

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 17, 2016



Dear parishioners,

It's the time in the Church Year when we go back to Ordinary Time. It's called "Ordinary" because we count/order the Sundays instead of naming feasts. We remember from math that the ordinal numbers are the numbers that name the position in a series—first, second, third.... There are no special seasons or feasts. The name doesn't mean that the time is ordinary.

There is something restful about Ordinary Time. It gives us a reprieve from celebrating! We've been through some big feasts in November, we observed Advent, and we celebrated Christmas until January 10. This gives us time to appreciate the steady, faithful presence and gifts of God in our lives in all the little ways that we sometimes take for granted.

Waiting for the coming of Christ in our lives and in the end times is something we do every day. The Incarnation is still present in our lives even when we are not celebrating Christmas. We still turn to Jesus to transform us into who he needs us to be, we work on conversion outside of Lent. We celebrate Jesus' victory over sin and death all the time.

Ordinary Time helps us to appreciate God's gifts of redemption deeply rather than intensely. It lets the mysteries of our faith settle in our hearts and our bones. The bishops of the US tell us, "The Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time take us through the life of Christ. This is the time of conversion. This is living the life of Christ."

Sister Carol

Congratulations to Martin and Diana Donaldson on the baptism of their son Wyatt Joseph. And welcome to the parish.

Weekend Masses

Sat Jan 16	4:00 p.m.	Ed Murphy Jim Alt
Sun Jan 17	10:00 a.m.	Janet Maenle
Sat Jan 23	4:00 p.m.	Libby Schmenk
Sun Jan 24	10:00 a.m.	Charley Shepler

Communion Services

Tue Jan 19	10:30 a.m.	Richland
Fri Jan 22	8:00 a.m.	St. Mary's

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$4,268.00	Loose	\$454.00
Children	\$ 32.85	Total	\$4,754.85
67 envelopes returned = 32%			
Christmas to date	\$6,693.00		

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for January 23 & 24, 2016

Money Counters: Tonya Meyer and Deb Goldenetz

4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Jeanne Parinello
Cantor: Dave Roby
Ushers: Hank and Carol Schroeder
Lector: Jenny Roby
E.M.: Bob Minto and Edna Conkling
Servers: Alyson Kettels and Kendal Giesige

10:00 a.m.

Greeter-East door: Judy Lester
Greeter-West Door: Deb Buck
Cantor: Katie Hohenbrink
Ushers: Nick Marcum and Joseph Schriener
Lectors: Lisa Welch and Jan Schulte
E.M.: Michelle Risner, Betty Gerten, Tom Schulte and Linda Kinn
Servers: Brayton Businger, Josh and Nathan Meyer

Readings for January 24, 2016

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1st Reading: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30
Gospel Reading: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Remember to turn in your Community Market receipts for a 1% rebate through the Community Rewards program. The money received is used for the Religious Education programs here at St. Mary's.

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Lenten Small Groups This Lent you will again have the opportunity to grow in your relationship with Jesus by participating in a small group for faith sharing. The groups meet once a week for six weeks—a small offering of time for the Lord. Sign-up sheets are out this weekend, January 16 and 17. Please be part of this learning, sharing, and prayer.

Thank you to Tom Schulte and Logan and Lisa Welch for undecorating the church and preparing it for Ordinary Time. **Thank you** to the Deneckers for moving the flowers during the Christmas season.

Thank you to Mel Heitmeyer for shoveling the snow last weekend. **Thank you** to Dave Hoffer for doing a long list of construction and repairs that we had been putting off.

Appreciation Supper Remember that if you have helped with anything during the 2015 year—big or small—you are invited to the Volunteer Appreciation Supper next Sunday, January 24, at 6 o'clock. Everybody's help and contribution count! Please sign up by Tuesday.

A new LIMEX group is starting soon! An Information Meeting about the newly forming class will be held on Monday, February 8, 2016, from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Emmaus Room of St. Wendelin Parish, 323 N. Wood St., Fostoria, OH 44830. Course 1 is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2016, at St. Wendelin's. The Loyola University of New Orleans Institute for Ministry Extension (LIMEX) Program is a part-time, Catholic university program leading to a master's degree or certificate in religious education or pastoral studies. **For more information and/or to apply for the Fostoria class, contact:** Marian Bermudez, LIMEX Coordinator for the Diocese of Toledo, at 419-663-5036 (please leave a message) or mbermudez@neo.rr.com.

Purchase a book of five Kewpee coupons for only \$5.00, starting January 4, 2016. Buy a regular Kewpee hamburger and receive an additional hamburger and 16-ounce hot or cold beverage at no additional cost. Coupons are good through March 12, 2016. Mail \$5.00 check

for each book desired to: Lima Central Catholic Business Office, c/o Kewpee Coupons, 720 S. Cable Rd., Lima, Ohio, 45805.

Serendipity by Sarah invites you to come and look at our Custom Designed Handmade Outfits. We have Communion and Confirmation ties sized for boys and adults. We also make matching vests for boys. Many of our Communion Dresses and Baptismal Outfits are "One of a Kind Design". We make Communion veils in four different styles. We will have our outfits displayed at St. Mary's on Wednesday, January 20, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

A Catholic Education is not out of reach with a scholarship from the **Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund**: Did you know that your child may qualify for a Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund scholarship for the 2016-2017 school year? Need-based Scholarships worth up to \$1,500 per child are available for students who reside in Allen, Hancock, and Putnam County for private school or homeschool expenses for grades K-8th. For example a family of five with a household income of \$76,707 is eligible. To apply online or for more information about the program visit WWW.NOSF.ORG or contact the Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund office at (419) 720-7048. **The deadline to apply is Friday, April 29, 2016.**

P.R.E.P

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

K-6: Class will be Wednesday, January 20, 2016 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Also there is a First Communion Parents Meeting.

Jr Hi Class is today, Sunday, January 17th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

God Squad Class is today, Sunday, January 17th. We will be attending the Eucharistic Day lunch and Holy Hour so class may not be done at 1:00 p.m.