

St. Mary's Catholic Church

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 15, 2018



Dear parishioners,

The first reading from Amos reminds us that being a disciple is about doing what God wants. When Amos is told not to prophesy in the royal temple, he gets a little feisty. Hey, I didn't ask to do this! I'm a shepherd. I didn't aspire to be a prophet. It's what God asked of me.

In our community of sisters we often say it's good to live in community. It wears off our rough edges. That's what was happening to Amos. Amaziah's challenge made him look at himself. This is also why the family is the first and best place in which to learn the Christian life.

Here's what our lectors' handbook has to say:

“Why (did Jesus send the disciple out) in pairs? With less than two the virtue of charity would not be needed. If two persons respect each other and tolerate one another's weaknesses of body and spirit; if they are faithful to their promises and collaborate; if they make the effort to understand and listen to each other; if they pardon each other when it is necessary, then they are practicing what they preach, which amounts to a formidable witness to Christian values. Alone, one does not have to exert oneself to live the Gospel. There is no sharing of joys and sorrows, no dialogue, no betrayal or good counsel, nor anyone with whom to disagree or anyone to pardon, and these are all key factors in the Christian life.”

This is why the family is the “home Church.” And I'm a little anxious about having to get my rough edges worn off after I leave here!

Sister Carol

Congratulations to Brent and Kristen Schroeder on the baptism of their daughter Ella. We welcome your whole family to our parish family!

Weekend Masses

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 Sharon Jolliff
Sat July 21	4:00 p.m. Lena Badertscher
Sun July 22	10:00 a.m. Fr. Gary Ferguson Julie Schmersal

Communion Services

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

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$4,380.00	Loose \$1,762.00
Children	\$25.50	Total \$6,167.50
79 envelopes returned = 38%		

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for July 21 & 22, 2018

Money Counters: Courtney Gerten, Chad Wolford

4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Jeanne Parinello
Cantor: Madeline Flores
Ushers: John Parinello and Chuck Niese
Lector: Jim Kinn
E.M.: Diana Bucher, 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,
Jordan Schweingruber

Readings for July 22, 2018 **16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6
2nd Reading: Ephesians 2:13-18
Gospel Reading: Mark 6:30-34

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EPIC Our next Church history class is Thursday, July 19, at 7:30.

Don't forget to sign up for Vacation Bible School. It begins Sunday, July 22, at 6:00 and runs through Thursday, July 26. 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 – Thursday!

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. Also come join in the fellowship. Donations are accepted for the food pantry.



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!

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. Let Jerry know if you can come.

Adoration We will have another holy hour on Wednesday evening, July 25, at 7:00 o'clock. Please join us.

Our donation to St. Paul's in Norwalk came at just the right time. Families are struggling to pay their utilities at this time of month. Many wage earners are being held in detention centers. Project hope is grateful for the help to help people.

Thank you for your generosity! We were able to send \$200 to St. Paul's Church in Norwalk; \$200 to Catholic charities of the Rio Grande Valley in Brownsville, Texas; and \$100 to Project Hope.

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

FULL TIME COORDINATOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

needed at Immaculate Conception Parish in Ottoville. Candidate should possess education, training, and experience that provide the required knowledge to perform duties of the position. Teaching experience helpful but not mandatory. Should have a well-developed knowledge of Scripture, Catechism of the Catholic Church, Church documents, Church history, etc. Responsibilities include but not limited to: organizing and implementing Religious Education programs for all members of the Parish (children through adult), plan summer programs, coordinate, teach, and implement sacramental preparation for youth and parents, etc. To apply, submit a resume/cover letter to immac@bright.net or mail to Immaculate Conception, P.O. Box 296, Ottoville, Ohio 45876.

The Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, Carey, Ohio welcomes everyone to join them August 6-14 for the annual novena to Our Lady of Consolation in preparation for the feast of her Assumption. The annual celebration of Mary's Assumption into heaven is the largest event at the Shrine. This year's Novena preacher will be Fr. David J. Endres.

Novena services will take place nightly at 8:00 p.m. except on Sundays when the service is at 2:30 p.m. Confessions are weeknights of the novena at 7:00 p.m.; on Saturdays from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. and on Sunday from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Confessions will be available all day on August 14 and on August 15. On August 14 at 9:00 pm, (*Vigil of the Assumption*) the statue of Our Lady of Consolation will be brought out to the front steps of the Basilica where the final prayers of the novena will be prayed. The candlelight procession to the Shrine Park follows immediately where Bishop Daniel Thomas, of the Diocese of Toledo will celebrate the Mass.