

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time

August 13, 2017



Dear parishioners,

I am listening to a set of tapes about St. Clare of Assisi. She was the eldest daughter of the wealthiest family in Assisi. Her father was looking to marry her off in a way that would gain for him and for her great wealth and status. Clare wanted to follow the poor Christ in the way of St. Francis.

Clare has a good friend in Agnes of Prague who was three times promised in marriage. Her third proposal would have made her the queen of the Holy Roman Empire. Agnes wanted no part of it. She was drawn to the same life to which Clare was drawn even though they lived far from each other.

Both Clare and Agnes gave away everything they had and gave it to the poor. Bishops, cardinals, and even the pope tried to discourage their choice and insisted their convents have endowments. Both resisted for their whole lives, and both conceded to live a cloistered life but would not budge on their choice to live poverty.

On the other hand, we just were given a CARA report that points out there were 180,000 sisters in 1965; 115,000 in 1985; 51,000 in 2014. Extrapolating that data they are predicting in 2021 there will be fewer sisters than priests. That makes my heart sad, and I wonder what has caused us to have so little interest in knowing and following Jesus in such a bold way as did Clare and Agnes. It also makes me realize that the laity will need seriously to be educated in theology and step up to take leadership.

There's the challenge! What will each of us do personally to be of service to God's holy Church?

Sister Carol

## Weekend Masses

Sat Aug 12	4:00 p.m.	Jim Alt
Sun Aug 13	10:00 a.m.	Janet Maenle
Sat Aug 19	4:00 p.m.	Ike Businger Richard and Angela Knott
Sun Aug 20	10:00 a.m.	Jan Schulte

## Communion Services

Fri Aug 18 8:00 a.m. St. Mary's

## SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$3,400.00	Loose	\$601.00
Children	\$58.06	Total	\$4,059.06

72 envelopes returned = 35%

*Thank you for your generosity!*

*Thank you also to those who give electronically!!*

## Assignments for Aug 19 & 20, 2017

**Money Counters:** Chad Wolford and Barb Galvan

### 4:00 p.m.

**Greeter:** Jeanne Parinello

**Cantor:** Jenny Roby

**Ushers:** John Parinello and Chuck Niese

**Lector:** Jim Kinn

**E.M.:** Diana Bucher and Jennifer Tschuor

**Servers:** Brayton and Addison Businger,  
Caitlyn Couch

### 10:00 a.m.

**Greeter-East door:** Steve and Kelly Yarnell

**Greeter-West Door:**

**Cantor:** Karen Phillips

**Ushers:** Greg and Gabe Denecker

**Lectors:** Chris Denecker and Joe Herrmann

**E.M.:** Amy Marcum, Mark Zwiebel,  
Tricia Herrmann, Hank Schroeder

**Servers:** Luke Denecker, Olivia Smallcombe,  
Kendal Giesige

## **Readings for August 20, 2017 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Gospel Reading: Matthew 15:21-28

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**Holy day of obligation** Our feastday, the Feast of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven, is a holy day of obligation. We will celebrate with Mass tomorrow, Monday, August 14, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening.

**Thank you** to everyone who helped to clear the social halls and chair room in preparation for refinishing our vinyl floors. **Thank you** to all those who put the church back together again. You work together so very well! **Thank you** to Lisa Welch and all who helped with the parish picnic. Great job!

**A reason for gratitude** 50 years ago our present church was built and consecrated! As you see from the cornerstone at the front of church, the date given is August 15, 1967.

**The Toledo Diocese Council of Catholic Women** invites all women of the diocese to their annual fall conference September 29-30, 2017 at St. Joan of Arc Parish, 5856 Heatherdowns, Toledo. Theme: "To Each Person the Manifestation of the Spirit is Given for the Common Good." 1 Cor 12:7. Renee Marazon, gifted teacher and motivational speaker, will guide us through her book "Charisms of the Holy Spirit." What are your gifts? Deacon John Nahrgang, Diocese of Phoenix, will speak on "Discerning Fatima and other Church Approved Revelations with the Guidance of the Holy Spirit." Pre-conference dinner and speaker is optional (\$20). Pre-registration required for the conference (\$25). Contact Pastoral Center (TDCCW) 419 244-6711, Ext 4929 for a registration form or Judy Warntz at 419-867-1227 or [jwarntz9877@att.net](mailto:jwarntz9877@att.net).

**Change of date for Pastoral Council meeting. All who are on Pastoral Council please note** the Pastoral Council will have their meeting on August 29<sup>th</sup> starting with supper at 6:00 p.m. then followed by the meeting. Please mark your calendars now. This will be in place of the September 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**ATTENTION:** Please don't plan on parking in the main parking lot starting Tuesday, August 15, 2017. Lima Asphalt and Paving will be starting the work of grinding up the parking lot and replacing the blacktop.

## **Matt Fradd "Sex, Love and Porn: 7 Things the Porn Industry Doesn't Want You to Know"**

Join internationally acclaimed speaker Matt Fradd, founder of The Porn Effect website ([www.theporneffect.com](http://www.theporneffect.com)), as he exposes the reality behind the fantasy of porn. This free public event will be held Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2017, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of BGSU's Bowen-Thompson Student Union. Middle school and high school students (and their parents), college students and young adults are welcome.

The event is co-sponsored by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Toledo and the Catholic Falcon Community. For more information, call Peter Range, Office of Life and Justice Director, at 419.214.4933; or email [prange@toledodiocese.org](mailto:prange@toledodiocese.org).

## **Separated/ Divorced – Now What?**

There is a support group now forming. **Receive these great blessings: healing, wisdom, peace, hope, confidence, resilience.** The group will meet at St. Charles Catholic Church/School Library at 2200 West Elm Street, Lima, Ohio on Tuesdays from September 5 to December 13, 2017 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. For more information please call Rosalyn Liston at 419-999-4210 or email [auntroro@wcoil.com](mailto:auntroro@wcoil.com).

**Holy Trinity (Bucyrus) and St. Joseph (Galion) Parishes Present In Concert** Grammy/Dove Award Winning Christian Music Pioneer **John Michael Talbot** "*A Lifetime of Music & Ministry*" on Sunday, September 10, 2017 at 7 p.m. The concert will be held at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 760 Tiffin St., Bucyrus, OH 44820-1535. General Seating is \$30 and VIP\* Package is \$50. To order tickets or for information call the parish at: 419-562-1346. See the flyer on the bulletin board in the narthex.