

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 20, 2014

**By using his gifts
and blessings,
his image is
revealed in us**

Dear parishioners,

Many times when bad things happen, we want to blame God. That's the easy way out. To struggle with the reality of evil is a much more growing approach.

I remember when Matt and Crystal Ellerbrock's little Will died, Matt told me they thought "Why is this happening to us? What have we done to deserve this? Why is God punishing us?" But then they said to each other "That's not the God we believe in." They were able to put their grief in a place where it saved them from despair—and made them stronger, even at so great a price.

It's important that we look at our image of God before bad things happen. God loves us! God is the source of all good! Struggle makes our faith strong.

The gospel today deals with that problem of evil. Can we ever get all evil out of our lives? No. Good and evil will always exist together. This is the condition of "original sin." If we try to destroy all evil, we will destroy the good. Baptism gives us the theological (God-given) gifts of faith, hope, and love. It is God's gift that we are able to see beyond the present moment and bring faith and hope to our life situations.

I just saw the movie "The Fault in Our Stars." In the movie Hazel Grace says that when she was suffering from cancer, she label her pain as 9 because she was saving her 10. When Augustus, someone she loved dearly, died, she used her 10. Hazel Grace could also put her grief in a place where it kept her from despair. She had learned that it is love that gives meaning to our lives.

Thanks, Matt and Crystal, for letting your love for Will be an example to us that in all things, no matter how difficult the struggle, God is good. Your example is like yeast for us.

Sister Carol

Weekend Masses

Sat July 19	4:00 p.m.	Jim Alt Cecilia Inkrott
Sun July 20	10:00 a.m.	Teresa Rieman Will Ellerbrock
Sat July 26	4:00 p.m.	Cassie Kiene
Sun July 27	10:00 a.m.	Dorothy Herrmann Imajeon Mathewson and Gene Badertscher

Communion Services

Tue July 22	10:30 a.m.	Richland
Fri July 25	8:00 a.m.	St. Mary's

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$2,661.00	Loose	\$280.00
Children	\$ 36.02	Total	\$2,977.02

82 envelopes returned = 39%
Thank You for your generosity!

Assignments for July 26 & 27, 2014

Money Counters: Tonya Meyer, Chad Wolford

4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Jeanne Parinello

Cantor: Dave Roby

Ushers: Hank and Carol Schroeder

Lector: Jenny Roby

E.M.: Bob Minto, Edna Conkling, Mike Klima

Servers: Derek Swartzlander and Basil Meyer

10:00 a.m.

Greeter-East door: Logan Welch

Greeter-West door: Aaron Welch

Cantor: Matt Meyer

Ushers: Gloria Vance and Chuck Niese

Lector 1: Lisa Welch

Lector 2: Jan Schulte

E.M.: Michelle Risner, Betty Gerten, Tom Schulte,
Linda Kinn, Cathy Hermiller

Servers: Brayton Businger, Josh and Nathan Meyer

Readings for July 27, 2014 **17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

2nd Reading: Romans 8:28-30

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:44-52

Congratulations to Steve and Kelly Yarnell on the baptism of their son Brady John. Welcome to the family, Brady!

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Weird Animals Bluffton Community Vacation Bible School starts tonight, Sunday, July 20th and goes through Thursday, July 24 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., here at St. Mary's Church. If you signed up as a volunteer please remember to be here. If you have any questions, please contact Krystal Giesige at (419) 308-3188 or Kelly Honse at 419-358-1475.

A Disciple is:

- D** – Disciplined in his/her relationship with God (2 Timothy 2:15)
- I** – Involved in a gathering of believers (Hebrews 10:25)
- S** – Spirit-filled & Spirit led (Romans 8:14, Ephesians 5:18)
- C** – Concerned for others rather than self (Philippians 2:3-4)
- I** – Involved in serving in his/her area of giftedness (1 Peter 4:11)
- P** – Prayerful in all things (Philippians 4:6-7, 1 Thessalonians 5:17)
- L** – Leading others to become disciples (2 Timothy 2:2)
- E** – Enjoying God always (Isaiah 61:10, 1 Thessalonians 5:16)

Ecumenical worship service Sunday, July 27, the village churches will gather together for worship on the Presbyterian lawn at 9:00 in the morning. Mass at St. Mary's will still be celebrated at 10 o'clock.

Bulletin We will shortly be updating our parish bulletin. If you or someone you know wishes to have an ad placed on the back page, please contact Carol Schroeder at the parish office before the end of the month. The cost of the ad is \$100 per year.

On July 20th after coffee and donuts we will be **decorating for VBS**. Anyone who would like to help is welcome. See you there.

Join Deacon Jerry Ziemkiewicz of St. Richard-Swanton on his "St. Pope John Paul II Poland Pilgrimage", Sept. 28 – Oct. 6, 2015. Seven nights in Kraków's City Center, with 5 Day-trips: St. Pope John Paul II "Catholic Tour", Jasna Gora Monastery and the Black Madonna, Auschwitz & Birkenau Concentration Camp and Museum, the legendary Wieliczka Salt Mine and Zakopane in the Tatra Mountains. Enjoy leisurely relaxing dinners in Kraków Old Town, not to mention the wonderful shops and much more! Want the flier/enrollment form or have questions? Contact Chris at cdougherty@pinnaletourexperience.com. or 419-345-2512. Space limited to **26 travelers**. **Deadline is Sept. 1, 2014.**

Thank you to Betty and Courtney Gerten (Jim and Duane) for hosting the Sunday brunch last Sunday. **Thank you** to Carol Schroeder, Kathy Sehlhorst, Cathy Hermiller, and Deb Goldenetz for providing the breakfast casseroles.

Helping with the 150th There will be many, many opportunities to be part of the year-long celebration of our sesquicentennial. If you did not have an opportunity to sign up for the areas where you would like to be involved, the volunteer cards are on the shelf in the entrance. When you complete the bottom portion, tear it off and drop it in the collection. Keep the top part for contact information.

National Christian Artists to Perform at CYO Fields Two nationally known Christian bands – Tenth Avenue North and for KING & COUNTRY, will perform at **Exclaim 2014** ... Toledo's largest outdoor Christian music festival. The free, family-friendly event will be held on Sunday, July 27 from 2:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Monsignor Schmit CYO Athletic Complex on S. Holland-Sylvania Road in Toledo. The day will conclude with an outdoor Catholic Mass. Games, activities, and information on Catholic ministries and businesses will be offered. Food and non-alcoholic beverages will be sold. Exclaim is sponsored by Medical Mutual with The Toledo Catholic Diocese. Visit www.exclaimtoledo.org for more information.

Any SNLY student who plans to attend Exclaim on Sunday July 27th with the group leaving from the church needs to have their permission form returned to Jessica Wischmeyer by Wednesday July 23rd. Extra forms can be found in the church entrance.

Natural Family Planning Awareness Week is July 20 – 27, 2014. It's natural. It's safe and healthy. TRUST God has a plan for your marriage. To learn more about Natural Family Planning go to www.ccli.org.

Putnam County Hospice will offer training for prospective volunteers beginning in September. The training will take place at the Putnam County Home Care and Hospice office, 139 Court Street, Ottawa. If you are interested in becoming a hospice volunteer or would like more information, contact Kathy Rellinger at 419-523-4449 or krellinger@pchh.net.