

Congratulations Fr. Jim on the 30th Anniversary of your ordination!

The Beautiful Hands of a Priest

*We need them in life's early morning,
We need them again at its close;
We feel their warm clasp of true friendship,
We seek them when tasting life's woes.
At the altar each day we behold them,
And the hands of a king on his throne
Are not equal to them in their greatness;
Their dignity stands all alone;
And when we are tempted and wander,
To pathways of shame and of sin,
It's the hand of a priest that will absolve us--
Not once, but again and again.
And when we are taking life's partner,
Other hands may prepare us a feast,
But the hand that will bless and unite us--
Is the beautiful hand of a priest.
God bless them and keep them all holy,
For the Host which their fingers caress;
When can a poor sinner do better,
Than to ask Him to guide thee and bless?
When the hour of death comes upon us,
May our courage and strength be increased,
By seeing raised over us in blessing--
The beautiful hands of a priest.*



Author Unknown



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

This Sunday, April 24th join us for our second round of Mental Health topics. Mental Health is just as important as physical health....and yet the stigma remains. SLAM members--discover more about anxiety, depression, addictions, and more as clinical counselor Mark Seitz tackles your toughest questions from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Youth Room. All are welcome!

Deeper continues this Wednesday, April 27th from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the youth room for high schoolers! It is never too late to join! The youth room will be open for all 7th-12th graders until 9:00 p.m. April 27th is the last meeting of CCD but Deeper will continue to meet through May 18th.

Next Sunday, May 1st join us for a regularly scheduled SLAM from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the youth room! Come for fellowship, faith and fun!

ST. JOSEPH & MOST PURE HEART OF MARY PARISHES

April 24, 2016

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Liturgical Calendar

Monday, April 25--St. Mark, Evangelist

9:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Communion at MPHM (Parish Office)
1Peter 5:5b-14; Psalm 89:2-3,6-7,16-17; Mark 16:15-20

Tuesday, April 26

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church

9:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Communion at MPHM (Parish Office)
Acts 114:19-28; Psalm 145:10-13ab,21; John 14:27-31a

Wednesday, April 27

9:00 a.m. Mass at MPHM Church

Prayers for Mary Ann Frye

Acts 15:1-6; Psalm 122:1-5; John 15:1-8

Thursday, April 28

9:00 a.m. Mass at MPHM (Parish Office)

Prayers for John & Helen Yetzer

6:00 p.m. Holy Hour (church)

Acts 15:7-21; Psalm 96:1-3,10; John 15:9-11

Friday, April 29--St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

9:00 a.m. Mass at MPHM (Parish Office)

Prayers for Steve & Gaylee Korbas

Acts 15:22-31; Psalm 57:8-10,12; John 15:12-17

Saturday, April 30

5:00 p.m. May Crowning Mass at MPHM Church

Prayers for Walter & Gertrude Bishop, Joe Shaughnessy

Acts 16:1-10; Psalm 100:1b-3,5; John 15:18-21

Sunday, May 1

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church

10:30 a.m. First Communion Mass at MPHM Church

Prayers for Clytie Hohler, Dolores Biglin

Acts 15:1-2,22-29; Psalm 67:2-3,5-6,8; Revelations 21:10-14,22-23; John 14:23-29



OLC YEAR OF MERCY CELEBRATIONS FOR 2016:

To deepen our experience of this Holy Year of Mercy, special celebrants and homilists have been invited to our Noon Sunday Mass on most first Sundays of the month. Most of these celebrants will also lead our 2:30 p.m. Devotions on these days.

May 1:

Fr. Raymond Mallett, OFM Conv.

Ordained here at the Shrine March 20, 1976

August Novena Preacher 1981

Current Rector and Pastor of Our Lady of

Consolation

June 5:

Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas

8th Bishop of Toledo

July 3: Bishop John Stowe

Former Rector and Pastor of Our Lady of

Consolation

August Novena Preacher 1999

September 4:

Rev. Msgr. Michael Hohenbrink, VF

Pontifical Honors/ Chaplain to his Holiness

Current Pastor at St. Michael's, Findlay, OH

Dean of the St. Francis Deanery

October 2: Fr. David Schalk

August Novena Preacher 2015

November 13: (Year of Mercy closing)

Fr. Ronald A. Schock

Pastor St. Joseph, Monroeville and St.

Alphonse, Peru

TODAY'S PRAYER WITH THE POPE

For many people when they hear the word 'AFRICA' the images that spring to mind are war, violence, poverty, crime, unemployment and AIDS.

The reality of life on the ground for most of us 1.111 billion who call Africa home is very different. Most of the 62 countries in Africa are peaceful, friendly, full of life – joy filled.

There are problems: the murder of the 147 Christian students at Garissa University in Eastern Kenya in 2015 was one of eight attacks in Kenya since 1998. The kidnapping of the 200 school girls in Chibok, Nigeria was one of a string of attacks on Christians in that country.

Most Christians in Africa are peace loving and are sources of unity, harmony and reconciliation. However, too many Christians while living good lives are silent in the face of violence and injustice.

The Second Synod of Bishops for Africa called on Christian leaders to bring their faith into their political and public life. In particular, ordinary Christians need to understand Islam and to distinguish between genuine Islam ('Peace') and its false militaristic versions.

We pray with the Holy Father that our Christians around the world may 'Stand up' and 'Speak Out' for Peace with Justice.





What's Happening Around the Deanery



St. Peter's Parish & School in Mansfield, currently has several openings for employment. See below for current job openings, more information about each position can be found at mansfieldstpeters.org/employment-opportunities. Current openings include:

Staff Accountant – Part-Time

The staff accountant works cooperatively with the parish business manager to collect, record and report financial data pertaining to the operations of St. Peter's Parish and School.

Parish Business Operations Intern

The parish business operations intern will be exposed to various aspects of the business operations of St. Peter's Parish and School.

Physical Education Teacher

As a member of the elementary school faculty, the physical education teacher will be responsible for physical education instruction to students in grades pre-school through 6th grade.

HELP PROVIDE HOPE: Catholic Charities H.O.P.E. Food Pantry in Mansfield is in need of donations of hygiene items, particularly deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste (not toothbrushes) and dish soap. The pantry is also collecting peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, and fresh produce. The pantry serves an average of 600 Richland County households each month. Donations may be delivered from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays to 523 Park Avenue East, Mansfield, OH 44905.

DRIVE OUT HUNGER CAMPAIGN SUPPORTS

H.O.P.E. FOOD PANTRY: Supporting H.O.P.E. Food Pantry in Mansfield is as easy as getting your oil changed! As part of the nationwide Drive Out Hunger campaign, Midas Auto Service & Tires at 1139 Park Ave. W., Mansfield, Ohio, will donate \$1 for every oil change to the H.O.P.E. Food Pantry. The pantry provides groceries to an average of 600 Richland County households each month.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Catholic Charities in Mansfield is seeking volunteers for various work areas: volunteer guardians, clerical/office/reception, budget workshops, handy man. If you are available for a couple of hours a week or just a couple hours per month your help is greatly appreciated! Without our volunteers, we would not be able to serve the many needs of the community. We appreciate any amount of time you are able to give and we thank you for your support. Please phone 419-524-0733 or email psellards@toledodiocese.org to inquire about volunteer opportunities.



Theology on Tap is a gathering for young adults, ages 18 (post high school) to 39. It is an opportunity to talk about God and faith in a relaxed, comfortable setting. Fr. Eric Culler, Pastor of St. Francis & St. Bernard is the speaker for these upcoming gatherings:

Thursday, April 28, 2016

6:00 pm

(Reservation made under Theology on Tap)

Pete's Café

115 W Mansfield St, New Washington, OH

Topic: Poetry Night with Our Lady

Thursday, May 26, 2016

Varsity Club

3598 Bull Head Rd, Willard, OH

Thursday, June 16, 2016

Vault Wine Bar

29 W Main St, Shelby, OH

Thirsting for More? Theology on Tap is a lecture and discussion series for people in their 20's and 30's, single or married. We meet in a local bar or restaurant for food, drink and lively discussion about things that matter to you and the Catholic faith. Come make new friends through faith-filled and thought provoking conversation in a casual, relaxed atmosphere. All young adults are welcome. For more information please contact Sheila at cre@willard-oh.com 419-935-1149.



Diocesan Details



JOY-FILLED MARRIAGE ENGAGED COUPLE WORKSHOP:

Registration for 2016 is now open! If you are engaged to be married, you'll want to register for this two-part interactive, enjoyable, and comprehensive workshop for engaged couples. This workshop will delve into practical "life skills" as well as the sacramentality of marriage, guided by a dedicated team of married couples and individuals. This workshop fulfills the "marriage class" component, which is part of the requirements for marriage in the Catholic Church. For more information visit www.jfmtoledo.eventbrite.com or contact Monica Martinez in the Marriage & Family Life Office- mmartinez@toledodiocese.org 419-244-6711 ext. 715.

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USCCB PRESIDENT URGES SUPPORT FOR PETITION TO STOP CHRISTIAN GENOCIDE

The president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville is asking for your support of a petition to stop genocide in the Middle East and convince the U.S. Department of State to include Christians in any formal declaration of genocide.

"For months, the Catholic Church has been a voice for Christians and other religious minorities facing the evil of deadly persecution," Archbishop Kurtz said. "Please, make sure your name is added to the witness. The very future of the ancient Christian presence in the Middle East is at stake."

The petition is available at: www.stopthechristiangenocide.org. To read the full statement from Archbishop Kurtz, visit www.toledodiocese.org or www.usccb.org.

Century Farm Awards Bulletin Announcement:

Catholic Charities is now accepting applications for Century Farm Awards. Century Farm Awards honors Catholic families who have maintained a farm or homestead within their family for at least 100 years with an emphasis on well-preserved working farms. Applicants will be asked to submit a registration form, copies of old deeds, and pictures to support claims. The information must show family residence and ownership of a farm for at least 100 years. For more information or the registration form, please contact Jill Holmaas at (419) 244-6711 ext. 214 or jholmaas@toledodiocese.org.



NORTHWEST OHIO SCHOLARSHIP FUND: *A Catholic Education is not out of reach with a scholarship from the Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund.*

Did you know that your child may qualify for a Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund scholarship for the 2016-2017 school year? Need-based Scholarships worth up to \$1,500 per child are available for students who reside in Allen, Crawford, Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Hancock, Henry, Huron, Lucas, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Richland, Sandusky, Seneca, Van Wert, Williams, Wood or Wyandot County for private school or homeschool expenses for grades K-8th. For example a family of five with a household income of \$76,707 is eligible. To apply online or for more information about the program visit WWW.NOSF.ORG or contact the Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund office at (419) 720-7048. **The deadline to apply is Friday, April 29.**

PRAY WITH FIRE: Are you hungry for a greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit in your personal life, marriage, family and parish? Do you desire to be on fire for more than a moment, but as a way of life?

This Pentecost (May 15) at St. Jerome Parish in Walbridge, join us in a powerful encounter with God at a first ever, region wide "IGNITE Praying with Fire Conference," featuring dynamic, national speakers and worship leaders. Special discounted rates are available for youth, married couples and parish teams. Find out more and register now at PrayWithFire.Eventbrite.com.

IGNITE Praying with Fire is sponsored by MassImpact.us with Renewal Ministries, Catholic Youth Summer Camps and Ministry to the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. Contact: Alive@MassImpact.us or 814-449-9922.



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Peace starts here

HOPE AFTER ABORTION: "I don't deserve to be happy." God wants to restore your happiness. Come back to God who is love and mercy. For hope and healing after an abortion, contact the local confidential Project Rachel Helpline

at 1-888-456-HOPE or projectrachel@toledodiocese.org. Learn more at www.hopeafterabortion.org.

St. Joseph's Parish News

April 24, 2016

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sacraments

BAPTISM: Contact Deacon Fred 1 month in advance.

RECONCILIATION: Sunday before Mass, 7:30 a.m.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Notify Deacon Fred or Fr. Jim to arrange.

COMMUNION: Contact Deacon Fred to be placed on the home bound lists.

MARRIAGE: Please notify either Deacon Fred or Fr. Jim 6 months in advance.

R.C.I.A.: Interested in the Catholic Faith? Contact the Parish office or Deacon Fred.

MASS STIPENDS: St. Joseph's always accepts Masses for the deceased and special intentions. Please call Sharon on Tuesdays between 9:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. to schedule your Masses.



Sunday, May 1-- 8:30 a.m.

- Greeter:** Ken & Marilyn Studer
- Eucharist:** Ken & Marilyn Studer
- Servers:** Becky Starkey, Doug Reer, Zeb Finnegan
- Lector:** Betty Starkey
- Ushers:** Henry Phillips, Ed Kanney
- Music:** St. Joseph Choir
- Collection Counters:** Jeff Sutter, Kevin Heydinger

Ministry Schedules for May and June are available for pickup in the Narthex of the Church.

DONATION REQUEST: St. Joseph parishioners are asked to donate children through adult size low cut socks for The Upstairs Store school clothing program throughout the summer months. There will be a box located in the parish hall for the collection. Deadline will be mid-July since school is starting earlier this fall.

FOOD PANTRY & UPSTAIRS STORE

Tuesday, April 26

10:00 a.m.-noon, Food Pantry (Shiloh)

9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Upstairs Store (Plymouth)

Thursday, April 28

5:00-7:00 p.m., Food Pantry (Shiloh)

5:30-7:00 p.m., Upstairs Store (Plymouth)

FINANCIAL REPORT

April 17

Sunday Offering.....	\$ 1,401.10
Maintenance.....	\$ 20.00
Upstairs Store.....	\$ 5.00
Weekly Budget Needed	
For Year 2015/16 \$1,500.....	- \$ 98.90
Year Over/Under Budget.....	- \$3,323.20
Attendance:	126

Upcoming EVENTS

- ✠ Sun., May 1st Roger & Carolyn Carnahan 50th Renewal of Wedding Vows
- ✠ Sun., May 8th, A & R Meeting following Mass in hall
- ✠ Tues., May 17th, Pastoral Council (only) Meeting

CHICKEN SUPPER: Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, Shiloh will be hosting a Chicken Supper April 30th, 4:30-6:00 p.m. The menu will consist of chicken, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, salad or applesauce, drink and pie. Cost \$7. Car-rout available, either stop by or call ahead 419-895-1313. Proceeds will help the sock drive for the Upstairs Store and other programs at Mt. Hope.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Ed Kanney, Ashley Bond, Andy Dannemiller



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Sacraments

BAPTISM: Call the Parish Office to set up an appointment.

RECONCILIATION: 3:45-4:30 p.m. Saturdays, anytime by request.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Available on request. Call the Parish Office/Rectory at 419-347-2381. Same for visitation of the sick.

COMMUNION: Contact the Pastoral Associate to be placed on the home bound lists.

MARRIAGE: Arrange with a priest or deacon at least 6 months in advance.

R.C.I.A.: Persons wishing to inquire about and/or joining the Catholic Church, call Parish Office.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: New parishioners--WELCOME. Please call the Parish Office to register. When changing address, please notify the Parish Office.



Saturday, April 30, 5:00 p.m. May Crowning Mass

Lector: Deanie Kehres

Servers: Tanner Steiner, Caleb Vogt, Eric Workman

Eucharistic: Mary Martin-Bandman, Lori McCartney, Don & Laurie Metzger, Mary Miller, Marilyn Moore

Ushers: Craig Studer, Mark Studer, Vincent Studer, Chad Hicks

Greeters: M. Shuler, Dorothy Chew, 2 Volunteers

Music: Children's Choir

Sunday, May 1, 10:30 a.m. 1st Communion Mass

Lector: Mark Seitz

Servers: Oliver & Guinevere Wagner, Ty Keinath

Eucharist: Lisa Rhodes, Jim & Marge Karl, Dick Young, Laurie Metzger, Sherry Stockmaster

Ushers: Edward Schumacher, Steven Schumacher, James Sifferlin, Michael Smith

Greeters: Clem & Kathy Kanney, 2 Volunteers

Music: Youth Praise Team

Collection Counters: Julie & Roger Finnegan, Andy & Ellen Yetzer

CALENDAR of Events

Monday, April 25

9:45 a.m. Bible Study--Lower Level

6:30 p.m. Bible Study--Lower Level

Tuesday, April 26

6:30 p.m. Finance Council Meeting--Conference Room

Wednesday, April 27

3:30 p.m. Children's Choir--Church

5:30 p.m. Religious Ed. Grades 1-6--School

7:00 p.m. Religious Ed. Grades 7 & 8--School Theology Room

7:00 p.m. DEEPER--Youth Room

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir--Church

Thursday, April 28

7:00 p.m. Disciples of Song--Church

Thursday, April 29

6:00 p.m. Spring Fling--St. Mary's School

Sunday, May 1

7:00 p.m. SLAM--Youth Room



The Global Catholic
Climate Movement

The Catholic Climate Covenant wants you to make a difference in our world.

Be energy efficient. During the summer months, close your curtains to block heat from the sun. During the winter, open your curtains during the day to allow the sun to warm your home. These simple steps can significantly reduce the need for air conditioning and heating, which are likely the most energy intensive aspects of your home.

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Attention Most Pure Heart of Mary High School Graduating Seniors!

You should have received an invitation to our Graduation Mass on May 15th in the mail. If you have not yet received an invitation, please contact Kari Krebs at 419-571-3803 or kkrebs@stmaryshelby.org so we can add you to the list and make sure that we have your contact information correct. We look forward to celebrating your accomplishments as a parish community!

JOIN THE TEAM OF FIRST FRIDAY ADORERS:



We are looking for people to spend time with the Lord during the First Friday hours of adoration. Contact Barb Pifher or the parish office to enrich your prayer life.

Biblical Reason For Wanting To Spend One Hour With Jesus In The Blessed Sacrament: Day and night Jesus dwells in the Blessed Sacrament because of his Infinite love for you! "Behold I will be with you always

even to the end of the world," because "I have loved you with an everlasting love, and constant is My affection for you." (Mt 28:20; Jer 31:3)

2016 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL DIOCESE OF TOLEDO

to meet the needs of our local church

The 2016 Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign is underway. The campaign goal is \$2,800,000. Our parish has currently pledged \$18,845.00. We have met 75.38% of our goal.

We can assure the continued existence of many important programs that help tens of thousands in our Diocese each year; education of our seminary students, care of the sick and needy are among them. Please respond generously when you are asked to make your pledge. For more information, visit the Diocesan website at www.toledodiocese.org/page/finance#_annual_catholic_appeal_aca.



CHRISTIAN MOVIE NIGHT: The movie this month is *Faustina-The Apostle of Divine Mercy*. This award-winning movie is a beautiful representation of the mystical life of St. Maria Faustina, who became the "Apostle of Divine Mercy". It tells the story of her mystical experience as a nun living in a convent in Poland in the early 20th century.

It is to her that Jesus appeared and commanded that she be his instrument for promoting devotion to his Divine Mercy, and that the Feast of Divine Mercy be established and celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. You can view this movie on Sunday evening, April 24th at 4:00 p.m. Popcorn will be provided. Please bring your favorite drink.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Samantha Gunder, Clement Young, Amy Greene, Suzon Kreinbrink, Derrick Esterline, Isaac Nothacker, Jason Moore, Jensen Kurtzman, Darian Miller, David Metzger, Roger Endicott, April Ganzhorn, Ryan Athy, Gabriel Lash, Kolton Carroll, James Young, Amy Adkins, Melissa Kaple, Lisa Obojski, Donald Fry, Diana Miller, Richard Allwine, John Fisher, Brevyn Burkhalter.



DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA will have their annual day at Marywood Shrine on Monday, May 16th. Carpool will leave at 9:00 a.m. from the church parking lot. There will be Mass, lunch, a talk, outside stations and the rosary. Everyone is welcome to join us. Please call Rita Walsh at 419-342-2556 to make reservations and food order for lunch. Deadline is May 9th. All women of the parish are invited to this day of prayer.



Sunday Collections April 16 & 17, 2016:

Offertory	\$	7,756.40
Religious Education	\$	15.00
Children's	\$	2.00
Holy Days:		
Easter	\$	370.00

TOTAL SUNDAY AND HOLY DAY COLLECTIONS \$ 8,143.40 up \$1,082.00 from 2014/2015

Total Sunday and Holy Day Collections to Date \$ 417,161.20 up \$615.00 from 2014/2015

Other Parish Collections:

Capital Improvement \$ 35.00

Initial Offering \$ 10.00

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STEPHEN & GRACE GWIRTZ SCHOLARSHIP:

Applications are available at the parish office and are due by May 11th. This scholarship is open to SHS Seniors Class of 2016, who also graduated from St. Mary Elementary School and plan to attend an accredited college or university in the fall of 2016-2017 school year.

LEONARD & JULITTA KRIETEMEYER SCHOLARSHIP:

Applications are available at the Parish Office and are due by May 11th. This scholarship is open to SHS Seniors. You must be a registered parishioner and active at MPHM Church and be planning to attend an accredited college or university, or technical school in the fall of 2016-2017 school year. Recipient's financial need will also be considered.

Summer Lunch Program: It's time to cook for the kids! We will be serving the summer lunches again this year. We are asking for money donations to help buy food. It takes a lot of food to serve nearly 200 children a day for a week. Please label your donation for "summer lunch program" and drop your donations in the collection basket or at the church office. If writing a check, please make it out to St. Mary Summer Lunch. We appreciate your kindness.

Reflections on the Readings

Fifth Sunday of Easter

taken from St. Joseph Sunday Missal.

First Reading--Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27

On their way home from their missionary journey, Paul and Barnabas revisit the congregations that they have previously founded. Notice encouragement "to persevere in the faith...It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships if we are to enter into the kingdom of God."

Indeed the Christian can sing: "(God) Your Kingdom is a kingdom for all ages, and your dominion endures through all generations. I will praise your name forever". We have reason for abundant joy, but we must be ready to undergo trials as a condition to enter God's kingdom.

Second Reading--Book of Revelation 21:1-5a

Utilizing the language of vision, the sacred writer consoles those who must "undergo many hardships". According to the ancients, storms at sea were thought to be caused by evil monsters; hence, "sea" stood for threat and peril. Accordingly, the words "the sea was no more" mean that all peril has passed.

The author also sees "the holy city, a new Jerusalem": God had been present in the sanctuary of the old Jerusalem temple; now there will be a new kind of divine presence, enjoyed by all the members of God's people. All these new things are initiated in their lives as Christians, but they will be fully realized only later.

During Easter Time, meditation on God's saving presence may help us to persevere in the faith.

Gospel--John 13:31-33a, 34-35

In this reading, Jesus is seen looking forward to his glorification, his enthronement as Son of Man, King of God's reign. And God will be glorified in him.

Today Christ is no longer visibly present to his Church. He knows that we are subjected to trials. Waiting for his return, the disciples and all of us must support one another with our mutual love and concern. This life-style, mutual support in love, is so characteristic of Christians that others should be able to recognize us by it!

-- Submitted by Barb Pifher

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Our Parish School News

Greetings Parish Families!:

We have just four weeks and two days left of the 2015-16 school year! It is amazing how quickly time flies.

St. Mary's School would like to extend a special thank you to Shelby's Pioneer students and Mr. Colton Penwell. Mr. Penwell and his team of silent heroes gathered, donating their time to help in the Peace Garden April 15. The project was the beginning of some pretty extensive renovations that you are going to love!

Well partners, it's almost time to put on your western wear, kick up your heels and head to the school for a night to remember! On Friday, April 29 - Spring Fling's *Wild, Wild West* will open doors to welcome guests - Adults Only – from 5:30 p.m. -11:00 p.m.

PLEASE join us! You will be glad you did. It is a night out for mom and dad, or extended family...but adults only for this event! Dinner, dancing, auctions, fellowship! **Wondering about the auction? Here are just a few of the many great items up for bid:** 18 holes of golf w/cart for a foursome @ Westfield Country Club donated by Westfield Insurance Company (value of \$372); 2 Deluxe Rooms (for one night) w/ King bed in each @ the Westfield Inn and \$40 gift card to the Firemark Grille @ Country Club restaurant donated by Bruskotter's (value \$420)! More to come! Did you know there will be chances sold to roll the dice to win a brand new Jeep? Yesiree Bob; just \$10 a roll – if your roll of the dice spells "SAHARA" the Jeep is yours! Gather your friends, family and go in together to bid on GREAT items!!

St. Mary's School was one of 20 schools participating in the annual Artapalooza Art Show at MOESC in Mansfield. Four St. Mary's scholars earned accolades. Kelly (grade 5) earned 3rd place in the elementary school category, Timothy (grade k) earned a medal for his artwork. Casey (grade 4) and Caleb (grade 5) each earned honorable mention. Congratulations scholars! We would like to extend a special thank you to Mr. Sommer for his leadership as our art teacher and to Mr. Bachelder for volunteering to help us get set up at the art show!

Sixth grade scholars enjoyed an outstanding week at Mohican-out-of-doors school this past week! A special thank you to Ms. Strout and Mrs. Clevenger for accompanying our scholars!

Plans for 6th grade graduation are underway. The date to recognize our scholars during Mass has been set for Sunday, May 15th. Planning for a reception is underway; more to come.

New students! We have been blessed to enroll two new students from out of district these past two weeks. One student, Amareon, joined Mrs. Terry's kindergarten class, while James joined Mr. Landis' 4th grade room. We are growing!

Spring Play Dinner Theater – You are invited! We are

gearing up for the spring play taking place May 22nd at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Linder has an evening line up like no other planned! The dinner theater (free-will donation) proceeds will go toward the teacher professional development scheduled over the summer. We were able to bring the Orton-Gillingham Multi-sensory training to us! This training will help us continue to improve in delivering every student's just right learning.

Did you know that research indicates that 1 in 5 students has some form of dyslexia? Those are some pretty big numbers. The good news is, Orton-Gillingham Multi-sensory training provides teachers with strategies to help students overcome the hurdles dyslexia presents. Ultimately, the strategies that the teachers will take away from the training will help all students receive the lessons in a way that works for the student.

Accreditation – We are completing our year of self-study as a faculty team. Data has been gathered from school families, teachers, students, facts about the community, and summarize student achievement over the past five years (academic and religion assessments) to help us determine the areas of focus for the next five years. In our research, we seek to identify two goals, one academic and one for Catholic identity. We will keep you posted as we develop our continuous improvement plans. Our plans must be approved by the Ohio Catholic Schools Accrediting Association (OCCSA); the process is very extensive. Once we set the goals, we devise a professional development plan to enable teachers to teach differently to improve student learning within a four-year roll-out. After this portion is completed, the executive chair committee will come to St. Mary's School and complete an audit of the plan and provide recommendations. As a team, we conduct a final review, consider recommendations and then submit to OCSAA for review. When the final Accreditation Plan is accepted, our school renews the current status of Full Accreditation, as recognized by the Ohio Department of Education. We spend the next four years implementing the plan, collecting artifacts to support our progress, and providing annual progress reports toward our goals. We look forward to sharing more soon!

Scholarships for 2016-17 – Ed Choice is an Ohio Department of Education scholarship that covers tuition expenses for eligible families. Eligibility is based on family size and income. **The new deadline for application is April 29th.**

We are blessed to share and celebrate the gifts of every individual who steps through our lives. Please continue to keep everyone in your prayers; God has a plan for each of us.

We are truly blessed,
Lisa M. Rhodes

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April 24, 2016

Fifth Sunday of Easter



2016 ST. MARY'S SPRING FLING

On Friday, April 29th

come to St. Mary's School at 6:00 p.m. and travel back in time to the



This is a time for our parents and adult parishioners to get to enjoy an evening of fun food and dancing!

Please come out and enjoy the event. Live auctions give you and your guests an opportunity to leave with a little more than you came with at an awesome price for an even more awesome cause...our parish school!