

St. Mary's Catholic Church

The Ascension of the Lord

June 2, 2019



Dear parishioners,

It's interesting when you move away. There is such a mix of emotions—gratitude, sadness, anticipation, hesitation. I suspect Jesus experienced the same. He was, after all, like us in all things but sin.

Jesus' work is done. It had cost him incredible suffering, and now it is done. I suppose he felt relieved. He's been spending his time with his disciples whom he loved. He told us he loved them. He'd had his last meal with them before he died, and now he is leaving permanently—until he comes again. The apostles thought that would be soon, but reality set in for them, and they figured out he didn't mean for quite a while. I suppose Jesus felt sad about leaving these friends of his. I suppose he felt hesitant about leaving them with big work to do when they still were so lacking in confidence and courage. Jesus may have felt encouraged because he knew that he was sending the Holy Spirit.

I suspect our graduates and our soon-to-be-married young men and women have a sense of what this time of Ascension might have been like for Jesus. It's a good time to reflect on that and talk to him about it.

Sister Carol

We extend our sympathy to Laura Jones and her family at the death of her mother Ann Wiechart. May she rest in peace.

Weekend Masses

Sat June 1 4:00 p.m. Angela and Richard Knott
Sun June 2 10:00 a.m. For the parish
Sat June 8 4:00 p.m. Ellen Von Lehmden,
Lillian and Richard Von Lehmden
Sun June 9 10:00 a.m. Hermiller and
Niese families

Communion Service

First Friday

Fri June 7 8:00 a.m. St. Mary's

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults \$3,055.00 Loose \$840.00
Children \$37.16 Total \$3,932.16
72 envelopes returned = 35%

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for June 8 & 9, 2019

Money Counters: Nick Recker and Janet Begg

4:00 p.m.

Greeters: Jan and Diana Emmert
Cantor: Katie Hohenbrink
Ushers: Dave and Shirley Siefker
Lector: Jason Swartzlander
E.M.: Jerry Wehri, Jeanne Parinello,
Amanda Woolley
Servers: Derek Swartzlander, Eli Jones,
Shylee Kaufman

10:00 a.m.

Greeters: Mel and Sherry Heitmeyer
Cantor: Katie Hohenbrink
Ushers: Mike and Rhonda Maag
Lectors: Joe Herrmann and Matt Ellerbrock
E.M.: Mark Zwiebel, Tricia Herrmann,
Larry Hoffman, Crystal Ellerbrock,
Candace Meyer
Servers: Grace Yarnell, Ethan Hoffman,
Evan Grothaus

Readings for June 9, 2019

Pentecost Sunday

1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
Gospel Reading: John 20:19-23

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The Pastoral Council will meet Tuesday, June 4, at 7:00, in the library. This is for the present members. The new members are Jane Warren, Cindy Basinger, and Lois Kahle. They will join the group at the first meeting in September.

Eucharistic Ministers will be commissioned at the Masses the weekend of June 22 and 23. Please be sure you will be at one of those Masses.

The Parish Mission Trip to Booneville, Kentucky, is leaving June 6! Please remember to bring the food and supplies you promised. And remember to pray for us and for the people we serve.



Development The training meeting (by invitation) on Tuesday, June 11, has a time change. We will be meeting at **6:30 p.m.** per request of the trainer. The next evening everyone is invited to a parish listening session. That starting time is Wednesday, June 12, **3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.** in the social hall. That time change is also at the request of the trainer. We will keep you posted.

The Bluffton Ministerial Association will be meeting here at St. Mary's on Thursday morning, June 13, at 8:15.

VBS There is a sign-up sheet for volunteers for Bluffton Community Vacation Bible School July 21-25. This year our responsibility is the preschool portion of the program.

Landeck Community would like to honor any Adult senior 65 and older that have any ties to Landeck to a special luncheon on June 7th at Noon at the Depot. For more information, please call the parish house at 419-692-0636 or Dave and Shelly Kroeger at 419-233-7316.

Bishop Thomas is inviting all the faithful of our diocese to join in prayer for an end to the rain and a window for favorable weather that allows for planting for all of our farmers, whose livelihood depends so heavily on the weather. St. Isidore the Farmer, pray for us!

A "Theology of the Body Training" from Ruah Woods will be held on Saturday, June 22, 2019, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm, at St. Michael the Archangel School in Findlay. It will be for anyone who is, or will be, teaching the Theology of the Body, whether in a parish or Catholic school setting --- and also for anyone interested in learning more about TOB in general. The registration fee is \$20.00 and includes the workbook, continental breakfast and lunch. The training will be led by Jack Rigert, a national Theology of the Body speaker, a Teacher Trainer at Ruah Woods Press, and the Founder of the John Paul II Renewal Center. See flyer for registration information, or contact the diocesan Office for Catechetical

Formation: dmccutchen@toledodiocese.org 419-214-4925. To learn more about Ruah Woods and their "Rooted: Theology of the Body" supplemental curriculum, visit: <https://www.ruahwoods.org/>

Summer needs for the Food Pantry

Items needed: Cereals, Oatmeal breakfasts, Creamy peanut butter (16 or 28 oz. sizes preferred), Chunky soups, Canned fruits (especially mandarin oranges), Spaghetti sauce, Tuna, Baked beans, Shampoo, Body lotions and creams, Women's deodorants, Paper towels, Kleenex and similar products and toilet paper. Preferably no glass.

Director of Music and Liturgy St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Lima, Ohio is seeking a full-time Director of Music and Liturgy starting July 1, 2019. The successful applicant will be skilled on keyboard and vocals and proficient in conducting ensembles. Ability to play and sing traditional and contemporary music as well as lead others into full, active and conscious participation is required. Applicants will need a good working knowledge of the liturgy of the Roman Catholic Church and the ability to plan and coordinate the liturgies of the parish as well as use technology. For the full details of this position please see the posting on the bulletin board in the narthex.