

St. Mary's Catholic Church

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 10, 2017



Dear parishioners,

Today the diocese acknowledges the part of the Catholic Church in the Protestant Reformation. Bishop Thomas and Bishop Beaudoin will together lead a service at St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Findlay. The service begins at 3 o'clock. Everyone is invited.

Martin Luther's split from the Church was not over doctrine. Luther was calling for reform in the church. He had a number of things on his mind. One was indulgences. At the time of the reformation the Basilica of St. Peter was being built in Rome. As a way of collecting money Johann Tetzel began selling indulgences—offering an indulgence for a donation given. Luther, a monk and a professor at Wittenberg, wanted to gather a group of interested persons to debate this issue. The regular practice for calling together a group for debate was to hang the topic(s) on the door of the cathedral. Luther tacked his 95 theses on the door.

Cardinal Thomas Cajetan, who had some responsibility for raising money for St. Peter's, took up Luther's challenge. Luther lost the debate. Cajetan demanded Luther retract his opposition. Luther, a stubborn man, would not. And thus began the shattering of the Church.

Many other factors played a role. Luther is not the only actor in this play. It is a fascinating part of history. It is also a sad part of history, a part that affects all of us to this day five hundred years later.

Let's pray for Christian unity.

Sister Carol

Weekend Masses

Sat Sept 9	4:00 p.m.	Rhonda Staley
Sun Sept 10	10:00 a.m.	Dennis Warren
Sat Sept 16	4:00 p.m.	Ike Businger
Sun Sept 17	10:00 a.m.	Janet Maenle

Communion Services

Fri Sept 15	8:00 a.m.	St. Mary's
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SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$3,602.00	Loose	\$648.00
Children	\$38.80	Total	\$4,288.80

85 envelopes returned = 41%

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for Sept. 16 & 17, 2017

Money Counters: Deb Goldenetz and
Courtney Gerten

4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Jeanne Parinello

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: 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 and Hank Schroeder

Servers: Luke Denecker, Issabella Stechschulte,
Kendal Giesige

Readings for September 17, 2017

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Sirach 27:30—28:7

2nd Reading: Romans 14:7-9

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:21-35

Choir Practice will begin this Wednesday, September 13th at 7:00 p.m. New members are always welcome!

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How to donate to Catholic Charities for Harvey Flood Relief:

- 1. Give in today's collection.
- 2. Write a check with the notation for Harvey Flood Relief. Mail to the 1933 Spielbusch address.
- 3. Use your credit card. Here are the directions.

Go to <http://www.catholiccharitiesnwo.org/>

On the top bar, click on "Donate" and fill out your donation amount under "My Donation to Catholic Charities."

Click on "Add Donation/Payment to Cart"

Click on "Proceed to Checkout"

On the Donation/Payment Checkout page, fill in your billing details.

Under "Additional Information" in the order notes, indicate HURRICANE HARVEY.

Click on "Submit Donation/Payment"

Catholic Charities will send you a receipt for your donation.

BAMA

Bluffton Area Ministerial Association

will have a tent at the Fall Festival on Saturday, September 23, to highlight the churches of Bluffton. There will be prayer and singing at the tent from 10 a.m. until noon. Stop by to pray and stop by to see the lovely poster Tim Wilmetti (pastor at First United Methodist) made for St. Mary's.

The Finance Council will meet on Tuesday evening, September 12, at 7 o'clock, in the church library.

2017 Diocesan Celebration of Wedding Anniversaries will be held at Our Lady Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral on October 1, 2017, at 3:00 P.M. Join Bishop Daniel Thomas and the Office of Marriage and Family Life to commemorate 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60-plus years of marriage for couples in the Diocese of Toledo.

Registered couples will receive a commemorative certificate. To register go to: toledoanniversarymass.org, contact Marsha Rivas at 419-214-4938, or call your parish office. Registration deadline is September 15th.

The Mennonite Memorial Home will host its annual Fall Festival Bake Sale on Friday and Saturday, September 22 & 23. With your help there will be a delicious assortment of baked goods to choose from. Baked goods will be available in the MMH lobby from 9-2 on the days of the sale. If you would like to donate a baked good please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. Items may be brought to MMH by Friday, September 22nd at 8:30 a.m. Thank you!

Living as Missionary Disciples

Catechetical Sunday Next Sunday is Catechetical Sunday. The theme for this year is "Living as Missionary Disciples." We will commission our catechists at the 10 o'clock Mass. Being a catechist is a serious responsibility to hand on the faith with accuracy and completeness. It is taking seriously the command of Jesus to "make disciples of all nations." It's about more than handing on information. Though this remains the first and primary responsibility of parents, the catechists support the duty of the parents. THANK YOU to all who have given themselves to this sacred and wonderful ministry.

Bishop Robert Barron is the founder of [Word on Fire Catholic Ministries](http://WordOnFire.org) and Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. He is also the host of CATHOLICISM, a groundbreaking, award-winning documentary about the Catholic Faith, which aired on PBS.

Bishop Barron is a #1 Amazon bestselling author and has published numerous books, essays, and articles on theology and the spiritual life. Bishop Barron's website, WordOnFire.org, reaches millions of people each year, and he is one of the most followed Catholics on social media. His regular [YouTube videos](http://YouTube) have been viewed over 25 million times and he has over 1.5 million followers on Facebook.

Bishop Barron's pioneering work in evangelizing through the new media led Francis Cardinal George to describe him as "one of the Church's best messengers."

We have on St. Mary's calendar an evening gathering to watch three of Bishop Barron's 10-minute talks on the Eucharist. We will intersperse these with some small group discussion. Mark your calendars for Monday, September 18, 7:00 p.m. in the new classrooms.

P.R.E.P

Children's Liturgy of the Word will start Sunday, September 17th during the 10 o'clock Mass.

K-6: First class is Wednesday, September 13th at 6:30.

Jr. High and God Squad start class Sunday, September 17 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

We are still in need of aides for Children's Liturgy, Kindergarten, and 1st, 3rd and 5th grades. Speak to Kelly if you are willing to help.