

St. Mary's Catholic Church

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 9, 2017

Dear parishioners,

We've been doing some extra work here at St. Mary's to keep up the place. The carpets have all been cleaned. We are being scheduled to have all our vinyl floors stripped, waxed, and burnished professionally. The strong wind a couple of weeks ago caused the tree in the back yard of our rental to split and fall on the house. That has been removed entirely so that the remaining half of the tree would not do more damage. We still need to repair the house. Luckily there was only minimal damage to the building. We are also planning to replace the windows in the parish house and to resurface the parking lot.

So I want to thank you for your consistent and generous giving. It is a real blessing to have money in hand to do that kind of maintenance and repair without having to have a special fundraiser. Thank you!

Here's another thing to think about. The bishop is asking that we not require our Confirmandi to do a certain number of service hours because that is somewhat contrived and artificial. We are being asked to focus on the works of mercy. The corporal works of mercy are: To feed the hungry, to give water to the thirsty, to clothe the naked, to shelter the homeless, to visit the sick, to visit the imprisoned (or ransom the captive), to bury the dead. The spiritual works of mercy are: instruct, advise, console, comfort, forgive, and bear wrongs patiently. This would be a great thing for all of us to focus on!

Sister Carol



Congratulations to Lauren Goldenetz and Mitchell Kenoyer married here this weekend. We wish you many happy and healthy years together!

Weekend Masses

Sat Jul 8	4:00 p.m.	Imajean Mathewson Gene Badertscher
		Thanksgiving for prayers answered
Sun July 9	10:00 a.m.	Ike Businger
Sat July 15	4:00 p.m.	Janet Maenle
Sun July 16	10:00 a.m.	For the parish

Communion Services

Fri July 14 8:00 a.m. St. Mary's

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$2,607.00	Loose	\$665.00
Children	\$37.25	Total	\$3,309.25

66 envelopes returned = 32%

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for July 15 & 16, 2017

Money Counters: Deb Buck and Deb Goldenetz

4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Jeanne Parinello

Cantor: Jenny Roby

Ushers: John Parinello and Chuck Niese

Lector: Jim Kinn

E.M.: Diana Bucher and Jennifer Tschuor

Servers: Brayton and Addison Businger and
Caitlyn Couch

10:00 a.m.

Greeter-East door: Steve and Kelly Yarnell

Greeter-West Door:

Cantor: Kevin Vance

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 July 16, 2017 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

2nd Reading: Romans 8:18-23

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:1-23

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Operation Artic

The community Vacation Bible School for this summer will be held at English Lutheran Church, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 16 through Thursday, July 20.

We still need volunteers, cookies, and milk jugs.



Parish picnic If you do not already have the parish picnic on your calendar, remember to save the day!

This big event will happen on Sunday, August 13, right after the 10:00 o'clock Mass. We'll be celebrating, among other things, the fact that our present church is 50 years young!

Requests for the Bluffton Food Pantry for July:

Personal items: lotions, creams, hair care products, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes, bath soaps, soft soaps

Paper items: paper towels, toilet paper, tissue paper, napkins

Breakfast cereals

Instant oatmeals

Macaroni and cheese

Chunky soups

Spaghetios and similar canned foods

Canned fruits

Canned meats, including tuna, chicken, beef, and pork

Hamburger and tuna helper

Beef Ramen noodles

Crackers and cookies

Ottoville Immaculate Conception Parish Festival will be

held on Sunday, July 16, 2017. Events and activities scheduled include: **Family Style Dinners** served 11 a.m.-5:00 p.m. in the air conditioned banquet hall of the Parish Center. Chicken and beef dinners are served with all the trimmings plus homemade desserts. Carry-outs and drive-thru will be available. Cost of the meal is \$9.00 per person (ages 10 and over) or \$5.00 per person for children up to age 10. They will also have a **Lunch Stand** with soups and sandwiches, **Big Ticket Drawing** (with the First prize worth \$1,000.00), **Baked Goods Booth, Raffle Booth, Games** for all ages and **Entertainment**. Come join us for fun and fellowship.

Just a reminder, you are always able to purchase a memorial stone for the memorial garden. Just speak with Sr. Carol or Jerry Wehri if you have any interest. It may have to be placed at a later date but you are able to add a stone if you wish.

To report any suspected or actual sexual abuse of a minor by [Diocesan personnel](#), immediate contact should be made with local civil authorities, and with the Toledo Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mr. Frank DiLallo. He can be reached at 419-243-2150 (private line) or 419-244-6711, ext. 4880 in the Toledo calling area, or 1-800-926-8277, ext. 4880 (Outside Toledo, Within Ohio).

Not willing to let go of your marriage? Many couples continue to struggle in a marriage, but are not willing to give up on each other. There is hope.

Retrouvaille is a program designed to help struggling marriages regain their health. It helps a husband and a wife rediscover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. For more information about our July 21-23rd Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact our registration team: Joe and Arlene @ 419-841-1116 or visit our website: HelpOurMarriage.com.

150th Anniversary On July 23, 2017 Saint John the Baptist Parish in Landeck will celebrate their 150th anniversary. The day will begin with Mass, with Bishop Daniel Thomas, at 11:30 a.m. followed by a parish luncheon which will include fried chicken, rolls, baked potato, green beans, salad, and many desserts. Also the day will feature a live auction, silent auction, gift baskets, music, beverage tent, kids' activities and much more. Tickets for the luncheon \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. This will be a great day for families to thank God for our parish, parishioners and heritage. Please call the parish office at 419-692-0636 or go to our website at stjohnthebaptistchurchlandeck.org.