

St. Mary's Catholic Church

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 1, 2017

Dear parishioners,

Last week the gospel told the parable of the workers who worked all day and got the same pay as the ones who only worked an hour. The day-long workers didn't think that was fair. And the owner of the vineyard asks, "Didn't you get what you agreed to? Are you envious because I am generous?"

Today we hear again, "The Lord's way is not fair." He rewards the good and punishes the bad, but God chooses to be merciful.

As I've listened to the news over the past weeks, I've had the thought that life is not fair. The Caribbean islands and the southern coast have suffered tragic loss because of the hurricanes and the earthquakes. Lives have been lost, homes have been destroyed, power is cut off for perhaps months. Their suffering continues while we go on with our comfortable lives. It's not fair.

Paul says to think of others as more important than ourselves. That's easy when the other is someone we love—a spouse, a child, a parent. We have a hard time focusing that thought when the other is someone we do not know. We forget quickly!

I think the other message of today's readings is commitment—to actually do what I have said I would do whether that is keeping marriage vows, going to work on time every day, showing up for a liturgical role when I'm assigned, doing my homework, preparing for a meeting, doing my chores. The person who is faithful, Jesus says, is not the person who says he/she will do something. The person who is faithful is the person who actually does it. So let's do what we've promised—including keeping our baptismal promises and following Jesus.

Sister Carol

Weekend Masses

Sat Sept 30	4:00 p.m.	Jerry Musser
Sun Oct 1	10:00 a.m.	Cyril & Dorothy Sterrett
Sat Oct 7	4:00 p.m.	Jim Badertscher Dick Kiser
Sun Oct 8	10:00 a.m.	Fr. Dave Beck

Communion Services

Wed Oct 4 10:30 a.m. Hilty

First Friday

Fri Oct 6 8:00 a.m. St. Mary's

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$2,340.00	Loose	\$805.00
Children	\$46.88	Total	\$3,191.88
74 envelopes returned = 36%			

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for Oct. 7 & 8, 2017

Money Counters: Chad Wolford and
Courtney Gerten

4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Peg Murphy

Cantor: Steve McCullough

Ushers: Dave and Mary Hoffer

Lector: Deb Garlock

E.M.: Jessica Wischmeyer, Brianna Atkins,
Basil Meyer

Servers: Grace Myers and Jacob Granger

10:00 a.m.

Greeter-East door: Sherry Heitmeyer

Greeter-West Door: Mel Heitmeyer

Cantor: Choir

Ushers: Mike and Rhonda Maag

Lectors: Brian Miller and Matt Ellerbrock

E.M.: Julia Miller, Kaden Reneker,
Cathy Hermiller, Crystal Ellerbrock,
Candace Vance

Servers: Grace Yarnell, Josh and Nathan Meyer

Readings for October 8, 2017 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:33-43

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Another Adult Formation Opportunity



Monday evening, October 2, at 7:00 p.m., Sister Carol will share some of her insights about the story of Francis and Clare of Assisi. The feast of St. Francis is October 4.

The Red Cross blood drive will be here at St. Mary's on Thursday, October 5, noon until 6 p.m. At this time of year there is an urgent need for blood so please be a donor if you can. We also need volunteers to register, to host/hostess, and to bring cookies. The sign-up sheet is in the front entrance.



RCIA

We have begun the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. We are meeting on Monday evenings at 7:00 o'clock.

If you or someone you know is interested in joining the Catholic Church or is interested in learning about it, know that you are welcome. These first weeks of the journey are "Inquiry."

Community Market receipts Please remember to bring in your Community Market receipts. We redeem 1%. We are this year directing the proceeds to the Summer Camp Fund since these young men and women are working so hard to raise money for next summer. They'd be grateful for your help.



MASS TO CELEBRATE THE DIGNITY OF LIFE

Join Bishop Daniel E. Thomas for a Mass to celebrate the dignity of life! The mass will be followed by a Eucharistic Procession to Capital Care, Toledo's last remaining abortion facility. Join us for this powerful time of prayer and peaceful witness for life!

Where: St. Catherine's Parish, 4555 N. Haven Ave., Toledo Ohio When: Saturday October 14th at 9 A.M.

For more information please contact Peter Range at prange@toledodiocese.org or at 419-244-6711 ext. 4933.

On World Mission Sunday, October 22, 2017,

Bishop Daniel E. Thomas will celebrate the 10:00 a.m. Liturgy at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral. Parishioners of the many cultures represented in our diocese are invited to participate in their native garb as a living sign of our support of the Mission efforts. Contact Sr. Nancy Mathias, OSU at 419-214-4920 or mmathias@toledodiocese.org if you and/or families would like to participate in the liturgy.

Next weekend, October 7 & 8, we will take up a second collection to support victims in one of the most devastated areas affected by Hurricanes **Irma and Maria** – the Diocese of St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands. These islands have been almost completely wiped out, left with virtually no infrastructure and few surviving services. Our financial support will help with long-term recovery efforts, including needed pastoral care and support, case management to assist disaster victims, and direct assistance to people unable to get insurance coverage or sufficient government support from FEMA.

Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo is collecting and forwarding donations dollar for dollar to the Diocese of St. Thomas. Checks should be made out to Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo, with a **Diocese of St. Thomas Recovery** notation and sent to 1933 Spielbusch Ave., Toledo, OH 43604.

Support Our Retired Priests: Please consider a donation to Perpetuate the Gift Appeal being held the weekend of October 7-8. Your gift benefits our retired diocesan priests and your Parish. Once a priest retires he is responsible for his own personal expenses: medical, housing, clothing, and food. All funds contributed between October 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017, help reduce the amount the parish contributes to the fund. A gift of cash or check can be sent to Perpetuate the Gift, PO Box 954, Toledo, OH 43697 or placed in the parish collection. A gift may also be made online at www.toledodiocese.org. If you would like to give a gift of stock or designate a bequest to help our retired priests, please contact Christopher Holinski at 419-214-4951 or email at cholinski@toledodiocese.org

P.R.E.P

We are still in need of an aide for third grade. Speak to Kelly if you are willing to help.

Children's Liturgy of the Word is during the 10 o'clock Mass.

K-6: Next class is Wednesday, October 4th at 6:30 p.m. Mass is at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome!

Jr. High and God Squad: Class is today, October 1st from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.