



THE VIEW FROM MY RECOVERY ROOM

Thanks so much for all the visits, meals, cards, phone calls, but especially for the prayers since my surgery.

I am two weeks into my healing and for a few days, it hasn't been fun. There are a lot of things they don't tell you before surgery. I didn't know what to expect since this is my first hip surgery.

My return date to work is undetermined at this time. My surgery was a little more intense than what the doctor expected. The concern is steps. I was thinking I would start a fund raiser for an elevator or even a chair lift for the Parish Center. The help isn't getting any younger.

Thanks so much for all who have stepped up to help me with some upcoming events that I might not be able to attend.

Vacation Bible School is just around the corner and this year the focus is on our common home, the earth. The kids will learn what the Bible tells us about our obligation to care for the earth and all that share this wonderful planet with us. Registrations are due by June 13th, but walk-ins will be accepted on June 20th.

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all my being, bless his Holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits; He pardons all your iniquities, he heals all your ills. He redeems your life from destruction, he crowns you with kindness and compassion, he fills your lifetime with good; your youth is renewed like the eagle's. Psalm 103:1-5

I am praying that my youth will be renewed like the eagle's and praying for you that you might have a safe and relaxing summer.

Barb Pifher

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

Summer Bible Study continues this Tuesday, June 14th! All students who just finished 6th-12th grades are invited! Feel free to bring friends. We will read and discuss the readings for the upcoming Sunday. We will meet in the youth room, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. If the weather is nice feel free to come

at 6:00 p.m. to play football or enjoy the activities of the youth room.

Our first Summer Adventure is Wednesday, June 15th! All students who just finished 6th-12th grades are invited. We will meet in the youth room at 10:00 a.m. and depart for Alice Noble Ice Arena. Bring a packed lunch. Ice skating will be from 12:00-2:00 p.m. You will want to bring tall socks! After skating we will head to Acres of Fun. They have laser tag, mini-golf, bumper boats and go-karts. You'll need \$7 for Ice Skating and \$11 for 2 activities or \$15 dollars for 3 activities at Acres of Fun. We will return to Shelby at 5:30 p.m. so you can have dinner with your family. Sign up forms are available at Bible Study and in the back of church! Don't forget the Emergency Medical Form!! If it rains we will still ice skate and return for indoor fun in the gym.

It's not too late to sign up for Summer Camp Retreats!! The Middle School Retreat for those who just completed 7th and 8th grade will be at Camp Willson in Bellefontaine from June 27th to 29th. The High School Retreat is for those who just completed 9th-12th grades will be at Camp Glen in Tiffin from July 11th to 14th. Camp forms are available in the back of church and at the parish office! I hope you will prayerfully consider joining us! If you have any questions call or text Kari at 419-571-3803.

CYO ATHLETICS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention all 4th-8th grade girls!:

It's time for CYO volleyball sign up! To be eligible you must be a registered parishioner of Most Pure Heart of Mary Parish or Plymouth St. Joseph Parish, or a student at St. Mary School. If you are interested fill out a sign up form, which are available in the back of church at Most Pure Heart of Mary or in the Bulletin Kiosk at St. Joseph. If you have any questions please contact the parish office at 419-347-2381. Please **return forms to the Parish Office by July 22.**

Volleyball Coaches Needed!: We are in need of coaches for volleyball! If you have a love for the game and a desire to serve your parish in a very rewarding way, or if you know anyone who may be interested, **please contact Scott Kurtzman our Athletic Director at 419-989-1269.**

ST. JOSEPH & MOST PURE HEART OF MARY PARISHES

June 12, 2016

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Calendar

Monday, June 13--Memorial St. Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor of the Church

8:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Communion at MPHM (Parish Office)
1Kings 21:1-16; Psalm 5:2-7; Matthew 5:38-42

Tuesday, June 14

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church
9:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Communion at MPHM (Parish Office)
1Kings 21:17-29; Psalm 51:3-6ab, 11, 16; Matthew 5:43-48

Wednesday, June 15

9:00 a.m. Mass at MPHM (Parish Office)
Prayers for John & Helen Yetzer
2Kings 2:1,6-14; Psalm 31:20,21,24; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, June 16

9:00 a.m. Mass at MPHM (Parish Office)
Prayers for Mary Ann Frye
6:00 p.m. Holy Hour (church)
Sirach 48:1-14; Psalm 97:1-7; Matthew 6:7-15

Friday, June 17

9:00 a.m. Mass at MPHM (Parish Office)
Prayers for David Riehl
2Kings 11:1-4,9-18,20; Psalm 132:11-14, 17-18; Matthew 6:19-23

Saturday, June 18

1:30 p.m. Beer/Penwell Wedding at MPHM Church
5:00 p.m. Mass at MPHM Church
Prayers for All Fathers of the Parish,
To honor Harold & Mary Yetzer's 65th Wedding Anniversary
2Chronicles 24:17-25; Psalm 89:4-5,29-34; Matthew 6:24-34

Sunday, June 19

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church
Prayers for Rosemary Miller
10:30 a.m. Mass at MPHM Church
Prayers for All Fathers of the Parish
Zechariah 12:10-11, 13:1; Psalm 63:2-6, 8-9; Galatians 3:26-29; Luke 9:18-24

DIOCESE OF TOLEDO SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM IN FULL COMPLIANCE WITH USCCB NORMS:

Each year, the Diocese of Toledo is required to undergo an audit to ensure that it is in compliance with the articles of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. Bishop Daniel Thomas is pleased to announce that, following the October 2015 on-site audit for the fiscal year 2014-2015, the Diocese was found to be in full compliance with the requirements in the Charter.

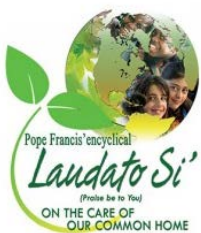
The Diocese of Toledo remains committed to ensuring the protection of children and providing a safe environment for all young people. If you have any knowledge of abuse that has been committed by a cleric or by any personnel or volunteer of the Catholic Church, you are urged to report the abuse to your local police department, Child Protection Services, and to contact Mr. Frank DiLallo, diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (419) 243-2150; or to write to Mr. DiLallo at 1933 Spielbusch Avenue; Toledo, Ohio 43604.



STEPPIN' OUT FOR

LIFE: A 2 mile walk & 5k run are set for Saturday, June 25 at the Lexington

Senior Civic Center B & O Bike Trail. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. with the event concluding at noon. This fundraising event will help the Lex Senior Center to sustain their high standard of services throughout the summer months.



MPHM VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

Taking Care of Our Earth. Themes for each day are based on Pope Francis' second encyclical, *Laudato si'*. Please join us June 20th-24th, at St. Mary's school gym, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Students ages 4-10 along with older students as helpers are welcome. Registration forms are available at the Parish Office. Deadline

is June 13th, any questions please call parish office at 419-347-2381.

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church celebrates 150th Anniversary: On June 29, as part of our celebration we are reaching out to 150 of our fellow parishes in the diocese. We are asking your congregation to offer a short prayer for our continued success as a source of spiritual guidance and comfort for our community. Thank you.

Sponsor of the Week

**MPHM Altar
Rosary Society**

St. Joseph Catholic Church Family **FESTIVAL**

July 17th, 2016
11 am - 2 pm

117 Sandusky St.

Plymouth, OH

DINNER

Carry out available

BBQ CHICKEN OR PULLED ROAST

PORK, SALAD BAR, POTATO BAR, ROLL,

DESSERT & BEVERAGE!

One trip Salad/

Potato Bar Please!

\$10 Adults Children \$5

AGES 6-12

Age 5 & under FREE

New! Small Town Singers 11:30

See the hand built Kaloipe

hear it play!

concessions

Games

Cash Raffle

\$3,000 Grand Prize





What's Happening Around the Deanery



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:

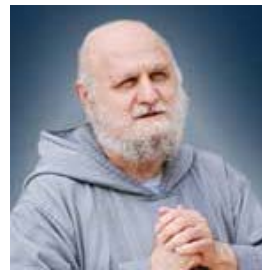
Thursday, June 16, 2016
Vault Wine Bar
29 W Main St, Shelby, OH

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

Ephphatha Day at the Sorrowful Mother Shrine:
4106 State Route 269 (7 miles south of Bellevue), Bellevue, will be held on Saturday evening, June 25, at 4:00 p.m. Mass The Celebrant will be Fr. Mike Depcik. The Mass will also be spoken.



**FR. ANDREW APOSTOLI
AT SORROWFUL
MOTHER SHRINE
July 16th & 17th**

Fr. Andrew Apostoli, frequently seen on Mother Angelica, EWTN Sunday Night Prime, will be at the Sorrowful Mother Shrine. He will have two Conferences on Saturday, July 16th and he will preach at all the weekend Masses here at the Sorrowful Mother Shrine, 4106 State Route 269 (6 miles south of Bellevue), Bellevue, Ohio. For more information you may call 419-483-3435 x 101 or email: sorrowfulmother@yahoo.com.

2015-16 SLAM Year Ending Gathering



Seniors picking out their block to decorate.



A game of Gaga Ball.



Indoor campfire.



St. Joseph's Parish News

June 12, 2016

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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, June 19-- 8:30 a.m.

Greeter: Marian Kanney
Eucharist: Jim Bond, Leonard Fenner
Servers: Charlotte Smith, Ivy Smith, Zeb Finnegan
Lector: Mary Martin-Bandman
Ushers: Joe Runkle, Doug Reer
Music: St. Joseph Choir
Collection Counters: Eileen Eisenhauer,
Randy Eisenhauer, Doris Arnold

FINANCIAL REPORT

June 5

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| Sunday Offering..... | \$ 1,258.00 |
| Food Pantry..... | \$ 35.00 |
| Maintenance..... | \$ 5.00 |
| Romans 12..... | \$ 225.00 |
| Weekly Budget Needed | |
| For Year 2015/16 \$1,500..... | - \$ 242.00 |
| Year Over/Under Budget..... | - \$4,418.07 |
| Attendance: | 136 |



REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES WITH A MASS: See Sharon to book a date and time for a special intention or a Mass in remembrance of a family member.

IF YOU OR A LOVED ONE are having a procedure, hospitalized, ill, or is unable to come to Mass regularly, please let Deacon Fred know so we can place you on the homebound lists. Communion will be brought to your home weekly.



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 your donations. **Deadline will be July 10th** since school is starting earlier this year.



MINISTRY SCHEDULES FOR JULY & AUGUST are being worked on. Contact Sharon in the office on Monday or Tuesday if you are not going to be available. Thank you for your continued ministry to the people of God.



REGISTRATION FORMS FOR PLYMOUTH ECUMENICAL VBS are on the bulletin board outside the church. If you have a son or daughter or grandchild, regardless of faith tradition, they are welcome! Learn about Jesus in the Great Treasure Hunt! The Plymouth Ecumenical VBS will be held June 27th thru July 1st at First Lutheran Church, Plymouth. Supper will be served for youth at 5:00 p.m. with VBS starting at 5:30 p.m. running until 8:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday. Don't miss this opportunity to grow in your love and knowledge of Jesus!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Alice Baughman, Joyce Reer, Sandra Blum, Kailey Hale, Dena Amdrade, Joan Kanney, Carolyn McKown



THANK YOU to all who helped in any way with the large funeral dinner for Alfreda Dannemiller. Your donations of time and food were most generous! God bless you in your work for others!



Social Activities

WEEKLY SUNDAY SOCIAL AFTER MASS:

We need persons to sign-up to put the coffee on and bring some or get someone to bring goodies to share. You don't have to do this every week, but just on occasion. Help us out!

The signup sheet is in the hall along with the Sunday's that are upcoming.



GREET FR. CHRIS JULY AT A BBQ and POTLUCK:

St. Joseph parish will officially welcome Fr. Chris Mileski with a cook-out and potluck on **July 10th at 12:30 p.m.**

There is a sign-up sheet in the hall, so we have a count of those in attendance. Bratwurst, hot dogs, drinks will be furnished.



SMALL TOWN SINGERS will be at our festival singing at 11:30 July 17th. If you would like to help defray the costs of this gospel group, please put your donation in an envelope "marked *Small Town Singers*" drop it in the collection! Thank you for your support in advance! Other entertainment includes a hand built calliope to see and hear, concessions, games for kids young and old! Bring the family!



- ✦ June 20th-24th, Deacon Fred on retreat
- ✦ June 27th-July 1st, Plymouth Ecumenical VBS at First Lutheran, Plymouth
- ✦ July 10th, Welcome Fr. Chris-Cookout/Potluck 12:30 p.m.
- ✦ July 17th, St. Joseph Family Festival, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. **HERE**

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW: St. Joseph Family Festival will be held July 17th 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. A Cash Raffle with a chance to win \$3,000 as a Grand Prize are on sale following Masses. In addition to the Grand Prize, there are 2-\$500, 2-\$250 and 4-\$100 prizes. An Earlybird drawing will be held with the ticket reentered for the Grand Prize drawing on June 19th following Mass for \$100. Get your tickets soon, there are only 400 tickets available! Tickets will be available after Masses in Shelby on June 18th-19th as well.

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Summer Fun!



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| Swimming | T-shirt |
| Sunny | Vacation |
| Holiday | Flowers |
| Shorts | Garden |
| Humid | Green |
| Sports | Heat |

There shall be eternal summer in the grateful heart.




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Most Pure Heart of Mary Parish

June 12, 2016

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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/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, June 18, 5:00 p.m. Mass

Lector: Christi Smith
Servers: Faith Gosser, Julia & Gloria Gutchall
Eucharistic: Todd & Deanie Kehres, Mary Martin-Bandman, Lori McCartney, Mary Miller, Mary Lou Lewis
Ushers: Kevin & Mitch Noel, Jeff Peiffer, Steve Stump
Greeters: Bill & Toni Anspach, Barry & Trudi Britt
Music: Dannemillers

Sunday, June 19, 10:30 a.m. Mass

Lector: John Gies
Servers: Tanner & Parker Herring, Lauren Krietemeyer
Eucharist: Howard Souder, Dave & Lois Steele, Karen Winters, Angela Yetzer, Dick & Becky Young
Ushers: Edward Schumacher, Steven Schumacher, James Sifferlin, Michael Smith
Greeters: Dave & Nita Walsh, Kathy Lowe, Casey Kerr
Music: Disciples of Song

Collection Counters: Jim & Sharon Sifferlin,
Beth & Randy Terman

CALENDAR of Events

Monday, June 13

7:00 p.m. Youth Minister Meeting--Youth Room
7:00 p.m. Maintenance Meeting--Conference Room

Tuesday, June 14

1:00 p.m. Dean Visit--Conference Room
7:00 p.m. Summer Bible Study--Youth Room

Wednesday, June 15

10:00 a.m. SLAM Adventure--Meet @ Youth Room

Thursday, June 16

7:30 p.m. Disciples of Song--Church



Wedding Banns III:

Madeline Beer
&
Colton Penwell



The Global Catholic
Climate Movement

The Catholic Climate Covenant wants you to make a difference in our world. WAYS YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN GOD'S WORLD. Write to your local newspaper. Writing a letter to the editor has effects beyond your local community. Legislators assign their staffs to read letters to the editor as an important barometer of constituents' interests. For tip sheets and templates, contact Kissairis Munoz, Catholic Climate Covenant's advocacy coordinator, at kissairis@catholicclimate-covenant.org.

Most Pure Heart of Mary Parish

June 12, 2016

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Katherine Friebel, Cynthia Ault, Gabriel Dannemiller, Chad Young, Jo Inscho, Stephen Putnam, Miranda Keiser, Brianna Burkhalter, Maureen Ingram, Robert Hanuscin, Seth Little, Ethan Yates, Hazel Robertson, Scott Baird, Brett Dannemiller, Jenna Wilson, Tara Yetzer, Eva Cattey, Gerald Miller, Mark Friebel, Jacob Robinson, Rebecca Bruskotter, Janet Yetzer, Clement Kanney, Catherine Turner, Nellie Reith, Mariah Crahen.



FIRST COMMUNION PICTURES are here and can be picked up at the Parish Office during normal business hours. If the receptionist is gone, please ring the bell and another staff member can help you. Thanks and have a safe and enjoyable summer and don't forget to take your First Communion child to church.

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 \$19,000.00 total pledged. We are \$6,000.00 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.

MAINTENANCE MEETING: The next scheduled maintenance meeting will be Monday, June 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish center conference room. All are welcome.

PLYMOUTH St. Joseph Family Festival Cash Raffle tickets will be available at the doors of Most Pure Heart of Mary Church the weekend of June 18th and 19th. Get your chance on \$3,000 and other cash prizes of 2-\$500, 2-\$250 and 4-\$100 prizes. Don't miss out! See a representative at the doors, get your ticket!



A MUSICAL FAREWELL AND WELCOME!!

Please help wish Father Jim farewell by singing for his last Mass here at MPH. Any and all are welcome. Practice for this Mass will be Wednesday, June 22 at 7:00 pm in the church. The Mass will be Sunday, June 26 at 10:30 am. Attendance at this practice is mandatory to sing for the Mass.

Please help welcome Father Chris by singing for his first Sunday Mass here at MPH. Any and all are welcome. Practice for this Mass will be Wednesday, June 29 at 7:00 pm in the church. The Mass will be Sunday, July 3 at 10:30 am. Attendance at this practice is mandatory to sing for the Mass.

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM: We are looking for someone to take this wonderful project over next year. Please consider, the children of our community need you. We will gladly train you this year.



Sunday Collections June 4 & 5, 2016:

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| Offertory | \$ | 11,961.25 |
| Religious Education | \$ | 80.00 |
| Children's | \$ | 2.00 |

Holy Days:

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| Ascension | \$ | 15.00 |
| Easter | \$ | 100.00 |

TOTAL SUNDAY AND HOLY DAY COLLECTIONS \$ 12,158.25 up \$2,315.00 from 2014/2015

Total Sunday and Holy Day Collections to Date \$ 478,891.62 up \$1,228.00 from 2014/2015

Other Parish Collections:
Capital Improvement \$ 175.00
Support Your School \$ 10.00

Diocesan Collections:
Peter's Pence \$125.00

Most Pure Heart of Mary Parish

June 12, 2016

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**Farewell
Good Luck
and
Thank you!**

Fr. Jim's Farewell

Please join us on Saturday, June 25th following the 5:00 p.m. Mass for an Ice Cream Social and Farewell for Fr. Jim in McFadden Hall.

Please join us on Sunday, June 26th following the 10:30 a.m. Mass for a Light Breakfast and Farewell for Fr. Jim in McFadden Hall.



DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA: The D of I will meet on Monday, June 20, at 7:00 p.m. in the Most Pure Heart of Mary Parish Center lower level meeting room. The committee consists of Sharon Houseworth, Betty Borgelt, LaVerne Borgelt, Shirley Niese, and Shelly Krystofik. Barb Pifher will furnish the chance prize.



ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY: All ladies of the parish over the age of 18 are welcome to join in our next meeting on Tuesday, June 21 at 7:00 p.m. We will be meeting in the lower level meeting room of the parish office.



PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Please join us in welcoming Fr. Chris Mileski on Saturday, July 9th for dinner in McFadden Hall following the 5:00 p.m. Mass. For reservations please call the parish office at 419-347-2381. If you are unable to attend Saturday you are welcome to attend St. Joseph's on Sunday, July 10th at 12:30 pm. Please see St. Joseph's announcement for further details.

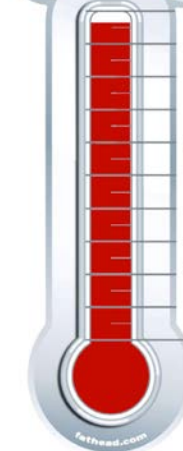


Praying for our children is something we should never take a vacation from - even in the summer months when the living seems easy.

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\$67,500

GOAL!



\$60,750
\$54,000
\$47,250
\$40,500
\$33,750
\$27,000
\$20,250
\$13,500
\$6,750

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

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| Collected June 4 & 5 | \$ 685.00 |
| Total Collected for 2015-16 Fund Drive | \$ 59,731.40 |
| Pledged to Date | \$ 63,809.90 |

We're \$3,690.10 away from meeting our pledged goal for 2015/2016 school year.

Reflections on the Readings

*Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
taken from St. Joseph Sunday Missal.*

First Reading

Second Book of Samuel 12:7-10, 13

King David had sinned by committing adultery with the wife of one of his army commanders who was on duty away from home. When the woman became pregnant, David called the husband back, hoping that a short stay with his wife would cover up his own fatherhood. When this did not work, David ordered the commander to be put in a dangerous position during battle and as a result he was killed. Today's passage shows the prophet Nathan rebuking the king for having sinned grievously after God had been so good to him.

Note the theme of repentance, followed by forgiveness. The point is: Whenever we have been weak, we should repent (which implies that we should try to do better) and ask God for forgiveness. We could do so by using the words of the Responsorial Psalm, which also introduces the topic of the Gospel.

Second Reading--Galatians 2:16, 19-21

This passage gives a summary of Paul's learned and difficult teaching on faith versus the Law of Moses. The Jews of Paul's time saw observation of this law as resulting in justification. Paul states that human endeavor cannot justify anyone. Rather it is faith, total dedication of self to God in the Lord Jesus, that leads to salvation, and faith in God's gracious gift, which we obtained because of Jesus' meritorious death and resurrection. Is our faith in God genuine dedication?

Gospel--Luke 7:36-50

In reading this tradition, as Luke presents it, we wonder who was more guilty in the opinion of our Lord, Simon his host or the woman of the town known to be a sinner. We read that Jesus rebukes Simon for his ungracious behavior, and that he has a warm understanding for the woman.

Jesus does not condone what she has been doing. He forgives. "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace." What do you read as God's word to you in this Scripture?

-- Submitted by Barb Pifher