

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Third Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2017



Dear parishioners,

The story of Emmaus is one of my favorites! I had always thought the disciples were on their way to Emmaus to preach. Then I found out that they were leaving town in utter disappointment. The one they thought was the Messiah had been killed. Their hopes were dashed. They felt duped.

Jesus appears on the scene and they don't recognize him. He explains the whole Scripture to them as it applies to the Messiah—the suffering servant. He breaks bread with them, and they recognize him in the breaking of the bread and remember that their hearts were burning the whole time he was with them.

Sometimes we come to church that way—wanting to get away because we are disappointed about something. We listen to the Scriptures at Mass, and sometimes we hear exactly what we need to hear. Jesus is always with us, and sometimes we don't recognize his presence. Always in the Eucharist we know he is with us. He has told us what appears to be bread and wine is really him. “He renews our drooping spirit.” What is important is that we bring faith.

The apostles had walked with Jesus through his public ministry. They knew the person he was—loving, caring, faithful, forgiving, and encouraging. That is why their hearts were burning within them. They knew him by faith even when their eyes failed them.

Sister Carol

We extend our sympathy to Bob Badertscher and his family at the loss of his wife, Lena. May she rest in peace.

We will have **Holy Hour** on Monday, May 1st at 8:00 p.m. All are welcome!

Weekend Masses

Sat Apr 29 4:00 p.m. Richard & Angela Knott
Sun Apr 30 10:00 a.m. Sue Schlumbohm
Charley & Mim Shepler
Sat May 6 4:00 p.m. Jim Badertscher
Sun May 7 10:00 a.m. For the parish

Communion Services

May 3 10:30 a.m. Hilty
First Friday
Fri May 5 8:00 a.m. St. Mary's

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$2,500.00	Loose	\$595.00
Children	\$51.57	Total	\$3,146.57
76 envelopes returned = 37%			
Easter to date:			\$4,548.50

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for May 6 & 7, 2017

Money Counters: Tonya Meyer and Deb Buck

8:30 p.m.

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

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, Mackenzie Butler
Servers: Drew and Ken Lovett, Jonathan Hoorman

Readings for May 7, 2017

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1st Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41
2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2:20b-25
Gospel Reading: John 10:1-10

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Pastoral Council nominations

We received 25 nominations for Pastoral Council. Thank you to all who made nominations. Please pray for those discerning their call to serve. All nominees are invited to the May 2 meeting.



May Crowning Our annual May crowning will be Wednesday, May 3, at 7:00 p.m. This is a special day to honor our Blessed Mother. Please join in the celebration. There will be a simple reception to follow.



The annual Remembrance Dinner for those who have lost a spouse will be Thursday, May 11, at 6:00 in the evening. Please remember to send your RSVP.



Congratulations to our children receiving the Eucharist for the first time!

Trent Benroth
Drew Frideger
Conner Gerten
Tayte Giesige
KJ Hohenbrink
Benjamin Lovett
Greta Myers
Kalin Osting
Jacob Schieltz
Will Schulte
Addison Schweingruber
Ally Stechschulte
Marissa Wannemacher

We are so happy for you!

Thank you to Jenny Lovett, Laura Jones, Danielle Althaus, and Kelly Honse for providing a lovely retreat day for our First Communion class. **Thank you** to the parents for supporting their children. **Thank you** to all the catechists who worked so faithfully to pass on the faith this year. **Thank you** to Brayton Businger for training nine new servers! **Thank you** to all our servers—old and new—for your faithfulness! **Thank you** to Rick and Mary Kay Smallcombe family for hosting the coffee and donuts last Sunday. Yum!

Our Lady of Consolation Shrine, Carey, Ohio will offer a Mass for Victims of Cancer on Friday, May 5th at 7:00 pm. We welcome all to come and pray together. Following Mass, visitors are invited to participate in special prayers for healing.

We will be taking up a special collection for the Trinity Dome at America's Catholic Church on May 13-14, 2017. During the 2015 General Assembly of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, membership voted in favor of a national collection in 2017 to support the work on the Trinity Dome at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Every stone and artistic nuance of the Basilica proclaims our nation's relationship with Mary, a spiritual bond formalized in 1847 when Pope Pius IX proclaimed Mary as "Patroness of the United States" under her title of **the Immaculate Conception**.

The Trinity Dome is the central and largest dome of the National Shrine. This "Crowning Jewel" will be adorned in mosaic according to the original iconographic scheme of the Great Upper Church and will depict the Most Holy Trinity, the Blessed Virgin Mary as the Immaculate Conception, and a procession of saints who have an association with the United States and the National Shrine. The procession of saints includes, among others, St. Juan Diego (the first canonized male Native American), St. Kateri Tekakwitha (the first canonized female Native American), St. Teresa of Calcutta (an honorary American citizen), St. Francis Cabrini, M.S.C. (the first U.S. citizen to be canonized), St. John Paul II (the first pope to visit the National Shrine), and St. Junipero Serra (declared a saint by Pope Francis at the National Shrine in 2015 for the first canonization ever to take place on American soil). The Nicene Creed will encircle the base of the dome, while the dome's four pendentives will feature the four Evangelists: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. See the flyer with a picture on the bulletin board.

P.R.E.P

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

K-6: Last class is Wednesday, May 3rd from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. May Crowning is at 7:00 p.m.