

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Pentecost Sunday

May 15, 2016



Dear parishioners,

Today is a day of faith! Every time we gather for Mass we have a day of faith. A sacrament depends upon our bringing faith to it. The God of heaven and earth comes to be with us and in us. It is faith that makes that reveals that truth for us.

Today on this feast of Pentecost we remember that Jesus sent the Holy Spirit upon the apostles to be with them for all time. The Spirit would give them courage and wisdom, knowledge and right judgement, understanding, reverence, and wonder and awe in God's presence. We know they went out and did amazing things—preaching in their own language but being understood in many languages, drawing hundreds to believe in Jesus, traveling to far off nations to make disciples there.

The test of faith?! It is this same Holy Spirit that has been given to us at Baptism and brought to full maturity in the sacrament of Confirmation. Do I act with the same faith and conviction with which the apostles witnessed their faith on Pentecost? Do I draw others to believe in Jesus? Do I have the courage to truly be Christian and live with the integrity with which Jesus did? Do I reach out beyond my family and friends to include others? Do I call on the gift of the Holy Spirit?

It's a good day to take a look at what I really believe in the way I live.

Sister Carol



Congratulations to Mark and Debbie Dulle on the baptism of their son Dominic Owen.

Weekend Masses

Sat May 14	4:00 p.m.	Jim Alt Glenn Dickman
Sun May 15	10:00 a.m.	Art Schramm
Sat May 21	4:00 p.m.	Ellen VonLehmden
Sun May 22	10:00 a.m.	Tim Kahle

Communion Services

Tue May 17	10:30 a.m.	Richland
Fri May 20	8:00 a.m.	St. Mary's

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$2,523.00	Loose	\$925.00
Children	\$30.52	Total	\$3,478.52

78 envelopes returned = 38%

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for May 21 & 22, 2016

Money Counters: Angie Wenger and Deb Goldenetz

4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Basil Meyer

Cantor: Dave Roby

Ushers: John Parinello and Chuck Niese

Lector: Jim Kinn

E.M.: Diana Bucher and Jennifer Tschuor

Servers: Brayton and Addison Businger

10:00 a.m.

Greeter-East door: Judy Lester

Greeter-West Door: Deb Buck

Cantor: Katie Hohenbrink

Ushers: Nick Marcum and Joseph Schriener

Lectors: Lisa Welch and Jan Schulte

E.M.: Michelle Risner, Betty Gerten, Tom Schulte,
Linda Kinn

Servers: Brayton Businger, Josh and Nathan Meyer

Readings for May 22, 2016

The Most Holy Trinity

1st Reading: Proverbs 8:22-31

2nd Reading: Romans 5:1-5

Gospel Reading: John 16:12-15

Please remember to turn in your Community Market receipts so we can get a 1% rebate for our Religious Education Program here at St. Mary's. This year we received \$667.62 in rebates.

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Bishop Thomas coming to St. Mary

Thursday, September 1, is the World Day of Prayer for our Common Home (announced by Pope Francis). Bishop Thomas has asked if he might say Mass here at Bluffton St. Mary that morning at 9 o'clock. He will also be visiting Tom and Jan Schulte's farm that day. Mark your calendars now for that day. The bishop has asked if the children might be able to attend the Mass. Greg Denecker is amenable to excusing the children from school to attend the Mass if the parents ask to have them excused.



Mission Trip The sign-up sheet for Booneville is on the shelf in the main entrance. 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.



The giving board for the Booneville trip is in the main entrance. Please help if you can!

Our effort his month for the Year of Mercy

is to give drink to the thirsty.

We will take up a collection the weekend of May 28-29 to send to Catholic Relief Services (CRS) to assist in their efforts to provide safe water to many in the world.



Mass to honor our graduates

Next Sunday, May 22, at the 10 o'clock Mass we will be honoring our St. Mary graduates:

Serena Maag – Pandora-Gilboa High School
Rebecca Schutz – Cory-Rawson High School
Sam Crisp, Jack Marcum, Jared Metzger, Joseph Schriener, and Joel Siefker – Bluffton High School.

There will be a simple reception after the Mass so that you have an opportunity to congratulate them. Please stop by.

Seniors, know that we are very proud of you! Thank you for your presence and involvement in our parish.



Thank you to all who came to our Outside Maintenance Day last Saturday: Jerry and Jeanne Wehri, Mel and Sherry Heitmeyer, Jeff and Deb Goldenetz, and Jennifer Tschuor. You are great workers!!

Save the Date for the Sauders Heritage Inn and Campground Event

sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter: You are invited to the next Camp and Inn gathering that is **scheduled for August 5-7, 2016**. You can stay at the campground or in the Inn or even just come up for the fun, buffet, and mass in the grass on Saturday. Reservations for a campsite or a hotel room can be made by calling Sauder's Heritage Inn at 1-800-590-9755. Be sure to mention that you are with the Worldwide Marriage Encounter group. If you have any questions, about any event, please contact Todd & Michelle Pester and let them know you are going to be joining us. You can contact them at 419-523-5893 or

tm.communitypillar.me@gmail.com

Putnam County Hospice is seeking volunteers to offer companionship to patients, respite to the caregivers, assistance with administrative tasks, as well as assistance with special events and fundraising projects. Following orientation and training, volunteers can choose their area of involvement. If you are interested in becoming a hospice volunteer or would like more information, please contact Kathy Rellinger, Putnam County Hospice Volunteer Coordinator, at 419-523-4449 or krellinger@pchh.net.

P.R.E.P

Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume in the fall.

K-6: Classes will resume in the fall.

Jr. Hi: Classes will resume in the fall.

God Squad: Graduation Mass will be next Sunday, May 22nd at 10 a.m.