

St. Mary's Catholic Church

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 21, 2019

Dear parishioners,

The gospel says a lot about human nature. It says, first of all, that we are all unique and different. Martha was a doer; Mary was more of a listener and a thinker.



It also reminds us that we find it so easy to compare. Martha feels she's doing all the work, and Mary is not carrying her fair share. Comparisons are always dangerous—they bring out the pride or the “poor me” in us. We find ourselves either better than or less than the person to whom we compare ourselves. It's not easy to not compare.

Martha wants to get Jesus on her side. She wants him to tell Mary to help. That's like us too. We often want people to agree with us because it makes us feel more right. Surely two against one is a better position.

Jesus surprises Martha. He doesn't agree with her. He takes Mary's side. I don't know if Jesus believed that in every instance it is better to sit and visit. Surely he wants us to be hospitable. Look at Abraham's gracious hospitality in the first reading. But in this instance Jesus is clear. He tells Martha she has been busy about many things. He is suggesting that it would be a good thing for her to sit and just spend time with him.

That's good advice for each one of us. We, too, are busy about many things. Sometimes it would be the better thing to sit at Jesus' feet and listen to him—to pray and reflect. It would bring us peace and perspective.

Sister Carol

Weekend Masses

Sat July 20	4:00 p.m.	In thanksgiving
Sun July 21	10:00 a.m.	James Trenkamp and Delores Hermiller
Sat July 27	4:00 p.m.	Delores Ann Wiechart

Communion Service

Fri July 26 8:00 a.m. St. Mary's

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$5758.87	Loose \$428.00
Children	\$13.00	Total \$6702.87

76 envelopes returned = 36%

*Thank you for your generosity!
Thank you also to those who give electronically!!*

Assignments for July 27 & 28, 2019

Money Counters: Courtney Gerten and Chad Wolford

4:00 p.m.

Greeters: Basil Meyer
Cantor: Katie Hohenbrink
Ushers: Hank and Carol Schroeder
Lector: Jenny Roby
E.M.: Bob Minto, Edna Conkling
Servers: Jenna Downey and Addison Businger

10:00 a.m.

Greeters: Basil Meyer and Deb Buck
Cantor: Becca Schlumbohm
Ushers: Jeanne and Jerry Wehri
Lectors: Lisa Welch and Shannon Wannamacher
E.M.: Michelle Risner, Betty Gerten, John Schulte, Linda Kinn
Servers: Kendal Giesege, Makayla Schweingruber, and Jordan Schweingruber

Readings for July 28, 2019 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Genesis 18:20-32
2nd Reading: Colossians 2:12-14
Gospel Reading: Luke 11:1-13

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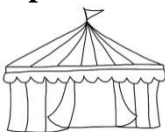
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Think VBS! Bluffton Community Vacation Bible School begins tonight!! Sunday – Thursday, July 21-25, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., for children age 4 to Grade 5 (completed). There is no fee. If you have questions, talk to Kelly Honse.

Parish Picnic and Welcome for the new pastor

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the parish picnic: Sunday, August 11, after the 10 o'clock Mass. It will be the welcome for the new pastor.



Correction:

We also know now that Bishop Daniel Thomas will be at St. Mary on Saturday, September 20, at the 4:00 o'clock Mass for Father John's official installation as pastor.

Remember the food drive for the food pantry. July is our turn. Put your donations at the west end of the social hall. Remember: cereals, canned meats and tuna, canned pastas, dry pastas with sauces (no glass containers), canned fruits, and paper products and personal hygiene items are great items to bring!



Carpet cleaning Thursday, July 25, all the carpets will be commercially cleaned. Be aware that access in the building may be limited. Also, be careful not to slip and fall.

American Red Cross Blood Drive is coming to Saint Mary's on Thursday, August 1st from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. We will need help with registration, hosts in the canteen, and donations of baked goods. Please check the sign-up sheet on the shelf in the main entrance to see where you can volunteer your time and talents and help the drive run smoothly!



Do you have a green thumb and not enough opportunity to show it off? This is your chance to do just that. Mennonite Memorial Home is sponsoring a Summer Garden Project. They are asking local churches to take care of a section of flower beds over the rest of the summer. This includes pruning and weeding that area. Each section will be marked with the name of the church taking care of it. If interested, call Jessica Strahm, Volunteer Coordinator, (419) 358-1015, ext. 248.

The Ottoville Immaculate Conception Parish Festival will be Sunday, July 21st. Family style chicken/beef dinners will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Center Banquet Room. The baked goods booth opens at 8:00 a.m. and the lunch stand will be open beginning at 11:00 a.m. Come join us for live entertainment, bingo, children's games, inflatables, face painting, a balloon artist, and more! Take a chance at the raffle booth to win some fabulous prizes. Visit the Parish Museum or take a tour of the beautiful church. And don't forget to get your tickets for a chance to win \$1000.00 and other cash prizes. For more information, call the Parish Office at (419) 453-3513.



A Golf Scramble is being planned to benefit **Family Promise**. Our hope is that each supporting congregation will have a team of 4. However, single golfers can be put on a team at the outing. The outing is July 27th at Hidden Creek Golf Club, 6245 Sugar Creek Road, Lima, Ohio with 8:00 a.m. Registration and a 9:00 a.m. Start. There are registration forms on the bulletin board if you are interested in registering. The cost to participate is \$75 per person or \$300 for a team of 4. Each team will get 18 holes of golf with 2 carts and a catered meal afterwards. For more information you may call 419-879-4600.

