

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

This past Sunday was an exciting day for 13 second graders as they received their First Holy Communion. Since last September they have been preparing to receive this sacrament which is another step toward full initiation into the Catholic Church.

As a director this is one of my favorite celebrations! It is heartwarming to see these little ones so joyous and eager to receive the Eucharist. They are eager to share what they have learned, so take a minute to ask them, they will be ready to tell you what they know. As they are all dressed up, it is with wonder, reverence and excitement that they approach the Table of the Lord! The reason I am so fond of this day is because of this enthusiasm that they display. My prayer for all of us would be to observe this enthusiasm and embrace it each week as we partake of the Eucharist.

Along with these 13 second graders are the 23 seventh and eighth graders who received Confirmation from Bishop Thomas just a few weeks ago. They too have worked diligently over the past two years in preparation to complete their Sacraments of Initiation in Confirmation. As full members in the Catholic faith, they are our future church. Let us continue to keep them in our prayers as they find their role in the growth of our church.

It was rewarding to see all of these children receive their sacrament; we know that there are individuals out there that deserve a warm thank you for making this happen. First we start with our greatly appreciated catechists, whether they are in our school or in the Religious Education program. These individuals give graciously of their time and talents to aid our children to grow in their faith, which in itself is no easy and small task. The call to be a catechist is not answered by many, but what an important job they perform in the formation of the young children of our parish.

Another group of people that deserve many accolades is that of the parents, god-parents and sponsors of these children. Both the First Communion and Confirmation support people have done an outstanding job at assisting to prepare their children. They have been truly an extension to our catechists, especially with the demands on their time whether it is work, everyday tasks and an ever growing list of activities that the children participate. A great big thank you goes out to you for making the decision to make faith education a priority in the lives of your children.

Last but not least, we thank the parish for their continued support and nurturing of all of these young people. Please remember to keep all of these young disciples in your prayers and let us be good examples to them as they continue to grow in their faith. Congratulations to the First Communion and Confirmation children on their sacrament journey.

– Sherry Stockmaster D.R.E.

PAINTING CONTRACTORS: The parish is accepting bids to paint the siding on the Rectory at 41 Marvin Ave. Please contact Ken Ensman 419-512-0319.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, May 11

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

Tuesday, May 12

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

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

7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting—Conference Room

Wednesday, May 13

9:00 a.m. Mass—Prayers for Eileen Huggins, Special Intention

6:00 p.m. Youth Praise Team—Church

7:00 p.m. DEEPER—Youth Room

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir—Church

Thursday, May 14

9:00 a.m. Mass—Prayers for Virginia Amato, Lisette Strine Fisher

6:00 p.m. Holy Hour

Friday, May 15

9:00 a.m. Mass—Prayers for Theresa Bilka

Saturday, May 16

5:00 p.m. Mass—Prayers for Fr. Jim Roth, Bernard Miller, Catherine Kaylor

Sunday, May 17

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

10:30 a.m. Mass—Prayers for The Arcudi Family, Don Branch, Rose Koch, Madeline Katherine McGarvey

MASS INTENTIONS: In the event there is no Mass, the Mass intention for that day will be rescheduled on the next open date.

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps.149:1b-6a,9b; Jn.15:26-16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps.138:1-3,7c-8; Jn.16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15,22-18:1; Ps.148:1-2,11-14; Jn.16:12-15

Thursday: St. Matthias, Apostle (Feast)

Acts 1:15-17,20-26; Ps.113:1-8; Jn.15:9-17

Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps.47:2-7; Jn.16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps.47:2-3,8-10; Jn.16:23b-28

Sunday: Ascension of the Lord (Solemnity)

Acts 1:1-11; Ps.47:2-3,6-9; Eph.1:17-23; Mk.16:15-20

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 Pifer 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 Pifer for registration information.

Saturday, May 16, 5:00 p.m. Mass

Lector Mike Metzger
Servers Tanner Steiner, Payton & Gavin Lindsay
E.Ministers Mary Lou Lewis, Mary Martin-Bandman, Lori McCartney, Harold & Nancy Metzger, Janet Kehres
Ushers James Yetzer, Thomas Yetzer, Mark Young, Michael Zappa
Greeters Jeff & Jennifer Yates, Mike & Darlene Zappa
Music Maddie & Colton

Sunday, May 17, 10:30 a.m. Mass

Lector Graduate
Servers Ethan Eidt, Jesse Lauderbaugh, Caleb Vogt
E.Ministers Deanie & Todd Kehres, Casey Kerr, Ann Logan, Beth Kurtzman, Scott Kurtzman, Kathy Lowe
Ushers Bobby Evans, Dave Walsh, Michael Caporini, Ed Kurtzman
Greeters Lynelle Boyce, Veronica Dannemiller, 2 Volunteers
Music Youth Praise Team

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 M 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

Youth Praise Team will practice one final time this school year Wednesday, May 13th from 6:00-6:45 p.m. in the church. We sing next Sunday, May 17th for Graduation Mass.

Deeper is still going! We meet this Wednesday, May 13th from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Bring a friend!

Summer Calendars with all the special events to be held May through August are available in the back of church next to the SLAM bulletin board!

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.

MOTORCYCLE PILGRIMAGE: Join Fr. Ron Brickner visit basilicas in OH, KY & IN, June 8-12. Visit www.procatholicotours.com or call 769-233-65156.

ACA UPDATE: As of May 2nd, our parishioners have pledged \$16,400 to the 2015 Annual Catholic Appeal. Thank you to everyone who has made a pledge or gift. We are at 71.3% of our parish goal of \$23,000 with 127 pledges out of our 785 families. We're \$6,600 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 – MAY 2 & 3, 2015

Sunday Collections:

Offertory	\$	12,464.60
Children's	\$	5.35
Religious Education	\$	170.00

Holy Day Collections:

Easter	\$	20.00
Ascension	\$	105.00
Support Your School	\$	115.00

TOTAL SUNDAY AND HOLY DAY COLLECTIONS \$ 12,879.95 up \$1,912.00 from 2013/2014

Total Sunday and Holy Day Collections to Date \$ 437,423.48 down \$13,140.00 from 2013/2014

Diocesan Collections:

Catholic Relief Services	\$	10.00
Peter's Pence/Holy Father	\$	10.00

Other Parish Collections:

Capital Improvement	\$	240.00
Cemetery Donations	\$	195.00

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Greetings from St. Mary's School

A ministry of Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church

Thank you to Mrs. Stockmaster, Mrs. Metzger, and Mrs. Karl, along with their parents and the many other volunteers who dedicated so much time toward preparing our students for their First Communion. We are blessed to be able to share in these spiritual events!

Our school year is winding down, but we still have a lot of exciting events in store for our students as we finish the year! Field trips, including an all school retreat, and the spring recital are just a few of the upcoming events.

We have had a few date changes for our spring dinner theater-style recital. I apologize for the confusion, but please note that we have finally landed on May 20th and look forward to showcasing our students' hard work!

UPCOMING DATES:

May 20th—**DATE CHANGE** Spring Dinner Theater (prek-6 student recital) – Free-will donation dinner.

May 24th—6th grade graduation Mass/reception in the Gym following Mass

May 27th—Last Day for students

June 1st-12th Summer Enrichment Session I

8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday—All students enrolled in K-6 at St. Mary's School are invited to attend.

July 6th- 17th Summer Enrichment Session II

8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday—All students enrolled in K-6 at St. Mary's School are invited to attend.

Two Summer Enrichment sessions will be offered this year to encourage students' continued academic growth over the summer. There is no additional cost to St. Mary's students. Please contact the school office to register your student for the sessions. Students are invited to attend both sessions.

We are accepting student registrations for the 2015-16 school year in pre-k through 6th grade. Please call for more information! We are pleased to announce that we have 2 new scholarships available for preschool this year, based on financial need. Applications can be picked up at the school office.

There's still a little time to submit resumes for the 5/6 homeroom teacher position. Please stop in or mail resumes to the school office at 26 West Street, Shelby, Ohio 44875.

I encourage you to check us out on Facebook. This is where we regularly post pictures and events happening at school! 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 May 2 & 3, 2015	\$ 350.00
Total Collected to Date	\$ 55,938.28

SCHOOL JOB OPENING FOR 2015-16

SCHOOL YEAR: We are currently accepting resumes for a teacher for our 5/6 homeroom. Please send your letter of interest and resume to St. Mary's School, ATTN. Lisa Rhodes, 26 West Street, Shelby, OH.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING: We will be having training for our Eucharistic Ministers. Plan to join us on Wed., 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Mary Gross, Marlene Keiser, Adrienne Metzger, Laura Swigart, Zoe Kuhn, Mary Dininger, Toni Anspach, Jodi Wolford, Matt Carr, Nicole Ferguson, Kathy Schaefer, Beth Sherk, Jon Kempf, Cody Lantz, Allison McNary, Jennifer Cirata, Ryan Workman, Benjamin Metzger, Marcine Taylor, John Yetzer, Heather Payne, Stephanie Eidt, Claire Yetzer, Shelley Friebel, Jeff Murray, Scott Young, Jonathan Brewster, Sarah Metzger, Mary Dunne, Bill Houseworth, Linda Zehner, Charles Pfahler, Ben Newmeyer, Mitchell Noel, Kolstin Lamb.

Do you know someone in need of help around the house or in the yard? On Saturday, June 27th teens and adults from across the deanery as part of the Youth Elect Service (YES) weekend retreat will be going to homes of those who are in need of help and cannot do the work themselves. There is **NO** cost! For home owners we can do yard work, small repairs, cleaning, painting and the like. We can help anyone of any faith in Richland or Crawford Counties but we can travel even farther if needed. We just need a name, address and phone number so we can get in touch with them! One of our work site committee members will call and make an appointment to see what supplies are needed and if we can do what it is they need done. If you know of anyone, if you yourself need assistance or you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us by e-mailing Kari at kkrebs@stmaryshelby.org or call her at **419-571-3803** before May 25th. Thank you!

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Community Lasagna dinner prepared by Brenda Schroeder with drink & dessert for \$7, 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. Our next dinner isn't until Oct. 16th & Nov. 20th. Thank you for your support!

DEACON'S CORNER

The second sacrament of the Sacraments of Initiation is Confirmation. It is somewhat ironic that having just celebrated this sacrament with the bishop, at the cathedral in Toledo, this column comes into sequence. Following the model of infant baptism, Confirmation takes place in a child's life somewhere between the ages of twelve and eighteen. This depends upon how parishes handle the education of their young adults; and again, this doesn't take into account adults who come through R.C.I.A. We will discuss this model at the end of the three sacraments of initiation. It is usually conferred by the bishop of the diocese either in the parish or at the cathedral as ours at St. Joseph and Most Pure Heart of Mary Parishes was this year.

The reason for the sacrament is to bring to fullness the grace needed to use the seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit as we move from childhood into adulthood. These gifts were conferred at baptism, since it is through His Spirit, that any of the sacraments occur. When the sacrament is conferred the person first, renews the baptismal promises made by their parents and godparents at their baptism years before. The candidate is then anointed with oil, an ancient tradition dating clear back to the kings being anointed king of a particular land. The Sacred Oil sets those anointed with it apart, it consecrates the person to the mission of Jesus Christ, our catechism says. Sacred Chrism, the oil used in this anointing is perfumed with balsam and blessed by the bishop annually during Holy Week along with the Oil of the Catechumens and the Oil of the Infirm, distributed to parishes and is used throughout the year. This Sacred Chrism is used for Baptisms along with Oil of the Catechumen and in Holy Orders. The oil symbolizes a seal, an indelible seal that cannot be taken away.

As the bishop dips his right thumb in the Sacred Chrism, he prays, "Be sealed with the Holy Spirit." The confirmation candidate responds, "Amen." This seal makes us a child of God, completely, without reservation. It enrolls us in His service forever and in exchange God gives us divine protection. The sacrament our catechism tells us, first it deepens our baptismal grace. It roots us more deeply in divine filiation, it unites us to Christ and increases the Gifts of the Spirit in each of us. It renders our bond with the Church more perfect and it gives us a special strength to spread and defend the faith by word and action. It makes us true witnesses to Christ, professing the name of Christ boldly, standing strong and never ashamed of the Cross.

Like Baptism, which this sacrament completes, is a onetime sacrament because it imprints on the soul the "character," which is the sign of Jesus Christ has marked a Christian. We are sealed with the Holy Spirit clothing us with power from on high so that we may be his witness. This "character" makes us part of the common priesthood of the faithful, received in Baptism, and the "the confirmed person receives the power to profess faith in Christ publicly and as it were officially (*quasi ex officio*)."

The sacrament of Confirmation is available to every person not yet confirmed but would have received

Baptism. Until all the Sacraments of Initiation are completed (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) the preceding sacraments remain incomplete. As with all sacraments, they should be received in a state of grace. A period of preparation to gain full understanding of what is happening in the sacrament is always needed and done. This is usually done in a class setting over a period of several months. The process of preparation includes choosing a saint's name, writing a letter requesting the sacrament and the reasons why you wish to receive the sacrament from the parish pastor, since it is he that presents them to the bishop. It includes choosing an active sponsor, one practices the faith, setting example and is at least sixteen years of age. The Church suggests choosing your baptismal godparent if possible, although it is not required. This sacrament is an adult sacrament, once received the confirmand should what I call, "get a job" doing something for the community on a regular basis as a lector, usher, greeter, Eucharistic minister, or something of service to the Church or local community. It moves the confirmand from an observer to an active participant in the community and life of the Church.

Deacon Fred

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.

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 Pipher, Pastoral Associate

RUMMAGE SALE: Our Spring rummage sale will be held on Friday, June 5 from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and Saturday, June 6 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the school gym. Please use the side door off of the alley. Saturday morning you can fill a bag for \$2.00.

Please bring your donations to the school gym on Thursday, June 4 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. If you cannot bring donations during those hours, please call Tom Yetzer at 419-347-6897 for pick up. We will need men and women to help us unload cars and set up. Thank you.

Sponsor of the Week

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