

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

Dear Friends,

In this weekend's first reading, the Ninevites hear the preaching of Jonah and repent of their evil ways, thus experiencing the Lord's compassion. Do we repent when we hear the preaching of Jesus? A faith based education can help children prepare to avoid sin and do good in a world that can at times be as sinful as it was in Nineva.

Today we begin a week of celebrating Catholic Schools. We proudly support this ministry with our own school, St. Mary, in Shelby. We have a lot to be thankful for at our school: a dedicated faculty and staff, hard-working students and loving parents. Just the other day we had an honors assembly. I was impressed with the high percentage of students who received certificates. As a product of a Catholic education, I am happy for all of the care and attention I received beginning in Grade One and concluding when I graduated from Theology; a total of 19 years of faith based instruction! I'm so happy that we can provide at least a Pre-K through Grade Six Roman Catholic education for our children. Please make an effort to stop by and visit the school during Sunday's Open House! Thank you for all of you support over the years.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the year's March for Life this past week in Washington D.C. This is one more way we can witness our Catholic Christian values!

God bless,  
- Fr. Jim

**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 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. or other times by appointment. If unable to make it to the Parish Office we will mail your Giving Statement upon request.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** For those of you who signed up and for anyone else who may be interested, there will be an informational meeting on Tuesday night, January 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. in the lower level meeting room in the Parish Center. Materials will be distributed at this time and we will establish a schedule for the next 10-12 weeks. All are welcome!

--Barb Pifher-Pastoral Associate

**PASTA DINNER BENEFIT:** SLAM will be hosting a Pasta Dinner on Sat., Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> after the 5 p.m. mass! Mark your calendar for a free-will donation meal to help support our students as we raise funds for our Summer Camp Retreats!

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### Monday, January 26

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 27

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph's (Plymouth)  
9:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Communion  
6:00 p.m. 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> B-ball Practice—Gym  
7:00 p.m. Bible Study—Lower Level Meet. Room

### Wednesday, January 28

9:00 a.m. Mass—Prayers for Charles Phillips  
6:00 p.m. CCD grades 1-6  
6:00 p.m. Youth Praise Team—Music Room  
6:30 p.m. RCIA—Lower Level Meet. Room  
7:00 p.m. CCD grades 7-8—Parent Session  
7:00 p.m. DEEPER—Youth Room  
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir—Music Room

### Thursday, January 29

9:00 a.m. Mass—Prayers for Donald Branch  
4:00 p.m. 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> B-ball Practice—Gym  
5:30 p.m. 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> B-ball Game @ Ashland St. Ed's  
6:00 p.m. Holy Hour  
6:30 p.m. Title I Parent Workshop—Theology Room  
7:00 p.m. 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> B-ball Practice—Gym  
7:00 p.m. Disciples of Song

### Friday, January 30

9:00 a.m. Mass—Prayers for Fr. Michael Schelling

### Saturday, January 31

10:00 a.m. 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> B-ball Game vs. Upper  
10:10 a.m. 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade B-ball Game @ Findlay  
5:00 p.m. Mass—Prayers for Robert L. Turner, Sr.,  
Fr. Jerome Niedermier

### Sunday, February 1

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph's (Plymouth)  
10:30 a.m. Mass—Prayers for Robert Chew,  
Sam & Dorothy Roush, Dan Foreman,  
Ed Schroeder  
2:10 p.m. 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> B-ball Game @ Fostoria  
4:00 p.m. SLAM Super Bowl Pregame Party

## Daily Scripture Readings

Monday: Sts. Timothy & Titus, Bishops (Memorial)  
2Tm.1:1-8; Ps.96:1-3,7-8a,10; Mk.3:22-30

Tuesday: Heb.6:10:1-10; Ps.40:2,4ab,7-8a,10-11;  
Mk.3:31-35

Wednesday: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the  
Church (Memorial)  
Heb.10:11-18; Ps.110:1-4; Mk.4:1-20

Thursday: Heb.10:19-25; Ps.24:1-6; Mk.4:21-25

Friday: Heb.10:32-39; 37:3-6,23-24,39-40;  
Mk.4:26-34

Saturday: St. John Bosco, Priest (Memorial)  
Heb.11:1-2,8-19; Lk.1:69-75; Mk.4:35-41

Sunday: Dt.18:15-20; Ps.95:1-2,6-9; 1Cor.7:32-35;  
Mk.1:21-28

**Saturday, Jan. 31, 5:00 p.m. Mass**

**Lector** Mike Metzger  
**Servers** Caleb Vogt, Oliver Wagner, Jenna Wilson  
**E.Ministers** Julie Friebel, Marilyn Moore, David Yetzer, Laurie Metzger, Betty & Jim Yetzer,  
**Ushers** Craig Studer, Mark Studer, Vincent Studer, Chad Hicks  
**Greeters** Jeff & JoAnn Peiffer, Kathleen & Bob Schroeder  
**Music** Youth Praise Team

**Sunday, Feb. 1, 10:30 a.m. Mass**

**Lector** Amy Dannemiller  
**Servers** Gloria & Julia Gutchall, Danielle Krietemeyer  
**E.Ministers** Angela Yetzer, Dick & Becky Young, Teresa Fitch, Glenda Friebel, Todd & Deanie Kehres  
**Ushers** Sam Boyce, Steven Beer, Alex Kreinbrink, Jeff Kreinbrink  
**Greeters** Dave & Nita Walsh, Volunteer  
**Music** Adult Choir

**J-O-Y (Just Older Youth):** We will meet on Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Center in the lower level meeting room. We will be viewing the movie **"God Is Not Dead"** at 10:00 am. If school is delayed, we will watch the movie, if school is cancelled, we will reschedule. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome!

**Sacred Heart School PTO's Annual Euchre Tournament:** February 15<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**SLAM YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**

There are no SLAM events this Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> after the March for Life trip.

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

Youth Praise Team practice is this Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> from 6-6:45 in the school music room!

Next Sunday, February 1st SLAM will be hosting a Super Bowl Pregame Party from 4-6 p.m. Please bring a tailgating or football game watching snack to share! We will be taking a Super Bowl quiz, playing some Kinect football and spending time in fellowship! Then you can go home in time to watch the 6:30 p.m. kickoff!

High School Girls! Don't make plans for February 13<sup>th</sup>! We will be having our Girls Only Overnight Retreat! Disney movies, facials, painting nails and we will take a look at modesty and purity in our world today! Join us for the ultimate slumber party!

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING:** The Souper Bowl of Caring is dedicated to tackling all of the issues that exist in our communities, including poverty, hunger and homelessness. Next weekend after Masses there will be youth group members at all the exits with soup pots. You can give a monetary donation or bring a non-perishable food item to donate. 100% of the donation will go to Shelby Helpline to help combat these issues in our community.

**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!

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS – JAN. 17 & 18, 2015**

**Sunday Collections:**

Offertory	\$	6,614.21
Children's	\$	9.00
Religious Education	\$	50.00
Youth Ministry	\$	175.00
Initial Offering	\$	75.00

**Holy Day Collections:**

Christmas	\$	100.00
Mary Mother of God	\$	10.00
Immaculate Conception	\$	20.00

**TOTAL SUNDAY AND HOLY DAY COLLECTIONS \$ 7,053.21 down \$1,672.00 from 2013/2014**

Total Sunday and Holy Day Collections to Date \$ 291,385.65 down \$12,821.00 from 2013/2014

**Other Parish Collections:**

Capital Improvement	\$	620.00
Support Your School	\$	45.00

**Diocesan Collections:**

Church in Eastern Europe	\$	10.00
Religious Retirement	\$	50.00

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## Greetings from St. Mary's School

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

We hope you will join us in celebration of Catholic Schools Week and National School Choice Week. The week begins Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> with an open house. We will enjoy a free-will donation lunch of soup and sandwich, a presentation by Prek-2 and Academic Challenge...Catholic School style! Students have been working hard on Art projects literacy projects, and science displays for your enjoyment. Festivities begin immediately following our 10:30 a.m. Mass.

We have been practicing a new dance in celebration of National School Choice week. We are one of over 9,000 schools participating. We are looking forward to showcasing that as well as our Faith video. In the faith video, our students share, in three words, what faith means to them.

Feel free to like St. Mary's School, Shelby on Facebook and add the 3 words that describe what faith means to you on the post about our school-wide video! Many have already shared, please join us and help us grow in our faith!

Mrs. Little is running a series of reading workshops for parents. All parents of elementary students are invited to attend, to learn more about supporting your budding readers! Mrs. Little will be sharing tips and materials to help you help your student excel in both reading and comprehension, along with fluency. Sign-up forms are available in the back of church or on the school website. For more information call 419-342-2626. The classes are on Thursdays at 6:30-7:30 p.m. over the next 3 weeks.

Our Christmas bazaar results are in! We are pleased to say that cutting back a bit on the time had a minimal impact to the outcome of the amazing event. We were able to bring in \$12,938.56, even with the reduction of 1 day. The difference year over year was \$2,722.15. In 2013, the bazaar brought in \$15,668.71, but we have to cover another entire day with volunteers and spend an extra day cooking for the Saturday meal. We want to thank you for supporting the change, allowing us to be more respectful with our volunteer time and yet still have a truly wonderful event!

At the bazaar, I was reminded that we talk about our academic success, but even beyond test scores, we should try to assemble some data around top high school honors and St. Mary's students. So, I did just that. By contacting the Shelby public schools, I was able to receive a list of the top graduating students since they first started the #1 in the class recognition back in 2000. Did you know that over the past 15 years, 18 students were recognized (some years there were multiple students)? Our records show that **50% of the top honor students were also former St. Mary's students!** That is truly something of which we are proud!

**We are still collecting Box Tops!** They can be dropped off in the back of church or at school.

Please keep our school and parish in your prayers. We are very proud of our faith community and feel very blessed we are to have your support.

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

**EXCEL BEYOND THE BASICS  
SCHOOL FUND DRIVE  
Our Goal \$47,000.00**

Collected Jan. 17 & 18, 2015	\$ 160.00
<b>Total Collected to Date</b>	<b>\$ 52,026.00</b>

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK OPEN HOUSE & LUNCHEON

Sunday, January 25, 2015

### Free-will Donation Lunch

Chili Soup with all the fixings

Chicken Rivel Soup

Hot Dog

Serving starting at 11:30 a.m.

(Sponsored by St. Mary's PTO)

Entertainment by our  
Preschool, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students.

Cheer on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>  
graders as they compete in



Catholic School Style.

Watch School-wide Faith Videos.

*(Produced by our own St. Mary's Students)*

View artwork created by the students  
in their art classes.

### Collection for the Church in Latin America:

Today, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Your gifts to the collection will fund catechesis, marriage and family life programs, and seminarian education in Latin America and the Caribbean. The support you give today will provide opportunities for years to come. Please support the Church in Latin America and be generous in today's collection.

### WHAT DOES THE CHURCH TEACH ABOUT THE END OF LIFE?:

On Sat., Feb. 7, 2015, at 2 p.m., the Sorrowful Mother Shrine south of Bellevue will host a presentation in the Shrine cafeteria on End of Life Issues. This hour-long program will explore the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' directives concerning the end of life and our Christian response to our mortality. To register for this presentation or for more information, call 419-483-3435 ext. 6. Cost is a donation. (There is also a 4 p.m. Mass available.)

## DEACON'S CORNER

With a New Year, we have a new topic for this column over the next weeks. Today I am beginning a series of articles on the Sacraments of the Catholic Church. With that said, I think it proper that we start with an overview of what we may already know, but to get everyone on the same page, I think it best to restate perhaps, some known facts. It never hurts to reiterate some things over and over so that we remember or recall what we have been taught in the past. For those who don't know, they too can use the information to stay abreast of their faith.

We have seven sacraments within our faith. These are divided into groups. The group Sacraments of Initiation includes Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Another group is the Sacraments of Service, which includes Marriage and Holy Orders. Finally the last group is the Sacraments of Healing that contain the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of the Sick. Grouping of these is something that I as a kid, never was taught, exactly when this started I am not sure, but it is kind of nice since it tells you immediately what the sacraments are for. Of the seven sacraments only four can be repeated regularly, those being include Eucharist, Anointing of the Sick, Penance or Reconciliation which known by both titles, and Holy Orders. (If a person is studying for the priesthood, Holy Orders is divided into deacon, presbyterate and bishop, a total of three separate ordinations. Of the three pieces of the sacrament, each can only be received once.) Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage are considered one time sacraments. As we cover each of these sacraments in their particular columns, we will go into much greater detail, than here in this overview.

The very word 'sacrament' comes from a Latin word meaning "a sign of the sacred." A sacrament is a sacred sign that points to the sacred and what is important for us as Christians of the Catholic faith. They are a special experience in which the saving power of God's presence is felt. They are means for God's grace within each of us to be nourished drawing each of us closer to the sacred. The sacraments were established by the Church from Christ's actions while here on earth. Each sacrament is derived from Christ example and teachings. Sacraments are meant by the Church to bring us into the presence of Jesus, drawing us into the ritual itself whereby the sacrament is given to those wishing to receive it. They are meant to make us holy, build up the body of Christ and to give praise and worship to God. The life of the Church evolves around the Eucharistic sacrifice and the sacraments. Those who receive any of the sacraments are believed to have knowledge of what they are physically doing and a belief in their significant revelation to us. They nourish, strengthen and express our faith, a reason they are sometimes called "sacraments of faith." The sacraments help to bridge the gap between God and his people with God as the Mediator Jesus Christ and by his work of redemption. The sacrament's doctrine is the second part of God's way of salvation to us. They deal with the holy signs which Christ instituted as vehicles of his grace.

The mystery of the union in Christ in his humanness with the second person of the Trinity is the human actions and sufferings of Christ making them divine actions and sufferings. The sacraments are a continuation of this mystery. The sacraments standing by themselves could never acquire supernatural significance. Christ made the sacraments, a sign which affect every person's grace that resides within them. We will discuss a group of these sacraments, which I feel are probably the least understood by many Catholics. Can you guess which two these are?

*Deacon Fred Habruster*

**A Project Rachel Retreat for Hope & Healing after Abortion** will be held Saturday, Jan. 31, 2015, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The retreat is designed to help women hurting from past abortions to experience the personal love of Christ and find hope for healing. The location is confidential within the Diocese of Toledo. The cost is \$20 and includes lunch. Scholarships are available. Pre-registration is required. For more information, please contact Tara Woodbury of Project Rachel at (419) 654-4886 or e-mail: [projectrachel@toledodiocese.org](mailto:projectrachel@toledodiocese.org).

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN 2015 WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES:** What if you could help feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked and get in shape at the same time? Join the Catholic Charities Team at the Glass City Marathon and be part of a larger network of people seeking to make a difference. Walkers and runners are welcome to help achieve our team goal of raising \$40,000. Informational meetings with opportunities to meet other team members will be hosted February 10 in Toledo and February 17 in Findlay. To learn more, visit [www.catholiccharitiesteam.kintera.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesteam.kintera.org). RSVP to Amber Stargell at [astargell@toledodiocese.org](mailto:astargell@toledodiocese.org) or 419-244-6711, ext. 232.

**World Meeting of Families Pilgrimage:** Join Bishop Daniel E. Thomas as he leads the Diocese of Toledo on a Pilgrimage to the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia in September 2015! The World Meeting of Families is the world's largest Catholic gathering of families. This year's theme is "Love is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive," emphasizing the impact of the love and life of families on our society. This pilgrimage includes an opportunity to attend the Papal Mass with Pope Francis. For news, and to learn more about the pilgrimage led by Bishop Daniel, contact Monica Martinez: [mmartinez@toledodiocese.org](mailto:mmartinez@toledodiocese.org), 419-244-6711 ext. 715, or sign up for updates at [toledodiocese.org/page/marriage-and-family](http://toledodiocese.org/page/marriage-and-family).

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