

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

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

July 22, 2018



Do to others as you would  
have them do to you.

Dear parishioners,

While I was soaking in the beauty of Lake James, I read an article "A River of Compassion" by Ilia Delio, a current theologian. I'd like here to quote some of her article.

"We live in such private worlds with private concerns and private dreams, it is no wonder we fear the immigrant and stranger intruding on our private property. We hardly know our neighbor's struggles and sometimes we barely know our own.

There is much talk these days about immigration and welcoming the stranger into our midst. We fear what will happen to our families and our communities if we allow too many strangers into our comfortable lives, insensitive at times to the fact that they too are seeking food, family, and friends. The evangelist John wrote 'there is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear.' (1 John 4:18) Love transforms, the medievalists said, because love unites. Love seeks the good of the other. Compassion is the feeling of love that rends the veil of the stranger and unites one human to another, heart to heart.

"Compassion is a thread that binds together the deepest centers of life beyond the borders of race, gender, tribe, or creature.

"We are at a critical threshold today in our earthly life where we either must overcome our fears and evolve to a new level of love, or undergo the slow death that underlies fragmentation. What will unite this earthly community? What will join human hearts together despite our different colors, languages, cultures, and religions?"

Her answer is "compassion"—seeing in the suffering of others something of my own life.

Sister Carol

## Weekend Masses

Sat July 21	4:00 p.m.	Lena Badertscher For Thanksgiving
Sun July 22	10:00 a.m.	Fr. Gary Ferguson Julie Schmersal
Sat July 28	4:00 p.m.	Orville "Fritz" Smith Jr. Bill Shackelford Sr.
Sun July 29	10:00 a.m.	Jim Badertscher For Thanksgiving

## Communion Services

Fri July 27 8:00 a.m. St. Mary's

## SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$1,919.00	Loose	\$946.00
Children	\$75.00	Total	\$2,940.00

64 envelopes returned = 30%

*Thank you for your generosity!*

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

## Assignments for July 28 & 29, 2018

**Money Counters:** Barb Galvan and Janet Beggs

### 4:00 p.m.

**Greeter:** Basil Meyer  
**Cantor:** Dave Roby  
**Ushers:** Hank and Carol Schroeder  
**Lector:** Jenny Roby  
**E.M.:** Bob Minto and Edna Conkling  
**Servers:** Alyson and Abygail Kettels

### 10:00 a.m.

**Greeter-East door:** Lisa and Logan Welch  
**Greeter-West Door:**  
**Cantor:** Becca Schlumbohm  
**Ushers:** Mike and Rhonda Maag  
**Lectors:** Joe Herrmann and Chris Denecker  
**E.M.:** Jerry Wehri, Kim Garmatter, Sr. Carol,  
Travis Kahle, Mike Klima  
**Servers:** Grace Yarnell, Ayla Grandey,  
Calvin Freideger

## **Readings for July 29, 2018 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

Gospel Reading: John 6:1-15

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**EPIC** Our next Church history class is Thursday, July 26, at 7:30.

**Vacation Bible School** begins this evening July 26. This year the host church is First United Methodist Church on Church Street across from the elementary school. There is no fee.

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

**Thank you** to all who helped with the Community Supper. **Thank you** to all who regularly and faithfully help with the parish celebration of the Eucharist each weekend: keyboardists, cantors, choir, lectors, servers, ushers, Eucharistic ministers, and Father John! Where would we be without you!?

**Liturgical ministers:** The new ministry schedules are available on the card table in the main entrance. Please pick up your copy. We will begin this new schedule the first weekend in August—August 4 and 5.

**Please join the sending off for Travis Kahle** who is listening to God's call to priesthood and will be going to St. Mary Seminary in Cincinnati this fall. We want to say thank you to Travis for his service as our youth leader. We want to thank him for his witness of seeking God's will for his life. And we want to assure him that he will be in our thoughts and prayers as he begins this journey. We will gather in the social hall after Mass both on Saturday, August 4, and on Sunday, August 5. Mark your calendar!



**The next Red Cross blood drive** is Thursday, August 2, noon to 6 p.m. Sign-up sheets for volunteers are on the shelf in the main entrance. Also remember that summer is a time of severe blood shortage. Please come and donate if you are able and willing.

**2018 School Supplies Distribution** Again this year, the Bluffton Area Ministerial Association and the Bluffton Area Community Assistance Program will be providing free school supplies to children on the free and/or reduced lunch program within the Bluffton School District. The supplies will be distributed at St. John's United Church of Christ, 223 West College Avenue, Bluffton, Ohio on Saturday, August 11, 2018 from 9 a.m. until noon. It would be best to call the church to enroll your child. Call 419-358-5641 to enroll.

## **SPECIAL CHOIR FORMING AT THE SHRINE**

The Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation invites area singers to join the 2018 Assumption Choir. This choir, along with a brass quintet, will lead the music for the Vigil Mass of the Assumption, in the Shrine Park, on Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at 9:30 p.m. This unique experience gives singers, amateur and professional, the opportunity to sing a wide variety of music with a short-term commitment. Rehearsals will be held from 4:00-5:30 p.m. in the Original Shrine Church (next to the Gift Shop) on Sundays: July 29, August 5, and August 12. Please direct any questions to the Basilica's Director of Music Ministries, Mr. Jack Gerding, at [music@olcshrine.com](mailto:music@olcshrine.com) or 419-396-7107.

## **St. Anthony of Padua Annual Parish Festival,**

Columbus Grove ~ The St. Anthony of Padua Parish Festival will be held on Saturday, August 4th and Sunday, August 5th. On Saturday chicken/spare rib dinners will be available at 5:30 p.m. followed by the annual 5-K run, Kids Smile Mile for kids 10 and under, and a corn hole tournament. Sunday enjoy the air conditioned hall for our chicken/beef dinners with all the trimmings from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Carry outs are available 11:00 to 3:00 p.m. with Drive thru carry out open till 1:00 p.m. The Cafeteria will be open from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Also available are hamburgers, French fries and refreshments. Sunday activities include, Bingo, Kids' Rides and games, Duck Races and Country Store. New this year is a Kiddie Tractor Pull for children ages 4-9. There are also cash prizes totaling \$2,500, a Lottery Tree, 3 \$100 Gas Cards drawing and the Chance to win \$20,000 towards a new car or \$15,000 in cash. For more information, call the parish office at 419-659-2263.