

St. Mary's Catholic Church

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 5, 2018

"I do not seek to understand in order that I may believe. I believe that I may understand."

Anselm of Canterbury

Dear parishioners,

This gospel for today always astounds me. Jesus has just cured the man who was sick for 38 years, has multiplied the 5 barley loaves and 2 fishes to feed 5000, and has miraculously crossed the Sea of Galilee. The people have come for the free food so Jesus tells them they ought to believe in the One who sent him. Their response is: "What sign can you give us so that we may believe?" Hello! Were they watching with their eyes wide shut?

It's easy for us to do the same. The gifts and goodness of God surround us every minute. We take for granted our life and health, the air we breathe, the sun that warms us, the love that fills our hearts or challenges our sincerity. And sometimes we get those extra special gifts and blessings directed specifically to us—an insight that we needed, a card from a friend, an invitation to a gathering when we felt alone, a bit of humor to give us a good laugh. It might also be the gift of a young college intern who added some fresh newness to our music. It might be the gift of a call to priesthood and a young man courageous enough to pursue that call.

The people are looking for proof. Jesus is asking for faith. St. Anselm of Canterbury said "I do not seek to understand in order that I may believe. I

believe that I may understand." How insightful! Faith is a gift. It is believing the person who has told you so. Jesus has shown us the depth and breadth of God's love. When we believe that, we see God's goodness and grace all around us—even on those occasions when it's a bit difficult! The faith that was given to us at our baptism enables us to see and understand.

Sister Carol

Weekend Masses

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| 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 |
| Sat Aug 11 | 4:00 p.m. | Mel Schroeder |
| Sun Aug 12 | 10:00 a.m. | Deceased members of the Hankish family |

Communion Services

Fri Aug 10 8:00 a.m. St. Mary's

SUNDAY COLLECTION

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| Adults | \$3,105.00 | Loose \$1,426.00 |
| Children | \$59.00 | Total \$4,590.00 |

68 envelopes returned = 32%

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for August 11 & 12, 2018

Money Counters: Deb Buck and 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, Eli Jones, and
Shylee Kaufman

10:00 a.m.

Greeter-East door: Sherry Heitmeyer

Greeter-West Door: Mel Heitmeyer

Cantor: Steve McCullough

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Ushers: Mike and Rhonda Maag

Lectors: Joe Herrmann and Matt Ellerbrock

E.M.: Mark Zwiebel, Tricia Herrmann,
Larry Hoffman, Crystal Ellerbrock,
Candace Meyer

Servers: Grace Yarnell, Ethan Hoffman, and
Evan Grothause

Readings for August 12, 2018

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1st Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:30—5:2

Gospel Reading: John 6:41-51

EPIC Our next Church history class is Thursday, August 9, at 7:30.

Community Market receipts help us immensely!

Please Save them and turn them in. We get 1% of the amount spent. 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 also to Steve Bellman and Aaron Tabler for helping repair our rental house. **Thank you** to the Pastoral Council and Travis' Renew group for hosting the parish send-off for Travis. **Thank you** to Rhonda Maag for again making a beautiful and delicious cake. **Thank you** to everyone who helped empty the church, library, and offices for the cleaning of the carpets. **Thank you** to John Schulte, Kelly Yarnell, Deb Buck, Lindsay Horn, and Mel and Sherry Heitmeyer for putting it back together. **Thank you** to Madeline Flores for all her cantoring and musical accompaniment over the summer.

Don't forget the PARISH PICNIC next 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.



**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.

Would you like to be a support family for a Bluffton University international student?

Bluffton is expecting a much larger group of new international students this fall—from Latin-America, Africa, Asia and Europe—and would like to offer each student the opportunity to have a local family to connect with. A “support family” can be an individual, couple or family with children. If you are intrigued by this idea and would like to find out what would be involved in being a Bluffton University International Student Support Family, contact Paul Neufeld Weaver, weaverpn@bluffton.edu or 419-296-9462 or International Student Coordinator Tom Siferd at siferdst@bluffton.edu or 419-358-3022.

The Putnam County Habitat for Humanity will be conducting a reclaim Auction on August 25 at the Habitat Storage Facility at the rear of the Putnam Agriculture Complex, 1490 E. Main St., Ottawa, Ohio. The Auction will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will include hundreds of Industrial, Household, Cabinetry and Furniture items. Watch for auction listing ad in the August 15th edition of the Putnam County Sentinel. Information will be posted on the Habitat website and Facebook page along with the website AuctionZip.

Along with the auction there will be a Farmer's Market. Anyone with produce or wares to sell may register by calling 419-523-9621. Vendor must provide display table, etc. A \$25 donation to Habitat is requested, payable the day of the sale. Food will be available. Come join the fun and get great deals!

The Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, Carey, Ohio welcomes everyone to join

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them August 6-14 for the annual novena to Our Lady of Consolation in preparation for the feast of her Assumption. 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 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.