

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 6, 2018

Dear parishioners,

The line in the gospel that caught my attention was Jesus saying "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you...."

At our Pastoral Council meeting our focus was on grace and how we need an awareness of grace to really understand the Bible and to understand Jesus. Richard Rohr observes that we have a mercantile perspective of our relationship with God—a buying and selling perspective. If I'm good, if I do such and such, then I will receive grace. That's all backwards. It all begins with God who is all-giving and all-loving. God took the first initiative, and God continues to be the giver. Everything comes from God—even our desire to please God. We are only receivers.

In the reading from Acts, Luke notes "The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also." They didn't think the Gentiles "deserved" the Holy Spirit. The Gentiles were not "chosen" as the Jews were. Luke also points out that Peter told the Jews and the Gentiles "God shows no partiality." God pours goodness on the seemingly deserving and the seemingly undeserving.

Jesus gave his life for all. "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." So Jesus considers everyone his friend.

Richard Rohr also says that we have a mentality of scarcity. We can't give too much less we not have enough for ourselves. The fact is, however, we live in gratuitous abundance. There is more than enough for everyone. We are blessed beyond our wildest imaginings at every single moment of our lives. We are bathed in grace!

Sister Carol

## Weekend Masses

Sat May 5	4:00 p.m.	Cassie Kiene and Greg Kiene
Sun May 6	10:00 a.m.	Jan Schulte
Sat May 12	4:00 p.m.	Deceased members of the Hankish family Imajeane Mathewson and Gene Badertscher
Sun May 13	10:00 a.m.	Jerry Musser

## Communion Services

Fri May 11 8:00 a.m. St. Mary's

## SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$2,108.00	Loose \$1,167.00
Children	\$39.26	Total \$3,314.26
69 envelopes returned = 33%		

*Thank you for your generosity!*

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

## Assignments for May 12 & 13, 2018

**Money Counters:** Deb Buck and Barb Galvan

### 4:00 p.m.

**Greeter:** Jan and Diana Emmert  
**Cantor:** Jenny Roby  
**Ushers:** Dave and Shirley Siefker  
**Lector:** Jason Swartzlander  
**E.M.:** Jerry Wehri, Jeanne Parinello,  
Amanda Woolley  
**Servers:** Derek Swartzlander and Shylee Kaufman

### 10:00 a.m.

**Greeter-East door:** Sherry Heitmeyer  
**Greeter-West Door:** Mel Heitmeyer  
**Cantor:** Sr. Carol  
**Ushers:** Mike and Rhonda Maag  
**Lectors:** Brian Miller and Matt Ellerbrock  
**E.M.:** Julia Miller, Kaden Reneker,  
Cathy Hermiller, Crystal Ellerbrock, and  
Candace Meyer  
**Servers:** Grace Yarnell, Josh Meyer, and  
Nathan Meyer

## **Readings for May 13, 2018**

### **Ascension of the Lord**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 1:1-11

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel Reading: Mark 16:15-20

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**EPIC** continues Thursday evening, May 10, at 7:30. We have 15 people in the class! It will be a great learning adventure!

**Please help!** Maintenance Day is Saturday morning, May 12, 8 o'clock until lunch. Please sign up to help. We can't get this done without a lot of helping hands!! We have added a list asking for food donations for lunch if that's where you can help.



**Mission Trip** If you want to go on the mission trip to Booneville, remember to sign up! You can opt to go June 7-10 or June 8-10. The number of participants is limited to 12. So far we have eight people signed up with one seriously contemplating.

Val Klima has put out the giving board for the food and money donations we need for the trip. We want everyone to have an opportunity to participate in some way. Please be generous!



**The Finance Council** will meet Tuesday evening at 7:00 o'clock in the library.

An enormous **thank you** to Kelly Honse, Kim Benton, and Paula McKibben for all their work preparing the children for First Holy Communion.

**The Holy Hour on Mondays in May** that we normally do will be the Rosary for the month of May. We will meet in the Memory Garden at 7:00 p.m. and pray the rosary. There will be no Holy Hour at 8 p.m.

**Attention Seniors:** If you plan to be part of the Graduation Mass and want your information in the bulletin, you need to get that information in immediately. Today, Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> is the due date. We need you to send a picture and your graduation questionnaire so we can include you in the bulletin insert.

**Are you a Catholic homeschooling family** in the Toledo diocese? Then please join us at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 5, 2018, at Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral in Toledo for our **14<sup>th</sup> Annual Diocesan Homeschooling Mass and Graduation.** Reverend Monsignor William J. Kubacki will be celebrating our Mass. It's a wonderful evening of prayer, fellowship, food and fun! Please bring a finger-food dish to share for the reception immediately following the Mass. If you have a student who will be graduating 8<sup>th</sup> grade, or a graduating high school senior, and would like your graduate to participate in the ceremony after the Mass, please email Lisa-Ann Brickner at [oyc81@yahoo.com](mailto:oyc81@yahoo.com) by May 25<sup>th</sup>. We can't wait to see you there!!

An **"Entering Canaan" Day of Prayer and Healing Retreat** for women who are suffering as a result of an abortion will be held **Saturday, May 19, 2018.** The day is hosted by Project Rachel, a ministry of Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo. For more information and confidential reservations, please call 1-888-456HOPE or 419-260-5811. Or email [projectrachel@toledodiocese.org](mailto:projectrachel@toledodiocese.org). Come and experience God's mercy!

There is an opening for a **teacher position for Release Time/Weekday Christian Education** in its K-6 program, specifically 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes. See the bulletin board for more information if you might be interested.

## P.R.E.P

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** is during the 10 o'clock Mass. May 13<sup>th</sup> is the last class.

**K – 6:** Have a great summer! See you in the fall.

**Jr. High and God Squad:** Class is today, Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This is the last class for this school year. Sunday, May 20 is the **graduation Mass at 10:00 a.m.** A reception will follow after Mass.