

St. Mary's Catholic Church

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 19, 2018



Dear parishioners,

This week I had to throw out that beautiful hanging basket beside the statue of Mary at the front entrance. It had gone into permanent wilting. Once earlier this summer it looked really pathetic, but a group of us decided there seemed to be some hope. We gave it a good watering, and it flourished again.

I thought of that plant as I read the gospel for today. Jesus said, "unless you eat the flesh of the son of man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you."

We don't really understand what a plant does with the water it can't live without. We know that with chlorophyll as the catalyst the plant takes carbon dioxide from the air and water from the ground and converts the energy of the sun into chemical energy in the glucose molecule. And it does this one molecule at a time! So the plants also keep us alive!

Neither do we understand completely how the Eucharist keeps our spiritual life alive. At baptism we were given a share in God's divine life. We can't see it; we live by faith, not by sight. As I tell the parents presenting a child for baptism—When you get a tulip bulb, you don't throw it in the junk drawer and hope it produces a beautiful tulip in the spring! In the same way we can't just "get the water and run." That's why the parents are asked at baptism, "Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?" We need to nurture our own spiritual life and the spiritual life of our children. The primary way of doing this is by receiving the Eucharist. The Eucharist is Jesus himself, and only he can make us whole and holy.

Sister Carol

Weekend Masses

Sat Aug 18 4:00 p.m. Richard and Angela Knott
Sun Aug 19 10:00 a.m. Bettie J. Altenburger
Sat Aug 25 4:00 p.m. Jim Badertscher
Fr. Cleo Schmenk
Sun Aug 26 10:00 a.m. Carolyn Yeagle

Communion Services

Fri Aug 24 8:00 a.m. St. Mary's

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults \$2,693.00 Loose \$1,045.54
Children \$59.00 Total \$3,797.54
71 envelopes returned = 34%

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for August 25 & 26, 2018

Money Counters: Courtney Gerten and Nick Recker

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: Abygail Kettels, Jenna Downey, Alaina Kiser

10:00 a.m.

Greeter-East door: Basil Meyer and Deb Buck

Greeter-West Door:

Cantor: Kevin Vance

Ushers: Jerry Wehri and Roger Brodman

Lectors: Lisa Welch and Shannon Wannemacher

E.M.: Michelle Risner, Betty Gerten,

Tom Schulte, Linda Kinn

Servers: Kendal Giesige, Makayla Schweingruber,
Jordan Schweingruber

Readings for August 26, 2018

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32

Gospel Reading: John 6:60-69

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!!

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Thank you to all who came to the parish picnic. **Thank you** to all who prepared it for us! We had a great time! **Thank you** to Lisa and Logan Welch for handling the details of our feast day treat!

The Sultan and the Saint

For those of you who wanted to see this PBS special—take heart! Thanks to Jim and Amy Tabler we now have a copy of the documentary. We will show the presentation at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, August 27, in the new classrooms. It is the story of the friendship that developed between St. Francis of Assisi and Sultan Al-Kamil of Egypt during the Crusades.



Update from Travis



Travis says he very much appreciates your assurance of support showed to him at his receptions a couple of weeks ago.

The retreat he made with the other Toledo seminarians this past week was a wonderful experience of fraternity. He's looking forward to more of that. Now let's keep him in our prayers and thoughts as he officially begins his seminary journey today.

Catholic Charities Century Farm Mass with Bishop Daniel E. Thomas Honors 2018 Awardees All are welcome to attend Mass, celebrated by Bishop Daniel E. Thomas, at 9 a.m., on Wed., Sept. 19, at St. Patrick Church, 14010 South River Road (Old U.S. 24), in Grand Rapids (Providence), OH. The Mass honors families maintaining an active farm or homestead in the Diocese of Toledo for at least 100 years.

Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo is pleased to honor these 2018 Century Farm Award recipients: ☑ Donna J. & Charles P. Karacson – This farm, founded in 1879, is located in Hicksville, Ohio. The owners are parishioners at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church in Hicksville, OH. ☑ Michael O. Turnwald – This farm, founded in 1918, is located in Fort Jennings, Ohio. The owner is a parishioner at Immaculate Conception Church, Ottoville, OH. For more information, contact Melissa Tonti at 419.214.4898.

EPIC Our next Church history class is Thursday, August 23, at 7:30.

The Life Teen mass time on Sunday nights has changed: **The St. Charles Sunday Night Mass in Lima will begin on September 9 at 5:30pm. Please note the time change to 5:30pm.**

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!

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.

P.R.E.P

Children's Liturgy of the Word and PREP classes will be resuming soon. Kelly Honse will be in the narthex after Mass this Saturday, August 18th to answer any questions and pick up PREP, Confirmation and High School paperwork. You will also have an opportunity next Sunday August 26th after Mass when Kelly will be available.