

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2014



Dear parishioners,

Graduation is a wonderful day of accomplishment. Getting a diploma takes a lot of years of attention and steady work. These seniors were just entering the first grade when I came! That's amazing to me! So we do congratulate them.

Graduation is also a privilege. I looked up the statistics again and learned that 0.001% of the people in the world have available to them the opportunity to earn a bachelor's degree. I believe that we often take our education for granted. Sometimes we complain because we have to go to school and do our homework. I have learned in the past four years how incredibly lucky we are to have education so easily available. Tamara, our Iraqi student, left her family and came 6300 miles to take advantage of the opportunity to earn a college degree. She was very aware of the privilege, and she worked very hard.

Graduation is also, I believe, a call to service. What will we do with that accomplishment and privilege that is ours? We need to figure out how we will use our education, not just to earn a living, but to be of service to the world.

Once again we have in the Class of 2014, a class that has already been of service to their parish. I want to thank them for the time, talent, and treasure they have generously offered to us. We are grateful. I encourage you to continue to find ways to be of service to the faith community of which you become a part in the future.

We congratulate you and wish you all the best!

Sister Carol

Weekend Masses

Sat May 17	4:00 p.m.	Jim Alt
Sun May 18	10:00 a.m.	For the parish
Sat May 24	4:00 p.m.	Teresa Rieman
Sun May 25	10:00 a.m.	Dorothy Herrmann

Communion Services

Tues May 20	10:30 a.m.	Richland
Fri May 23	8:00 a.m.	St. Mary's

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$3030	Loose	\$ 293
Children	\$21.60	Total	\$3344.60

87 envelopes returned = 41%

Thank you for your generosity!

Assignment for May 24 & 25, 2014

Money Counters: Deb Buck and Deb Goldenetz

4:00 p.m.

Greeters: Jeanne Parinello

Ushers: Hank and Carol Schroeder

Lector: Jenny Roby

E. M.: Bob Minto, Edna Conkling, Mike Klima

Servers: Derek Swartzlander and Basil Meyer

Cantor: Dave Roby

10:00 a.m.

Greeters: Logan and Aaron Welch

Ushers: Gloria Vance and Chuck Niese

Lectors: Lisa Welch and Jan Schulte

E. M.: Michelle Risner, Betty Gerten, Tom Schulte,
Linda Kinn, Cathy Hermiller

Servers: Brayton Businger, Josh and Nathan Meyer

Cantor: Matt Meyer

Readings for May 25, 2014

Sixth Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel: John 14:15-21

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Listening sessions Random invitations have been sent inviting parishioners to listening sessions at 7 p.m. on May 21, and 22 to determine our future direction in service and mission. Please remember, if possible, to let us know which day you are coming. Everyone is invited to participate, but let us know if you are coming so we have a bit of an idea of for how many we should prepare.

Booneville, Kentucky

1. Sister Angela Keil who works in Booneville, Kentucky, will be here to speak to us on the weekend of May 24 and 25 to tell us about their work.



2. Our weekend to travel to Booneville for our mission trip is June 13-15. We will again be leaving on Friday afternoon, working all day Saturday and celebrating Mass and a potluck with the folks, and driving back Sunday morning. If you want to come with us, you can call the office and reserve a spot anytime. We are again limited to 12 people.

3. The sisters there are in need of "clean, gently used shoes and clothes" (of the spring and summer variety) for their folks. Sr. Angie says, "Baby clothes, purses, sweat shirts, and socks, towels, blankets, and curtains are also winners. People here will buy shirts that are T-shirts rather than shirts with a collar for boys." If you have things you wish to donate to them, please have them here in the social hall by Thursday, May 22. Most importantly, be sure they are clean, gently used, and neatly folded. We want to be proud of our gifts.



Understanding the Mass Monday, May 19, at 7:30 pm we will show the last in a series of five videos titled "A Biblical Walk through the Mass." The topic is the Liturgy of the Eucharist, Part II.

Congratulations, graduates!



Tyler Begg
Kyle Kahle
Josh Klima
Sophia Marcum
Sarah Schriener
Chad Shepler
Celeste Stauber
William Theisen
Trent Phillips

Catholic Summer Camp The diocese of Toledo is welcoming a new ministry partner—Catholic Youth Summer Camp—to provide a week-long summer camp opportunity for students entering grades 6 through 12. For information go to www.cysc.com. You can register at that website or by e-mailing registration@cysc.com.

Thank you to Lee Brodman for painting around our entrance windows. **Thank you** to Tom and Jan Schulte for tending to the church decorations all this Easter season. **Thank you** to Dave and Mary Hoffer for trimming down the Knock Out Roses at the front of church. **Thank you** to Cindy Basinger for again planting the flowerpots at the church entrances.



Pray Hard: Ride On! Diocesan Youth Day at Cedar Point on Tuesday June 17, 2014 (10:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.). Open to all Middle and High School Youth and their families. \$37 per ticket for ages 3 and older (regularly \$49.99); children 2 and under are FREE. Tickets will be sold the day of the event at a window designated for the Diocese of Toledo, just to the right of the main entrance. Tickets will be sold from 9:00 a.m. – noon. Additionally, beverage bracelets will be sold for \$8. This will allow you to receive FREE refills throughout the day. At 4:00 p.m. a Mass will be celebrated! The details of the location will be at the ticket window that day.

**Bluffton Community
Vacation Bible School
Sun. -Thurs. July 20-24
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
St. Mary's Church**

FREE! Children ages 4 through Grade 5 are invited. Registration forms are in the main entrance. Return these by July 14 to be eligible for a prize.