

St. Mary's Catholic Church

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 11, 2016



Dear parishioners,

Today we have big readings about mercy. Mercy means to be spared punishment when we deserve it. In our reading there are three people/groups of people who are shown mercy.

In the reading from Exodus we hear told the story of God having just led the Israelites out of Egypt by the miraculous parting of the Red Sea. Their thanks is to make an idol. They worship a thing they have made with their own hands. God's wrath blazes up against them for this insult. Moses intercedes for them and God spares them the punishment they so richly deserve.

Paul tells us that he surely deserved punishment for persecuting and killing the early Christians. God showed him mercy and used him to become a great apostle to the gentiles.

In the gospel we hear the story of the son who wished his father dead so he could have his inheritance and then squandered all he had received. His brother is not open to showing mercy, but his father is extravagant with mercy. He deals out not punishment, only welcome and love.

Pope Francis tells us in this Year of Mercy that we cannot give mercy unless we first recognize how we have received it ourselves. It's a good day to remember all the times we have deserved to be punished and were not.

Sister Carol

Weekend Masses

Sat Sept 10	4:00 p.m.	Jerry Musser
Sun Sept 11	10:00 a.m.	Dennis Warren
Sat Sept 17	4:00 p.m.	Jim Alt
Sun Sept 18	10:00 a.m.	Janet Maenle

Communion Services

Tue Sept 13	10:30 a.m.	Richland
Fri Sept 16	8:00 a.m.	St. Mary's

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$3,213.00	Loose	\$562.00
Children	\$53.30	Total	\$3,828.30
79 envelopes returned = 38%			

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for September 17 & 18, 2016

Money Counters: Barb Galvan and Deb Goldenetz
4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Jeanne Parinello

Cantor: Steve McCullough

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: Kelly Yarnell

Greeter-West Door: Steve Yarnell

Cantor: Steve McCullough

Ushers: Greg and Gabe Denecker

Lectors: Chris Denecker and Joe Herrmann

E.M.: Amy Marcum, Mark Zwiebel,

Tricia Herrmann, Hank Schroeder

Servers: Luke Denecker, Olivia Smallcombe,
Kendal Giesige

Readings for September 18, 2016

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Amos 8:4-7 (135C)

2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Gospel Reading Luke 16:1-13

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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R U Called On Thursday evening, September 22, St. Mary's will host with the Diocese of Toledo vocation department an evening of information and discernment for young women who are interested in (or at least willing to give consideration to) religious life. We need a few crock pots of various soups for the supper that evening. We also need a couple of people to wash dishes and clean up. There is a sign-up sheet on the shelf in the main entrance. (Confirmation candidates are welcome to help!)

The Finance Council will meet Tuesday evening, September 13, at 7:00, in the parish library.

The next RCIA gathering is Thursday evening, September 15, at 7 o'clock.

Thank you to all who helped with the Mass with the bishop—Kaden Reneker, Drew and Ken Lovett, Derek Swartzlander, Luke Denecker, Olivia Smallcombe, and Kendal Giesige for serving, Jerry Wehri for being a Eucharistic minister, Hank and Carol Schroeder and Basil and Rosemary Meyer for ushering. **Thank you** to Tom and Jan Schulte for the delicious lunch they provided for the Rural Life Committee and the enlightening tour. **Thank you** to all who have volunteered their time and talent to serve as catechists in our religious education program.

The Service Group of Mennonite Home will be holding their annual Fall Festival Bake Sale on Friday and Saturday, September 23 & 24. The Bake sale will feature a variety of home baked goods including delicious cinnamon rolls, cakes, pies, noodles and breads. This annual event will be held in the MMH Lobby on Friday and Saturday, September 23 & 24 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Be sure to come early for your homemade baked treats!

If you are willing to donate a baked good to this worthy cause, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. Items may be brought to MMH by September 23rd, at 9:00 a.m.

Adult Choir:

Researchers are discovering that singing is like an infusion of the perfect tranquilizer, the kind that both soothes your nerves and elevates your spirits. Choir practice will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 14 at 7:00 p.m. New members are always welcome.

2016 Diocesan Celebration of Wedding

Jubilees: "Marriage is the icon of God's love for us" –Pope Francis

Join Bishop Daniel Thomas and the Office of Marriage and Family at Our Lady Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral on Sunday, October 23, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. to commemorate 25, 40, 50, 60, and 60-plus years of marriage for couples in the Diocese of Toledo. Mass includes the renewal of matrimonial vows, and registered couples will receive a commemorative certificate. To register go to: www.1023mass.eventbrite.com, contact Marsha Rivas, 419-214-4938, or call your parish office at 419-358-8631. Registration deadline is October 13, 2016.

Matrimony: A calling to forgive! "Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope."

Retrouvaille offers a welcoming and loving space to couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. Retrouvaille offers hope: hope that it is not too late, hope of a different and better marriage. Retrouvaille helps couples to show each other mercy through the opportunities it provides to listen, to forgive, to be reconciled and to move into their futures believing that God loves them and with His help and their efforts, their marriages can be healed and restored. Retrouvaille provides help for marriage problems/difficulties/crises. For more information about our October 7-9th Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact registration team: Joe and Arlene @ 419-841-1116.

P.R.E.P

Children's Liturgy of the Word will start class on Sunday, September 18th during 10 a.m. Mass.

K-6: Classes start on Wednesday, September 14th from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

God Squad and Jr. High classes will start Sunday, September 18th after Mass from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

We are still in need of one more catechist. If you are able to help, please call Kelly.

Also, we are looking for **walkers** for Weekday Christian Ed classes at Bluffton. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex if you are interested in helping.