

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 17, 2019

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Dear parishioners,

St. Luke's telling of the beatitudes in this gospel is considerably different from St. Matthew's version. Luke says, "Blessed are you who are poor." Matthew says, "Blessed are the poor in spirit." Luke says, "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man." Matthew says, "Blessed are you who suffer persecution for justice sake." Luke is much more addressing those who have a hard lot in life. He doesn't condemn people who are rich and well thought of. As the gospel goes on, you find out Jesus just feels sorry for those whose life is going extremely well.

Martin Marty, a Lutheran theologian who studies religion in light of politics and society, says that it's easy to be Christian when it's hard, and it's hard to be Christian when it's easy. I think that's what Jesus is saying. Difficult times make us more dependent on God. When things go well, we tend to think we are self-made people—that we deserve the credit for doing so well.

I think we can all agree that we grow most in difficult times—in serious illness of a loved one, in the death of a family member, at the loss of a job. We have to look deep within ourselves to make sense of the situation, and that's where we meet God. So Jesus is telling us to be grateful for difficult times because they help us on our Christian journey.

Sister Carol

**Congratulations** to Clint and Kristin Rodabaugh on the baptism of their son Charlie. Welcome to the Church family, Charlie.

## Weekend Masses

Sat Feb 16 4:00 p.m. Jim Alt  
Sun Feb 17 10:00 a.m. Jim and Ruth Badertscher  
Tim Kahle  
Sat Feb 23 4:00 p.m. For the parish  
Sun Feb 24 10:00 a.m. Teresa Rieman

## Communion Services

Fri Feb 22 8:00 a.m. St. Mary's

## SUNDAY COLLECTION

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Children \$32.80 Total \$5,148.80  
90 envelopes returned = 43%

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## Assignments for February 23 & 24, 2019

**Money Counters:** Angie Wenger and Deb Goldenetz

### 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:** Jenna Downey and Addison Businger

### 10:00 a.m.

**Greeter-East door:** Basil Meyer and Deb Buck  
**Cantor:** Choir  
**Ushers:** Jeanne and Jerry Wehri  
**Lectors:** Lisa Welch and Shannon Wannemacher  
**E.M.:** Michelle Risner, Betty Gerten,  
John Schulte, Linda Kinn  
**Servers:** Kendal Giesige, Makayla Schweingruber,  
Jordan Schweingruber

### **Readings for February 24, 2019 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49  
Gospel Reading: Luke 6:27-38

**Remember** to turn in your Community Market receipts for the 1% rebate. The money we receive is going to help with the Summer Camp this year.

