

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 1, 2018

Dear parishioners,



I have been giving a lot of thought to helping in crisis. I remember during the flood of 2007 that a group of young men loaded their grill on the back of their pickup and drove around Ottawa delivering hamburgers to the clean-up crews. One of our families served hotdogs and made their bathroom available to travelers on Route 12 from the 75 detour. I can't boast about anything I did. I was not that creative—though I very much admire both their creativity and their generosity.

My thoughts now have been about the many refugees coming across the border seeking asylum from the terrors of their homelands. They are not illegal. Our immigration laws allow people to seek asylum in our country. They have just gotten caught up in a tangle. My heart goes out to them.

McAllen, Texas, is part of the Brownsville diocese. Some of my sisters used to work with Hispanics and Latinos in Brownsville. Catholic Charities in that diocese is known as "Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley." They run a center in McAllen that has already served over 80,000 refugees. They do only a small part. When refugees arrive, they give them a hot meal, a chance to shower and rest, and a warm travel blanket for the remainder of their journey.

Being lacking in creativity I am inclined at the moment to simply help them or to help Project Hope which is part of CLINIC (Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.) which helps with legal issues or to help St. Paul Parish in Norwalk who are helping those arrested in the ICE raid to connect with their children. I invite you to join me in this effort if you wish. Next weekend the ushers will hold the baskets at the doors for any contributions you may wish to make. I am also open to other suggestions.

Sister Carol

## Weekend Masses

Sat June 30	4:00 p.m. Jim Alt
Sun July 1	10:00 a.m. Jan Schulte
Sat July 7	4:00 p.m. Gene Badertscher Imajeon Mathewson Immele and Murphy families
Sun July 8	10:00 a.m. Guadalupe Vazquez Mike Giovinazzo

## Communion Services

### First Friday

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

## SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$4,370.00	Loose \$914.00
Children	\$211.25	Total \$5,495.25

75 envelopes returned = 36%

*Thank you for your generosity!*

*Thank you also to those who give electronically!!*

## Assignments for July 7 & 8, 2018

**Money Counters:** Tonya Meyer, Angie Wenger

### 4:00 p.m.

**Greeter:** Peg Murphy  
**Cantor:** Madeline Flores  
**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:** Kevin Vance  
**Ushers:** Mike and Rhonda Maag  
**Lectors:** Brian Miller and Matt Ellerbrock  
**E.M.:** Julia Miller, Kaden Reneker,  
Cathy Hermiller, Crystal Ellerbrock  
Candace Meyer  
**Servers:** Grace Yarnell, Josh and Nathan Meyer

## **Readings for July 8, 2018**

### **14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Ezekiel 2:2-5

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Gospel Reading: Mark 6:1-6a

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**Thank you** to all who helped with Family Promise—setting up, donating food and supplies, preparing meals, visiting or entertaining our guests, sleeping over, packing up again, doing the laundry.... Your care and kindness are inspiring.

**Thank you** especially to Tina Bils and Nancy Benroth, our Family Promise Coordinators. **Thank you** to Sherry Heitmeyer for beautifying “our rock” at the corner of Elm and Lawn.

**Our parish picnic** this year will be after Mass on Sunday, August 12. Please plan to join us. It's time to ask you to sign up (as best you can at present) so that we know what size tent to order and how many tables and chairs to rent.



**EPIC** Our next Church history class is Thursday, July 5, at 7:30.

**The Diocese of Toledo remains committed** to ensuring the protection of children and providing a safe environment for all young people. If you have any knowledge of abuse that has been committed by a cleric, or any employee or volunteer of the Catholic Church, please report the abuse to the local police department, Child Protection Services, and Mr. Frank DiLallo, diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator. Mr. DiLallo can be reached at 419-214-4880 or by mail at 1933 Spielbusch Ave., Toledo, OH 43604.

## **Heartbeat has a new office in Ottawa, Ohio!**

We will be in need of volunteers to paint and get the office ready when we get the keys. If you would like to help with renovations and moving in furniture, please give us a call.

We will also be needing volunteers to help in the office when we are up and running. If you have a desire to help guide a young mother or father and impact their life, we would love to hear from you! Call our office at 419-222-7945.

## **Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Raid Response Efforts**

St. Paul the Apostle Parish, in Norwalk, OH, has stepped up, in cooperation with Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo and the Office of Intercultural Ministries, to assist affected families in the aftermath of June 5th Immigration and Customs Enforcement ICE raids at Corso's Flower and Garden Centers in Sandusky and Castalia, OH. The parish is collecting both monetary and product donations to assist families in Norwalk, Willard and area communities.

Funds being collected are first being used to set up detainee accounts, so calls can be made to loved ones and personal care items can be purchased. Other financial donations will be used in cooperation with the parish's St. Vincent DePaul group, to help with temporary, long-term needs, such as rent/utilities assistance and other family emergency expenses. Parish staff are working with pro-bono attorneys meeting with folks, to help with filling out paperwork and assist with fees these attorneys will incur on behalf of those they are representing. Numerous donations of diapers, wipes, food, clothing, and baby formula are being distributed to those in need.

A valuable “Know Your Rights” resource on “Preparing Your Family for Immigration Enforcement,” prepared by Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, Inc. (ABLE), is available in Spanish and English at [immigration.ablelaw.org](http://immigration.ablelaw.org)

Donations, earmarked for “Immigration Outreach,” can be sent to St. Paul the Apostle Parish, 91 East Main St., Norwalk, OH 44857.

**Bluffton Community Vacation Bible School** will be held from Sunday, July 22 through Thursday, July 26 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. This year VBS is hosted by First United Methodist Church (across from the elementary school). Children age 4 years through Grade 5 are welcome to attend. Registration forms will be available soon. If you have questions or want to volunteer, see Kelly Honse.

**Stress in Your Marriage?** – Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation. For confidential information about or to register for the July program beginning with a weekend on July 13 – 15<sup>th</sup>, call 419-481-1116 or email:

[Toledo@retrouvaille.org](mailto:Toledo@retrouvaille.org) or visit the web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)