

St. Mary's Catholic Church

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 15, 2017



Dear parishioners,

Today's second reading has always fascinated me. St. Paul says if he has abundance, he's okay. If he has very little, he's okay. If he's well-fed, he's okay. If he's hungry, he's okay. He can put up with anything because of Jesus, the Christ.

Paul had a real relationship with Jesus. He knew him, and he trusted him. Like us, Paul never met Jesus in person. Paul knew Jesus by faith. He knew about him, he knew him, and he trusted him. Paul believed enough in Jesus that he spent the rest of his life travelling and telling people about Jesus. Finally this cost him his life.

Real faith is about relationship with God and doing what God asks because we believe the truth and value of God's way. So it's a good time to ask myself: When I pray or go to Mass or do service, do I do it because I have to, because I think it will benefit me, because I want something, or because I really am in relationship with God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? Think about someone you love. How does my relationship with God stand up to my relationships with friends and family?

God tried to show us how much he loves and cares about us by sending Jesus to be with us. We don't see Jesus with our eyes but we know that he promised to be with us even to the end of time. Jesus also gave us the Holy Spirit to be with us. And we know that three persons are one God and that, therefore, God is wholly present with us all the time.

Knowing that, we also are okay in every situation.

Sister Carol

Weekend Masses

Sat Oct 14	4:00 p.m.	Jim Alt
Sun Oct 15	10:00 a.m.	Fr. Cleo Schmenk
Sat Oct 21	4:00 p.m.	Bill Shackelford Sr.
Sun Oct 22	10:00 a.m.	Janet Maenle

Communion Services

Fri Oct 20 8:00 a.m. St. Mary's

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$3,675.00	Loose	\$593.00
Children	\$42.55	Total	\$4,310.55

82 envelopes returned = 39%

Special collection for the Diocese of St. Thomas:
\$1,110.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for Oct. 21 & 22, 2017

Money Counters: Tonya Meyer, Deb Buck

4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Jeanne Parinello

Cantor: Katie Hohenbrink

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: Basil Meyer and Deb Buck

Greeter-West Door:

Cantor: Katie Hohenbrink

Ushers: Jeanne and Jerry Wehri

Lectors: Lisa Welch and Shannon Wannemacher

E.M.: Michelle Risner, Betty Gerten,

Tom Schulte, Linda Kinn

Servers: Julia Mehaffie, Makayla Schweingruber,
and Jordan Schweingruber

Readings for October 22, 2017

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1st Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:15-21

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Thank you again to all who helped with Family Promise. This is good work you do—it's one of the corporal works of mercy: Shelter the homeless. **Thank you** to all who came to the parish meetings after the Masses last weekend. We very much count on your questions and comments.

Perpetuate the Gift This weekend we are taking up the collection for priests' retirement. This collection is for the priests of our diocese. There are envelopes in the benches. If you are not prepared for this weekend, you can put your donation in the collection over the next few weeks.

Next Sunday is Mission Sunday. We will have envelopes out for this special collection. Please be generous. Missionaries are not paid for their work so they depend on contributions for their living expenses. This is our opportunity to "be missionaries" by giving what we have.

FAMILY PROMISE I would to personally like to thank those who stepped forward and volunteered to make a meal or stay overnight for Family Promise week. Without your help, our hosting would not be possible. I would also like to express a heartfelt thank you to all who donated items. The outpouring of your generosity was amazing. God truly has blessed St. Mary's parish with such wonderful, giving parishioners. God Bless You All!
Nancy Benroth

Our Lady of Consolation Shrine, Carey, Ohio will offer a Mass for Victims of Cancer their family, friends and caregivers on Friday, October 20th at 7:00 pm. We welcome all to come and pray together. Following Mass, visitors are invited to participate in special prayers for healing.

You are invited to **Fall Festivities Day** on Saturday October 21st at Emmanuel United Church of Christ from 4-6 p.m. During this event we hold a "Trunk-or-Treat" where we decorate our vehicles and hand out candy to children and their families. Also, we would like to invite any of your members who would like to participate in this event by getting dressed up, decorating their vehicles, and handing out candy, to let us know by contacting the church office. We also decorate pumpkins, have games, music, food, and this year we are looking to have the local Bluffton Fire Department and EMS crews to provide us with a firetruck and EMS vehicle for the kids to see up close. Hope to see you there!

Everyone is welcome to attend the **Delphos St. John's 105th Fall Festival** on October 21st and 22nd in the St. John's Cafeteria and Gymnasium. Enjoy food, games of chance and have some family fun. Home-cooked chicken and beef dinners with all the trimmings and even homemade cakes for dessert are available for \$8.50 for adults and \$6.50 for children (5th grade and younger). Carry-outs will be available from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday and from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday. The event is open to the public! You will be helping to support the mission at St. John's School. We look forward to seeing you on October 21st and 22nd!

ECUMENICAL CHOIR BEGINS 46th SEASON: Area singers are invited to join the *Carey Ecumenical Christmas Choir* as preparations begin for this year's concert to be held on Sunday, December 10, 2017, at 4:30 p.m. The concert will be held at the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, 315 Clay Street in Carey. This year will mark the choir's 46th year of presenting this musical program at this historic shrine and promises to be a highlight of your Christmas Season. Rehearsals will be held at Christ Lutheran Church, 116 West Findlay Street in Carey, with the first rehearsal on Thursday, October 19, and the second on Tuesday, October 24. All rehearsals will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will last approximately two hours. The choir is open to all singers high school age and up. Registration forms along with music and practice CDs will be available at the first rehearsal. For additional information, contact Mr. Jack Gerding, Director of Music Ministries, at the Basilica, either 419-396-7107 or music@olcshrine.com.

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 on Wednesday, October 18th at 6:30 p.m.

Jr. High and God Squad: Class is today, October 15th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.