

St. Mary's Catholic Church

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 9, 2018

Sister Carol



Dear parishioners,

The beginning of the fourth chapter of St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians says: "Think of us as servants of Christ who have been given the work of explaining God's mysterious ways. ...our first duty is to be faithful to the one we work for...."

It was Paul's job to explain God's mysterious ways. I think it is ours to live in such a way that we reveal God's mysterious ways. Do I approach life with enough faith that people will see that I trust God's ways in my life? Do I follow God's commandments and Jesus' preaching clearly enough that people will see that I find joy in God's mysterious ways? Do I have enough authentic trust and hope that I witness my confidence that all things will be well? Do I take time to reflect on my life so that I recognize God's kindness and grace in my everyday life? Am I committed to my parish community and the Catholic Christian community so that folks will say "See how they love one another?"

Someone once gave me a little mirror that has etched on it "My boss is a Jewish carpenter." I've had it in my office for years in several parishes. It's a simple reminder of why I do what I do. We, of course, all work for that Jewish carpenter. We are all about the work of building the kingdom of God. So St. Paul reminds us in another way. "Our first duty is to be faithful to the one we work for."

Let's pray for one another that in all circumstances we will have the courage and the strength to do that.

Weekend Masses

Sat Sept 8	4:00 p.m.	Jim Alt
Sun Sept 9	10:00 a.m.	Dennis Warren Fr. Dave Beck Millie Avila
Sat Sept 15	4:00 p.m.	Jim Badertscher Art Schramm
Sun Sept 16	10:00 a.m.	Deceased members of the Hankish family Jan Schulte

Communion Services

Fri Sept 14 8:00 a.m. St. Mary's

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$2,490.00	Loose \$819.00
Children	\$23.00	Total \$3,332.00

64 envelopes returned = 30%

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for September 15 & 16, 2018

Money Counters: Deb Goldenetz, Courtney Gerten

4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Jeanne Parinello
Cantor: Steve McCullough
Ushers: John Parinello and Chuck Niese
Lector: Jim Kinn
E.M.: Diana Bucher and Jenifer Tschuor
Servers: Addison Businger, Elizabeth Honse,
Carson Meyer

10:00 a.m.

Greeter-East door: Steve and Kelly Yarnell family
Greeter-West Door:
Cantor: Steve McCullough
Ushers: Greg and Gabe Denecker
Lectors: Chris Denecker and Mel Heitmeyer
E.M.: Amy Marcum, Luke Denecker,
Kaden Reneker, Hank Schroeder
Servers: Josh Meyer, Nathan Meyer,
Julia Mehaffie and Issabella Stechschulte

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Readings for September 16, 2018

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1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4c-9a

2nd Reading: James 2:14-18

Gospel Reading: Mark 8:27-35

EPIC Our next Church history class is Thursday, September 13, at 7:30.

Welcome to all our Bluffton University students!



We hope you will find St. Mary's to be your church home away from home. You are always welcome to all our activities.

The Finance Council will meet Tuesday evening, September 11, at 7:00 in the parish library.

Day of Prayer Bishop Thomas has asked every parish to have Friday, September 14, to be a **day of**



prayer to ask forgiveness, purification, and healing in light of the recently renewed sexual abuse scandal. At St. Mary we will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from after the 8:00

Communion service in the morning until 1:00 o'clock. We will need to be sure that someone is present before the Blessed Sacrament that entire time. There is a sign-up sheet on the shelf in the main entrance. The times are in increments of 15 minutes. If you can stay longer, please put your name in as many spaces as you would like. Let's work together at being the whole Church praying together that day.

Remember to pray for our Confirmation candidates, their sponsors, and their parents during this time of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Our RCIA journey begins Monday evening, September 10, 7 o'clock, in the parish library.

St. Mary's will be hosting Family Promise from Oct. 7-13th. Volunteers are needed to make meals, stay overnight, donate food and hygiene items, launder the sheets and provide entertainment on Saturday afternoon. Calls will begin to find

volunteers and keep your eyes peeled for the food and hygiene giving board in the entrance way. Everyone's help is needed and appreciated. If you would like to volunteer, you can contact me at nleb1960@gmail.com. Thanks, Nancy Benroth

Come Hold My Son Parish Mission will be held at Immaculate Conception in Ottoville on Sunday, September 23rd at 7:00 p.m. This event promises to be an inspiring, life changing mission for all Parishes and communities, especially FAMILIES OF ALL AGES! The presenter of this mission, Daniel Oberreuter, will make the Blessed Sacrament the main focus. Inspired by the song he wrote, "Come Hold My Son," he will take us on a journey through the mysteries of the rosary. It will be fun and upbeat. As he progresses, Daniel will reveal his soul through his testimony and his music. Join us at 5:30 p.m. at the gazebo next to church for free ice cream and entertainment before the mission. Visit the website www.Comeholdmyson.com about the mission or call the Parish Office at (419) 453-3513.

Catholic Charities is hosting the ecumenical **40 Days for Life campaign** in Northwest Ohio from Wednesday, **September 26** – Sunday, **November 4**. You can participate in three ways: prayer and fasting, community outreach and peaceful vigil. We invite you to pray for an hour in front of Capital Care Network, the Toledo abortion clinic, located at 1160 W. Sylvania Avenue. Sign up at: www.40daysforlife.com/toledo. We may not be able to travel to Toledo but we can pray here at home. To learn more, email Peter Range at prange@toledodiocese.org. Join the movement, and help us end abortion in Northwest Ohio!

P.R.E.P

Children's Liturgy of the Word is during the 10 o'clock Mass and will begin class next Sunday.

K-6: Classes begin this Wednesday, September 12th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Jr Hi Classes begin next Sunday, September 16th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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God Squad Join us for a cook out to kick off the new year of St. Mary's high school youth group on Sunday, September 16th from 11:00 -1:00 p.m. here at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

We are still in need of catechist aides for 3rd and 6th grades. Please contact Kelly if you are interested.