

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Third Sunday of Lent

March 4, 2018

Dear parishioners,

It seems to me the readings today challenge me to authenticity. How thoroughly real and sincere is my commitment to God?



The first reading lays out the ten commandments—the minimum that is required of us to be a disciple. These are the directives God put forth for his people in the very beginning of their relationship. They are the start of the Israelites growing to know and serve the one God.

St. Paul reminds us that following Jesus will involve the cross. Human nature fights against that reality. “Christ crucified is a stumbling block to the Jews and foolishness to Gentiles.” We’d rather have power and superiority conquer evil. We don’t want pain and weakness to be the victor. This is an invitation to be co-redeemers with Jesus and to follow his way. “For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.”

In the gospel we witness Jesus’ wrath that the money changers are using the guise of worship and sacrifice in the temple as a cover for their greed and scheming. How real and sincere is their prayer and worship? Jesus reminds them and us that his house is a house of prayer. Do I come to Mass to authentically pray and worship or am I on “automatic pilot” to fulfill an obligation and avoid feeling guilty?

We have a lot of soul searching to do.

Sister Carol

Weekend Masses

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| Sat Mar 3 | 4:00 p.m. | Jim Badertscher |
| Sun Mar 4 | 10:00 a.m. | Jan Schulte |
| Sat Mar 10 | 4:00 p.m. | Deceased members of the Hankish family |
| Sun Mar 11 | 10:00 a.m. | Jan Schulte |

Communion Services

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| Wed Mar 7 | 10:30 a.m. | Hilty Home |
| Fri Mar 9 | 8:00 a.m. | St. Mary’s |

SUNDAY COLLECTION

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| Adults | \$2,630.00 | Loose | \$1,442.00 |
| Children | \$43.14 | Total | \$4,115.14 |

71 envelopes returned = 34%

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for Mar 10 & 11, 2018

Money Counters: Tonya Meyer and Deb Buck

4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Jan and Diana Emmert

Cantor: Jenny Roby

Ushers: Dave and Shirley Siefker

Lector: Jason Swartzlander

E.M.: Jerry Wehri, Jeanne Parinello,
Amanda Woolley

Servers: Derek Swartzlander and Shylee Kaufman

10:00 a.m.

Greeter-East door: Sherry Heitmeyer

Greeter-West Door: Mel Heitmeyer

Cantor: Katie Hohenbrink

Ushers: Mike and Rhonda Maag

Lectors: Brian Miller and Matt Ellerbrock

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

Servers: Grace Yarnell, Josh and Nathan Meyer

Readings for March 11, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel Reading: John 9:1-41

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Lenten Schedule

Wednesday, Mar. 7,
--6:00 Confessions
--6:30 Stations of the Cross
--7:00 p.m., Mass



Lenten Confessions Besides the usual times for confession before each weekend Mass, there are two extra times for confession:

This week Wednesday, March 7, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Next Wednesday, March 14, 6:00-7:00 and after Mass as long as there is someone here to receive the sacrament.



An enormous **THANK YOU** goes to Jerry Wehri and the Pastoral Council who coordinated the Ministry Fair and to all the ministers who prepared the colorful and informative displays for the event. **Thank you** to Jeff and Deb

Goldenetz for hosting the coffee and donuts for the event. **Thank you** to all who came to show interest and support. **Thank you** to those of you who stepped up and volunteered for a new ministry! It was a great experience!

Liturgical Ministers for Holy Week

The sign-up sheets are out for liturgical ministers for Holy Week and Easter. There will be no 4 o'clock Mass on Holy Saturday. The regular ministers for the first Sunday of the month are asked to serve at the 10 o'clock Mass on Easter Sunday. If you cannot, find your sub as always. Please be generous!



Monday, April 2 & Tuesday, April 3 (8:00am-3:00pm) Science Day for Kids 5-10 Years Old at the Franciscan Earth Literacy Center, 194 St. Francis Ave., Tiffin.

Become scientists for the day. What is a naturalist? What about oceanography? Join us for as many days as you can. We will explore a different branch of science each time. And the only way to explore is to do—experiments, labs, and activities. Come

ready to experience the life of a scientist. **Theme:** Oceanography is the study of the ocean. Turn our center into an ocean. I will bring the sand for the beach; you will make the creatures and things that live in the ocean. Learn how important the ocean is to our survival. Please bring your lunch. **Cost \$15.00, scholarships are available.** All programs will be led by Sister Shirley, a science teacher for 28 years and Matt Miller, a biology teacher.

To register: call 419-448-7485 or email sshafranek@felctiffin.org. Please register at least 3 days before the date of the program.

Maple Crest Senior Living Village will host a **Soup Cook Off and Silent Auction** on Thursday, March 8, 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the lower-level patio room of the main building. The public is invited to sample gourmet soups prepared by local restaurants and caterers. The silent auction will feature pieces created by area artists, including pottery, handmade jewelry, wood carvings, hand-quilted items and more. Artwork will be on display in the lobby area of Maple Crest beginning Monday, March 5 and bids will be accepted until 6 p.m. during the Soup Cook Off when winning bidders will be announced. The meal includes soup/s, salad, breadsticks, beverage and dessert. Cost is \$7/person for adults and \$3 for children age 5 and under. Proceeds will benefit the hair salon construction at Maple Crest. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

P.R.E.P

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

K – 6: Class is Wednesday, March 7, 2018 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Mass is at 7:00 - grades 1 & 6.

7th Grade: Class is today, Sunday, March 4, 11:00 to 1:00 p.m.

8th Grade: Class is today, Sunday, March 4, 5:15 to 7:00 p.m. at the Swartzlander's home.

God Squad: Class is today, Sunday, March 4, 11:00 to 1:00 p.m.