

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 17, 2014

Dear parishioners,

Here we are at the entrance to a year of remembrance and thanksgiving for the great gift of being a parish for 150 years! I trust the year will make us aware of the many ways—small and large—in which God has guided and led us.

It's a year to remember all that has been given to us by those who have gone before us. We stand on their shoulders and reap the benefit of their hard work and sacrifice.

The first gift they give is their commitment to the faith and to the community. They built a church before they were a parish trusting God and each other for their future. They gathered every Sunday even when the priest came for Mass only once a month on a Wednesday. It wasn't about obligation or "getting something." It was evidence to their faith.

Travel was difficult and time-consuming in those early days, but that didn't stop them. Life was difficult. James and Sarah Owens lost three children to disease. That didn't cause their faith to waiver. Our ancestors had trust and resilience.

I am so pleased that the planning committee has included 150 acts of service. This is our opportunity to "pay it forward." I pray that our faith and commitment, our trust and resilience, our hard work and sacrifice are an example that will inspire the generations who will follow us for the next 150 years! WE are St. Mary's Parish.

Happy celebration of 150 years of God's faithfulness!

Sister Carol

Weekend Masses

Sat Aug 16	4:00 p.m.	Jim Alt
Sun Aug 17	10:00 a.m.	Janet Maenle
Sat Aug 23	4:00 p.m.	For the parish
Sun Aug 24	10:00 a.m.	Dorothy Herrmann

Communion Services

Tue Aug 19	10:30 a.m.	Richland
Fri Aug 22	8:00 a.m.	St. Mary's

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$3,359.00	Loose	\$373.00
Children	\$ 21.61	Total	\$3,753.61

81 envelopes returned = 39%
Thank You for your generosity!

Assignments for August 23 & 24, 2014

Money Counters: Angie Wenger, Chad Wolford

4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Jeanne Parinello
Cantor: Dave Roby
Ushers: Hank and Carol Schroeder
Lector: Jenny Roby
E.M.: Bob Minto, Edna Conkling, Mike Klima
Servers: Derek Swartzlander and Basil Meyer

10:00 a.m.

Greeter-East door: Logan Welch
Greeter-West door: Aaron Welch
Cantor: Becca Schlumbohm
Ushers: Gloria Vance and Chuck Niese
Lector 1: Lisa Welch
Lector 2: Jan Schulte
E.M.: Michelle Risner, Betty Gerten, Tom Schulte, Linda Kinn, Cathy Hermiller
Servers: Brayton Businger, Josh and Nathan Meyer

Readings for August 24, 2014

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

2nd Reading: Romans 11:33-36

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:13-20

Remember to save your Community Market receipts.

We receive a 1% rebate of the total receipts that we send in. The money goes toward our Religious Education program. Your help is appreciated.

If anyone lost a pair of glasses we have them in the office.

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Thank you to Jan Schulte for preparing for us the treat for our feast day. **Thank you** to the Liturgy Committee for planning the opening liturgy for our 150th. **Thank you** to Sheila and the choir for preparing the music for our celebration. **Thank you** to Lisa and Logan Welch for coordinating the kick-off picnic. **Thank you** to the many of you who helped with the day. **Thank you** to all of you who are faithful in being St. Mary's Parish.

Pastoral Council members, please pick up your copy of The Joy of the Gospel from the shelf in the main entrance. Your assignment is attached. Please plan ahead for our first meeting for the year—Tuesday evening, September 2, 6:30. We will begin with supper.

If you have a child in PREP or SNLY and have not yet picked up a 2014-2015 registration form, forms and schedules can be found in the church entrance. Please complete both the front and back of the form and return it by dropping it off in the parish office or putting it in a collection basket in an envelope marked "PREP Registration."



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).

Prayer for Peace We will again be praying for peace in the world on Wednesday, August 20, at 7 p.m. Please join us.

Community Supper Thursday August 21, is St. Mary's turn to host the Community Supper. We need donations of food and time. Please sign up! This is one of our 150 acts of service!

Going on a Marriage Encounter Weekend doesn't mean you're saying, "My marriage needs help". You are saying, "I care about my marriage **and** it's my priority. I'm setting a whole weekend aside to refocus on my spouse and my marriage." The next Marriage Encounter weekend is October 17-19, 2014 at Howard Johnson in Lima, Ohio. To register go to www.wvme.org or contact Brian and Chris Schroeder at 419-523-7210 or bcschroeder@bright.net

Bluffton Community Preschool is currently enrolling for the 2014-2015 program year. We are enrolling **3, 4, and 5 year olds** with a birth date before August 1st for the 2014-2015 program year. Information and enrollment forms can be found on Bluffton Community Preschool Face book or by emailing blufftoncommunitypreschool@gmail.com or calling 419-358-0268. For a 2 day option \$72.00 a month or 3 day option 107.00 a month.

Bridge Bereavement Services will be hosting a **Creative Expressions Grief Support Program** in September. Parting with clothing that belonged to our deceased loved one can often be an emotional decision to make. This program, which is open to any child, adult, or family, who has recently experienced the death of a loved one, will offer participants the opportunity to turn their loved one's clothing into a keepsake. No sewing experience is necessary. Registrants must attend both dates in order to participate (Thursday, August 28 from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., and Saturday, September 6 from 9-4 p.m. Registration is required by August 22. To RSVP and learn more, please contact Bridge Bereavement Services by calling 419-423-5351 or emailing at bridge@bvhealthsystem.org. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.