

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Third Sunday of Lent

February 28, 2016



Dear parishioners,

Once again we are blessed with a catechumen "Elect" preparing to be baptized at Easter. When this is true, a parish uses the readings of Year A rather than the expected year. Today the readings are about water.

In the first reading the Israelites grumble against Moses because they have no water. This is more than grumbling against Moses. They are really grumbling against God. God has freed them from the slavery of Egypt, has led them with a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night, and has provided them with manna and quail. They are not trusting God to continue to take care of them. Through Moses God again shows the people that God is true to the promises made and God will and does take care of them.

In the gospel Jesus engages a Samaritan woman about water. She understands him on a literal plane and hears him speaking literally about water. Jesus is speaking about pouring his divine life into her. She eventually comes to realize that he is speaking to her about the supernatural.

So we reflect on the fact that all of us who are baptized share in God's divine life. We don't see it or feel it, but we believe it. We believe in its power.

So we pray today and through Lent for ourselves and for Tori that we might all become more aware of the marvelous gift that is given to us.

Sister Carol

Weekend Masses

Sat Feb 27	4:00 p.m.	William Shackelford Sr.
Sun Feb 28	10:00 a.m.	Madeline Palmer and Deceased members of the Joseph Schulte family
Sat Mar 5	4:00 p.m.	For the parish
Sun Mar 6	10:00 a.m.	For deceased members of the Alphonse Schroeder family

Communion Services

Tue Mar 1	10:30 a.m.	Richland
Wed Mar 2	10:30 a.m.	Hilty

First Friday

Fri Mar 4	8:00 a.m.	St. Mary's
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SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$2,316.00	Loose	\$634.00
Children	\$ 36.31	Total	\$2,986.31

81 envelopes returned = 39%

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for March 5 & 6, 2016

Money Counters: Chad Wolford and Barb Galvan

4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Peg Murphy

Cantor: Katie Hohenbrink

Ushers: Dave and Mary Hoffer

Lector: Deb Garlock

E.M.: Jerry Wehri, Brianna Atkins, Bob Minto

Servers: Zane and Grace Myers

10:00 a.m.

Greeter-East door: Logan Welch

Greeter-West Door: Rachel Welch

Cantor: Karen Phillips

Ushers: Trent/Todd and Colin Phillips

Lectors: Mel Heitmeyer and Laura Jones

E.M.: Wes Lovett, Lisa Welch, Logan Welch,

Megan Dulle and Rosemary Meyer

Servers: Drew and Ken Lovett, Olivia Smallcombe

Readings for March 6, 2016

Fourth Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel Reading: John 9:1-41

In March we will be collecting Community Market receipts again for students who are in the Religious Education program here at St. Mary's. However, this time the receipts will be for Jr. High vs. High School. Please put your receipts in the bowls in the narthex.

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Lenten opportunities

Wednesday - Stations of the Cross at 6:30

Mass at 7:00

Thursday – Adoration from 8:00-9:00

Wednesdays, March 2 and March 16 – confessions from 5:00 to 6:30 (7:00) and after Mass until all who wish have received the sacrament

The Pastoral Council will meet Tuesday, March 1, at 7:00 o'clock in the library. Please remember to prepare Part 5 "To Accompany on the Walk" of Walking with Jesus.



Confessions Please remember that this Lent there will be NO parish Penance service. You have instead the opportunity for individual confession this Wednesday, March 2, and Wednesday, March 9, from

5:00 o'clock until Stations (or Mass if need be) and after Mass as long as needed. You also have the opportunity for confession before each of the weekend Masses.

"I don't deserve to be happy." **God wants to restore your happiness.** Come back to God who is love and mercy. For hope and healing after an abortion, contact the local confidential **Project Rachel Helpline** at 1-888-456-HOPE or projectrachel@toledodiocese.org. Learn more at www.hopeafterabortion.org.

"Spring Forward" Quiet Weekend at Lial Renewal Center in Whitehouse, Ohio on Friday, March 11 – Sunday, March 13

Halfway through Lent, step away to take a long, loving look at your response to God's call to conversion. Walk, pray, sit by the fire, read, and enjoy creation as it comes alive again. Resources for reflection are provided. Select a private bedroom at \$60/night or \$40/night, and bring food to prepare for yourself. Please pre-register by contacting Sr. Dean at 419-877-0432 or mdpahler@toledosnd.org.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Euchre Tournament. The evening was filled with great food, fun & laughter! Congratulations to our winners: 1st Place - Jenny Roby; 2nd Place – Dave Roby; 3rd Place Tie – Andy Althaus & Lea Werling; and most loners (Tie), Jerry Wehri & Lois Kahle.

On March 4th & 5th, Pope Francis is inviting parishes around the world to participate in his initiative called **"24 Hours for the Lord."** The focus of "24 Hours for the Lord" is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. During this Year of Mercy, our deanery (St. Junipero Serra Deanery) will be participating in this exciting invitation from Pope Francis.

Where: St. Rita's Hospital Chapel, Lima

St. John the Evangelist, Delphos

When: March 4, 2016—5:00pm—Midnight

March 5, 2016—10:00am—4:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held throughout the adoration period.

Men Needed to Mentor Inmates Please make plans to join us on Saturday, April 9, if you are interested in being a mentor to an inmate at Toledo Correctional, Richland Correctional and Allen Correction Institutions. We will meet at 11 a.m. in Findlay at the Bob Evans on the corner of Bright Road (St. Michael's) and Tiffin Avenue. Our program will start at 1 p.m. at St. Michael's. Please contact Deacon Terry Philpott, at 419-526-0265, if you will be able to make it on Saturday, April 9. Thank you, and may God continue to bless you as you serve Him by serving others.

P.R.E.P

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

K-6: Next class is Wednesday, March 2nd from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Mass will be at 7:00 p.m.

Jr. Hi: Next class is Sunday, March 6th from 11:00 – 1:00 p.m.

God Squad: Next class is Sunday, March 6th from 11:00 – 1:00 p.m.