

St. Mary's Catholic Church

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 23, 2018



Dear parishioners,

When we listen to the gospel today, we hear that Jesus is walking with his apostles. He doesn't want anyone to know that. He must have had important things to tell them and did not want to be interrupted. What is he telling the apostles? He is telling them that he will suffer and die. What are they talking about? Who is the first and greatest among them. I would say they were not on the same page!

If we go back to the first and second reading, we learn more about Jesus' suffering and death. Those who would torture and kill Jesus did not want to be critiqued or chided. They hated him for that, and they chose to torture him to "test" his gentleness and patience.

In the second reading we hear what causes us to hurt, torture, and kill others—jealousy, selfish ambition, inconsistency, insincerity, covetousness, envy, pride. When we want things for ourselves and have not the humility to ask for it, we take measures to get it for ourselves.

Jesus tells the apostles and us, if we want to be first, we have to be last. We have to be servants. We have to be as pure in heart as a child.

For me it's an invitation to take a look at the purity and sincerity of my heart. Am I free of jealousy and envy? Of ambition and covetousness? Am I sincere in what I say and do? Or do I pretend because I have an ulterior motive? Maybe I should have a chat with a little child to get it straight again!

Sister Carol

Weekend Masses

Sat Sept 22 4:00 p.m. Richard and Angela Knott
Sun Sept 23 10:00 a.m. Jan Schulte
Sat Sept 29 4:00 p.m. Jim Badertscher
Sun Sept 30 10:00 a.m. Lena Badertscher
Sue Schlumbohm

Communion Services

Fri Sept 28 8:00 a.m. St. Mary's

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults \$2,538.00 Loose \$1,188.00
Children \$46.75 Total \$3,772.75

69 envelopes returned = 33%

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for September 29 & 30, 2018

Money Counters: Angie Wenger and Janet Begg

4:00 p.m.

Greeters: Carol and Hank Schroeder
Cantor: Katie Hohenbrink
Ushers: Bob Minto and John Parinello
Lector: Laura Jones
E.M.: Kevin Vance, Kaden Reneker, Jim Tabler
Servers: Derek Swartzlander, Elizabeth Honse, and Eli Jones

10:00 a.m.

Greeters: Lisa and Logan Welch
Cantor: Becca Schlumbohm
Ushers: Cindy Bandish and Roger Brodman
Lectors: Joe Herrmann and Chris Denecker
E.M.: John Schulte, Kim Garmatter, Mike Klima
Servers: Grace Yarnell, Ayla Grandey, and
Jacob Granger

Jordan Schweingruber

**Readings for September 30, 2018
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Numbers 11:25-29

2nd Reading: James 5:1-6

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

1st Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

2nd Reading: Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

Gospel Reading: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

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.

The Sultan and the Saint On Thursday, September 27, at 7:30, we will do another showing of the PBS documentary “The Sultan and the Saint.” Everyone is invited. We’ll have Shirley’s popcorn as a snack—thanks to Jason and Jennifer Swartzlander.

Our RCIA journey continues Monday evening, September 24, 7 o’clock, in the parish library.

Pastoral Council members, Next Sunday, September 30, is our annual retreat day. We will begin with Mass and breakfast here. Then we will spend the day at Maria Stein. Don’t forget!

The Bereavement Committee will meet Wednesday evening, 6:30, in the parish library.

40 Days for Life Campaign Begins - Wed. September 26

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 are able to pray here in our homes. Join the movement, and help us end abortion in Northwest Ohio!

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.

CUSTOMER APPRECIATION WEEK!! Mustard Seed Gift Shop, located behind St John the Baptist Catholic Church

