

St. Mary's Catholic Church

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 22, 2017



Dear parishioners,

I just want to update you about our solar research. Our purpose for looking into this is twofold: to lessen our carbon footprint (that is, to use fewer non-renewable natural resources and do less damage to the Earth) and to lessen our utility costs. Pope Francis in his encyclical "Laudato Si!" ("Be praised my Lord!") asks us to take seriously the care of the Earth. We have only one Earth. It's precious. Earth is mother to us all so we need to look, not merely at our own need, but at the needs of all peoples, especially the poor who are most affected by the damage done to the Earth.

The price tag is hefty so we want to look at this carefully to assure we do what is best. Following our Saturday and Sunday meetings Dan Klear has done more research to find answers to our questions. The shading from all the trees (that do not belong to us) reduces the panels' efficiency to 60%. The cost of a carport to support the solar panels would add \$45,000 to the cost. We are also looking at other energy reducing possibilities—solar lights at some places and LED lighting in church. Grants are available to support these efforts. Green Options, LLC, is preparing estimates and looking into whether we qualify for any grants.

I want to assure you that no decisions have been made. The Finance Council and I will be discussing this again at our next meeting. We want to look at all our needs and obligations before we move ahead with any such project. I will make my best effort to keep you informed.

Sister Carol

Congratulations to Austin and Bethany Barnhart on the baptism of their son Isaac Joseph. Welcome to the parish family, Isaac.

Weekend Masses

Sat Oct 21	4:00 p.m.	Bill Shackelford Sr.
Sun Oct 22	10:00 a.m.	Janet Maenle
Sat Oct 28	4:00 p.m.	Richard and Angela Knott
Sun Oct 29	10:00 a.m.	Jan Schulte

Communion Services

Fri Oct 27 8:00 a.m. St. Mary's

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$2,203.00	Loose	\$678.24
Children	\$18.00	Total	\$2,899.24

70 envelopes returned = 34%

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for Oct. 28 & 29, 2017

Money Counters: Chad Wolford, Courtney Gerten

4:00 p.m.

Greeter: Basil Meyer

Cantor: Dave Roby

Ushers: Hank and Carol Schroeder

Lector: Jenny Roby

E.M.: Bob Minto and Edna Conkling

Servers: Alyson Kettels and Abygail Kettels

10:00 a.m.

Greeter-East door: Logan Welch

Greeter-West Door: Lisa Welch

Cantor: Choir

Ushers: Mike and Rhonda Maag

Lectors: Joe Herrmann and Chris Denecker

E.M.: Jerry Wehri, Kim Garmatter, Dave Gerschutz, Travis Kahle, Mike Klima

Servers: Grace Yarnell, Ayla Grandey, and Calvin Freideger

Readings for October 29, 2017

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1st Reading: Exodus 22:20-26

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:34-40

Please remember to turn in your receipts from Community Markets. We are this year directing the proceeds to the Summer Camp Fund.

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Thank you again to all who helped with Family Promise. **Thank you** to Val Klima, Amanda Woolley, Kelly Honse, Tina Bills, Jerry Wehri, and Nancy Benroth for taking the overnight shifts. **Thank you** to Denise Fett, Laura Jones, Greg and Edna Conkling, Greg and Chris Denecker, Mark and Kristie Joliff, Jerry and Jeanne Wehri, Rachel Schmursal, Emmanuel UCC, Bluffton Methodist, and First Mennonite Churches for providing the meals. **Thank you** to Shar Dunlap for doing all the laundry. **Thank you** to all who donated food and supplies.

This Sunday is Mission Sunday. The envelopes for this special collection are in the benches. Please be generous. Missionaries are not paid for their work so they depend on contributions for their living expenses. This is our opportunity to "be missionaries" by giving what we have.

Memorial Mass Next Sunday, October 29, we will be remembering Lena Badertscher, Sue Schlumbohm, and Jan Schulte who went to their eternal home during the past year. Please join us to pray for them and to support their loved ones.



Please pray for the Sisters of St. Francis who will be meeting this week to plan for their future and to prepare for their elections.

The Liturgy Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 31, at 7:00 in the evening. No spookin'!

Plan ahead! The Mass for All Saints Day, a holy day of obligation, will be celebrated on the feast, Wednesday, November 1, at 7:00 p.m.

Thanks to the diocese we have a \$500 grant to help us with campus ministry. Amanda Woolley and Lindsay Horn have stepped up to develop an on-campus Catholic group they call the Frassati Society for Blessed Pier Geogio Frassati. They also will be using the grant money for on-campus events.

Perpetuate the Gift This is the collection for priests' retirement. You can put your donation in the collection over the next few weeks.

Statewide Holy Hour for Vocations

Over 30 parishes in the state of Ohio will host an hour of prayer with exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life on Wednesday, November 8, 2017. Bishop Daniel Thomas will preside at the holy hour at Perrysburg, St. Rose Parish from 7 pm – 8 pm. Other sites hosting a holy hour at the same time in the Diocese of Toledo include New Cleveland, Holy Family Parish and Tiffin, St. Joseph Parish. All are welcome!

Everyone is welcome to attend the **Delphos St. John's 105th Fall Festival** this weekend, October 21st and 22nd in the St. John's Cafeteria and Gymnasium. Enjoy food, games of chance and have some family fun. Home-cooked chicken and beef dinners with all the trimmings and even homemade cakes for dessert are available for \$8.50 for adults and \$6.50 for children (5th grade and younger). Carry-outs will be available from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday and from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday. The event is open to the public! You will be helping to support the mission at St. John's School. We look forward to seeing you on October 21st and 22nd!

P.R.E.P

We are still in need of an aide for third grade. Speak to Kelly if you are willing to help.

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

K-6: Next class is on Wednesday, October 25th at 6:30 p.m.

Jr. High and God Squad: Next class is November 5th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.