

St. Mary's Catholic Church

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 7, 2016



Dear parishioners,

Faith is about believing in Someone. It's not about doing all the right things for the sake of being righteous. We hold true to the promises that God has made to us.

The Israelites held true to their faith through many years and many hardships because they trusted God. They knew God had chosen them and had led them and that was enough for them.

Abraham and Sarah trusted God. Even though they didn't see their descendants become more numerous than the stars, they stayed true. Abraham was even willing to sacrifice his only son. That's the ultimate in trust! How can you have any descendants if you no longer have your only child?!

The servants in the gospel trusted that their master was coming back because he said he would. They didn't know when. They just stayed true to what was expected of them because they trusted the master.

We also stay true to what God has asked of us because we trust in God. We know we can trust God's love and promises. Like Abraham and Sarah we may not see what we hope for in our lifetime. We do however keep being faithful. God's perspective is much, much larger than ours. We trust in God's plan for our wellbeing even when it doesn't seem like it can come true.

Sister Carol



Congratulations to Alise Bucher and Jason Krempa on their marriage! We pray for you many years of health and happiness together!

Weekend Masses

Sat Aug 6 4:00 p.m. Nathan Sterrett
Sun Aug 7 10:00 a.m. Betty Wieser
Sat Aug 13 4:00 p.m. Jim Badertscher
Sun Aug 14 10:00 a.m. Janet Maenle

Communion Services

Tue Aug 9 10:30 a.m. Richland
Fri Aug 12 8:00 a.m. St. Mary's

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults \$2,170.90 Loose \$648.00
Children \$30.08 Total \$2,848.98

61 envelopes returned = 29%

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for August 13 & 14, 2016

Money Counters: Deb Buck and Deb Goldenetz

4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Jan and Diana Emmert

Cantor: Jenny Roby

Ushers: Dave and Joel Siefker

Lector: Jason Swartzlander

E.M.: Jessica Wischmeyer, Jeanne Parinello, and Jack Marcum

Servers: Derek Swartzlander and Courtney McLaughlin

10:00 a.m.

Greeter-East door: Sherry Heitmeyer

Greeter-West Door: Mel Heitmeyer

Cantor: Kevin Vance

Ushers: Mike and Serena Maag

Lectors: Brian Miller and Matt Ellerbrock

E.M.: Julia Miller, Jenna Kimmel, Cathy Hermiller, Crystal Ellerbrock, Candace Vance

Servers: Kaden Reneker, Julia Mehaffie, and Jonathan Schriener

Readings for August 14, 2016

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1st Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:49-53

Don't forget to save your Community Markets receipts and turn them in so we can get Reward dollars for the Religious Education programs here at St. Mary's.

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Saturday's the day!!

Plan to attend the Parish Picnic here at St. Mary's parking lot on Saturday, August 13, noon-3 p.m. Food, bounce houses, games. It's all free for you to celebrate our parish, our feast day, and your generosity!

Year of Mercy—Our focus for the month of August is "Visit the Sick." Please make an effort to visit someone this month, to send a card, to prepare a meal, say a prayer. Times of illness are often times of loneliness. Reach out to spread some hope and joy!



Catholic Charities Honors 2016 Century Farm Recipients

Catholic Charities is pleased to honor Century Farm Award recipients:

□ Mabel Berelsman, St. Joseph Parish, Fort Jennings □ Roger and Susan Barlage, St. Nicholas Parish, Miller City □ David and Ruth Ellerbrock, St. Nicholas Parish, Miller City □ Steven and Linda Ellerbrock, Holy Family Parish, New Cleveland □ Elizabeth Frick, St. John the Baptist Parish, Ottawa □ Alan and Theresa Kuhlman, SS Peter and Paul Parish, Ottawa □ Rosemary Kuhlman, Holy Family Parish, New Cleveland □ Richard Phillips, St. Gaspar del Bufalo Parish, Bellevue □ Tom and Marci Reineck, St. Joseph Parish, Fremont □ Hubert and Joyce Wehri, St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Kalida □ Theodore and Diana Wrasman, St. Joseph Parish, Fort Jennings

Recipients will be honored with a plaque presentation by Bishop Daniel E. Thomas at the 9 a.m. Mass on Thursday, September 1, 2016 at St. Mary in Bluffton. Family, friends, and fellow parishioners are welcome to attend. RSVP by Friday, August 26, 2016 to Jill Holmaas at (419) 214-4898 or jholmaas@toledodiocese.org.

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.

Thank you to Edna Conkling for coordinating the Community supper and thank you to all who donated food and helped with the serving. **Thank you** to Beth Yarger for once again coordinating the blood drive and **thank you** to all who volunteered to help, to bake cookies, to work the canteen, and to donate!

Listen to the Sunday Mass from EWTN on

Annunciation Radio each Sunday at 8 a.m. Daily Mass is aired Monday through Friday at 12 noon and Saturdays at 8 a.m. Tune in to one of our five stations: WNOG 89.7 FM in the Toledo area; WHRQ 88.1 FM in the Sandusky area; WRRO 89.9 FM in the Bryan area; WSHB 89.5 FM in Willard, or WFOT 89.5 FM in the Mansfield area. You can listen live online at www.AnnunciationRadio.com. Annunciation Radio, a listener-supported station, has "Faith with Frequency!"

You're invited to attend our next **Year of Mercy Celebration at the Basilica and Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation** – September 4, 2016 – the Noon Mass. Msgr. Michael Hohenbrink will be the Celebrant and Homilist. He is the Pastor of St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Findlay and Dean of the St. Francis Deanery. Please plan to join us and pass through the Holy Doors promising to live a life of Mercy. Confessions will be available at 11:00 AM that day. You are encouraged to receive the blessings and indulgences of this Holy Year.

ATTENTION: Ladies if you have brought food to the church for any recent funerals or events and have not picked up your dishes we would appreciate it if you could please check the cart in the narthex to see if anything belongs to you. Any items not picked up will be taken to the Etcetera shop. Also, please check the **LOST AND FOUND** items. If something belongs to you please take it with you as we will be taking all lost and found items that have not been claimed to the Etcetera shop.

St Anthony Parish, Columbus Grove, will be hosting their annual **Parish Festival** today, Saturday, August 6th from 5:30 - 11 p.m. and tomorrow, Sunday, August 7th from 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. Sunday is the BIG day with a huge garage sale, BINGO, country store raffles, bakery wheel, duck races, big ticket drawings, kid's games, rides, putt-putt, and lots of food and other refreshments. The grand prize is \$20,000 towards the purchase of a new vehicle or \$15,000 CASH. Winner need not be present to win. Come join us! Everyone is welcome!