

St. Mary's Catholic Church

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 23, 2016



Dear fellow pilgrims,

Fifteen of us just returned from the Year of Mercy pilgrimage to Italy. The group was wonderful. The trip was great. We passed through seven holy doors!

One of the things that I reflected on---I think it was a grace of the pilgrimage---was that all of life is a pilgrimage. We are journeying together hoping to go from holy place to holy place. We are never really at home here. Our real home is in heaven.

The "Spirit of the Way" (the guidelines for pilgrimage) are these:

- Share what you have with other pilgrims.
- Live in the moment.
- Watch for the signs that you are on the path.
- Welcome all that comes to you.
- Sense the prayers of those who have gone before you. Leave good will behind for those who will come after you. Appreciate your companions who ride with you.
- Care for your lodging as if it were your own home.
- Give thanks at the end of each day.

If we look at life as our pilgrimage, those are excellent guidelines to direct our life with each other. Share with friends and neighbors and with beggars on the way. Enjoy the present or we'll miss it. Take care to test our path so that we are truly moving in the right direction toward God. Live in the hope that all that happens is for our good. Think of the thousands who have walked this pilgrimage before us. Leave only good in our path for those generations who are yet to come. For now, the earth is our lodging. Take care of it as if it is our own home. Give thanks at the end of each day!!!

Sister Carol

Weekend Masses

Sat Oct 22	4:00 p.m.	Jim Badertscher
Sun Oct 23	10:00 a.m.	Janet Maenle
Sat Oct 29	4:00 p.m.	Jerry Musser
Sun Oct 30	10:00 a.m.	Ike Businger

Communion Services

Tue Oct 25	10:30 a.m.	Richland
Fri Oct 28	8:00 a.m.	St. Mary's

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$2,755.00	Loose	\$821.00
Children	\$34.89	Total	\$3,610.89

76 envelopes returned = 37%

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for October 29 & 30, 2016

Money Counters: Chad Wolford and Jason Granger

4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Peg Murphy

Cantor: Sr. Carol

Ushers: Bob Minto and John Parinello

Lector: Shannon Wannemacher

E.M.: Jessica Wischmeyer, Bob Minto, and
Rosemary Meyer

Servers: Derek Swartzlander and Abygail Kettels

10:00 a.m.

Greeter-East door: Logan Welch

Greeter-West Door: Lisa Welch

Cantor: Becca Schlumbohm

Ushers: Mike and Rhonda Maag

Lectors: Sr. Carol and Pat Lugibihl

E.M.: Jerry Wehri, Kim Garmatter, Dave Gerschutz,
Travis Kahle and Basil Meyer

Servers: Anthony Kiser, Josh and Nathan Meyer

Readings for October 30, 2016

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Wisdom 11:22—12:2

2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:11—2:2

Gospel Reading: Luke 19:1-10

Holy Hour is Monday, October 24 at 8:00 p.m.

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.

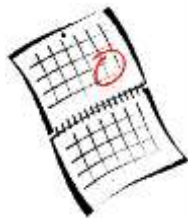
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Coming events

Mission Sunday The annual collection for the Propagation of the Faith (Missions) will be taken at St. Mary's this weekend, October 22-23.



Memorial Mass Our annual Mass to remember those who died during the past year will be the 10 o'clock Mass next Sunday, October 30. Please come pray for those who have gone before us: Ed Murphy, Libby Schmenk, Jim Badertscher, Jeff Brodman, Jerry Musser, Ike Businger, and Lou Ann Osborne

Parish mini-retreat Sunday, November 13, we will have our first mini-retreat for the year. We will have lunch immediately after Mass. Our speaker will be Tamara Al-Sammarraie Mansi. She will talk about Islam so that we might understand it better as a religion. We will conclude with prayer. Please sign up on the shelf in the main entrance if you plan to attend.

Thank you! To all who helped in any way with all that happened while I was in Italy. Thank you to Dave Hoffer for improving our storage in the church closet and for dealing with the details of two water heaters that sprang leaks in the past two weeks!



Elections Remember to exercise your duty and privilege to vote. We have an obligation to form our conscience about the issues and the candidates. No candidate is

perfect. To vote for one does not mean that you condone everything he/she does. We need to decide who will do the most good for the citizens of the country. Do not abdicate your responsibility. There is info from the bishops on the bulletin board.

Family Promise Our next turn to host Family Promise is October 30-November 6. The giving board is in the main entrance. This food supplies the center for the week. Thank you!

All Saints Day is Tuesday, November 1. It is a holy day of obligation. We will celebrate the Mass on the vigil, October 31, at 7 p.m.

St Patrick's Parish in Spencerville would like to invite everyone to our annual Apple Dumpling Luncheon on Sunday October 30th at St Patrick's Church. Serving begins at 11:30 am; featuring our homemade salad bar, cookies, shredded chicken, barbecue beef sandwiches and delicious apple dumplings. Donations graciously accepted. Hope to see you! Bishop Daniel Thomas will be presiding at the 10:30 a.m. Mass before the luncheon.

An "**Entering Canaan**" **Day of Prayer and Healing** for women who are suffering from a past abortion will take place on Saturday, October 29, 2016. The day retreat is hosted by Catholic Charities Project Rachel. For further information and confidential reservations, please call Project Rachel Coordinator Clarissa Lapinski at 419-260-5811 or email projectrachel@toledodiocese.org. Come and experience the mercy of God!

The annual Immaculate Conception Parish Craft Show will be Saturday, November 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Ottoville Parish Center. There will be many vendors displaying their goods and talents. Food will be available. The event is sponsored by the Rosary Altar Society. Everyone is welcome!

We are inviting all of you to our **Christmas Open House**. The Mustard Seed is decorating and pulling out all the stops to put you in the Christmas Spirit, so mark your calendars, **Tuesday, November 1 - Saturday, November 5 with normal business hours.** (Tues, Thurs, and Fri 9 to 5, Wed 12 to 8 and Sat 8 to 1.) We will have Advent and Christmas merchandise available so let us help you with your Christmas Shopping and Keep Jesus in your Gift Giving. The Mustard Seed is located behind St. John's Catholic Church in Glandorf. Look for the large OPEN red, white and blue flag 419-538-7220.

P.R.E.P

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

K-6: Next class is Wednesday, October 26 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Jr. High & God Squad: Next class is Sunday, November 6th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.