

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2016



Dear parishioners,

At the Last Supper on the night before he died Jesus said to his disciples "I have greatly desired to eat this Passover with you before I die." With a little imagination that will touch your heart. The disciples don't get it, but Jesus knows this is the last time they will sit around the table together. He wants with all his heart to stay with them. He doesn't want to die. He doesn't want to leave them. So he leaves them a sign that they will always recognize so that they will know that, once he has risen, he will always be with them. In the days after the resurrection he several times broke break with them. In the story of Emmaus they say, "Were not our hearts burning within us?" They always recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

Jesus asks them to "Do this in remembrance of me." So it has been the history of the Catholic Church that we always gather together every weekend to celebrate the Eucharist in remembrance of Jesus. This is how they know that we are Catholic! The Eucharist is the very heart of our faith. Lest we take it for granted and forget how significant our gathering is, the church has made attendance at Mass the first precept of the Church. Jesus still greatly desires to be with us.

This weekend 16 of our children will gather with us for this remembrance meal for the first time. It's a good time for us all to reflect on the great gift and privilege we share.

Sister Carol

Weekend Masses

Sat Apr 23 4:00 p.m. Anna & Guido Schroeder
Sun Apr 24 10:00 a.m. Janet Maenle
Sat Apr 30 4:00 p.m. William Shackelford Sr.
Sun May 1 10:00 a.m. Betty Wieser

Communion Services

Tue Apr 26 10:30 a.m. Richland
Fri Apr 29 8:00 a.m. St. Mary's

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults \$2,828.00 Loose \$571.00
Children \$38.75 Total \$3,437.75

83 envelopes returned = 40%

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for April 30 & May 1, 2016

Money Counters: Chad Wolford and Barb Galvan

4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Peg Murphy

Cantor: Sister Carol

Ushers: Bob Minto and John Parinello

Lector: Laura Jones

E.M.: Jessica Wischmeyer, Basil and Rosemary Meyer

Servers: Derek Swartzlander and Abigail Kettels

10:00 a.m.

Greeter-East door: Rachel Welch

Greeter-West Door: Logan 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 and Olivia Smallcombe

Readings for May 1, 2016

Sixth Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

2nd Reading: Rv 21:10-14, 22-23

Gospel Reading: John 14:23-29

Remember to keep bringing in your Community Market receipts so we can turn them in for Reward dollars. This money is used for Religious Ed programs here at St. Mary's.

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Plan ahead If you are hoping to go to Booneville with us this year, mark your calendars now! We will

begin sign-ups very soon. The dates are June 3-4. We leave near noon on Friday, June 3; work Saturday, June 4, and share Mass and a potluck with the parishioners of Holy Family Parish; and drive home on Sunday, June 5. The number is limited to 12.

Congratulations to Madison Beasley, Jenna Downey, Isabella Ellerbrock, Emily Granger, Evan Grothouse, Allison Herrmann, Ethan Hoffman, Elizabeth Honse, Abbey Johnston, Elijah Jones, Nicholas Lovett, Ashley McLaughlin, Chase Meyer, Macy Schaadt, Ava Smallcombe, and Blair Utendorf on your First Holy Communion!



Thank you to all who made the effort to nominate new members for the Pastoral Council. Thank you to all who volunteered food, time, and labor to our first Family Promise week for this year. The host this time was Emmanuel United Church of Christ. Next time is our turn.



Our May Crowning will be Wednesday evening, May 4, at 7 p.m. Please plan to join us to honor Mary our Mother, Patroness, and Queen.

The Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey will host two special celebrations in May. The first is Sunday May 1, at the noon Mass where the Year of Mercy will be celebrated, followed with the annual May Crowning at the 2:30 p.m. Devotions and outdoor Rosary procession.

On Friday, May 6 at 7:00 pm we will offer a Mass for victims of cancer, their families, friends and caregivers. We welcome all to come and pray together. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered at the conclusion of the Mass; prayers for healing will also be offered individually.

The **Annual Geranium Sale** by Hancock County Right-to-Life will take place this year on the Friday and Saturday of Mother's Day weekend. It will be held at St. Michael's Church Parking Lot, 750 Bright Road, Findlay, on Friday May 6th from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday May 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. 32 plant Flats of geraniums are \$19.00. 12 inch Hanging Baskets are \$19.00. Pre-orders of full flats of one color and hanging baskets may be made by calling Bob Zellers at 419-423-2281 or Rheta Depuy at 419-423-0453. Pre Orders must be picked up by 8:00 PM on Friday, May 6th. See the flyer on the bulletin board in the narthex.

TDCCW SPONSORS DAY OF RENEWAL

The Toledo Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is sponsoring a **Spiritual Day of Renewal** at the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey on Wednesday May 11, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Theme is: "An Encounter with Jesus: Women of the Bible." The presenter is Sr. Shannon Shrein, OSF. The day includes Liturgy, Marian Devotions, light breakfast and lunch. Cost is \$15 by May 3. Contact Judy Warntz at 419-867-1227 or Susie Pinkham, Pastoral Center, 419-244-6711, ext. 4929 for more details or to register.

Hope after Abortion "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.

P.R.E.P

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

K-6: Next class is Wednesday, April 27th from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Jr. Hi & God Squad: See you in the fall.