

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

Dear Parishioners:

Today marks the 29th anniversary of my ordination to the Priesthood. My how time flies. Maybe next year, on my 30th anniversary, I'll have an open house at the rectory! I remember my ordination as if it were yesterday. It was 1986 and it was 86 degrees outside! The church was not air-conditioned, but I hardly noticed the heat anyway. I was too excited and happy to have so many of my family and friends under one roof all at the same time. As I've matured I've hopefully learned to become a more focused on Christ and a more compassionate priest. I once thought that with Christ's help I might make the world a better place. Now I realize that I can only possibly attempt this with one heart at a time; and only when I allow the Holy Spirit to work through me.

Today's Gospel reminds us that Christ is our Good Shepherd. Let's listen for His call and follow Him as best as we can for as long as we can.

– Fr. Jim

PASTORAL COUNCIL & FINANCE COUNCIL

NEWS: We are in need of 4 people to become a part of the Pastoral Council. Please nominate yourself or someone you believe would be a good addition to the council. Just call the parish office and make your nomination. More will be said about this in coming weeks.

Also, I have had trouble finding one more person willing to serve MPH M Parish on the Finance Council. If you have a financial background and can commit yourself to meeting about 6 times a year please call Fr. Jim at the office or the rectory.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING: We will be having training for our Eucharistic Ministers. There are two possible dates for people to attend. Plan to join us on Tuesday, May 5 at 7:00-8:00 p.m. or Wednesday, May 13, 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the lower level meeting room of the parish office. Contact Barb Pifher if you are interested in being part of this ministry.

ALL GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL

SENIORS: The Most Pure Heart of Mary Parish Family will celebrate the graduation of our High School Seniors on May 17th beginning with Mass at 10:30 a.m. and with lunch reception to follow. If you plan to attend please call the Parish Office at 419-347-2381 by May 11th to reserve your seats.

CROP WALK: On Sunday, April 26, the Shelby Crop Hunger Walk will be held starting at 1:15 at the First United Methodist Church, 18 S. Gamble St. Our parish needs walkers. For a pledge envelope or any other information, please call Kathy Kanney at 347-5777.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, Apr. 27

9:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Communion

Tuesday, Apr. 28

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph's (Plymouth)

9:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Communion

Wednesday, Apr. 29

9:00 a.m. Mass—Prayers for Gaylee & Steve Korbas, Lisette Strine Fisher

3:00 p.m. Children's Choir—School Music Room

6:00 p.m. CCD grades 1-6—Finale

6:00 p.m. Youth Room Open

7:00 p.m. DEEPER

7:00 p.m. CCD grades 7-8—Finale

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir—Church

Thursday, Apr. 30

9:00 a.m. Mass—Prayers for Mary Ann Frye

6:00 p.m. Holy Hour

Friday, May 1

9:00 a.m. Mass—Prayers for Fr. Jerome Niedermier

9:45 a.m. First Friday Breakfast

7:30 p.m. Closing & Benediction

Saturday, May 2

8:30 a.m. Rosary & Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 a.m. First Saturday Mass

5:00 p.m. Mass—Prayers for Robert Chew, Kathleen Gosser

Sunday, May 3

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph's (Plymouth)

10:30 a.m. First Communion Mass—Prayers for Mary Ellen Bechtel, Charles & Beda Phillips

Daily Scripture Readings

- Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps.42:2-3;43:3-4; Jn.10:1-10
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps.87:1b-7; Jn.10:22-30
Wednesday: St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church (Memorial)
Acts 12:24-13:5a; Ps.67:2-3,5,6,8;
Jn.12:44-50
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps.89:2-3,21-22,25,27;
Jn.13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps.2:6-7-11ab; Jn.14:1-6
Saturday: St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (Memorial)
Acts 13:44-52; Ps.98:1-4; Jn.14:7-14
Sunday: Acts 9:26-31; Ps.22:26-32; 1Jn.3:18-24;
Jn.15:1-8

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Community dinner prepared by Brenda Schroeder will be held at the Shelby Community & Senior Center on Friday, May 15th from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at 154 N. Gamble Street. Thank you for your support!

Saturday, May 2, 5:00 p.m. Mass

Lector Deanie Kehres
Servers Faith Gosser, Brock Kehres, Kyle Krystofik
E.Ministers Marilyn Moore, Lois Steele, Vincent Studer, Christi & Mike Smith, Betty & Jim Yetzer
Ushers Alan Vogt, Brad Wagner, Allan Kempf, Gary Lauderbaugh
Greeters Jeff & JoAnn Peiffer, Robert & Kathleen Schroeder
Music SpiritSong

Sunday, May 3, 10:30 a.m. Mass

Lector 1st Communion Students
Servers Danielle & Lauren Krietemeyer, Adam Niese
E.Ministers Marge & Jim Karl, Laurie & Don Metzger, Sherry Stockmaster, Lisa Rhodes
Ushers Steven Beer, Spencer Beer, Alex Kreinbrink, Jeff Kreinbrink
Greeters Kathy & Clem Kanney, Kathy Lowe, Casey Kerr
Music Children's Choir

STEPHEN & GRACE GWIRTZ SCHOLARSHIP:

Applications are available at the parish office and due by May 11. This scholarship is open to SHS Seniors Class of 2015, who also graduated from St. Mary Elementary School and plan to attend an accredited college or university in the fall of 2015.

LEONARD & JULITTA KRIETEMEYER SCHOLARSHIP:

Applications are available at the Parish Office and due by May 11. This scholarship is open to SHS Seniors. You must be a registered parishioner and active at MPH Church and be planning to attend an accredited college or university, or technical school in the fall of 2015. Recipient's financial need will also be considered.

SLAM YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

This Sunday is the SLAM Season Finale from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Our evening will be filled with hippos, color, food and fun! You will need to bring a white T-shirt, pants or shorts that can get dirty and may not come clean, any squirt guns you have, a towel and a change of clothes. If you would like you may also bring some of your own tie dye. You will need \$7; \$2 for shaved ice and \$5 for dinner and supplies. We will be having a cookout! We will need some dads and some grills too! Please bring your friends and family to this event! Everyone is invited!

This Wednesday, April 29th the Youth Room will be open from 6:00-7:00 p.m. before CCD and Deeper! Come relax and join in some fellowship before classes start!

Deeper continues this Wednesday, April 29th from 7:00-8:30 p.m. We will continue to meet throughout the summer to continue our study of Luke! More details will be available in future bulletins.

Snowie Daze LLC Bus will be paying a visit to Most Pure Heart of Mary this Sunday, April 26th from 6:15 – 7:00 p.m. Feel free to stop out and get a cup of shaved ice for \$2! You are also invited to stay and watch our teens get messy or join in the fun! See the SLAM Banner for more details!

ACA UPDATE: As of Apr. 9th, our parishioners have pledged \$16,005.00 to the 2015 Annual Catholic Appeal. Thank you to everyone who has made a pledge or gift. We are at 69.6% of our parish goal of \$23,000 with 123 pledges out of our 785 families. We're \$6,995 from reaching our goal. 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.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS – APRIL 18 & 19, 2015

Sunday Collections:

Offertory	\$	6,859.25
Children's	\$	16.77
Religious Education	\$	55.00
Youth Ministry	\$	5.00

Holy Day Collections:

Easter	\$	125.00
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TOTAL SUNDAY AND HOLY DAY COLLECTIONS \$ **7,061.02 down \$12,053.00 from 2013/2014**
Easter Collection was this week last year.

Total Sunday and Holy Day Collections to Date \$ 416,546.65 down \$14,570.00 from 2013/2014

Diocesan Collections:

Holy Land & Good Friday	\$	10.00
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Other Parish Collections:

Capital Improvement	\$	25.00
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Greetings from St. Mary's School

A ministry of Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church

Thank you for supporting the annual Spring Fling! Your generosity, time, and participation made the event truly amazing! A special thank you to Tianna & Austin Keinath and Andrea & Lee Wilkins who co-chaired the spectacular "Come Sail Away" event, and thank you to all of the wonderful silent heroes who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to help bring all of the many pieces together seamlessly!

Please save the dates for a fun-filled and exciting April/May:

April 26th – Blessing Cup Meal

(2nd Grade 1st Communion candidates)

May 3rd – First Communion

During the 10:30 a.m. Mass

May 10th – May Crowning

During the 10:30 a.m. Mass

May 14th – Spring Dinner Theater Preschool-6th grade student recital & Free-will donation dinner

(proceeds go toward expanding our school music department!)

May 24th – 6th grade graduation

10:30 a.m. Mass

Reception in the Gym following Mass

May 27th – Last Day for students

I encourage you to check us out on Facebook. This is where we regularly post pictures and events happening at school! In fact, we just posted 3rd Quarter Honor Roll pictures! You can find us at St. Mary's School, Shelby.

Thank you for keeping our school and parish in your prayers! You make a difference for us.

We are truly blessed,
Lisa M. Rhodes, Principal

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

Collected Apr. 18 & 19, 2015	\$ 145.00
Total Collected to Date	\$ 54,013.28

SCHOOL JOB OPENINGS FOR 2015-16

SCHOOL YEAR: We are currently accepting resumes for two teaching positions for the 2015-16 school year. We are looking for a homeroom teacher for our 5/6 homeroom. Also we will be hiring to fill a vacancy in the specialization area of intervention. Please send your resumes to St. Mary's School, ATTN. Lisa Rhodes, 26 West Street, Shelby, OH.

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**.

JOIN OUR NEW HOSPITALITY TEAM: Father Jim and the Pastoral Council are focused on creating a more welcome worshipping community. Our current "Greeters" list is getting smaller and smaller. One of our goals is to have someone at all the doors welcoming everyone who comes to worship with us. If you would like to be part of our new Hospitality Team, please call the parish office. Training sessions will be held in the near future. Watch the bulletin for more updates.

Thank you,
Barb Pifher, Pastoral Associate

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITION

AVAILABLE: St. Joseph Catholic Church, Plymouth is seeking an Administrative Assistant. This part time position consists of 5-12 hours per week. Applicant must be able to use a computer, have some bookkeeping skills & work independently; Microsoft Word, Publisher and Excel a plus. Excellent working environment. Please contact Deacon Fred at **419-564-9864** to set up an interview.

Did you know that your child may qualify for a Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund scholarship for the 2015-2016 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 for grades K-8th. For example a family of five with a household income of \$75,357 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, May 29, 2015.

NEOPHYTE MASS: The Neophyte Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, May 16 (Vigil of the Ascension of the Lord) at 5:00 p.m. at Rosary Cathedral. Contact the Barb Pifher for registration information.

THE ADULT CONFIRMATION MASS will be celebrated on Pentecost Sunday, May 24 at 10:00 a.m. at Rosary Cathedral. Contact the Barb Pifher for registration information.

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DEACON'S CORNER

In our last column we discussed the two forms of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, & Eucharist.) The first form of the Sacraments of Initiation is at birth, the second form is for someone who has reached the age of reason and older, R.C.I.A.

Today we will begin by looking at Baptism as an infant. Old theology used to be that unless a child was baptized immediately following birth and if the child suffered an untimely death, he or she would go to a place called 'limbo'; a place that was never condoned by the church, but a teaching that somehow crept in over the years. It was thought that the 'original' sin of Adam and Eve was not removed until this occurred and that the child was not a child of God until Baptism removed that stain of sin. Thank goodness, theologians have studied and now teach that all children are born with grace. Their very life from conception forward is condoned by God and is part of God's creation. Every child, being God's creation whether baptized or not is a child of God and given 'extra' grace to endure and stand against sin on this earth in the sacrament of baptism. That grace is strengthened by the Sacrament of Baptism giving that child a membership in the Church. It does remove all sin, including 'original sin'. The real difference in teaching is that no child because they are not catholic, or their parents didn't have them baptized is eternally damned but will enjoy the kingdom of God equally.

This theology is a lot different than even when I grew and up and was taught about Baptism. The good news is that every child, no matter the circumstances they equally have a chance to attain the heavenly homeland promised us by Jesus himself. We are all equally graced from our very beginnings. God does not pick and choose but gives us all a chance. He gives us the free will to choose even after we have been baptized, deciding whether or not to follow his church, his teachings, and to become his disciples. The Church's whole liturgical life revolves around the Eucharistic sacrifice and the sacraments, our Catholic Catechism tells us. The word Baptism means to "plunge" or "immerse." Christ initiated this sacrament at the River Jordan, where he himself chose to be baptized though he did not need it by John the Baptist. The sacrament from the time of the apostles was offered to anyone who and has always been connected with faith and belief in Jesus. When a baby is baptized, it requires that parents and godparents be catechized so that the faith may be passed along to the child. Post baptismal catechesis of the child is needed and required to complete the other two pieces of the Sacraments of Initiation, Eucharist and Confirmation. This education is needed to allow the graces poured forth to continue to grow and flourish within the soul of that individual.

Because of this theology, no one is ever denied the opportunity to gain the fullness of their redemption. This coincides with the teaching that God does not make bad things, only good! Even though we are still born with 'original sin' a baby who might die before being able to choose, would have the ability to live in God's kingdom, since that sin was not chosen by the baby, but inherited.

The thing to remember here is that Baptism is still vitally important to gain membership into the community of believers who help foster that child's faith. It is the responsibility of the parents as the first teachers of a child to foster, teach and raise the child's understanding by their teaching and example as to what they belong to and are part of, the Body of Christ.

Next time we will look at Sacrament of Eucharist and what it is and truly means. We will explore the whole R.C.I.A. process in its own column after discussing the three elements of the Sacraments of Initiation.

Deacon Fred

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.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA will have their annual day at Marywood Shrine on Monday, May 18th. 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 Donna Hicks at 419-347-4771 or Alice Willman at 419-347-6813 to make reservations and food order for lunch.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Tom Hall, Jason Moore, Jensen Kurtzman, Darian Miller, Owen Young, David Metzger, Roger Endicott, April Ganzhorn, Ryan Athy, Gabriel Lash, Jim Young, Amy Adkins, Melissa Kaple, Lisa Obojski, Don Fry, Diana Miller, Richard Allwine, John Fisher, Amanda Scheck, Brevyn Burkhalter, Pat Biglin, Phil Korbas, Terri Manns, Paul Carriere, Carey Miller, Rachel Yetzer, Gary Spangler, Karen Winters, Suzanne Woods-Olack, Scott Spangler.

Prayer for Vocations

Father in heaven, you sent us your only Son to redeem us and to build your kingdom on earth. Please give us the wisdom and strength we need to follow His call. Grant to the faithful a spirit of generosity, that Church vocations may flourish. Bless our priests with holiness and courage, that they may lead your people to Christ. Help all sisters and brothers to fulfill their sacred promises and so be effective signs of your kingdom. Lord, invite more men and women to your service. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.