

St. Mary's Catholic Church

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 8, 2018

Dear parishioners,

If you have the opportunity, read some of the Book of Ezekiel the prophet. He has some very strong language for Israel.

What struck me in the first reading is how surely God is leading Ezekiel in his ministry as prophet. God tells him "I will set you on your feet." God will decide when it's time to speak. When it was not time to speak, Ezekiel could not speak. He was dumb. And God says to him in this commissioning scene—Oh! Not to worry. The folks are going to know there is a prophet in their midst! Stay tuned!

That line scared me a little. I also want to be God's instrument. But I know how folks get treated when they say things nobody wants to hear.

Jesus knew that too, and in our gospel for today Jesus was a little scared I believe. He had astonished the hometown folks with his knowledge and his authority. One would think that was a good thing. The response however is to reject Jesus. "A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown." They don't want to hear from Jesus. They've known him since he was a kid. They don't want to let him be anybody but who they want him to be.

It's a good time to remember two things: 1) being a disciple is not about glory or convenience or accommodation. If I am at God's service, I am attentive to how and when God needs me. 2) Let people shine. We all grow and change. I have to keep my ears open for truth—not just what I want to hear so I'm not challenged.

Sister Carol

Congratulations to Kathryn Jolliff and Beagle on the baptism of their son Emmet. Welcome to the parish family!

Weekend Masses

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
Sat July 14	4:00 p.m.	Jim Badertscher Libby Schmenk
Sun July 15	10:00 a.m.	Deceased members of the Hankish family Carolyn Yeagle

Communion Services

Fri July 13 8:00 a.m. St. Mary's

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$3,175.00	Loose	\$869.00
Children	\$24.43	Total	\$4,068.43

71 envelopes returned = 34%

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for July 14 & 15, 2018

Money Counters: Deb Buck, Deb Goldenetz

4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Jan and Diana Emmert
Cantor: Steve McCullough
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: Steve and Kelly Yarnell
Greeter-West Door:
Cantor: Steve McCullough
Ushers: Greg and Gabe Denecker
Lectors: Chris Denecker and Joe Herrmann
E.M.: Amy Marcum, Mark Zwiebel,
Tricia Herrmann, Hank Schroeder
Servers: Luke Denecker, Issabella Stechschulte,
Kendal Giesige

Readings for July 15, 2018 **15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Amos 7:12-15

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel Reading: Mark 6:7-13

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We will have an hour of adoration on Wednesday, July 11, at 7:00 in the evening. Everyone is invited.

EPIC Our next Church history class is Thursday, July 12, at 7:30.

Don't forget to sign up for Vacation Bible School. It will be Sunday, July 22, through Thursday, July 26, from 6:00 to 8:00 each evening. This year the host church is First United Methodist church on Church Street across from the elementary school. We also need some volunteers. The sign-up sheet is in the main entrance.

Community Supper It's our turn to host the Community Supper on Thursday, July 19, at the Bluffton Senior Center. If you can help with donations of food or with the donation of time to help, you can sign up on the sheet in the main entrance.



America in Bloom



The representatives from "America in Bloom" will again be visiting Bluffton. St. Mary's has again been chosen as one of the spots they will visit. They will be here Thursday, July 19, at 2 o'clock. So---- if you see a weed, pull it!

Thank you to Mel and Sherry Heitmeyer for spending a morning planting and weeding!

Mini Work Day, July 28 In order to claim our insurance money for the damage done to the rental property in the storm, we need to have the repairs done by mid-August. We need to move siding and replace the siding we borrow. We also would like to put up a privacy fence. Help is needed the morning of Saturday, July 28, 8 a.m. to noon. Lunch will be served. Questions? Talk to Jerry Wehri.

The new liturgical ministry schedules are on the table in the narthex. If you are a liturgical minister, please pick one up.

Prayer Vigil for Life – July 19

On Thursday, July 19, at 6 p.m., join Rev. Krzysztof Kardzis, of Sacred Heart Parish in Fremont, OH, and the pro-life community of Northwest Ohio for a prayer vigil at Toledo's last remaining abortion facility.

The hour prayer vigil will be at Capital Care Network, 1160 W. Sylvania Ave., Toledo, OH. Join us as we pray and seek God's grace that one of the 15 children scheduled to be aborted that week might be spared and given the gift of life! For more information, email Peter Range, Director of the Office for Life and Justice, at prange@toledodiocese.org or call 419-214-4933.

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.

The **2018 Immaculate Conception Church Festival** in Ottoville, Ohio will be next Sunday, July 15th. Family style chicken and beef dinners with all the fixings will be served from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the air conditioned hall. There will be bingo, a baked goods booth, a lunch stand, kid's games, inflatable bounce houses and an obstacle course, and live entertainment. Visit the general store and take a chance at the raffle booth on many great items donated by area businesses and Parishioners. The Parish Historical Room will be open for visitors from 10:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Purchase your Big Ticket for a chance to win the grand prize of \$1000!! For more information, call the Parish Office at (419) 453-3513.