

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Dear parishioners,

There are several things to pay attention to in the readings today. First is how much God loves his people and goes out of his way to protect and guide them: The people are the vineyard. The vineyard owner picked a fertile spot, cleared it, spaded it, planted the choicest vines, built a watchtower.... In the gospel the vineyard owner put a hedge around it. (I'm sure you have heard someone say, "You're a garden with a fence around it." to let another know he/she is very special.) So the first thing we are to learn from the readings is that God holds his people very near.

Secondly, God thinks about the whole Israelite nation. Richard Rohr said in his presentation that individualism is the worst heresy. We have made religion into a me-and-God relationship, and God is interested in all the people and deals with them as a people. We need to develop that same kind of interdependent attitude. I need to be my brother's/sister's keeper. I need to acknowledge my need for others and all of creation.

Thirdly, we are responsible for the quality of our lives. Punishment is not something God does in a vacuum. We set the stage for punishment ourselves. Parents know that. Children will say their parents are mean. They are rather training their children to choose good. St. Paul tells us how to live a life of quality. He tells us to focus on what is true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, gracious, excellent, and praiseworthy. Focus on doing good!

Let's try to work on those things.

Sister Carol



Congratulations to Amelia Welch and Brad Wolford who were married here this weekend. We pray that you will have many happy years together.

Weekend Masses

Sat Oct 4	4:00 p.m.	Nussbaum and Reddington families
Sun Oct 5	10:00 a.m.	Robert Honigford
Sat Oct 11	4:00 p.m.	For the parish
Sun Oct 12	10:00 a.m.	Teresa Rieman Mim Shepler

Communion Services

Tue Oct 7	10:30 a.m.	Richland
Fri Oct 10	8:00 a.m.	St. Mary's

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$2,791.00	Loose	\$442.25
Children	\$ 32.07	Total	\$3,265.32

82 envelopes returned = 39%

Thank You for your generosity!

Assignments for October 11 & 12, 2014

Money Counters: Josh Barhorst, Deb Goldenetz

4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Jan Emmert and Diana Sabater

Cantor: Jenny Roby

Ushers: Dave and Joel Siefker

Lector: Jason Swartzlander

E.M.: Jessica Wischmeyer, Jeanne Parinello,
Jack Marcum

Servers: Derek Swartzlander and Courtney McLaughlin

10:00 a.m.

Greeter-East door: Mel Heitmeyer

Greeter-West door: Sherry Heitmeyer

Cantor: Kevin Vance

Ushers: Mike and Serena Maag

Lector 1: Brian Miller

Lector 2: Matt Ellerbrock

E.M.: Julia Miller, Audrey Miller, Cathy Hermiller,
Crystal Ellerbrock, Diana Bucher

Servers: Kaden Reneker and Jonathan Schriener

Readings for October 12, 2014

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10a

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:1-14

Join the Franciscan Friars at the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, Carey, Ohio for a Mass Sunday, October 12 at 12:00 pm for the feast of St. Gerard Majella for those who are expecting a child or trying to conceive. St. Gerard is the patron saint of motherhood.

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Alternative Orthodoxy The third presentation in the series will be "The Cosmic Christ." We will meet at the regular time of 7:00 o'clock.

Anointing of the Sick We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at the Masses on Saturday and Sunday, October 11 and 12.



Baptism prep class will be Sunday, October 12, at 6:30 in the evening. Please call the office if you are planning to attend.

Thank you to Jessica Wischmeyer and Kelly Honse for organizing and coordinating the NET retreat, **Thank you** to Carol Schroeder, Angie Schroeder, Bethany Barnhart, Jan Schulte, Cathy Hermiller, and Lisa Welch for preparing the supper for the team. **Thank you** to all the students who participated in the retreat. **Thank you** to the NET team for the great music at Mass. **Thank you** to Beth Yarger and all the volunteers who helped with the Red Cross blood drive.

There will be no Pastoral Council meeting this month.

The office will be open on Monday, October 6, this week and closed on Friday October 10.

"Voices of Experience" Death Penalty Panel

October is Respect Life month. As Catholics, we are called to respect life from the moment of conception to natural death. Come and learn about the use of the death penalty in Ohio when First Mennonite Church hosts "Voices of Experience," a town hall panel discussion on Tuesday, October 14, 2014, from 7 pm to 9 pm at the church. Speakers include Derrick Jamison, who was exonerated and freed after being on death row for almost 20 years; Terry J. Collins, who oversaw more than 30 executions as Director of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction; Charles Keith, who has both lost a loved one to murder and whose brother was on Ohio's death row before his sentence was commuted; and a member of the Ohio Supreme Court Joint Task Force to Review the Administration of Ohio's Death Penalty. The event is open to the public. (St. Mary's is co-sponsoring by hosting the clergy luncheon here at noon. This will be one of our 150 acts of service.)

Join Heartbeat of Lima for a Meet & Greet with Dr. Alveda King on Thursday, Oct. 9th from 2:00-3:00 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Civic & Convention Center in Lima. Dr. King is the Pastoral Associate for Priests for Life.

RCIA classes meet on Thursday evenings at 7:00 o'clock. You are welcome to still come and join us. We are in the inquiry stage.

St. Mary's Parish History

DID YOU KNOW?

Father DeChant was a Redemptorist priest who travelled through this area to minister to the Catholics living in this area. James and Sarah Owens offered him hospitality. The Owens sons would run through the neighborhood when Father DeChant was here to gather people for Mass. Father DeChant continued the instruction of the Owens family that Bishop Purcell's debates had begun. The Owens family--James, Sarah and nine children were baptized by Father DeChant in 1859.

Get Ready to Vote! *What can our long tradition of Catholic Social Teaching tell us about this November's election?* To help prepare voters for the November election, the Social Justice Committee of the Toledo Chapter, Association of U.S. Catholic Priests is offering a pre-election forum at St. Michael, Findlay, on Wednesday, October 8, at 7 p.m. This event will feature presentations on *War and Peace* (Mike Wielgopolski), *Environment* (Sandy Bihn), *Immigration* (Fr. Tom Landgraff, OSF), and *Labor Issues* (Bob Lynn), followed by Q & A from attendees. Free and open to the public

Support Our Retired Priests: Please consider a donation to Perpetuate the Gift. Your gift benefits our retired diocesan priests and your Parish. Once a priest retires he is responsible for his own personal expenses: medical, housing, car, clothing and food. The collection will be taken up next weekend October 11 and 12.

Thank you to Jeff and Deb Goldenetz, Jerry and Jeanne Wehri, and Sr. Carol for housing the NET Team last weekend. St. Mary's youth and the NET team appreciate your generosity and all you did to make the weekend run smoothly for our guests!

P.R.E.P

Children's Liturgy is during the 10 o'clock Mass.

K-6: Class is Wed., October 8th, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Also there is a Parent's Reconciliation meeting.

Confirmation & SNLY: Next class is Sunday, October 19th, 11:00-1:00 p.m.