

ST. JOSEPH & MOST PURE HEART OF MARY PARISHES

May 1, 2016

Sixth Sunday of Easter



My Dear Friends of St. Joseph and Most Pure Heart of Mary Parishes,

Thank you so much for all of the kind comments and supportive cards last weekend. You have all been very kind. I loved the dinner on Saturday. I want to express my gratitude to everyone who worked so hard to put on the meal. I am humbled by your expressions of love.

Congratulations to all of our First Communion children! I am very proud of all of you for making this important step in your faith life!

Finally, you all may have heard by now, your new pastor will be Fr. Christopher Mileski. He is currently the Associate Pastor at Fostoria, St. Wendelin. He's been alive for as long as I've been a priest! I know you'll be as kind to him as you've been to me.

Have a glorious week.

– Fr. Jim

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Mondays 10:00 a.m.

for the upcoming weekend.

Anything received after this time will be in the following bulletin. Watch for special deadlines during the holidays.



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

This 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!

Deeper continues this Wednesday, May 4th 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 until 9:00 p.m.

Youth Praise Team practices this Wednesday, May 4th in the church from 6:00-6:45 p.m. Please join us as we prepare to sing for Graduation Mass on May 15th.

Next Sunday, May 8th there will be NO SLAM events. Celebrate life with your mother!

BENEFIT DINNER & PIE AUCTION for Adam Carman Sunday, May 1st, beginning at 12:00 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, East Main St., Shelby. Serving Pineapple Glazed Ham & Meatloaf, Salad and Desserts. Auction begins at 1:00 p.m. Items to be auctioned are pies & other baked goods by ladies of the church, blankets, OSU Football Tickets and much more! Please join us May 1st, We can make a difference.

ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY CHICKEN BARBECUE

Sunday, May 8
11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Serving: 1/2 chicken, Au gratin potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, roll, dessert & beverage
\$9.00 adults \$5.00 Children (12 & under)

Public invited & carry-outs available
Please call 567-224-4422 or 419-935-0856
Fr. Nardecchia Hall, 25 W. Perry St. Willard, OH
Sponsored by Willard K of C

12th ANNUAL DIOCESAN HOMESCHOOLING MASS: Are you a Catholic homeschooling family in the Toledo diocese? Then please join us at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 7 at Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral in Toledo for our **12th Annual Diocesan Homeschooling Mass**. The Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas, D.D., S.T. L., Bishop of Toledo, will be celebrating our Mass.

It's a wonderful evening of prayer, fellowship, food and fun! Please bring a finger-food dish to share for the reception immediately following the Mass.

If you have a student who will be graduating 8th grade, or a graduating high school senior, and would like your graduate to participate in the ceremony after the Mass, please email Lisa-Ann Brickner at oyc81@yahoo.com by May 25th. We can't wait to see you there!!

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Liturgical Calendar

Monday, May 2--Memorial of St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

9:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Communion at MPH M (Parish Office)
Acts 16:11-15; Psalm 149:1b-6a,9b; John 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday, May 3--Feast of Sts. Philip & James, Apostles

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church
9:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Communion at MPH M (Parish Office)
1 Corinthians 15:1-8; Psalm 19:2-5; John 14:6-14

Wednesday, May 4

9:00 a.m. Mass at MPH M Church
Prayers for Christopher Pete Ramsey
Acts 17:15,22-18:1; Psalm 148:1-2,11-14; John 16:12-15

Thursday, May 5

9:00 a.m. Mass at MPH M (Parish Office)
Prayers for Virginia Swanger
6:00 p.m. Holy Hour (church)
Acts 18:1-8; Psalm 98:1-4; John 16:16-20

Friday, May 6

9:00 a.m. Mass at MPH M Church
Prayers for Ed Derowski
9:45 a.m. First Friday Breakfast
6:00 p.m. Closing & Benediction
Acts 18:9-18; Psalm 47:2-7; John 16:20-23

Saturday, May 7

8:30 a.m. Rosary & Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00 a.m. First Saturday Mass
5:00 p.m. Mass at MPH M Church
Prayers for all Mothers
Acts 18:23-28; Psalm 47:2-3,8-10; John 16:23b-28

Sunday, May 8--Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

8:30 a.m. May Crowning Mass at St. Joseph Church
10:30 a.m. Mass at MPH M Church
Prayers for all Mothers
Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47:2-3,6-9; Ephesians 1:17-23; Luke 24:46-53



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



For the Help of the Blessed Virgin Mary

May we be assisted, we beseech Thee, O Lord, by the worshipful intercession of Thy glorious Mother, the ever-Virgin Mary; that we, who have been enriched by her perpetual blessings, may be delivered from all dangers, and through her loving kindness made to be one heart and mind: who lives and reigns world without end. Amen.

Sponsor of the Week
**Remember Your parish
& School in your Will**

419-347-2381



What's Happening Around the Deanery



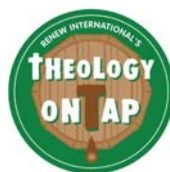
**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
OBSERVANCE
THURSDAY, MAY 5th AT 7:00 P.M.**

**Blackfork Commons Pavilion
Blackfork Street, Shelby**

**In case of rain, event will move to
Calvary Baptist Church**

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.



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, 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.

CATHOLIC WOMENS CLUB: The next luncheon will be Wednesday, May, 11. It will be held at St. Bernard's Catholic Church, 422 W. Mansfield Street, New Washington. It will begin with Mass at 11:30 a.m., followed by a luncheon at 12:30 p.m., in the school gym. All 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. You may call Chris Young at 419-492-2878 to make your reservation. They must be made by Friday, May 6.

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@toldodiocese.org to inquire about volunteer opportunities.



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.jfmdtoledo.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.



project rachel
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.

My Communion Prayer

*Dear God,
I know that You give me many gifts.
The gift of Your Son,
Jesus Christ in Holy Communion
is the greatest of all.
How can I ever thank You
enough for this special gift?*



*At Mass we are called to be like Jesus,
by loving and serving one another in the world.*

*As I become more like Him,
please continue to help me.
Show me the places and ways that
I can bring Your love, kindness,
and peace to others....
in my family,
in my neighborhood,
in my community,
with my friends.*

*I ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.*



St. Joseph's Parish News

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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 8-- 8:30 a.m.

Greeter: Marian Kanney
Eucharist: Jim Bond, Ashley Bond
Servers: Sara Heydinger, Elizabeth Heydinger, Volunteer
Lector: Shirley Phillips
Ushers: Ken Studer, Kevin Heydinger
Music: St. Joseph Choir
Collection Counters: Ed Kanney, Bob Riedlinger

MAY CROWNING: Our First Communicant for 2016, Liam Kuhn, will be crowning Mary next Sunday as we celebrate Mary's month of May.

ADORATION AND BENEDICTION OF THE EUCHARIST will be Tuesday, May 3 at 7:00 p.m. here at St. Joseph Church.

CONGRATULATIONS to Roger & Carolyn Carnahan who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary this weekend. May God continue to bless your marriage with good health and continued growth.

ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES: A Mass and reception are being planned for June 5th here at St. Joseph. If you are graduating this year from high school, please call Sharon at the parish office 419-687-4611 with details. We would like to make this a special event for you!

ANNUCIATION RADIO sent us a thank-you for the generous donation of \$240.00 that was donated to the station in the name of St. Joseph Parish. This outreach to the Catholic audience and non-Catholic listeners is evangelizing God's message to the world.



FINANCIAL REPORT

April 24

Sunday Offering.....\$ 1,190.70
Weekly Budget Needed
For Year 2015/16 \$1,500.....- \$ 309.30
Year Over/Under Budget- \$3,632.50
Attendance: 134

A & R Meeting has been moved because of Mother's Day to May 15th after Mass.



- ✠ Sun., May 8th, May Crowning
- ✠ Sun., May 8th, Mothers' Day
- ✠ Sun., May 15th, A & R Meeting following Mass in hall
- ✠ Tues., May 17th, Pastoral Council (only) Meeting

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Liam Kuhn, Zoe Kuhn, Diane Willacker, Samuel Fairchild, Julia Willacker, Katrina Wilhelm



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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/Rector 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, May 7, 5:00 p.m. Mass

Lector: Mary Martin-Bandman
Servers: Bryce Bishop, Payton & Gavin Lindsay
Eucharistic: Dave & Lois Steele, Vincent Studer, Betty & Jim Yetzer, Dave Yetzer
Ushers: Kevin & Mitch Noel, Jeff Peiffer, Allan Kempf
Greeters: Betty Damron, Ken & Julie Ensmann
Music: Disciples of Song

Sunday, May 8, 10:30 a.m. Mass

Lector: Colton Penwell
Servers: Casey & Cody Lantz, Adam Niese
Eucharist: Angela Yetzer, Teresa Fitch, Mary Fike, Glenda Friebel, Julie Friebel, Bill Houseworth, Casey Kerr
Ushers: Howard Souder, Raymond Souder, Samuel Logan, John Reith
Greeters: Casey Kerr, Kathy Lowe, Dave & Nita Walsh
Music: Adult Choir

Collection Counters: Dave & Lynne Wagner, Dorothy Chew

CALENDAR of Events

Monday, May 2

9:45 a.m. Bible Study--Lower Level
6:30 p.m. Bible Study--Lower Level

Tuesday, May 3

6:00 p.m. PTO--Theology Room

Wednesday, May 4

3:30 p.m. Children's Choir--Church
10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl
6:00 p.m. Youth Praise Team--Church
7:00 p.m. DEEPER--Youth Room
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir--Church

Thursday, May 5

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

J-O-Y: (Just Older Youth) will meet on Thursday May 19th, not May 12th as originally scheduled. We will be viewing the *Woodlawn* movie at 9:45 a.m. Coffee and donuts provided. Everyone welcome.



The Global Catholic
Climate Movement

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

Calculate your carbon footprint. Understanding which activities are carbon-intensive allows you to know where you can take action. A carbon footprint is historically defined as "the total set of greenhouse gas emissions caused by an individual, event, organization or product. (Carbon dioxide). The EPA has a free carbon footprint calculator you can use. Please go to <http://www.nature.org/greenliving/carbon-calculator> to learn more.

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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!

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.

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 \$18,920.00 total pledged. We are \$6,080 short of meeting 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 *Woodlawn*. In 1973, a spiritual awakening captured the heart of nearly every player on the Woodlawn High School football team. Their dedication to love and unity, in a newly desegregated school filled with racism and hate, leads to the largest high school football game ever played in the torn city of Birmingham, Alabama.

There will be two opportunities to view this movie, Thursday May 19th at 9:45am and again on May 22nd at 4:30pm. Popcorn will be provided. Please bring your favorite drink.

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 Pifer 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)

MAINTENANCE MEETING: The next scheduled maintenance meeting will be Monday, May 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish center conference room. All are welcome.



Sunday Collections April 23 & 24, 2016:

Offertory	\$	6,888.30
Religious Education	\$	90.00
Children's	\$	5.00
Holy Days:		
Easter	\$	175.00

TOTAL SUNDAY AND HOLY DAY COLLECTIONS \$ 7,158.30 down \$839.00 from 2014/2015

Total Sunday and Holy Day Collections to Date \$ 424,319.50 down \$224.00 from 2014/2015

Other Parish Collections:

Capital Improvement \$ 365.00

Youth Ministry \$ 5.00

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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:

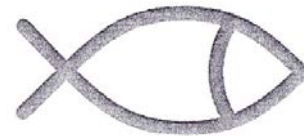
Applications are available at the Parish Office and are due by May 11th. This scholarship is open to SHS Seniors. You must be a registered parishioner and active at MPM Church and be planning to attend an accredited college or university, or technical school in the fall of 2016-2017 school year. Recipient's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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Patricia Biglin, Philip Korbas, Terri Manns, Paul Carriere, Carey Miller, Rachel Yetzer, Gary Spangler, Karen Winters, Suzanne Woods-Olack, Scott Spangler, Jena Biglin, James VanFleet, Ella Daniel, Gregory Miller, Donna Takos, Karl Yetzer, Zoe McNary, James Magers, Michael Zappa, Christena Smith, Margaret Karl, Roger Little, Tina Eldridge, Sandra Siferlin, Julianna Stiteler



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.

MOTORCYCLE PILGRIMAGE: Get your motor running; head out on the highway...with Fr. Ron Brickner! Join Fr. Ron for a unique pilgrimage to basilicas in Ohio, Kentucky & Indiana. Ride some beautiful rural roads through southern Ohio, down to Gethsemane Ky and to St. Meinrad IN. Finish the trip at the beautiful basilica of the Sacred heart in Notre Dame. All in one week. For more information go to www.pro-catholictours.com and look under the Trips with Your Clergy tab. or contact Deacon Andy McMahan at 419-238-2985.

2015-16 Excel Beyond the Basics School Fund Drive Our Goal \$67,500

Collected Apr. 23 & 24	\$ 30.00
Total Collected for 2015-16 Fund Drive	\$ 58,266.40
Pledged to Date	\$ 63,744.90
We're \$3,755.10 away from meeting our pledged goal for 2015/2016 school year.	

Our Parish School News

Greetings Parish Families!:

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

Thank you for coming out to support the Spring Fling! On behalf of St. Mary's School, I would like to extend a special thank you to our co-chairs Mr. & Mrs. Keinath and Mr. & Mrs. Wilkins. You are AMAZING and have really made a difference for us! Thank you to all of the committee members who helped and the silent heroes who continue to be the glue to help us keep the event running smoothly!

Spring Play Dinner Theater – You are invited! We are gearing up for the spring play taking place Monday, May 23rd 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.

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!

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 ;0).

We are truly blessed,
Lisa M. Rhodes

6th grade Mohican Outdoor Learning Adventure

