions.

The Holy Hour on Mondays in May that we normally do will be the Rosary for the month of May. We will meet in the Memory Garden at 7:00 p.m. and pray the rosary. There will be no Holy Hour at 8 p.m.



May Crowning is Wednesday evening, May 2, at 7:00 o'clock. Please join in this celebration to honor Mary, our Mother.

Our Lady of Consolation Shrine, Carey, Ohio will offer a Mass for Victims of Cancer on Friday, May 4th at 7:00 pm. We welcome all to come and pray together. Following Mass, visitors are invited to participate in special prayers for healing. The Shrine Gift Shop will be open until 7:00 pm.

Don't forget to turn in your Community Market receipts. We receive 1% of the amount that we submit.

P.R.E.P

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

K – 6: Class is Wednesday, May 2, 2018 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. This is the last PREP class for this school year. See you in the fall.

Jr. High and God Squad: Next class is May 6th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This is the last class for this school year.

There will be a brief Confirmation meeting for those 6th, 7th and 8th graders who are planning on being confirmed next year. Please plan for parent and candidate to attend the May 6th meeting after Mass if you did not already attend the first meeting.