

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ

June 23, 2019

Dear parishioners,

Our first group of young men and women is back from summer camp. Those who participated in the camp were Julia and Olivia Smallcombe, Kendal Giesige, Julia Mehaffie, Makayla Schweingruber, Ken, Nick, and Drew Lovett, Aaron Tabler, Lauren, Evan, and Alyssa Speicher.

I am sure that these young folks are grateful for the support you have shown them with scholarships and with Community Market receipts. Any opportunity to share faith with those who believe as we do helps to strengthen our faith. I pray that we continue to offer this opportunity. Be sure to ask them about their experience.

On this feast of Corpus Christi (The Body and Blood of the Lord) we celebrate another great gift that strengthens our faith. The Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith life. It is the source because God is the source of all love and holiness. It is the summit because God is all that we seek, the ultimate that we seek. In the Eucharist the God of heaven and earth comes to dwell intimately with us.

Perhaps on this feast we can take some time to reflect on the mystery that God loves us so much that God comes to be physically present with us! Perhaps we can also reflect on our relationship with God—do we take God's love for granted?

Sister Carol

**Congratulations** to Kris and Molly Gillespie on the baptism of their son Evan. Welcome to the family, Evan.

## Weekend Masses

Sat June 22 4:00 p.m. In Thanksgiving  
Sun June 23 10:00 a.m. Thomas Babb  
Jan Schulte  
Sat June 29 4:00 p.m. Dolores Ann Wiechart  
Sun June 30 10:00 a.m. For the parish

## Communion Service

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

## SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults \$3,751.00 Loose \$1045.00  
Children \$18.50 Total \$4,814.50  
79 envelopes returned = 38%

*Thank you for your generosity!*

*Thank you also to those who give electronically!!*

## Assignments for June 29 & 30, 2019

**Money Counters:** Deb Goldenetz and \_\_\_\_\_

### 4:00 p.m.

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

**Readings for June 30, 2019**  
**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-18  
Gospel Reading: Luke 9:51-62

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**Thank you to Louise Rieman** for her nearly seven years of service cleaning the church complex every week. You have done a wonderful job, Louise! We very often get compliments on how clean our facility is! Soooo...

**We are now seeking** someone who would be interested in cleaning our complex once each week. Please contact Sister Carol for information if you are interested.

**VBS** There is a sign-up sheet for volunteers for Bluffton Community Vacation Bible School July 21-25. Even if you can help only one evening, it would be a big help. This year our responsibility is the preschool portion of the program. If you have questions, talk to Kelly Honse.

**Thank you** to all our Eucharistic ministers who have offered to serve another two years.

**We welcome Rachel Welch** as the new administrative assistant for our parish. Please welcome her and lend her your encouragement and support through this time of transition.

**New pastor** Father Paul Borowski, provincial of the Redemptorists, and his council have recommended to Bishop Thomas Father John Francis McLoughlin as pastor of St. Mary Parish, Bluffton. The bishop will no doubt make the appointment official this week. The new Father John will be arriving August 7 or 8. His welcome is planned to take place at the parish picnic August 11. We are blessed!!

**A Golf Scramble is being planned** to benefit **Family Promise**. Our hope is that each host-supporting congregation will field a team of 4. However, we have single golfers already signed up so if a full team isn't possible, singles can be put on a team at the outing. The outing is July 27<sup>th</sup> at Hidden Creek Golf Club, 6245 Sugar Creek Road, Lima, Ohio with 8:00 a.m. Registration and a 9:00 a.m. Start. There are registration forms on the bulletin board if you are interested in registering. The cost to participate is \$75 per person or \$300 for a team of 4. Each team will get 18 holes of golf with 2 carts and a catered meal afterwards. For more information you may call 419-879-4600.

**The Bluffton ministerium (BAMA)** has decided to divide up the responsibility for supplying the food pantry during the summer. (It's actually a contest—if that motivates or inspires you. The prize is recognition.) We have been assigned a share of the month of July. Please bring (anytime now) non-perishable food items or paper products that you wish to contribute. As you have often read in the bulletin, they like canned pasta dinners, canned meats, tuna, fruit, and paper towels and toilet paper. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

**Is your marriage going down the right road . . . or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage.**

Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples.

Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For more information about our **August 9-11<sup>th</sup>** Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact registration team: **Robyn & Jeff @ 419-481-1116** or visit our website:

**HelpOurMarriage.com.**

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**2019 Diocesan Celebration of Wedding Anniversaries**

If you are celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary in 2019 – 25, 40, 50, 60, or 60+ years – plan to join Bishop Daniel Thomas for the Order of Blessing Married Couples within Holy Mass at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral on October 27, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. Registered couples receive a commemorative certificate and are invited to a reception following mass. To register go to: [www.toledoanniversarymass.org](http://www.toledoanniversarymass.org) or call Alice Jacobs at 419-214-4978, or contact your parish secretary for more information.