

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 10, 2014



Dear parishioners,

If someone ever calls you Jezebel, that's bad, very bad. Jezebel was a Phoenician princess married to the Hebrew king Ahab. She led Ahab out of the practice of the Jewish faith into the worship of the false god Baal. She was also a conniving murderer.

As this story begins, Elijah, the prophet of God, has come through a huge famine. Jezebel has been on a mission to murder God's prophets. Elijah has taken on the challenge of the false prophets—you remember the challenge to the prophets of Baal (450 of them the Book of Kings says) and the prophets of Asherah (400 more) to ask their god to light the fire for the sacrifice. No response. Then Elijah soaks down the whole sacrifice and God lights the fire for Elijah. After all this Elijah is tired to death! He prays to die because he's had enough. Then come this first reading.

God does not come to Elijah in big and powerful ways—not in wind or earthquake or fire. God comes in the gentle sound of a whisper. How much that shows God's comforting love and care for Elijah!

In the gospel the apostles are out in a mighty storm. They are afraid to death. In the midst of the storm Jesus comes to them walking on the water. Now they are even more afraid! Peter recognizes Jesus. When Jesus gets into the boat, the storm settles.

Jesus sometimes challenges us with difficult situations. He is not a powder-puff, feel-good savior. Jesus has some serious challenges for us that stretch our capabilities. We always know, however, that we have been loved into being and God's love is forever faithful. We do not need to be afraid.

Let's be attentive to God's call in our lives—the call to challenge and the call to security.

Sister Carol

Weekend Masses

Sat Aug 9	4:00 p.m.	Mel Schroeder
Sun Aug 10	10:00 a.m.	For the parish
Sat Aug 16	4:00 p.m.	Jim Alt
Sun Aug 17	10:00 a.m.	Janet Maenle

Communion Services

Tue Aug 12	10:30 a.m.	Richland
Fri Aug 15	8:00 a.m.	St. Mary's

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$2,901.00	Loose	\$305.00
Children	\$ 16.50	Total	\$3,222.50

84 envelopes returned = 40%
Thank You for your generosity!

Assignments for August 16 & 17, 2014

Money Counters: Deb Buck, Deb Goldenetz

4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Basil Meyer
Cantor: Steve McCullough
Ushers: John Parinello and Chuck Niese
Lector: Deb Garlock
E.M.: Diana Bucher, Jennifer Tschuor
Servers: Alyson and Abigail Kettels

10:00 a.m.

Greeter-East door: Steve Yarnell
Greeter-West door: Kelly Yarnell
Cantor: Steve McCullough
Ushers: Jerry and Jeanne Wehri
Lector 1: Judy Lester
Lector 2: Joe Herrmann
E.M.: Amy Marcum, Kim and Josh Garmatter, Tricia Herrmann
Servers: Joel Siefker, Anthony Kiser

Readings for August 17, 2014

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7
2nd Reading: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32
Gospel Reading: Matthew 15:21-28

The kickoff for our 150th is next Sunday, August 17. Free Food and Fun! To help estimate food, please sign up at church or contact the Parish Office at 419-358-8631 or e-mail: cinkrott@embarqmail.com. Hope to see you there.

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Parish feast day and holy day of obligation Friday, August 15, is a holy day of obligation—the feast of the Assumption of Mary into heaven. It is also our parish feast day. Mass will be celebrated on the vigil, Thursday, August 14, at 7:00 p.m. Afterwards we'll have a little "party" to celebrate the special day.

Thank you to Roger Brodman, Dave and Mary Hoffer, and Sherry Heitmeyer for pulling our weeds unsolicited! Thanks for your watchful eyes! **Thank you** to Joe Tschuor for replacing our ballast. **Thank you** to Chuck Niese and Scott Wischmeyer for replacing the cleat on the flagpole. **Thank you** to Beth Yarger, Lauren Swartzlander, Jan Emmert, Diana Sabater, Angie Schroeder, Edna Conkling, and Deb Buck for hosting the Red Cross blood drive.

Library display During the month of August St. Mary's 150th will be featured in the display case at the public library. If this is of interest to you, please stop in and take a look. Thanks to Rosemary Meyer, Travis Kahle, and Sophie Marcum for their help in setting it up.

A registration table for PREP & SNLY will be set-up this Saturday, August 9th, at 3:30 p.m. (before Saturday's church service) and Sunday, August 10th immediately following Mass. The cost is \$20 per child unless your child is in 2nd, 7th or 8th grade. The cost for those grades will be \$30. Price deductions are available for those who wish to teach. Call Kelly Honse at the parish office (419-358-8631) if you are interested in helping.

"AT THE WELL" A Healing Retreat for Separated & Divorced Catholics Featuring Rose Sweet will be held at the Lial Renewal Center in Whitehouse, Ohio on August 22-24, 2014. Presenter, Rose Sweet, brings help, heart and even humor to the separated & divorced. She's a popular guest on Catholic radio and television, author, speaker and producer of the Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide DVD program. To learn more and to register visit toledodiocese.org/page/marriage-and-family and click on "divorce" or contact Monica Martinez at mmartinez@toledodiocese.org or 419-244-6711 ext. 715.

There will be a meeting on Tuesday, August 12 at 7:05 for anyone interested in hosting coffee/rolls on a Sunday after Mass in 2015. We will be making up a schedule for the year that evening. Please come to this brief meeting to get your name on the list.

REMEMBRANCE If anyone would like to put a remembrance of a loved one on the back of the bulletin please call the office at 419-358-8631 or speak to Sr. Carol.

RECHARGE your soul 2014 | Young Adult Summer Gathering – September 6
Young adults (ages 18-39) from across the Diocese of Toledo are invited to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, Ohio on September 6, 11am-8pm. Come to experience dynamic speakers, music, Adoration, food, fellowship, and more! Event is free! Registration is Open! To register online visit: rechargeyoursoul2014.eventbrite.com. Find us on Facebook to keep up with latest details: www.facebook.com/ToledoRecharge

St. Francis Spirituality Center will have their 13th Annual Fall BBQ featuring Grandma's Backyard BBQ on Sunday, September 14, 2014 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Elizabeth Schaefer Auditorium, 200 St. Francis Avenue, Tiffin, Ohio. Tickets are \$10 per person for a ½ Chicken Dinner and \$8 per person for a ¼ Chicken Dinner. For more information about the BBQ or activities see the flyer on the bulletin board.



Men mark your calendars. That Man is You begins at Ottawa Sts. Peter & Paul on September 13. Modeled on some of the country's leading men's programs, That Man is You combines Scripture, solid secular research, and a little fun to address the pressures and temptations facing men in our modern culture. It seeks to form authentic leaders who will be capable of transforming homes and society. Check www.thatmanisyou.org for more details on the program. To register contact Deacon Jim Rump (jrump1@woh.rr.com or 419-523-3137) or Leo Recker (mareckerl@bluffton.edu).

Saxophonist Chelsey Parker will present her **Bluffton University senior recital** at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 17, in Yoder Recital Hall. Admission is free.