

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 26 2016



Dear parishioners,

In the gospel today Jesus says these hard words, "No one who has set his hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God." Jesus is telling us once we have made a commitment, we cannot wish back what we have given. We have to give freely and without regret.

Perhaps that is why commitment is so difficult today. We don't want to commit because that means giving up future possibilities. Have you ever procrastinated about responding to an invitation because you are waiting until the last minute to see if you get a better offer? If we say yes to one thing, we will need to say no to others that follow. Commitment limits our options!

I also can't look back and regret what I have given up. You would wonder what is wrong with me if I kept telling you "I wish I had gotten married." Your spouse and family would be hurt if you said over and over, "I wish I were still single."

Making a commitment is about setting our sites on a given horizon. If I keep looking around at what's better, I will always be unhappy, and I will be a poor disciple.

So I thank all of you who set a good example of commitment—when you show up to be a liturgical minister when your turn comes up even when there is something more exciting you might be doing, when you sacrifice what you have to do at home so that you can help accomplish a task at the parish, when you are faithful in your vocation....

Sister Carol

Congratulations to Veronica Ballard and Trevor Dodd on the baptism of their daughter Molly Ann. We promise to support you with our prayers and example.

Weekend Masses

Sat Jun 25	4:00 p.m.	Rita Agner
Sun Jun 26	10:00 a.m.	Jim Badertscher James Trenkamp and Dolores Hermiller
Sat Jul 2	4:00 p.m.	Rita Agner
Sun Jul 3	10:00 a.m.	Jeff Brodman

Communion Services

Tue Jun 28	10:30 a.m.	Richland
Fri Jul 1	8:00 a.m.	St. Mary's

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$3,012.00	Loose	\$688.00
Children	\$21.33	Total	\$3,721.33
76 envelopes returned = 37%			

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for July 2 & 3, 2016

Money Counters: Janet Begg 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, Rosemary Meyer

Servers: Drew and Ken Lovett, Olivia Smallcombe

Readings for July 3, 2016 **14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14c

2nd Reading: Galatians 6:14-18

Gospel Reading: Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

Pastoral Council Members of the Council for 2016-2017, please pick up your study book The Name of God is Mercy from the main entrance. Your name is attached to the book.

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AED training and re-certification For those of you who were certified in AED use in 2014 and wish to renew their certification or if you want to be trained and certified...It is now possible to "do" the theoretical part on-line. Go to "On-line AHA.org." Search

for "Heartsaver CPR AED On-line Part 1." You will be asked to pay \$23. The instruction takes approximately one hour. Print out the certificate of completion at the end. We will have a hands-on training here at St. Mary's at 7 p.m., on Monday, July 11. Bring your certificate of completion and a \$10 class fee. If you plan to do this, please call the parish office by July 5 to sign up so that we can have enough manikins and instructors.

Ushers, servers, and greeters We are in need of more parishioners to minister as ushers, greeters, and servers. If you are willing to give your time to serve the parish in one of these capacities, please talk to Sister Carol, drop a note in the collection, or call the parish office. Each will require some training and/or explanation.

Join us at the Basilica & National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, Carey with Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv. on Sunday, July 3, for the celebration of the Year of Mercy. Confessions 11 am – noon with a Mass at noon. Bishop John will also bless the newly installed elevator following Mass. Devotions at 2:30 pm with an outdoor rosary procession.

Food pantry If you want to donate to the food pantry, here are the things they need: Peanut butter, Spaghettios and similar canned products like Beefaroni, Macaroni and Cheese, tuna, Tuna Helper, Hamburger Helper, taco kits, cereals, breakfast items like oatmeal and pancake mix and syrup, ½ gallon fruit juices (orange, cranapple, apple, grape), crackers, canned peaches, canned mandarin oranges, baked beans, salad dressings, ketchup, mustard, salt and pepper for a family, sugar, coffee/tea, canned meats (especially chicken and beef), cake mixes and similar items, paper products – paper towels and tissue, personal hygiene products (deodorant, feminine products, body lotions, toilet paper, shampoo, toothbrushes).

Not needed at this time: canned green beans, canned corn, canned peas, spaghetti noodles and sauces, canned beans (black, pinto, navy, chili, or garbanzo), bath soap, tooth paste. If you bring them to the church by July 10, we will transport them to the food pantry.

Now is the time! If you are interested in ordering a memorial stone to be engraved and added to our memory garden, NOW is the time to order it so that the work can be done at one time. Talk to Jerry or Jeanne Wehri to place your order: call 419-358-7132 or call or text 419-296-3038. There are also order forms on the shelf in the main entrance.

Thank you to Dan Garrett and Jerry Wehri for going back to Booneville to install a second door in time for the parish celebration at Holy Family. **Thank you** to all who helped with Family Promise. It was wonderful of you to bring your children and/or to engage with our guests.

The Word Among Us The July copies of "The Word Among Us" are in the entrances. Feel free to take a copy as long as they last.

Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Parish, Ottawa, Ohio has an immediate opening for a full-time K-8 school principal. The individual must be a practicing Catholic who will be the religious leader of the school, will ensure the teaching of religion, and model Catholic values. The principal is responsible for organizing, administering, and evaluating the instructional program of the school. Minimum five years classroom teaching experience. Preferred 2-3 years school administration experience. The Diocese of Toledo offers support through a principal formation program. Please send resume to Father Matthew Jozefiak, C.P.P.S., 307 N. Locust St., Ottawa, OH 45875 or e-mail rectory_3@hotmail.com. It is preferred that applications be received by July 5, 2016.

P.R.E.P

Community Vacation Bible School

Bluffton Community Vacation Bible School will happen Sunday evening, July 24, through Thursday evening, July 28. You can register via Facebook. Message "BlufftonVBS" and give your child's/children's name, date of birth, age, and grade just completed. You can sign the necessary release form when you come the first evening of VBS.