

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Feast of the Ascension

May 13, 2018

Dear parishioners,

The rabbit and the colored eggs are still on the end table in the hall—not because we forgot—but because in the Church it is still Easter.

I know that in our minds we have been done with it for a longtime, and we have moved on to graduations and school closing. The Church celebrates for 50 days because Easter is such an astounding event!

Today we celebrate the feast of the Ascension. Jesus has finished his work and is returning to his Father. It's a happy day for Jesus. He's not, however, wiping his hands of us. On the contrary, much as he wanted to return to his Father, he also wanted to stay with us. So he gave us the Eucharist which we celebrate every Sunday. The Mass is not something we do for God. The Mass is something God does for us. At every Mass Jesus becomes physically present in the bread and wine so that he can be with us in the most intimate way and so that we have the assurance that he is with us.

Jesus other gift to us is the Holy Spirit who is with us for all time even to the end of time. In the time after the Ascension the apostles stayed together as Jesus had commanded them. After nine days of sharing stories and memories and trying to figure out what they needed to do, the Spirit arrived. They were scared and confused. They needed help.

During this coming week we might want also to pray for the fullness of the Holy Spirit. We were given that gift of the Spirit at our Baptism and the gift of the Spirit was confirmed in the sacrament of Confirmation. What is lacking is our desire for the Spirit. For this reason we lack courage and insight to do the work God has asked of us—to make disciples of all nations. Let's pray even for the desire to receive the Holy Spirit and the desire to be disciples ourselves.

Sister Carol

Weekend Masses

Sat May 12	4:00 p.m.	Deceased, members of the Hankish family Imajeane Mathewson and Gene Badertscher Special intention of George and Butch Donaldson
Sun May 13	10:00 a.m.	Jerry Musser
Sat May 19	4:00 p.m.	Jim Badertscher and Ellen von Lehmden
Sun May 20	10:00 a.m.	Greg Kiene Carl & Bertha Greulich

Communion Services

Fri May 18 8:00 a.m. St. Mary's

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$3,537.00	Loose	\$765.00
Children	\$53.80	Total	\$4,355.80

80 envelopes returned = 38%

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for May 19 & 20, 2018

Money Counters: Janet Begg and Deb Goldenetz

4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Jeanne Parinello

Cantor: Steve McCullough

Ushers: John Parinello and Chuck Niese

Lector: Jim Kinn

E.M.: Diana Bucher and Jennifer Tschuur

Servers: Brayton and Addison Businger, Eli Jones,
and Evan Grothause

10:00 a.m.

Greeter-East door: Steve and Kelly Yarnell

Greeter-West Door:

Cantor: Choir

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 May 20, 2018

Pentecost Sunday

1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-23

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EPIC continues Thursday evening, May 17, at 7:30. We have 15 people in the class! It will be a great learning adventure!



Mission Trip If you want to go on the mission trip to Booneville, remember to sign up! You can opt to go June 7-10 or June 8-10. The number of participants is limited to 12. So far we have eight people signed up with one seriously contemplating.

Val Klima has put out the giving board for the food and money donations we need for the trip. We want everyone to have an opportunity to participate in some way. Please be generous!



Thank you to those who helped with our Maintenance Day! You are wonderful!! **Thank you** to Lisa Welch for keeping the flowers supplied and arranged for the Easter season. **Thank you** to Chris Denecker for helping with the arranging.

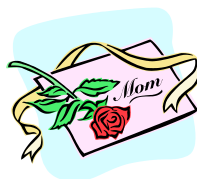


Join us in praying the rosary in the memory garden every Monday evening at 7:00 o'clock. We will gather to pray together like this during the month of May.

Next Sunday, May 20, is Pentecost Sunday. Wear red! It is also the day when we recognize our high school graduates in a special way. Join us after Mass for a reception and the opportunity to wish them well.



An “**Entering Canaan**” Day of Prayer and **Healing Retreat** for women who are suffering as a result of an abortion will be held **Saturday, May 19, 2018**. The day is hosted by Project Rachel, a ministry of Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo. For more information and confidential reservations, please call 1-888-456HOPE or 419-260-5811. Or email projectrachel@toledodiocese.org. Come and experience God's mercy!



*Happy Mother's Day
to all of our mothers!*

Are you a Catholic homeschooling family in the Toledo diocese? Then please join us at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 5, 2018, at Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral in Toledo for our **14th Annual Diocesan Homeschooling Mass and Graduation**. Reverend Monsignor William J. Kubacki will be celebrating our Mass.

It's a wonderful evening of prayer, fellowship, food and fun! Please bring a finger-food dish to share for the reception immediately following the Mass. If you have a student who will be graduating 8th grade, or a graduating high school senior, and would like your graduate to participate in the ceremony after the Mass, please email Lisa-Ann Brickner at oyc81@yahoo.com by May 25th. We can't wait to see you there!!

Family Camp Weekend Retreat, August 3-5, is looking for volunteers over age 16 to assist children and adults with developmental disabilities. The weekend is filled with summer camp activities for children and their parents in a supportive and faith-filled environment. YOUR participation will make Family Camp a meaningful experience for a family and for you! If you would like more information about volunteering or wish to register for Family Camp, please contact Marsha Rivas, Office for Persons with Disabilities, 419-214-4938 or mrivas@toledodiocese.org.

P.R.E.P

Children's Liturgy of the Word is during the 10 o'clock Mass. Today, Sunday, May 13th is the last class for this school year.

Jr. High and God Squad: Next Sunday, May 20th will be the Senior Graduation ceremony at the 10 o'clock Mass. There will be a reception immediately following Mass.