

St. Mary's Catholic Church

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 29, 2018



Dear parishioners,

As I read the gospel for today, I wondered what Jesus would have done if no one had stepped up to offer anything! What if the little boy with the five barley loaves and the two fish had been so worried about his own lunch that he would not have shared it? We often hear about this gospel that God can do amazing things with the little we offer. That is absolutely true. Jesus, in this instance however, needed something to start with.

Jesus can also multiply our small gifts into something very large—especially when we put our little bits together. I think about the service that we have done at the Padua Center, in Tiffin, when we brought the church benches from Glandorf... Even now I am amazed at how you worked together and accomplished a great deal in a short time.

The gospel makes me wonder how often I (and maybe you) have not allowed God to accomplish the work God wishes to do because I made excuses and did not offer the little I had. Was I too busy? Too tired? Too afraid I wouldn't get my own projects done? Too sure it wasn't enough to offer? Too scared I'd run out? Too convinced I had to do my own thing first?

A "rule" in ecology is: "There's no such thing as a free lunch." Everything costs somebody something. Am I generous enough to sometimes pay the cost for the good of the whole or the good of others?

God is never outdone in generosity!

Sister Carol

Congratulations to Mitch and Allie Agner on the baptism of their son Liam Mitchell! Welcome to the faith community, Liam!

Weekend Masses

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
Sat Aug 4	4:00 p.m.	Greg Kiene Rhonda Staley
Sun Aug 5	10:00 a.m.	Jan Schulte Sue Schlumbohm Ralph Wischmeyer and Tim Kahle

Communion Services

Fri Aug 3 8:00 a.m. St. Mary's

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$2,498.00	Loose	\$780.00
Children	\$92.72	Total	\$3,370.72

71 envelopes returned = 34%

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for August 4 & 5, 2018

Money Counters: Angie Wenger and Tonya Meyer

4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Peg Murphy
Cantor: Madeline Flores
Ushers: Dave and Mary Hoffer
Lector: Deb Garlock
E.M.: Brianna Atkins, Basil Meyer, Lindsay Horn
Servers: Grace Myers, Calvin Freideger, and Jacob Granger

10:00 a.m.

Greeter-East door: John and Sarah Schulte family
Greeter-West Door:
Cantor: Karen Phillips
Ushers: Todd Phillips and John Schlumbohm
Lectors: Amy Tabler and Caitlyn Couch
E.M.: Wes Lovett, Lisa Welch, Logan Welch, Cathy Hermiller, Becca Schlumbohm
Servers: Drew, Ken, and Nick Lovett

Readings for August 5, 2018
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1st Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15
2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24
Gospel Reading: John 6:24-35

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EPIC Our next Church history class is Thursday, August 2, at 7:30.



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.

Community Market receipts help us immensely! Please Save them and turn them in. We get 1% of the amount spent. Deb Goldenetz (who faithfully prepares the receipts for redeeming) just turned in receipts that will yield us \$544.73. That represents \$54,473.47 spent at Community Market. We are directing this rebate to our students going to summer camp. Please save those receipts and help our kids!! And thank you to those of you who already save them for us! We do great things together!

Thank you to all the men who helped repair our rental house: Jerry Wehri, Dave Hoffer, Dave Siefker, Mike Maag, Bob Rieman, Mel Heitmeyer, Dan Garrett, Logan Welch, and Jeff Goldenetz—and anyone who volunteered after this went to press. **Thank you** to Kelly Honse and all who helped with the community Vacation Bible School. **Thank you** to Madeline Flores and Emily and Alaina Niese for providing the beautiful contemporary (and traditional) music for our Wednesday evening holy hours.

Don't forget the PARISH PICNIC

Sunday, August 12, after the 10 o'clock Mass! There is no admission fee! Come even if you did not sign up. Here's a marvelous opportunity to get to know one another. Don't miss it.



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

Our Lady Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral October 28, 2018 + 3:00 p.m.

If you are celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary in 2018 – 25, 40, 50, 60, or 60+ years – plan to join Bishop Daniel Thomas for the Order of Blessing Married Couples within Holy Mass. Registered couples receive a commemorative certificate and are invited to a reception following mass. To register go to www.toledoanniversarymass.org or contact your parish office.

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.

St. Anthony of Padua Annual Parish Festival,

Columbus Grove 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. Also available are hamburgers, French fries and refreshments. Sunday activities include Bingo, Kids' Rides and games, Duck Races and Country Store. Hope to see you there!