

St. Mary's Catholic Church

3rd Sunday in Lent

March 24, 2019



Dear parishioners,

Congratulations again to our young men and women who were confirmed Saturday morning at Rosary Cathedral!

Thank you to God who has so graciously cared for us that we will have a full-time pastor beginning in August. The timing for the Redemptorists to move their novitiate to Lima could not have been a greater blessing for us!

We are moving forward with the plan to begin a preschool here at the parish. We are hoping to have it available for the fall. Because we are working under a time crunch, the advisory council has asked Katie Hohenbrink to do the work of the inspections, the applications, and the preparations until we can hire a director/head teacher. Thank you, Katie for taking on this responsibility.

We will be offering a morning session and an afternoon session for three-year-olds on Tuesdays and Thursdays and a morning session and an afternoon session for four and five-year-olds on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. We want to give parishioners first option to enroll their children, so we have handed out intention slips today. Please return them immediately after Mass. You will then have an opportunity to register for the fall. Next week that opportunity will also be opened to non-parishioners. We need to do this early so that we can prepare adequately.

Please keep this project in your sincere prayer that all goes well.

Sister Carol

We extend our sympathy to Amy Frideger and her children Calvin, Drew, and Evan at the early death of their husband and father Bill. May he rest in peace.

Weekend Masses

Sat Mar 23 4:00 p.m. Ellen Von Lehmden
Sun Mar 24 10:00 a.m. Jim and Ruth Badertscher
Sat Mar 30 4:00 p.m. Bill Frideger
Sun Mar 31 10:00 a.m. Jan Schulte

Communion Service

Fri Mar 29 8:00 a.m. St. Mary's

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults \$3,425.00 Loose \$1,000.00
Children \$47.20 Total \$4,472.20

79 envelopes returned = 38%

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for March 30 & 31, 2019

Money Counters: Chad Wolford and Angie Wenger

4:00 p.m.

Greeters: Lisa and Logan Welch

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,
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,
Jerry Wehri and Kelly Yarnell

Servers: Grace Yarnell, Ayla Grandey,
Jacob Granger

Readings for March 31, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel Reading: John 9:1-41

Please remember to turn in your Community Market receipts. We receive 1% of all the receipts that we submit for the Community Rewards program. The funds we receive are going to help with the Summer Camp program.

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Day of Renewal for Liturgical Ministers

All ushers, greeters, lectors, choir, cantors, and keyboardists are invited to come to the retreat day planned for Sunday, April 7. Eucharistic ministers are expected to attend since this is a year of recommissioning. We will begin with Mass at 10 o'clock, share lunch, and then participate in the presentation. Our presenter is Sister Edna Michel. Her topic is "Presence." Please sign up so we prepare enough for everyone.

Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance

We will do session four Monday, March 25, at 7:00 p.m. Anyone is welcome to join us to view the video and listen in on the discussion.



Pastoral Council nominations will be happening April 6 and 7 at the Masses. Please begin to think about this now. The nominee must be an active parishioner in good standing in the Church. She/he will serve with a group that is advisory to the pastor on pastoral issues. Choose wisely.

Ever wondered what life is like as a religious Sister or Brother? There will be an **RUCalled Dinner** on Monday April 1 at St. Thomas More Parish in Bowling Green. This is a pressure free evening for singles ages 18-39. The evening includes food, vocation stories, prayer and time to mingle with religious from several congregations and hear the stories of those currently in formation. Join us from 6:00-8:30p.m. on April 1. To register go to RUCalled@snd1.org. See the flyer on the bulletin board.

Next week, our parish will take up The **Catholic Relief Services Collection**. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection, and **help Jesus in disguise**. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



Happy

Spring!!

All Creation Gives God Praise: Protecting Biodiversity in Time of Climate Crisis Earth Day 2019 – April 26

Grounded in Scripture, Catholic Social Teaching and Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'*, this year's Earth Day program will help mobilize the Catholic community to take urgent action to protect all of God's Creation. Join us Friday, April 26, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at St. John XXIII's Parish Life Center Roncalli Hall, 24250 N. Dixie Hwy., Perrysburg, OH.

Learn about the alarming decline in the diversity and population of many plant and animal species—the gifts of God's Creation which sustain all human life. You'll also learn how we can protect all life through our individual actions, through our communities, and through national and global advocacy and action.

For more information, or to reserve your seat for this event, please contact Bob Clark-Phelps at 419-377-1540 or rclarkphelps@gmail.com.

P.R.E.P

Children's Liturgy of the Word is during the 10:00 a.m. Mass. All children 3 years old through Grade 1 are welcome. There is no registration required.

K – 6: Class is Wednesday, March 27 beginning at 6:30. First and Fourth grades will be attending Mass and Sixth grade will be reading.

