

# Most Pure Heart of Mary Parish, A Member of the St. Juan Diego Deanery

My Dear Friends,

I hope that everyone has had a wonderful break during this holy season. I spent most of the time in bed, but thank the Lord I am feeling better now. Please remember, if you are sick please stay at home and catch Mass on TV. We can always arrange for someone to bring you communion. I tried to stay out of reach of most of you while I was at church. I apologize if I passed on any germs, but if I don't show up then there can't even be a Mass. I'm feeling much better now.

I want to thank all of you for your kind wishes, cards and gifts that you sent my way during the holidays. Your kindness has meant a lot to me these past 18 months.

This weekend we conclude the Christmas Season with the Baptism of the Lord. Today we are reminded by God that Jesus is the Son in whom He is well pleased. Tomorrow we return to Ordinary Time.

Finally, I noticed that many of you wondered what happened to the second collection for Debt Relief last weekend. We don't need it anymore! Many thanks to Angela Phillips for paying off the remaining balance. I also want to thank all of you who donated so much money for the debt relief these past 18 months. We couldn't have paid it off in such a short time without all of your support. Our monthly collections netted a total of \$48,099.92. God bless you for all of your hard work! Now we can begin saving money for the future.

Have a blessed, ordinary week!

- Fr. Jim

## DEBT REDUCTION COLLECTION:

**JAN. 3 & 4, 2015**

Beginning Debt	\$ 178,779.32
Total Debt Paid to Date	\$ (178,779.32)
<b>Remaining Balance</b>	<b>\$ --</b>

**SENIOR CENTER COMMUNITY DINNER:** On Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup> come to the Community Dinner at the Shelby Community & Senior Center from 5 -7 p.m. at 154 N. Gamble St. Please support this important fundraiser that Brenda Schroeder has generously volunteered to prepare. Cost of the meal is \$7 and is open to the public.

**POINSETTIAS CORRECTION:** In memory of Robert, James and Edward Schroeder, Donated By: Mildred Schroeder Family.

**2014 GIVING STATEMENTS:** Please call the Parish Office (419-347-2381) to request a 2014 Giving Statement. Please allow 3 days to process. Giving Statements may be picked up at the Parish Office M-F 10am-2pm or other times by appointment. If unable to make it to the Parish Office we will mail your Giving Statement upon request.

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### Monday, January 12

- 9:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Communion
- 4:30 p.m. 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> B-ball Practice—Gym
- 6:00 p.m. 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> B-ball Practice—Gym

### Tuesday, January 13

- 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph's (Plymouth)
- 9:00 a.m. Adoration & Benediction (Plymouth)
- 9:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Communion
- 5:30 p.m. 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> B-ball Game vs. Ashland
- 6:00 p.m. 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> B-ball Practice—Gym
- 7:00 p.m. Symbolon—Lower Level Meeting Room

### Wednesday, January 14

- 9:00 a.m. Mass—Prayers for Mary Ann Frye
- 6:00 p.m. CCD grades 1-6
- 6:00 p.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Communion/Reconciliation Parent Meeting—School Gym
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Praise Team—Music Room
- 6:30 p.m. RCIA—Lower Level Meeting Room
- 7:00 p.m. CCD grades 7-8—Student Session
- 7:00 p.m. DEEPER—Youth Room
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir—Music Room

### Thursday, January 15

- 9:00 a.m. Mass—Prayers for John & Helen Yetzer & Family
- 5:30 p.m. 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> B-ball Game vs. St. Pete's
- 6:00 p.m. Holy Hour
- 6:45 p.m. 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> B-ball Game vs. St. Pete's
- 7:00 p.m. Disciples of Song
- 7:30 p.m. 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> Grade B-ball Practice—Gym

### Friday, January 16

- 9:00 a.m. Mass—Prayers for Stephen & Gaylee Korbas
- 4:30 p.m. 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> B-ball Practice—Gym

### Saturday, January 17

- 10:00 a.m. 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> B-ball Game vs. Fremont
- 11:10 a.m. 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> B-ball Game vs. Fremont
- 12:20 p.m. 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade B-ball Game vs. Carey
- 5:00 p.m. Mass—Prayers for Kenneth Yosick, Ralph Johnson

### Sunday, January 18

- 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph's (Plymouth)
- 10:30 a.m. Mass—Prayers for The Arcudi Family, Thomas Stroup
- 2:00 p.m. 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> B-ball Game vs. Leipsic

## Daily Scripture Readings

- Monday: Heb.1:1-6; Ps.97:1,2b,6,7c,9; Mk.1:14-20
- Tuesday: Heb.2:5-12; Ps.8:2ab,5-9; Mk.1:21-28
- Wednesday: Heb.2:14-18; Ps.105:1-9; Mk.1:29-39
- Thursday: Heb.3:7-14; Ps.95:6-11; Mk.1:40-45
- Friday: Heb.4:1-5,11; Ps.78:3,4bc,6c-8; Mk.2:1-12
- Saturday: St. Anthony, Abbot (Memorial)  
Heb.4:12-16; Ps.19:8-10,15; Mk.2:13-17
- Sunday: 1Sm.3:3b-10,19; Ps.40:2,4,7-10;  
1Cor.6:13c-15a,17-20; Jn.1:35-42

**Saturday, Jan. 17, 5:00 p.m. Mass**

**Lector** Laurie Metzger  
**Servers** Kira & Will Metzger & Tanner Steiner  
**E.Ministers** Jim & Marge Karl, Deanie & Todd Kehres, Janet Kehres, Lori McCartney  
**Ushers** James Yetzer, Thomas Yetzer, Mark Young, Michael Zappa  
**Greeters** Chad & Liz Hicks, Craig & Janet Studer  
**Music** Maddie & Colton

**Sunday, Jan. 18, 10:30 a.m. Mass**

**Lector** Lois Steele  
**Servers** Derek Weir, Dalton Boyce, Zeb Finnegan  
**E.Ministers** Casey Kerr, Kathy Lowe, Scott Kurtzman, Beth & Ed Kurtzman, Ann Logan, Jake Penwell  
**Ushers** Howard Souder, Raymond Souder, Doug Crawford, John Reith  
**Greeters** Casey Kerr, Kathy Lowe, Volunteer  
**Music** Adult Choir

**SLAM YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**

Join us tonight, January 11<sup>th</sup> for SLAM in the youth room from 7 - 8:30 p.m! Bring a friend!

Youth Praise Team practice is this Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> from 6-6:45 in the school music room! 7<sup>th</sup> graders through college students are welcome to join us!

DEEPER continues this week from 7-8:30! I hope you can join us as we continue our study of Luke!

SLAM will be traveling to Winter Jam in Columbus Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>! More information will be available this week at CCD, SLAM and Deeper. Call Kari for more details.

The Back to Heartland High School Gathering is January 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>! Forms are available in the back of church near the bulletin board! Please consider joining us for this wonderful retreat featuring speaker Dr. John Wood! Forms will also be available at SLAM and Deeper this week.

There are extra copies of the SLAM calendar in the back of the church near the bulletin board!

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** There will be a mandatory meeting for parents of the children preparing for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. The meeting will be held Wednesday, January 14 at 6 PM in the school gym.

**GETTING RIGHT WITH GOD RETREAT:** God's will for us today exceeds the sum of all of our desires. Come spend the day in an adult retreat that focuses on "Getting Right with God" through a process that includes prayer, scripture study, discussion, individual reflection, and Eucharistic adoration. Resurrection Parish Fellowship Hall, Saturday, January 24 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Breakfast and lunch provided. Signup in narthex or call parish office 419-884-0060. All are welcome!

**Sacred Heart School PTO's Annual Euchre Tournaments:**

January 11 and February 15th, 2015, Doors open @ 3:00 pm, Play begins @ 3:30 pm, 50/50 drawing, food and drinks for sale RSVP to Laura Gosser 419-565-0909.

**CATHOLIC WOMENS CLUB:** The next luncheon will be Wednesday, January 14, 2015. It will be held at The Woods, 1313 S. Main Street, Mansfield, Ohio 44907. It will begin at 11:30. All Catholic women from any parish in our Deanery are invited to attend. If you are new, we encourage you to join us and get to know the Catholic women in our area. You may call Carol Sgambellone at 419 529-2758 or JoAnn Jerger at 567-274-7954 to make your reservation.

**Greetings from St. Mary's School**

*A ministry of Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church*

Save the date! January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 is our annual Catholic Schools Week celebration with an Open House kick-off taking place immediately following 10:30 Mass. We will begin the Open House with a free-will donation lunch. This year, we will have our first Academic Challenge for grades 3-6 Catholic school style! Please plan to come and enjoy the festivities and cheer on our students as they step up to the challenge! We also have some after lunch entertainment for you to enjoy, along with student crafted videos, and artwork on display.

**This month, we are launching a BOX TOP challenge!**

**Our Goal:** To raise \$3,250 in free money to fund our teacher materials for our new math program! How? Glad you asked! If each student and 1/3 of our parishioners could bring in 100 Box Tops in the next 5-months, it would raise nearly \$3,250 for St. Mary's amazing kids and teachers. That's 325 people bringing in 20 Box Tops per month for 5 months – we can do this and pay for our math program!

**WHAT TO CLIP AND SAVE**

Clip, save and submit all Box Tops for Education certificates and bonus certificates. Each unexpired Box Top is worth 1 point/\$0.10 (exception is bonus coupons – 10 bonus Box Tops = 10 points).

**How to submit your Box Tops**

1. Place the collected items in a zip top bag or on a Box Tops Collection Sheet
  2. If you wish to give a classroom credit, please be sure the grade or teacher's name is clearly marked on the bag/sheet
  3. Bring it to your teacher, or the school or parish office
- Thank you for keeping our parish and school in your prayers! You make a difference for us.

**We are truly blessed,**  
 Lisa M. Rhodes, Principal

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## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS – DECEMBER 20 & 21, 2014

### **Sunday Collections:**

Offertory	\$	6,680.00
Children's	\$	9.00
Religious Education	\$	70.00

### **Holy Day Collections:**

Immaculate Conception	\$	75.00
Christmas	\$	1,345.00
Mary Mother of God	\$	30.00

**TOTAL SUNDAY AND HOLY DAY COLLECTIONS** \$ **8,209.00 down \$2,833.00 from 2013/2014**

**Total Sunday and Holy Day Collections to Date** \$ 223,226.57 down \$15,257.00 from 2013/2014

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### **Other Parish Collections:**

Capital Improvement	\$	35.00
Debt Reduction	\$	210.00

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## CHRISTMAS COLLECTION – DECEMBER 24 & 25, 2014

### **Sunday Collections:**

Offertory	\$	1,019.00
Children's	\$	4.00

### **Holy Day Collections:**

Immaculate Conception	\$	11.00
Christmas	\$	22,695.50
Mary Mother of God	\$	34.00
Initial Offering	\$	55.00

**TOTAL SUNDAY AND HOLY DAY COLLECTIONS** \$ **23,818.50 up \$1,124.00 from 2013/2014**

**Total Sunday and Holy Day Collections to Date** \$ 247,045.07 down \$14,133.00 from 2013/2014

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### **Other Parish Collections:**

Debt Reduction	\$	20.00
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## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS – DECEMBER 27 & 28, 2014

### **Sunday Collections:**

Offertory	\$	11,199.12
Children's	\$	2.00
Religious Education	\$	10.00

### **Holy Day Collections:**

Immaculate Conception	\$	10.00
Christmas	\$	3,085.00
Mary Mother of God	\$	25.00
Initial Offering	\$	75.00

**TOTAL SUNDAY AND HOLY DAY COLLECTIONS** \$ **14,406.12 up \$2,160.00 from 2013/2014**

**Total Sunday and Holy Day Collections to Date** \$ 261,451.19 down \$11,973.00 from 2013/2014

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### **Other Parish Collections:**

Capital Improvement	\$	400.00
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### **Diocesan Collections:**

Human Development	\$	100.00
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**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS – DECEMBER 31, JANUARY 3 & 4, 2014**

**Sunday Collections:**

Offertory	\$	10,733.65
Children's	\$	14.70
Religious Education	\$	50.00

**Holy Day Collections:**

Youth Ministry	\$	105.00
Christmas	\$	500.00
Mary Mother of God	\$	885.00
Initial Offering	\$	250.00

<b>TOTAL SUNDAY AND HOLY DAY COLLECTIONS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>12,538.35</b>	down	<b>\$2,072.00</b>	from 2013/2014
Total Sunday and Holy Day Collections to Date	\$	273,989.54	down	\$14,045.00	from 2013/2014

**Other Parish Collections:**

Capital Improvement	\$	10,155.00
Debt Reduction	\$	18,659.00

**Diocesan Collections:**

Religious Retirement Fund	\$	400.00
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Thank you so much to everyone who rang the bell for the Salvation Army. We appreciate all of your help!

Thank you to the Ladies and Gentlemen who made the cabbage rolls and cube steaks for the Bazaar!

--Kathy Kanney



I feel so blessed to be part of MPM as your Deacon and of St. Joseph's as Deacon & Pastoral Associate. Your kindness over this Christmas Season

has been overwhelming! Thank you for the kind words, greetings, and your tokens of appreciation. God bless you as we begin a new year allowing His graciousness and love to permeate your lives.

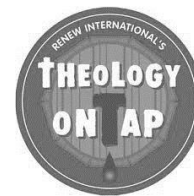
--Deacon Fred

**FROM THE DIOCESE:** Whenever a county/city within the Diocese of Toledo is placed under a **Level 3 Snow Emergency**, during which all roadways are closed to non-emergency personnel, the Catholic Churches within that geographic region will cancel the scheduled Saturday Vigil or Sunday, or Holy Day Masses. Roman Catholics in that region, therefore, are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass. If Masses are cancelled, Catholics are encouraged to participate in Holy mass via television, radio or internet, making a spiritual Communion. When Mass is cancelled, all other diocesan, parish, or school events in that geographic region are also cancelled.

**WEEKDAY MASSES** will not be celebrated if the Shelby School System has closed for the day due to bad weather. We will celebrate weekday Masses if the schools only remain on a "delay", but please do not venture out onto the roads if it seems too dangerous for you to be driving during a delay.

<b>EXCEL BEYOND THE BASICS SCHOOL FUND DRIVE Our Goal \$47,000.00</b>	
Collected Dec. 20 & 21, 2014	\$ 20.00
Collected Dec. 27 & 28, 2014	\$ 15.00
Collected Dec. 31, 2014, Jan. 3 & 4, 2015	\$ 410.00
<b>Total Collected to Date</b>	<b>\$51,576.00</b>

**Adoption "Choose Life" License plates:**  
Renewing your license plate? Select the Ohio Adoption "Choose Life" plate and Catholic Charities' adoption program will receive a portion of the proceeds if you live in Lucas, Wood, Henry, Fulton, Erie, Huron, Crawford, Ottawa, Richland, Sandusky, or Seneca Counties. Help us promote adoption as a loving option!



**THEOLOGY ON TAP**  
Thursday, January 22, 2015, 6:00 p.m.  
Rectory at St. Bernard  
412 W. Mansfield St., New Washington  
Topic: Bourbon & Blessings  
Presenter: Fr. Eric Culler,  
Pastor St. Francis & St. Bernard

<b>Sponsor of the Week</b>
<b>Jon D. Schaefer</b>
<b>419-347-6565</b>

## DEACON'S CORNER

Wow! It seems like yesterday I started writing these articles on the Mass and here we are at the Concluding Rites of the Mass. Obviously I could have gone into much greater detail but because of space limitations and time, I took the highlights. Many of you have expressed your gratitude to me about this column. Comments like, 'I didn't know that!' or 'when did that change?' and 'I enjoy reading your columns, it gives some good information about our faith.' are some of the feedback I've received. If you found yourself realizing that there are things you did not know, or things that have changed in any one of these articles, it stresses the importance of staying abreast with your faith, her teachings, her dogma and doctrines. Bulletin columns can do some of these updates but there is much richness that cannot begin to be touched in a format such as this! Many courses, seminars, are offered in local parishes as adult education as well as throughout the diocese. I encourage you to allow yourselves to grow by feeding yourself. In feeding yourself, you will engage yourself to want to learn more! No one goes through life without learning more about something they love and care about. The same is true of our faith! Even before I became a deacon, I attended and continually allowed myself to be nourished beyond the Sunday Mass homilies with seminars, sessions and courses from local parishes and the diocese. We have a responsibility to take what we have been given and allow it to grow; this is done through further education!

The Concluding Rites following the distribution of Communion in the Mass begins with the Closing Prayer. This prayer takes the prayers presented by everyone throughout the Mass and brings them back for presentation to the Father. It summarizes the prayers of the Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist into one prayer of the people and as the celebrant prays this prayer for the people, it brings all our intentions into one resounding song of praise and worship to God our Father! The celebrant then says "The Lord be with you", this greeting and reply are from ancient origins. This greeting can be found in scripture in Ruth 2:4, Luke 1:28, Judges 6:12, 2Chronicles15:2, 2Thessalonians 3:16 and the response in 2Timothy 4:22, Philemon 25, Galatians 6:18, and in Philippians 4:23. I think this more than speaks of its scriptural base. It was used as a greeting between peoples. In today's Church it is used by the ordained to greet the people of the flock. It is used widely by various Churches in the presbyterium leadership of Christian peoples.

The blessing is given by the celebrant to which the people respond 'Amen.' A calling upon God to bless, protect, lead and guide you as you are dismissed into the world, this prayer is the Church's blessing. The dismissal is intoned by the bishop, priest, or deacon with a variation on what may be used according to the Roman Missal. Go forth, the Mass is ended, Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord, Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your lives, or Go in peace. As the celebrant ends this dismissal, the response is a resounding

'Thanks be to God' by the people. What we are thanking God for is the ability to take what we have learned through the readings, the homily, and being fed by the Eucharist into the world to spread the Good News to all peoples. I can remember back when the Latin Mass was translated, I thought this was because the Mass was over and wondered why we would be doing that. This was misinformation for me and I now know I did not have a good understanding of what we doing at this part of the ritual. If we leave what we have been given in the Church, then we have missed our Baptismal call to be priest, prophet and king to all persons we encounter. We have a responsibility to teach others, to evangelize and to spread God's word to those around us. We can no longer be innocent bystanders, attending Mass on Sunday leaving it behind. We are to take our faith with us to the workplace, into the markets, into the shelters and streets. We are charged with being the hands and feet of Jesus himself as each of us carry him within us from our very birth until our dying breath. Our Christianity, our beliefs, our faith is something to be shared, not hidden!

The celebrant/ordained reverence the altar both at the beginning and at the end of Mass with a kiss and a profound bow as he withdraws from the sanctuary. The altar itself is a sacred place where the sacrifice takes place. It has been blessed and consecrated by a bishop when the Church is dedicated. Sometimes the altar contains relics of Saints in the altar stone, a stone around the relics of the Saint and set into the altar's center toward the middle front of the altar where the priest stands during the consecration. It is here that the consecration of the bread and wine takes place requiring and deserving recognition and a place of honor.

*Deacon Fred Hokenster*

This is my beloved Son, by whom  
I am fulfilled.

--Matthew 3:17

