

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 28, 2014

**TRUE CONVERSION
RESULTS IN A
CHANGE OF HEART,
MEASURABLE
BY OUR ACTS**

Dear parishioners,

The readings are down-to-earth and well-grounded, but we still don't like them! They go against the grain of our American culture.

How often when you have had to discipline your children, have they considered YOU unfair? It's a hard lesson to learn that we bring on our own consequences. It's so much easier to blame someone else. We blame the president, the pope, the governor, the mayor, the boss, the neighbor, our sister or brother.... It's hard for us to say I was wrong or I did wrong.

The reading from St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians will be a challenge for life. "Have that mind in you that was in Christ Jesus." Richard Rohr told us in Monday's presentation that Jesus came to teach us that we need to die to ourselves and our ego. We need to learn not willfulness (determination, will power, resolution, stick-to-it-tiveness), but willingness. We need to accept life, believe in God's loving presence there, and trust. It is Father Tom's advice about wait and see what good comes of what seems bad.

That is repeated in the gospel. Tax collectors and sinners came to believe in Jesus because they needed a savior and they believed in him. In our state of willfulness we are so bent on make things work out, that we become lone rangers. We act alone. We don't need a savior. The other message is very clear. If you make a commitment, do it! Lots to reflect on!

Sister Carol

Welcome!

to the NET team and to the youth and leaders from Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Ada. We are so happy to have you with us today!

Weekend Masses

Sat Sept 27	4:00 p.m.	Jim Alt
Sun Sept 28	10:00 a.m.	Dorothy Herrmann
Sat Oct 4	4:00 p.m.	Nussbaum and Reddington families
Sun Oct 5	10:00 a.m.	Robert Honigford

Communion Services

Tue Sept 30	10:30 a.m.	Richland
Wed Oct 1	10:30 a.m.	Hilty

First Friday

Fri Oct 3	8:00 a.m.	St. Mary's
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SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$2,756.00	Loose	\$435.00
Children	\$ 33.05	Total	\$3,224.05

82 envelopes returned = 39%

Thank You for your generosity!

Assignments for October 4 & 5, 2014

Money Counters: Jason Granger, Angie Wenger

4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Peg Murphy
Cantor: Becca Schlumbohm
Ushers: Dave and Mary Hoffer
Lector: Deb Garlock
E.M.: Jerry Wehri, Brianna Atkins, Mark Schumacher
Servers: Zane Myers and Grace Myers

10:00 a.m.

Greeter-East door: Logan Welch
Greeter-West door: Rachel Welch
Cantor: Matt Meyer
Ushers: Trent/Todd and Colin Phillips
Lector 1: Mel Heitmeyer
Lector 2: Adam Basinger
E.M.: Wes Lovett, Lisa Welch, Rachel Welch,
Basil and Rosemary Meyer
Servers: Drew and Ken Lovett, Brayton Businger

Readings for October 5, 2014 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7
2nd Reading: Philippians 4:6-9
Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:33-43

The Liturgy Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 30 at 7 o'clock.

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Alternative Orthodoxy The second presentation in the series will be on Cosmology. We will meet at **7:30**. This is a change of time just for this week.

Don't forget to pray today for the high school youth from our parish and from Ada Our Lady of Lourdes, our Confirmandi, and our Pastoral Council. They are all participating in retreats today.



The Red Cross Blood Drive will be here at St. Mary's on Thursday, October 2, noon to 6 p.m. We need receptionists, canteen servers, and cookies. The sign-up sheet is on the shelf in the main entrance. Please help. We also need donors. You can make an appointment by calling 1-800-Red-Cross.



MASS

On Wednesday, October 1, we will begin our practice of celebrating the Eucharist at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month. Please plan to come and join in the community worship.

Anointing of the Sick We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at the Masses on Saturday and Sunday, October 11 and 12.

Get Ready to Vote! *What can our long tradition of Catholic Social Teaching tell us about this November's election?* To help prepare voters for the November election, the Social Justice Committee of the Toledo Chapter, Association of U.S. Catholic Priests is offering a pre-election forum at St. Michael, Findlay, on Wednesday, October 8, at 7 p.m. This event will feature presentations on *War and Peace* (Mike Wielgopolski), *Environment* (Sandy Bihn), *Immigration* (Fr. Tom Landgraff, OSF), and *Labor Issues* (Bob Lynn), followed by Q & A from attendees. Free and open to the public.

2014 Jubilee Wedding Anniversary Mass & Reception will be at Our Lady Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral on October 19, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. Join Diocesan Administrator, Reverend Charles F. Ritter, and the Office of Marriage and Family Life as we commemorate 25, 40, 50, 60, and 60+ years of marriage for couples in the diocese of Toledo. A reception featuring refreshments and the distribution of commemorative certificates will follow. Please call the office to register through your parish.

St. Mary's Parish History

DID YOU KNOW?

When James and Sarah Owens came by wagon (just the two of them) to settle in this area of Ohio, they stopped to buy provisions. James said they needed something to read over winter. The clerk told him he wouldn't want what they had. They only had a religious book, The Campbell-Purcell Debates, in which the evangelist Alexander Campbell debated Bishop John Purcell of Cincinnati about such topics as the papacy and the foundation of the Catholic Church. James and Sarah bought the book anyway. It was reading this book that led to their commitment to the Catholic Church.

Have you ever thought about making a difference in the life of a child? There are many kids that are in need of a safe and loving foster home! Open your heart, open your home, become a foster parent today! Serving Northwest Ohio, Keeping Kids Safe, Inc. Foster Care and Adoption Agency is Christian-based and located in Findlay, Ohio. You can't change their past but you CAN change their future! Call Judy Hutton or Allison Kuhn with your questions. 567-525-4520

A huge thank you goes to Jeanne Parinello for beating the pavement to get sponsors for our bulletin. Great work! Thanks for stepping up and volunteering!

P.R.E.P

Live Life to the Full: Thank you to the NET retreat team along with all the Confirmation and High School students who will be attending the retreat this Sunday. Thanks also to Ada Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic church for participating as well.

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

K-6: Class is Wednesday, October 1st from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. Mass is at 7:00 p.m.

Junior High: Class is Sunday, October 5th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

SNLY: Sunday, October 5th will be the Battle of the Youth from 1 – 6 p.m. in Ft. Jennings.