

St. Mary's Catholic Church

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 28, 2016



Dear parishioners,

I suspect that you have heard Tim McGraw's song "Humble and Kind." It really touches my heart—especially when I watch the official video that goes with it. It reminds me that I am part of a big world—a part on the same plane with many, many other people. I'm not better. Just part. It reminds me that simple things are very important. It also reminds me that when I achieve something, I can feel the pride inside but still be humble and kind. Google the song if you haven't heard it yet. I think it will touch you too.

The readings today are about being humble and kind. The first reading clearly tells us to "conduct our affairs with humility." Humility has the same root as the word "humus." We are all part of earth. We are made of the same stuff as earth, and we depend on earth for our sustenance. That is cause for humility.

The second reading reminds us that we are also special—thanks to the election of God, not because of anything we have done.

Finally the gospel tells us to know our place as one among many. If we try to lord it over others, we will be humbled. Remember that except for the grace of God we might be the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. Reach out to include everyone for they are part of us.

St. Francis of Assisi was terrified of lepers. He used to take extra measures to avoid them. One day he felt moved by grace to reach out to a leper. He got off his horse embraced and kissed a leper he met on the road. He said it was one of the most freeing days of his life. He knew they were brothers. He spent the rest of his life caring for lepers.

Sister Carol

Weekend Masses

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| Sat Aug 27 | 4:00 p.m. | Jim Badertscher |
| Sun Aug 28 | 10:00 a.m. | Kevin Benedict |
| Sat Sept 3 | 4:00 p.m. | Rita Agner Murphy/Immele family |
| Sun Sept 4 | 10:00 a.m. | Betty Wieser |

Communion Services

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| Tue Aug 30 | 10:30 a.m. | Richland |
| Fri Sept 2 | 8:00 a.m. | St. Mary's |

First Friday

SUNDAY COLLECTION

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| Adults | \$2,230.00 | Loose | \$510.00 |
| Children | \$36.68 | Total | \$2,776.68 |
| 67 envelopes returned = 32% | | | |

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for September 3 & 4, 2016

Money Counters: Jason Granger and Angie Wenger
4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Peg Murphy
Cantor: Katie Hohenbrink
Ushers: Dave and Mary Hoffer
Lector: Caitlyn Couch
E.M.: Jessica Wischmeyer, Brianna Atkins,
Basil Meyer
Servers: Zane and Grace Myers

10:00 a.m.

Greeter-East door: Logan Welch
Greeter-West Door: Lisa 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 Mackenzie Butler
Servers: Drew and Ken Lovett, Jonathan Hoorman

Readings for September 4, 2016 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18b
2nd Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17
Gospel Reading: Luke 14:25-33

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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RCIA: *Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults*

We will begin our RCIA journey on Thursday evening, September 1, at 7 p.m., in the church library. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church, this is where it all begins. Please join us.



DON'T FORGET Just a reminder that Bishop Thomas will be at St. Mary's to offer Mass for rural life on Thursday, September 1, at 9 o'clock in the morning.

If you are willing to allow your child(ren) to attend the Mass, send a note to school to ask to have them excused.

The liturgical minister schedule for next year is ready. The new schedule begins next weekend, September 3-4. Please pick up a copy from the shelf in the entrance.

Welcome, Bluffton University students! We will have a welcome brunch for the students next Sunday, September 4, after the 10 o'clock Mass so that we can get to know you and you can get to know us. Please join us.

Catholic Divorce Ministry A 12-week divorce & separated support group, Catholic Divorce Recovery, will be hosted by Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Ottawa. The Catholic Divorce Recovery program was created to help divorced or separated Catholics by offering support and healing through the wisdom and truth of the Catholic faith. Meetings will be held in the SPPS library on Tuesday evenings at 7PM beginning September 27. A registration fee of \$20 includes the cost of a workbook, materials, and refreshments. For more information or to register, call Jeanne Beutler at 419-615-2298.

Looking for a safe, healthy, and natural way to achieve or avoid pregnancy? A fertility awareness class series is starting on September 10th in Delphos, OH. For more information, contact Jeff and Bridget Bockey at 419-233-1600, delphosnfp@gmail.com or visit www.ccli.org to register! You can also contact Ryan and Jessica Rahrig from our parish who are also a certified NFP teaching couple. 419-303-1873.

The Bluffton Area Food Pantry has been distributing all summer to approximately 50 families. The supplies that are running a bit low and could use some reinforcement are: tuna, baked beans, hamburger and tuna helper, peanut butter, cereals of all kinds, canned fruits – especially mandarin oranges, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti products – both noodles and sauces, spaghetti products and similar products, and chunky soups such as Progresso or Campbells Chunky, as well as Kleenex, paper towels, and lotions. The Pantry is grateful to the Bluffton Community and churches for being willing to pitch in and help out when help is needed. **THANK YOU!**

Supporting Louisiana Recovery Efforts

Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo joins people across the country praying for the Louisiana flood victims who perished and the tens of thousands now homeless from the devastating flash flooding from last weekend's deadly storms. If you'd like to support the disaster relief efforts Louisiana, your donation, dollar for dollar, will be passed on to our sister Catholic Charities agency. You can send your check, designated for "Louisiana Recovery," to Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo, 1933 Spielbusch Avenue, Toledo, OH 43604. Thank you and God bless!

Putnam County ALS Golf and Walk Benefit will be held on Saturday, September 10, 2016. Golf at 9:30 a.m. and Walk at 12:00 p.m. at Pike Run Golf Club in Ottawa Ohio. A Meal and Benefit will follow from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Buckeye Club in Miller City, Ohio. Registration forms and information is available by contacting: Ryan Stechschulte at 419-549-0151.

P.R.E.P

Children's Liturgy of the Word will start class on Sunday, September 18, 2016 during the 10 o'clock Mass.

K-6: Class will start on Wednesday, September 14 at 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

God Squad and Jr. High Classes will start September 18th after Mass from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.