

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

What is a Spring Fling?

The Spring Fling committee hosts this event where our guests can enjoy an evening of fellowship while supporting the overall goal of St. Mary's School to provide a Christian environment and top-notch education.

Come Sail Away with us! The evening starts out with time to review the many silent auction items, followed by a catered buffet dinner, live auction and dancing. This adult event is truly a night to remember! For more information or to reserve your seats, visit www.stmarysspringfling.com! This event is a great way to raise money for the support of our school and for fellowship with other parents, parishioners and families.

The success of the school depends on the generosity of all our current sponsors and supporters. We are blessed with an amazing staff who answered the call to come to St. Mary's—yes, it is truly a calling. We are also blessed to have many volunteers who have given countless hours here at St. Mary's School. These, combined with your support, make St. Mary's the "Best School Ever"!

The 2015 Spring Fling Committee
and St. Mary's School Staff

ACA UPDATE: As of Mar. 13th, our parishioners have pledged \$9,385.00 to the 2015 Annual Catholic Appeal. Thank you to everyone who has made a pledge or gift. We are at 41% of our parish goal of \$23,000 with 92 pledges out of our 785 families. You can still make a gift to the ACA and have it count toward our parish goal. If you do not have the pledge form that was mailed to you, they are available at the parish office. You may also mail your gift to Annual Catholic Appeal, PO Box 917, Toledo, OH 43697; or use the convenient online giving option at www.toledodiocese.org.

EASTER BULLETIN DEADLINE: Due to Holy Week our bulletin needs to be sent to the printers earlier than usual. All bulletin announcements and articles are **due in by Friday, March 27 at noon**. Thank you!

CALLING ALL NOODLE MAKERS!: We will be doing noodles for the Easter Bake Sale on Mon., Mar. 23rd at 6:30 p.m. Please come and bring your friends. Also, we need people to bag the noodles on Tuesday morning March 24 at 8:00 a.m. Thanks in advance for your help.

PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE: Altar & Rosary Palm Sunday Bake Sale is in need of delicious items as well as buyers. Baked goods can be dropped off on Saturday afternoon after 3 p.m. in the school. Raffle items are welcome as well. Help is needed following Mass on Saturday and Sunday. If you can help out in any way, please call Carolyn Kaple at [419-512-0876](tel:419-512-0876).

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, March 23

9:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Communion
10:00 a.m. Bible Study—Lower Level Meet. Room
6:30 p.m. Noodle Making—Kitchen
6:00 p.m. Bible Study—Lower Level Meet. Room

Tuesday, March 24

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph's (Plymouth)
9:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Communion

Wednesday, March 25

9:00 a.m. Mass—Prayers for Mary Ann Frye
6:00 p.m. CCD grades 1-6
6:00 p.m. Youth Praise Team—Church
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—Church

Thursday, March 26

9:00 a.m. Mass—Prayers for John Helen Yetzer & Family
6:00 p.m. Holy Hour
6:30 p.m. Finance Council Meet—Confer. Room
7:00 p.m. Disciples of Song—Church

Friday, March 27

9:00 a.m. Mass—Prayers for Kenneth Kempf
12:00 p.m. Living Stations—Church
5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Plymouth)
7:00 p.m. Living Stations—Church

Saturday, March 28

5:00 p.m. Mass—Prayers for Carol Young, Cindy Mayer, Henry Frankl
6:00 p.m. H.S. Spring Break Retreat—Youth Room

Palm/Passion Sunday, March 29

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph's (Plymouth)
10:30 a.m. Mass—Prayers Gene Spangler, Lisette Strine Fisher, Gaylee & Steve Korbas

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday: Dn.13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62; Ps.23:1-6; Jn.8:1-11
Tuesday: Nm.21:4-9; Ps.102:2-3,16-18,19-21; Jn.8:21-30
Wednesday: Annunciation of the Lord (Solemnity)
Is.7:10-14,8:10; Ps.40:7-11; Heb.10:4-10; Lk.1:26-38
Thursday: Gn.17:3-9; Ps.105:4-9; Jn.8:51-59
Friday: Jer.20:10-13; Ps.18:2-7; Jn.10:31-42
Saturday: Ez.37:21-28; Jer.31:10-13; Jn.11:45-56
Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
Mk.11:1-10; Is.50:4-7; Ps.22:8-9,17-20,23-24; Phil.2:6-11; Mk.14:1-15:47

ALL HANDS ON DECK!: Please help us change the missals in the church pews Friday, March 27 after the 9 a.m. mass so we can be ready for the beginning of Holy Week.

Saturday, Mar. 28, 5:00 p.m. Mass

Lector Mark Seitz
Servers Faith Gosser, Jesse & Katie Lauderbaugh
E.Ministers Laurie Metzger, Dave & Lois Steele, Vincent Studer, Jim & Betty Yetzer
Ushers Alan Vogt, Brad Wagner, Allan Kempf, Gary Lauderbaugh
Greeters Jeff & Jennifer Yates, Michael & Darlene Zappa
Music Youth Praise Team

Sunday, Mar. 29, 10:30 a.m. Mass

Lector Colton Penwell
Servers Remy Rhodes, Derek Lowe, Adam Niese
E.Ministers Ed & Beth Kurtzman, Lori McCartney, Colton Penwell, Lisa Rhodes, Linda Shaughnesy, Scott Kurtzman
Ushers Ken Ensmann, Ed Friebe, John Gies, Joe Gies
Greeters Kathy Lowe, Casey Kerr
Music Adult Choir

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Peggy August, Lance Cooke, Sabrina Inscho, Pat Mayer, Zachary Petrie, Richard Spangler, Tom Payne, Beth Knight, Wayne Milliron, Allen Yetzer, Sherry Young, Marcella Ensmann, Diane Young, Erin Kirk, Marissa Wagers, Kathy Metzger, Arlene Eidt.

HUGE JEWELRY SALE: Come to St. Joseph Parish, Old Gymnasium, 36 Melmore Street, Tiffin, Ohio. Thousands of pieces only \$2.00 each! You have to see it to believe it! The sale runs Thursday, March 26 from 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m., Friday, March 27 from 9:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m., and Saturday, March 28 from 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Proceeds benefit Calvert Catholic Schools and the Missions. Shop early for Easter & Mother’s Day!

SLAM YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

The Senior Citizen's Prom is this Sunday, March 22nd! We need youth to help serve, set-up and tear down. We will be in the school gym from noon to 6 p.m. Come help when you can!

There will be no SLAM this Sunday, March 22nd due to the Senior Citizen's Prom or the following Sunday, March 29th due to Spring Break.

Youth Praise Team practice is this Wednesday, March 25th from 6:00-6:45 p.m. in the church! The next Mass we sing for is Saturday, March 28th.

DEEPER continues this week! If you haven't been able to come it's never too late to start. Come join us in the youth room on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 28th, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass, we will have our High School Spring Break Overnight Retreat featuring Disney's Big Hero 6. We will also have ping pong tournaments, eat lots of food and spend some time discussing some tough topics. It will be a great way to kick off Holy Week. The youth room will remain open until noon on Sunday. More details and registration will be available at Deeper and in the back of church.

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."

COME SAIL AWAY

You are invited to St. Mary's Spring Fling
 Friday, April 24

A Great Evening of Dinner, Live Auction, Silent Auctions, Dancing. Come enjoy the evening and support our school.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS – MAR. 14 & 15, 2015

Sunday Collections:

Offertory	\$	7,571.34
Children's	\$	17.00
Religious Education	\$	65.00
Youth Ministry	\$	176.00
Support Your School	\$	5.00
Initial Offering	\$	5.00

TOTAL SUNDAY AND HOLY DAY COLLECTIONS \$ 7,839.34 Down \$1,365.00 from 2013/2014

Total Sunday and Holy Day Collections to Date \$ 362,018.89 Down \$12,506.00 from 2013/2014

Diocesan Collections:

Catholic Relief Services	\$	151.00
Holy Land & Good Friday	\$	5.00

Other Parish Collections:

Capital Improvement	\$	37.00
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Greetings from St. Mary's School

A ministry of Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church

You're invited! Please save the date for Saturday, April 11th. This is the 2nd Annual St. Mary's Fun Walk! Where? Shelby Reservoir 3 (London Rd.) Registration at 8:30 a.m., walk begins at 9 a.m. The proceeds from the non-competitive walk/run benefits Catholic Charities. The entrance fee is \$10, the first 50 registered receive a free t-shirt. You may order a t-shirt for only \$10. Last year, we raised almost \$400 dollars to donate. Come for door prizes and enjoy a morning of fun and fitness! Maybe we will even see the majestic eagles fly overhead!

Students participated in a contest to design the front of the 2nd Annual St. Mary's Fun Walk t-shirt. The winners were team Mary & Lauren. Awesome job ladies! Pre-order your t-shirt now, just by contacting the school.



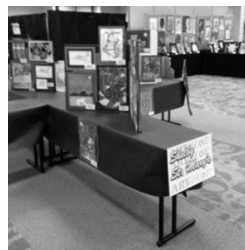
Did you ever see a Leprechaun trap? Our kindergarteners were hard at work designing these amazing devices last week!



Our Student Council designed a pie baking contest in honor of Pi Day. Our panel of four judges sampled 13 amazing pies. Pi Day Winners...Tanner Herring—1st Place, peanut butter pie. Gavin Lamb—2nd Place, Toll House Cookie pie, and Mary Wilkins—3rd Place, strawberry pie!



Artapalooza is here! Artwork from St. Mary's School and school across 3 counties is on display at MOESC. Come and enjoy the exhibit. MOESC is on 4th Street across from Arlin Field in the old Kroger Plaza.



We are truly blessed,
Lisa M. Rhodes, Principal

WANTED—ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Most Pure Heart of Mary is looking for a volunteer to be the parish Athletic Director. This volunteer position reports to the Father Jim and the Athletic Committee and is responsible for organizing all parish sports. Interested candidates can call the parish office at **419-347-2381**.

SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS OF MARY IMMACULATE CELEBRATION: The Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate are celebrating 150 years since their founding by Mother Alfred Moes. These Sisters have served, ministered and been present to this parish since 1932, 83 years. The highest school enrollment at St. Mary's under these Sisters was 407 in 1960 with grades 1-8 and in 3 buildings. Please remember in your prayers all the 102 Sisters who have served here and the 20 Sisters who are still living. Please also pray for those dedicated lay people who presently minister so devotedly and successfully to our school children. There will be a celebration at St. Peter's in Mansfield on April 19 with an 11:30 Mass. All are invited to join and meet the Sisters.

LENT BY CANDLELIGHT RESCHEDULED: Due to the snowy weather, Lent by Candlelight at the Sorrowful Mother Shrine, south of Bellevue, Ohio, has been rescheduled for Saturday, March 28, 2015, from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. in the Shrine cafeteria. Our reflection will include an excerpt from the "Diary of St. Faustina" and Jesus' Divine Mercy. There will also be an opportunity for fellowship and hors d'oeuvres, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. To register for this program, or for more information, call 419-483-3435 ext. 6. Cost is a freewill donation.

MERCY AND HEALING AFTER ABORTION: "Learning how to forgive myself was the most difficult part. Believing that I was still lovable was nothing short of miraculous." – Carole. Do you fear God could never forgive you after an abortion? You don't need to suffer in silence alone. Project Rachel offers help and hope through a monthly support group, retreats and counseling referrals. A "Come to the Waters of Healing" retreat will be offered on Saturday, April 25. For more information, please contact the local Project Rachel Helpline at 1-888-456-HOPE or projectrachel@toledodiocese.org.

SWISS STEAK DINNER: The annual Our Lady of Lourdes Swiss Steak Dinner will be held Sunday, March 22nd, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., 18 Park Avenue, New London. Adult meals are \$11.99, Youth (ages 6-13) are \$9.99 and ages 5 and under are Free. All are welcome to celebrate spring with a home cooked meal with all the trimmings made by the parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes.

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

Collected Mar. 14 & 15, 2015 \$ 210.00
Total Collected to Date \$ 53,306.00

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DEACON'S CORNER

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is one of the most unique and beautiful aspects of Catholicism. Jesus Christ, in His abundant love and mercy, established the Sacrament of Reconciliation, so that we as sinners can obtain forgiveness for our sins and reconcile with God and the Church. The sacrament "washes us clean," and renews us in Christ. (www.CatholicsComeHome.org)

"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained'" (John 20:21-23).

This Sacrament although very significant is not utilized to its potential within our lives or at least that is how I see it! We have become so independent, so materialized in our society that our need to rely on someone or something has slithered into the background. I purposely chose the word 'slithered' here because of cunningness of Satan as he is portrayed as the snake within scriptures, plays a role here as well! As adults, we make the decision to follow Christ by our completion of our Sacraments of Initiation, namely Confirmation. That commitment and our call to be a disciple of Christ, requires us to stay in the good graces of God. We all know that we are not perfect, but do not like having to admit that or tell someone else our sinfulness. In the Church's Sacrament of Reconciliation, we reconcile our lives with God. We admit we are not perfect and that we need the grace of God to overcome our faults trying to do better. It brings us in humility before God seeking his love.

We often forget that when we confess our sins to a priest, it is not the priest to whom we confess, but God himself in the person of the priest. Whether we choose to go face to face or anonymously to ask God's forgiveness; it still hurts us to review ourselves and think of the not so good things we've done in our lives. Ergo, the distaste of the sacrament and perhaps some of the reasons why many have stopped using it as a means to cleanse them internally, making them clean and pure as our God wishes for us to be! God does not want us to live in sin at any time within our lives. He and His Church give us a means to seek His forgiveness and absolution. When we turn to God in the sacrament we are absolved of all our sins. When we leave the confessional, we are as clean as we possibly can be in this life. We often beat ourselves up over sins we confess forgetting to forgive ourselves. Once a sin has been forgiven it is gone, we should do our best to remove it from our minds. In God's forgiveness we give ourselves completely to God in our confession. He already knows what we have done and what we will do; he asks that we come to him, as **our choice** seeking his forgiveness. In our sinfulness we chose not to do good so in seeking his love, we choose to come before him telling him what we have done.

As we approach the confessional on a regular basis, which should be at least quarterly and more often as needed, we need to put aside our pride and in humility

ask God to receive us as we are coming to Him for His help! Some have said that it has been so long that I can't remember even how to go to confession. Do you know what, it doesn't matter how long it's been, if you remember how to use the forum of confessing our sins, or even if you remember the Act of Contrition. All these things can be worked through with the confessor. If you would like I can give you a card to use when receiving the sacrament that has all this information on it that you can take with you! What does matter is that you ask God to forgive the wrongs you've committed and move on with your life. He loves you! He wants you not to turn away from Him, but to follow Him in the best way possible.

Living a life without repentance is to live without God's full grace within our lives. Continuing to live in sin, invites more sin! Human nature is to postpone things we particularly do not like doing. Inspecting our lives for improvement is no different! The Sacrament of Reconciliation is like taking a bath! Most of us would not think of getting up in the morning, showering and making ourselves the best we can be for the day ahead. Let us remember that we need to be prepared for the days, the weeks ahead in our lives, so that we are ready when God calls us home. For we do not know the hour nor the day when we will be called to our eternal home, God's full grace awaits us for the asking. Let us bury our pride and bring ourselves before God using the gift he gave us, through God's Son's death and resurrection, a means to be forgiven for the wrongs we choose to do instead of faithfully following Jesus. In the March issue of the Catholic Chronicle there is an excellent article on Confession, I invite all of you to read and reflect upon it! If it's been a while since you have received the sacrament...come to Jesus in humility. You will find that you will be refreshed, cleaned inside out, and made more ready for this the holiest of seasons of the year, Easter! Each of us is the Body of Christ, for we carry him in ourselves. Let this Easter begin with a clean self, one that we can offer to our God in his praise!

**Watch for the full list of
Easter Memorial Flowers in our
April 12th Bulletin—Divine Mercy Sunday.
This is due to bulletin deadlines.**

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