

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 31, 2016



Dear parishioners,

Today the first reading from Jeremiah and the Gospel have an interesting contrast.

Jeremiah is a young man whom God has loved from the day of Jeremiah's conception. God asks Jeremiah to be a prophet on God's behalf. It's going to be difficult, God tells him. All kinds of people will oppose you. We know, however, that Jeremiah does what God asks despite the personal cost to him.

Jesus' neighbors in Nazareth hear him preach and are at first truly impressed and moved by Jesus' sincerity and insight. They are "amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth." Then they give it a second thought and decide to hold Jesus bound by their expectations. "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" He's been away for a while. They won't let him grow and change. They want to keep him where they have always known him.

Jesus knows what's happening. He sees their unwillingness to believe. So he points out to them that other prophets have not been able to do wonderful works among their own people. They did find faith among the gentiles. This infuriates his old neighbors. They are not about to be scolded by this upstart! They are "filled with fury"—enough fury to take action to push him over the cliff and kill him! But it's not Jesus' time, and he slips away.

What about me? Am I open to hear God as Jeremiah did even if it's at personal cost to me? Or do I want God to be only who/what I want?

Sister Carol

Congratulations to Mitch and Allie Agner on the baptism of their son Emmitt Joseph. Welcome to the family, Emmitt!

Weekend Masses

Sat Jan 30	4:00 p.m.	For the parish
Sun Jan 31	10:00 a.m.	For the parish
Sat Feb 6	4:00 p.m.	Cassie Kiene
Sun Feb 7	10:00 a.m.	Lee Garmatter

Communion Services

Tue Feb 2	10:30 a.m.	Richland
Wed Feb 3	10:30 a.m.	Hilty

First Friday

Fri Feb 5	8:00 a.m.	St. Mary's
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SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$2,117.00	Loose	\$473.00
Children	\$ 31.56	Total	\$2,621.56

75 envelopes returned = 36%

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for February 6 & 7, 2016

Money Counters: Chad Wolford and Barb Galvan

4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Peg Murphy

Cantor: Katie Hohenbrink

Ushers: Dave and Mary Hoffer

Lector: Deb Garlock

E.M.: Jerry Wehri, Brianna Atkins, Bob Minto

Servers: Zane and Grace Myers

10:00 a.m.

Greeter-East door: Logan Welch

Greeter-West Door: Rachel Welch

Cantor: Karen Phillips

Ushers: Trent/Todd and Colin Phillips

Lectors: Mel Heitmeyer and Laura Jones

E.M.: Wes Lovett, Lisa Welch, Logan Welch,

Megan Dulle and Rosemary Meyer

Servers: Drew and Ken Lovett and Olivia Smallcombe

Readings for February 7, 2016

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel Reading: Luke 5:1-11

We received a check from Great Scot

Community Rewards Program this past week for \$363.77. The money received is used for the Religious Education programs here at St. Mary's. Thank you for your continued support in this endeavor.

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Lenten Small Groups--There's still time! Sign-up sheets are out in the main entrance. Options for day of the week, time, and place. How long has it been since you've fed your faith?

Thank you again to the Pastoral Council for helping to host the Volunteer Appreciation Supper. **Thank you** to all who came to celebrate together our common effort. **Thank you** to Dave Hoffer (with assistance from Chuck Niese) who updated the ballasts and batteries in our lighting fixtures.

Next Sunday, February 7, at the 10 o'clock Mass, the Bluffton University instrumental quintet under the direction of Roy Couch will be joining us for liturgy. Please welcome them and show them our appreciation.



Beat the winter Blues!
Join us for an evening of Fun and Fellowship.

Adult Turn-up Euchre Tournament
Saturday, February 20th
6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
St. Mary's Bluffton, Social Hall

\$5 per person entry fee. Sandwiches provided.
Please bring snack to share. BYOB! Round-Robin
play – rotating partners. Singles & couples
welcome. Prizes to be awarded to top 3. Please
sign up on counter in main entrance.

Eucharistic adoration We will have Eucharistic Adoration again this Thursday, February 4, 8-9 o'clock, in the church. It will be time for silent prayer and some songs of praise. You may want to bring your Bible or a prayer book.

Sign-up sheets for the Partners in Prayer prayer chain are on the cabinet. If you would like to join our group to pray for the needs of others, please provide your name and email address or phone number. Anyone who would like us to pray for them, please contact Rosemary Meyer at 358-0631, Pat Lugibihl at 358-0665 or Kathy Sehlhorst at cksehlhorst@gmail.com.

You will be receiving a letter from the Diocese regarding the Annual Catholic Appeal. The collection will be taken up next weekend, February 6 & 7. Please be generous!

Food pantry collection

This weekend, January 30-31, we will collect for the food pantry. You may bring the items they need, or you may contribute to the special collection. They are in special need of the following items:

- Lotions and creams
- Personal hygiene products (deodorant, shampoo, hair care items—No bath soaps or toothpaste are needed at this time.)
- Paper products (Kleenex, paper towels, toilet paper)
- Cereals
- Soups and crackers
- Spaghetti and spaghetti sauce
- Macaroni and cheese
- Spaghetios and similar canned foods
- Canned fruits
- Canned vegetables (No corn or green beans are needed at this time.)
- Canned meats
- Tuna
- Hamburger Helper and Tuna Helper

Trip to Rome and Assisi – Year of Mercy

The trip you gave me for my 50th anniversary was so very wonderful that I want others to have the opportunity, too! I will be leading a tour for Pinnacle Tours to Rome, the Vatican, Sorrento, and Assisi from October 3 to October 13, 2016. There are fliers on the shelf in the main entrance. The trip is limited to 20 on a first-come basis. Estimated cost is \$3950 with airfare, transportation, housing, and some meals included. I would love for those who can to join me! *Sister Carol*

P.R.E.P

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

K-6: Next class is on Wednesday, February 3rd from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. 2nd grade – 6th will have reconciliation. Adults are also welcome.

Jr Hi & God Squad Next class is Sunday, February 7th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.