

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

My Dear Parishioners:

Thanks for all of the cards and well wishes on my birthday last week!

Please try to remember that cold weather is just as dangerous as snowy weather. I realize that some of you lived "back in the day when we walked through two feet of snow to get to church, etc." This isn't "back in the day." Sadly, we live in a very litigious society and, as your pastor, I cannot be responsible for people driving or walking in icy or snowy weather. As a younger pastor I used to have church activities, no matter what happened. One day an elderly parishioner got into a horrible accident attempting to make it to church in bad weather. She was OK, but then her family threatened to sue me and the parish. She lived and talked them out of a law suit. Praise God! Please watch local media for information about closings. WMFD even has a web page devoted to closings.

This has been the coldest and wettest February in recorded history for our county and for all of Northern Ohio. March may be pretty bad too. Please practice patience and humility and respect my authority and decisions.

You are all wonderful people, but I cannot and will not be responsible for people risking their lives trying to attend a parish event (that had already been cancelled).

– Fr. Jim

**RESCHEDULED Spaghetti Dinner:** St. Joseph Catholic Church, Plymouth will be hosting a spaghetti dinner on Mar. 15. Serving spaghetti with meat sauce, breadsticks, salad and beverage from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Freewill offering. Carry out available! For more information call [419-687-4611](tel:419-687-4611). Sponsored by St. Joseph A & R Society.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4 MASS CHANGE:

Mass for this date will be in the lower level meeting room in the parish office.

**MPHM Mini Confirmation Retreat:** Mar. 7 at Most Pure Heart of Mary in the school from 2 p.m. – 6 p.m., Mass included. Families are invited to attend the Mass at 5 p.m. Confirmation candidates who were unable to make the Back to Heartland retreat **MUST** make this retreat. If there are questions please contact Sherry Stockmaster.

**BLANKET SUNDAY:** The annual blanket Sunday will be held on Sat. & Sun., Mar. 7-8. The cost of the blankets is still \$5.00 each. The money goes to Church World Service and they provide the blankets for those in need after earthquakes, floods and other disasters in the world and our own country. Envelopes will be in the church pews for 2 weeks. Your help is very much appreciated. Thank you.

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### Monday, March 2

9:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Communion  
10:00 a.m. Bible Study—Lower Level Meet. Room  
6:00 p.m. 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Basketball Banquet

### Tuesday, March 3

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph's (Plymouth)  
9:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Communion  
6:00 p.m. Bible Study—Lower Level Meet. Room

### Wednesday, March 4

9:00 a.m. Mass—Prayers for Eileen Huggins  
10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl—Lower Level Room  
6:00 p.m. CCD grades 1-6  
6:00 p.m. Youth Room Open  
6:30 p.m. RCIA—Lower Level Meet. 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, March 5

9:00 a.m. Mass—Prayers for John & Helen Yetzer & Family  
6:00 p.m. Holy Hour  
7:00 p.m. Disciples of Song—Music Room

### Friday, March 6

9:00 a.m. Mass—Prayers for Kenneth Kempf  
9:45 a.m. First Friday Breakfast  
11:30 a.m. Children's Stations of the Cross—Church  
4:30 p.m. Fish Fry—McFadden Hall  
5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Plymouth)  
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross  
7:30 p.m. Closing & Benediction

### Saturday, March 7

8:30 a.m. Rosary & Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
9:00 a.m. First Saturday Mass  
1:00 p.m. Mini Confirmation Retreat—Theology Room  
5:00 p.m. Mass—Prayers for Wayne McDowell, Charles & Beda Phillips

### Sunday, March 8

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph's (Plymouth)  
10:30 a.m. Mass—Prayers Thomas Stroup, Dolores Biglin  
7:00 p.m. SLAM—Youth Room

## Daily Scripture Readings

Monday: Dn.9:4b-10; Ps.79:8-9,11,13; Lk.6:36-38  
Tuesday: Is.1:10,16-20; Ps.50:8-9,16bc-17,21,23; Mt.23:1-12  
Wednesday: Jer.18:18-20; Ps.31:5-6,14-16; Mt.20:17-28  
Thursday: Jer.17:5-10; Ps.1:1-4,6; Lk.16:19-31  
Friday: Gn.37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a; Ps.105:16-21; Mt.21:33-43,45-46  
Saturday: Mi.7:14-15,18-20; Ps.103:1-4,9-12; Lk.15:1-3,11-32  
Sunday: Ex.20:1-17; Ps.19:8-11; 1Cor.1:22-25; Jn.2:13-25

**Saturday, Mar. 7, 5:00 p.m. Mass**

**Lector** Lori McCartney  
**Servers** Tanner Steiner, Caleb Vogt, Jenna Wilson  
**E.Ministers** Marilyn Moore, Barb Pifher, Dave Steele, Lois Steele, Vincent Studer, David Yetzer  
**Ushers** Craig Studer, Mark Studer, Vincent Studer, Chad Hicks  
**Greeters** Richard & Amy Greene, Chad & Liz Hicks  
**Music** Adult Choir

**Sunday, Mar. 8, 10:30 a.m. Mass**

**Lector** John Gies  
**Servers** Anna & Theresa Dannemiller, Danielle Krietemeyer  
**E.Ministers** Casey Kerr, Kathy Lowe, Ann Logan, Deanie Kehres, Colton Penwell, Lisa Rhodes, Linda Shaughnesy  
**Ushers** Todd Kehres, Tristan Kehres, Adam Bihl, AJ Bihl  
**Greeters** Dave & Nita Walsh, Volunteer  
**Music** Disciples of Song

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Mickey Friebe, Laurel Parrish, Barbara Gosser, Lois Robertson, Virgil Schroeder, Ray Olack, Sally Biglin, Jessica Yetzer, Pete Bashore, Sylvia Beer, Sharon Kessler, Dave Ensmann, Eric Wechter, Stacie Finnegan.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** There will be a mandatory meeting for parents of the children preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. The meeting will be held Wednesday, March 11 at 6 p.m. in the school gym.

**COME SAIL AWAY**

at St. Mary's Spring Fling , Friday, April 24

**SLAM YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**

This Sunday, March 1st we will meet for SLAM from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the youth room! Join us for food, fellowship and fun! Bring a friend!

The Youth Room will be open from 6:00-6:45 p.m. this Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>! Come spend some time in fellowship before Deeper and CCD start at 7 p.m.

DEEPER continues this week with the book of Luke! Come join us in the youth room from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Next Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> we have been invited to St. Joseph in Crestline for an evening performance of Frank Ruyneon, Since there is a parent meeting for CCD, all students in 7-12<sup>th</sup> grades are welcome to come!

Attention all current 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders! Would you like to grow stronger in your faith and closer to God? If you do, you need to sign up for Steubenville! Steubenville is a three day retreat that takes place June 12<sup>th</sup>- 14<sup>th</sup> in Steubenville, Ohio. It includes opportunities for Mass, Adoration, and Reconciliation in addition to keynote speakers, praise and worship music, breakout sessions and much more! It is an amazing opportunity and the cost is only \$100. There will be fundraising opportunities available! If you are interested you need to contact Kari at **419-571-3803** before Wednesday!

**ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR GIRLS:**

"The Catholic Women's Club is offering a \$500.00 Scholarship to a high school senior girl who is planning to attend college. You do not have to be attending a catholic high school or plan to attend a catholic college to apply. See your Youth Director or Pastor for more information."

**Our Lenten Day of Prayer** will be held on March 21st, in the Parish Center, lower level meeting room. Our presenter for the day will be Deacon Tom Dubois from Resurrection Parish in Lexington. Deacon Tom's message will be "**A Walk through Holy Week**". Reservations are needed for food and materials. To register, please call **419-347-2381** by March 18<sup>th</sup>.

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS – FEB. 21 & 22, 2015**

**Sunday Collections:**

Offertory	\$	8,264.50
Children's	\$	8.10
Religious Education	\$	60.00
Youth Ministry	\$	15.00
Initial Offering	\$	20.00
Support Your School	\$	150.00

**TOTAL SUNDAY AND HOLY DAY COLLECTIONS \$ 8,517.60 up \$1,849.00 from 2013/2014**

Total Sunday and Holy Day Collections to Date \$ 333,309.17 down \$11,617.00 from 2013/2014

**Diocesan Collections:**

Church in Eastern Europe	\$	705.43
Black & Indian	\$	200.00

**Other Parish Collections:**

Capital Improvement	\$	525.00
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## Greetings from St. Mary's School

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

Thank you for coming out to support the fish fry! We had an awesome turn out and even sold completely out! We were blessed to have delicious desserts donated by our parish and school families and many helping hands to cook, serve, set-up and tear down. You made a difference for us! Our next fish fry is March 6<sup>th</sup>. We welcome your help and invite you to dine in and enjoy a delicious dinner out in support of St. Mary's PTO.

Our students kicked off a Lenten Journey of PRAYER this week. They used the word PRAYER as an acronym to remember how very important it is to live out God's gospel. Each student received a faith badge to wear to remind them about their mission. "P" is for prayer, "R" is for respect, "A" is for paying attention, "Y" is to yearn to hear, "E" is to earn respect, "R" is to be responsible. Our 6<sup>th</sup> grade student council spent time developing the concept behind "PRAYER" and then, during our k-6 morning lobby gathering, our student council president explained the message. Ava also carefully noted in her message to her fellow classmates, that it isn't about being recognized for these things, it is about living out PRAYER in your daily lives, by putting others first and delivering acts of kindness because you know it is the right thing to do.

Please note that next week, students will have the opportunity to celebrate Mass with the Bishop on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. in Mansfield at St. Peter's church! The weekly Wednesday Mass celebration that normally takes place in the gym will be held at the parish center, lower level instead for this week only.

Open enrollment for the 2015-16 school year is underway! Did you know that we offer a referral program of 20% off tuition for new incoming families? All parishioners are eligible to offer a new family a 20% discount. The referring family will also receive a 20% discount if they have St. Mary's School tuition. Last year, we welcomed 3 referrals into the school! Please contact the school for more details.

Did you know that we offer a **Leap of Faith** grant for parish families who wish to transfer their students' entering in k-6 into St. Mary's School? It is a \$1500 tuition grant that spans the first 2-years. The discount is per student with a \$1000 grant credit in year 1, and \$500 grant credit in year 2. This is our 2<sup>nd</sup> year for this program.

Our spring fund raiser is underway! Students are selling Butter Braids. Each fish fry dinner will have free samples for you to enjoy! We baked a variety of different delectable treats for your discriminating pallet to try! Please take the opportunity to order your pastries just in time for your Easter celebration. They will be available for pick up at school on March 17<sup>th</sup> 3:30 – 5:30 pm. We will have samples and take orders at the Mar 6<sup>th</sup> Fish Fry!

Thank you for keeping our school and parish in your prayers. Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church is celebrating 135 years of maintaining open enrollment at St. Mary's School, giving ALL families in and around the Shelby community a school choice! Because of your support, we give parents the choice to be able to bring their children closer to God through an excellent education enriched by faith and core values.

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

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

Collected Feb. 21 & 22, 2015	\$ 140.00
<b>Total Collected to Date</b>	<b>\$ 52,681.00</b>

**St. Mary's PTO FISH FRY DINNER:** The event is open to the public; come and enjoy, Mar. 6. Dinner is served 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Menu: Alaskan Pollock (baked or fried), baked potato, coleslaw or applesauce, roll & butter, drink & dessert. (Mac 'n Cheese Option for children) Prices: Adults \$8.00; Children Ages 5-10 years \$5.00; 4 and younger are free. Where: St. Mary's School Gym/McFadden Hall.

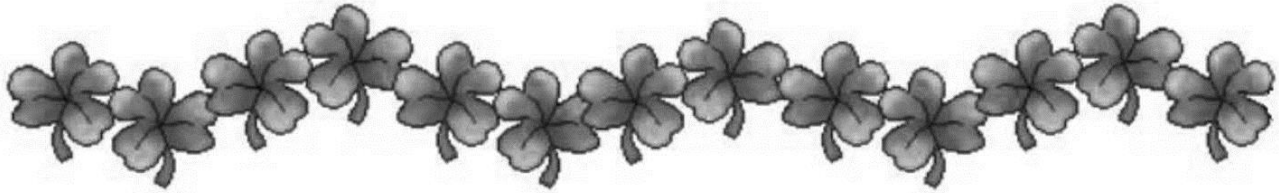
**IRISH CELLI** Sat., Mar. 14, 6:00-9:00 p.m., McFadden Hall. Featuring Irish Celtic Dancers. Food Booths selling: Corned Beef & Cabbage, Irish Stew, Shepard's Pie, Homemade Desserts, Green Beverages, Hot Dogs & Chips. Crafts for the kids too! Entrance fee of \$1.00/\$2.00 if not wearing green.

**J-O-Y (Just Older Youth):** will be taking a road trip to the Biblewalk & Living Bible Museum in Mansfield on March 12th. We will meet in the back parking lot and leave at 10am. We will walk through the New Testament and it takes about one hour and the cost is \$5.50. Lunch somewhere fun afterwards is optional. Please call the parish office (419-347-2381) to sign up and maybe invite a friend who may need a day out.

**CATHOLIC WOMENS CLUB:** The next luncheon will be Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 11:30 a.m. It will be held at the Roadhouse Brown Derby at 3985 Park Avenue West, Mansfield, Ohio 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. All reservations must be in by the Friday before the meeting. You may call Deb Blackstone at 419-884-2395 or JoAnn Jerger at 567-274-7954 for reservations.

**FISH COLLECTION:** Next weekend is our FISH collection. Please bring in any donations of non-perishable items and place them in the boxes. Please be careful to only donate foods that are not outdated on the labels. HelpLine cannot put outdated items in food boxes that are provided for those in need. Thank you for your cooperation.

**CURT SCHROEDER TO SPEAK:** Shelby First Church of God presents Curt, a 2005 graduate of Shelby Senior HS and was a member of the Bluffton University baseball team that was involved in a tragic bus accident on March 2, 2007. Come hear Curt speak on Sunday, March 15 at 6:00 p.m. See more at glorifive.com.



You Are Invited!  
**Senior Citizen Prom**

“Luck of the Irish”

**Sunday, March 22, 2015**



Hosted at: Shelby St. Mary’s School Gymnasium

26 West St. Shelby, OH 44875

Sponsored by: The youth of the St. Juan Diego and St. John Neumann Deaneries,  
would like to thank you for setting a great foundation for their faith.

**Cost:** Free

**Dress:** Casual

**This event is for anyone over the age of 60 & their guest(s).**

(We happily welcome friends of different faiths to attend  
or if your "chauffeur" is under 60, they are welcome to stay.)

2:30-3:00 Dancing

3:15-4:30 Entertainment

4:30 Dinner

Menu: Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Salad, Roll and Dessert

Please fill out the registration below and return to your Parish  
Representative or mail to: St. Francis Xavier c/o Sheila Hershiser,  
25 W. Perry St. Willard, OH 44890 by **March 17**.



If you have any questions or if you would like to register by e-mail or  
phone, please contact Sheila at:  
cre@willard-oh.com or call 419-935-1149.

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill in all guest’s name for nametags.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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