

St. Mary's Catholic Church

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 17 2016

Dear parishioners,

The readings today call me to being whole-hearted and to staying centered.



I love that story of Abraham and Sarah! Talk about hospitality! They don't just break out a little snack! They butcher a steer for goodness sake! Sarah bakes bread. This took a while. There is nothing stingy about the hospitality of Abraham and Sarah. They are whole-hearted and open-handed in their hospitality to strangers.

For me it's a call to be whole-hearted in hospitality in the same way. I don't need to kill a steer and bake a batch of bread, but I can certainly go out of my comfort zone to look for the "at-home-ness" of others. Do I welcome the stranger I see at church? Do I welcome the new neighbor? Do I look to see if someone needs a meal in a difficult situation? Do I show care when I welcome folks to a meeting or to my home? I know that I can do better about this.

The gospel calls me to not lose my center. Martha was busy with hospitality. She's upset with her sister Mary because Mary is visiting and not helping. It's easy for us also to get so busy with "doing for" others that we forget to just settle in and be present, to listen and share their space in life. We can also get so busy just doing that we forget to really spend time with God. Then we lose our peace.

You will also notice that Abraham and Sarah are granted the deepest desire of their hearts—a son. God is never outdone in generosity. God will also grant us our hearts' desires.

So be hospitable. Do not, however, forget to visit—and that includes visiting with God!

Sister Carol

Weekend Masses

Sat July 16	4:00 p.m.	Janet Maenle
Sun July 17	10:00 a.m.	Jerry Musser Sharon Jolliff
Sat July 23	4:00 p.m.	Jim Alt
Sun July 24	10:00 a.m.	Jim Badertscher

Communion Services

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

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$5,233.67	Loose	\$474.00
Children	\$16.34	Total	\$5,724.01
77 envelopes returned = 37%			

*Thank you for your generosity!
Thank you also to those who give electronically!!*

Assignments for July 23 & 24, 2016

Money Counters: Jason Granger and 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
Servers: Alyson Kettels and Kendal Giesige

10:00 a.m.

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

Readings for July 24, 2016 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Genesis 18:20-32
2nd Reading: Colossians 2:12-14
Gospel Reading: Luke 11:1-13

Don't forget to save your Community Markets receipts and turn them in so we can get Reward dollars for the Religious Education programs here at St. Mary's.

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Friday, July 29, (9:30am -2:30pm) Just Breathe! A Retreat for the Soul at St. Francis Spirituality Center, 200 St. Francis Ave., Tiffin, OH

A one-day retreat to restore peace, healing, & strength. Led by Upper Sandusky Counseling and Life Coaching: Janine Miller-Delany, MA, LPCC-S and Jere Delany, BA, RN Wellness Life Coach. Wear comfy clothes. Cost: \$40 includes main noon meal; \$30 bring your own bag lunch. To register, by **July 22**, by contacting Jenifer at **419-443-1485** or **at peace@franciscanretreats.org**



Celebrate Your Parish!!

Plan to attend the Parish Picnic here at St. Mary's parking lot on Saturday, August 13, noon-3 p.m. Food, bounce houses, games. It's all free for you to celebrate our parish, our feast day, and your generosity!

AED/CPR If you are still interested in being trained in CPR and AED, you can still do it. Follow the instructions to do the on-line training and let us know that you are interested. John Brutvan is our trainer and is willing to repeat the hands-on part of the training. You are welcome to do this training for your own benefit.

Community Supper Don't forget that we are hosting the Community Supper on Thursday, August 4. We will need food and volunteers. Please sign up to help.



Immaculate Conception Church in Ottoville will have their annual Church Festival this Sunday, July 17, 2016. Events and activities scheduled include: Chicken and Beef Dinners will be served family style from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and again from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The dinners will be served with all the trimmings plus homemade desserts. There will be a Lunch Stand, Big Ticket Drawing, Baked Goods Booth, Raffle Booth, and Games for all ages, a General Store and ENTERTAINMENT. Come and join us for some food and fellowship. Hope to see you there!

EXCLAIM! 2016

The EXCLAIM! Christian Music festival returns this summer for its seventh year on Sunday, July 31. Join us for music from Matt Hammitt, the former lead singer of Sanctus Real, with members of the University of Toledo Gospel Choir and members of the Toledo Symphony. Josh Wilson and Tori Harris will also be performing. This FREE event includes music on the main stage all day, along with kids' activities, inflatables, and plenty of room to run around! The day will end with Mass at 7 p.m. The event is located at 555 S. Holland Sylvania Rd in Toledo. Details at www.exclaimtoledo.org

Emmanuel UCC Ice Cream Social will be held on July 22, 2016 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the church at 8375 Phillips Road, Bluffton, Ohio. Cost for adults is \$8 and Children 10 and under is \$4. The menu includes: Chicken or Sloppy Joes Sandwiches, Chicken Noodles, Baked Beans, a variety of salads, pies, and cakes, plus Ice Cream and Beverages.

P.R.E.P

Community Vacation Bible School

The annual Community VBS will be held at Emmanuel United Church of Christ on Phillips Road from Sunday evening through Thursday evening July 24-28, from 6-8 each evening. Registration forms are on the shelf in the main entrance. You can also register on-line. Message them on their Facebook page "BlufftonVBS." Give your child's name, date of birth, age, and grade just completed. You can sign the necessary release forms on the first evening of VBS.

Please help to save empty Gatorade bottles to use for crafts at the Community Vacation Bible School at the end of this month. Please rinse them and put them in the box in the main entrance.