

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 9, 2020

Dear Parishioners:

In today's Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus is pictured as giving His followers the first in a series of instructions in His Sermon on the Mount. In a clear, simple and direct way Jesus tells His followers what they must do and how they are to act by using the simile images of **salt** and **light**: "You are the **salt** of the earth" and "the **light** of the world." In these two short phrases Jesus describes the **identity** and **mission** of His followers. In other words Jesus is reminding us that we have been blessed with gifts, talents and resources and we must use these blessings for the betterment of others. **We** are to be **salt** and **light** for others. But how can we be and do so?

In today's first reading the prophet Isaiah offers us practical ways in which we can become **salt** and **light** and he tells us how we can make this happen: "Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own. Then your light shall break forth like the dawn..." Offering our love to others (especially to those who need it the most) in tangible ways will enable us to become **light** for those in darkness and become **salt** for those who need a taste of hope. In performing the classical **corporal works of mercy**: feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, giving drink to the thirsty, visiting the sick, visiting those in prison, and burying the dead we become **salt** and **light** in our world.

We sometimes tend to forget that there are other ways in which we can become **salt** and **light** in our community. These ways are called the **spiritual works of mercy**. These works of mercy are needed because they address needs that are deeper than the physical body. These works affect and help the mind, soul and spirit of others. The **spiritual works of mercy** include: correcting the sinner, instructing the ignorant, counseling the doubtful, comforting the sorrowful, bearing wrongs patiently and forgiving all injuries, and praying for the living and the dead. People admire the Church when it engages in the **corporal works of mercy** but when the Church talks about conversion, opening our lives to Christ's truth and following good ethics and upholding strong moral standards, often the Church faces anger and hostility from the world.

Jesus showed the world that there is a different way to be human: holiness, courage, forgiveness and generosity. When we choose gospel influence and put it into action over any other kind of worldly influence and when we give and show our love for others, then the world sees that the Church is a living and real presence in our community. *continued...*



Weekend Masses

Sat Feb 8	4:00 p.m	Cassie Kiene
Sun Feb 9	10:00 a.m.	For our parishioners
Sat Feb 15	4:00 p.m	Nick Stechschulte
Sun Feb 16	10:00 a.m.	Jan Schulte

Communion Service

Fri Feb 14 8:00 a.m. St. Mary's

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$3,800.00	Loose \$540.00
Children	\$40.40	Total \$4,380.40
78 envelopes returned = 37%		



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

Assignments for February 15 & 16, 2020

Money Counters: Courtney Gerten & Janet Begg

4:00 p.m. – *please sign the sheet in the main entrance*

Greeters: Jeanne Parinello

Cantor: Steve McCullough

Ushers: John Parinello

Lector: Jim Kinn

E.M.: Amy Marcum, Basil Meyer, Diana Bucher

Servers: Macy Schaadt, _____

10:00 a.m.

Greeters:

Cantor: Steve McCullough

Ushers: Mike and Rhonda Maag

Lectors: Chris Denecker

E.M.: Kim Garmatter, Luke Denecker, Larry Hoffman, Rachel Welch

Servers: Aubrey Sunderhaus, Elizabeth Honse, Ethan Hoffman

Readings for February 16, 2020 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Sirach 15:15 – 20

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6 – 10

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:17 – 37

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...Only when **we** become Christ-like will the world become seasoned properly and keep from decaying. Only when we do Jesus' work will we be able to bring **light** into the darkness of our communities. Remember a small candle can transform a darkened room and a pinch of **salt** can bring out the flavors in food. Therefore let us all become **salt** and **light** in our communities by putting into action the **corporal** and **spiritual works of mercy**. Have a blessed week.

Love & prayers,
Fr. John

Congratulations to Andrew and Megan Schaublin on the baptism of their daughter, Olive. Welcome to the Church family, Olive!

 **Ash Wednesday** is February 26th. We will have an Ash Service at noon and we will have mass at 7p.m. If you are a liturgical minister, please sign up on the shelf in the main entrance to see how you can help!

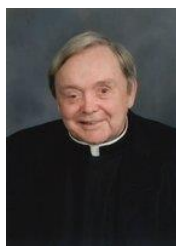
Serendipity by Sarah will be having a trunk show with handmade First Communion attire, Baptismal Outfits, Rosaries, veils, and Sacramental Gifts. They also do restoration work (cleaning and repair) of baptismal outfits, communion and wedding dresses and rosaries, as well as creating custom wedding dresses, veils, and flower girl dresses. All items displayed are "one of a kind" items for sale. Stop by on Wednesday, February 12, from 4 – 8 p.m. After \$150.00 in sales, 10% of the sales will be donated back to the church! Cash and checks are accepted. If you cannot make the sale, you can contact them directly at (419) 365 – 7111, (419) 722 – 3035, or serendipitybysarah@hotmail.com



Come be our guest for Mass, dinner and a talk on February 13 at 5:45PM at Lima Central Catholic High School. Janis Sunderhaus, CEO of Health Partners of Western Ohio, will be speaking about what the facility offers to our communities. The evening is sponsored by The Serra Club of Lima Area, which exists to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life. To make a reservation, please call Kathy McGraw at (419) 303-0339.

60 minutes for Jesus Rev. James Sichko, Priest, storyteller, and Catholic evangelist, will be speaking at St. Michael's main church on Bright Road in Findlay March 23 – 25 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Free childcare is provided. Email gleibfarth@findlaystmichael.org for more information!

Fr. David J. Lautermilch, 82, a senior status priest of the Diocese of Toledo, died on January 26, 2020. Please pray



for his family and the repose of his soul. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Mardi Gras! Come celebrate with us on Friday February 21, 2020 from 6:00 - 10:00 pm at St. Francis Campus, Elizabeth Schaefer Auditorium, 190 St. Francis Avenue Tiffin, Ohio. There will be Live Music, Games of Chance, Traditional Cajun Cuisine & Drinks, Silent and Live Auction. This is Cash Bar - 21 and over event. Tickets are \$35 each and will be entered into a drawing for \$500 at the event. Need not be present to win. Deadline for all reservations is February 14, 2020. Order your tickets at (419) 447 - 0435! Proceeds benefit the ministries of St. Francis Community

P.R.E.P

Children's Liturgy of the Word is during the 10 a.m. Mass

K-6: Class will meet this Wednesday, February 12th from 6:30 – 7:30

Jr High: Class will meet February 16th from 11 - 1



God Squad--High School Youth Group



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