

ST. JOSEPH & MOST PURE HEART OF MARY PARISHES

October 2, 2016

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



My dear friends,

In this week's bulletin, I'd like to explain three things.

1. The Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council is a body of the lay faithful who are members in good standing in the parish. Their role is advisory to the Pastor and they, "along with those who share in the pastoral care of the parish in virtue of their office give their help in fostering pastoral activity." They do this through prayer, gathering information, reflection, evaluation and formulation of pastoral plans that will affect the appropriate ministries for the viability and vitality of the parish community and its service to the People of God. These plans are recommended to the Pastor for implementation.

(From the Pastoral Policy Handbook of the Diocese of Toledo)

2. The Pew envelope holders

One of the things recommended to Fr. Jim by the Pastoral Council, was the creation of the holders for envelopes and other promotions that can be attached to the pews. In that way, the pews can be kept organized, and the materials can be easily found.

Mike Smith and students at Pioneer, were given some old parts of our pews (like the parts from up front where there is handicapped seating) and they were made into envelope holders. Jim Yetzer then sanded and varnished all of them to match the pews, and they do...perfectly. They were then installed by Ken and Kevin.

When I arrived, the Pastoral Council recommend to me that we have more made, so all of MPHMs seating can have the card holders. More materials were given to Cooper industries and they should be finished in a timely manner.

All things said and done, this project has made an improvement to our parish with a value of \$1,800 that we did not have to spend.

3. Perpetuate the Gift

On the 8th and 9th of October, our parishes will be participating in the Perpetuate the Gift appeal. This is the retirement fund for priests in our diocese. As I would like to retire someday, I realize that I have a vested interest in this, but I do want to explain how it works.

Every year, the diocese sends us a bill for our pre-determined commitment based upon our budget. We pay this without exception. What the appeal does, is offset what we pay the diocese. If we raise all that we would be assessed, then we don't owe the diocese anything. If we raise more, we get back the surplus.

Here's an example (with made up numbers):

We owe the diocese \$20. We will pay the diocese \$20, no matter what. If the collection raises \$15 dollars, then we only owe \$5. If we raise \$25, Then the diocese sends us a check for \$5.

With that in mind, I hope that we can be generous. If we meet our goal, then the funds that were earmarked for the priest retirement can go to other needs in our parish, if we exceed our goal, then we will have even more possibilities of what can be done. AND, we have the opportunity to support our retired priests who have served in our diocese by making sure that they are taken care of.

That should be enough for now,

— Fr. Chris

ALL YOU CARE TO EAT FISH FRY or a Chicken Tenders Dinner, Friday October 7th, at the K of C Hall, 11 Heyman Drive, Attica, OH, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The dinner includes baked potato or french fries, coleslaw, apple sauce, bread & drink. Adults are \$9.00 and Children \$6.00

Sponsor of the Week

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CYO BASKETBALL SIGN-UP:

Attention all 3rd - 8th grade boys and girls!! We are currently in the process of sign-up's for CYO basketball teams. To be eligible you must be a registered parishioner of Most Pure Heart of Mary Parish, Plymouth St. Joseph Parish, or a student at

St. Mary's School. If you have not received a sign up form, they 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 Scott Kurtzman at 419-989-1269. Please **return sign up forms** to the Parish Office no later than Friday, **October 14th**. If you are interested in coaching please contact Scott as well at your earliest convenience.

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Liturgical Calendar

Monday, October 3

9:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Communion at MPHM (Parish Office)
Galatians 1:6-12; Psalm 111:1b-2,7-9,10c; Luke 10:25-37

Tuesday, October 4--Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi

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

9:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Communion at MPHM (Parish Office)
Galatians 1:13-24; Psalm 139:1b-3,13-15; Luke 10:38-42

Wednesday, October 5

9:00 a.m. Mass at MPHM Church
Prayers for Deacon Fred Stockmaster
Galatians 2:1-2,7-14; Psalm 117:1bc,2; Luke 11:1-4

Thursday, October 6

9:00 a.m. Mass at MPHM (Parish Office)
Prayers for Eileen Huggins

6:00 p.m. Holy Hour (church)
Galatians 3:1-5; Luke 1:69-75; Luke 11:5-13

Friday, October 7--Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

9:00 a.m. Mass at MPHM (Parish Office)
Prayers for Kathy Scherer

9:45 a.m. First Friday Breakfast

6:00 p.m. Closing & Benediction
Galatians 3:7-14; Psalm 111:1b-6; Luke 11:15-26

Saturday, October 8

5:00 p.m. Mass at MPHM Church
Prayers for All parishioners, living and deceased
Galatians 3:22-29; Psalm 105:2-7; Luke 11:27-28

Sunday, October 9

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church
Prayers for Rosemary Miller

10:30 a.m. Mass at MPHM Church
Prayers for Sr. Bernadette Sifferlin, Arcudi family
2Kings 5:14-17; Psalm 98:1-4; 2Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19

Thy Kingdom Come
-on Earth as it is in Heaven



ANNUNCIATION RADIO
FALL SHARATHON 2016

October 18-21

It's almost time for Annunciation Radio Fall Sharathon! Remember to tune in to **89.5 WFOT** or **90.9 WSHB** and call in your pledge during this very special (and critically important) 4 day Sharathon: **Tuesday, October 18th through Friday, October 21st**. Hear over 35 of our own priests on the air talking about how Catholic radio is changing lives. EWTN's Debbie Georgianni co-host of "Take 2 with Jerry & Debbie", will be here, as well as Annunciation Radio's local show hosts. We need you to help us spread the word and to listen and pledge during the Fall Sharathon. The toll free pledge line is **888-215-0624**. Secure online pledges can be made at www.annunciationradio.com. **Don't miss Fr. Chris Mileski on Annunciation Radio Friday, October 21, from 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., during the Fall Sharathon.**



The Annual Rosary Rally will be held Saturday, October 15 at noon in Roush Park, Shelby.



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

THIS Sunday, October 2nd is the SLAM Wedding Reception for Chris and Kari! If you didn't receive an invitation or didn't RSVP, don't worry! Please just text/call Kari at 419-571-3803 so she knows you're coming!

The Youth Room will NOT be open before CCD and Deeper this Wednesday, October 5th.

Youth Praise Team will practice this Wednesday, October 5th from 6:00-6:45 p.m in the church. All 7th graders through college students are welcome to join us. This will be one of two practices before we sing for Mass Sunday, October 23rd.

Deeper continues Wednesday, October 5th from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the youth room for all of those who are in high school! Bring some quarters for drinks and snacks.

Next Sunday, October 9th regularly scheduled SLAM continues! We will meet once again from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the youth room! Come for some faith and fellowship.

Looking ahead! Saturday, October 15th was originally scheduled to be a haunted experience. As the cost of those experiences has grown to \$15-\$20 a person and Kari doesn't like scary things, we will instead make a trip to the Pumpkin Glow at Kingwood Center Gardens. Admission is \$6. Look for more details in next weekend's bulletin.

Also, Sunday, October 16th we will return to Ramseyer Farms. We will likely have lunch together before we spend most of day at the farm with pumpkins, corn mazes, potato flinging, slides, peddle car races and much more! Check next weekend's bulletin for more details.



What's Happening Around the Deanery

JOIN US AT THE LIFE CHAIN: October is Respect Life Month. Join us on Sunday, October 2 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. at the corner of West 4th and Lex-Springmill Road, rain or shine, for the Respect Life, Life Chain. Pope Benedict XVI tells us that life is His gift, a gift to be welcomed with love and preserved with care always and at every moment. Please only park in the mall area parking spaces in respect for the area stores. Sponsored by St. Peter's Respect Life Chapter. Contact Mary Rennpage with any questions 419-524-8162 or terryrennpa@earthlink.net

CATHOLIC WOMENS CLUB: The next luncheon will be Wednesday, October 12. It will start with the Luncheon at Ontario Event Center at the Brown Derby at 12:00 noon. All Catholic Women in the St Juan Diego Deanery are invited. If you are new, we encourage you to join us and get to know the Catholic women in the area. Please call Sharon Houseworth at 419-347-1631 or 419-545-2242 or Cathy Waun at 419-961-2975. Reservations must be made by October 7 before noon.

It is the policy of the Diocese of Toledo that the only election materials to be shared through the parishes and diocesan institutions are those that come directly from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Ohio Catholic Conference or our own diocesan Chancery. Information left in our buildings or on windshields that is not from the abovementioned sources is not endorsed by the Diocese of Toledo, its parishes or institutions.

**UPCOMING DEANERY
FESTIVALS**

Mother of Sorrows, North Auburn
Sunday, October 2
Noon - 6:00 p.m.

HARVEST FESTIVAL AT MOTHER OF SORROWS CHAPEL, NORTH AUBURN: Sunday, October 2, 7212 N. Auburn Road, Tiro, OH (3 mi. east of New Washington). Pork & chicken dinners with sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, green beans, applesauce and dessert served from 11:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Carry-outs available. Outside concession stand serving bratwurst, apple dumplings, ice cream. Arts & Crafts booth, Farmers Market booth, Beer tent, bingo from 1:00-4:00 p.m, instant bingo, 50/50 raffles, Reverse Raffle with \$1,000 grand prize, kids games, refreshments and music throughout the entire afternoon. Everyone is welcome!

YOU'RE INVITED TO A Night at Bach's Coffeehouse: You are cordially invited to a concert by the world renowned Renaissance orchestra **Apollo's Fire**. Under the direction of Jeanette Sorrell, Apollo's Fire will present "**A Night at Bach's Coffeehouse**" at St. Peter's Church, 158 South Mulberry Street in Mansfield. This group of extraordinary musicians from Cleveland has performed for audiences internationally with four best-selling CDs on the Billboard Classical Chart. This performance includes Bach's Brandenburgs no. 3, 4, and 5, as well as works by Telemann, Vivaldi, and Handel. The concert will take place on Saturday, October 15 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets for this performance are \$15 for adults and \$10 for seniors and students. Financial Hardship Admission Assistance is available. Call 419-524-2572, ext. 2113, for more information. **Sponsored by the St. Peter's Music Series.**



Does your marriage need a tune up? Or even a major overhaul? Sometimes a marriage can run along fine and then things change. They may need your time and attention. Sometimes lines of communication break down and they need repair. Sometimes our focus moves away from our marriage and family and needs a little redirection. Sometimes a fair or average marriage is just not enough. Have you ever thought to yourself, "How can I

make my marriage better?" If so, Retrouvaille can help. Retrouvaille is marriage program for couples whose marriage has become off course. It begins with a weekend program that can help get your relationship back on track. It is an effective program that has worked for thousands of couples and it can work for your marriage. For more information about **our October 7-9th Retrouvaille Weekend program** for couples, contact registration team: **Joe and Arlene @ 419-841-1116** or visit our website: **HelpOurMarriage.com**

St. Joseph's Parish News

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Sacraments

BAPTISM: Contact the Parish Office 1 month in advance.

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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Notify the Parish Office to arrange.

COMMUNION: Arrange through the Parish Office to be placed on the home bound lists.

MARRIAGE: Please notify either a priest or the Parish Office 6 months in advance.

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

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, October 9-- 8:30 a.m.

- Greeters:** Louis Lynch
- Eucharist:** Alana Sigg, Joe Runkle, Jill Heydinger
- Servers:** Sara & Elizabeth Heydinger, Ben Blum
- Lector:** Ivy Smith
- Ushers:** Ken Studer, Kevin Heydinger
- Music:** St. Joseph Choir
- Collection Counters:** Jeff Sutter, Kevin Heydinger



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Aaron Bond, Amber LeSage, Alexander McKeehen,
Rhiannon Yetzer



FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Budget Needed \$1,440

September 25

Sunday Offering.....	\$ 1,337.00
Maintenance.....	\$ 145.00
Romans 12.....	\$ 206.79
Year-to-date	
Over/Under Budget.....	\$ 472.02

Thank You!

Attendance: 128

September	Month to Date	1st Quarter to Date	
Goal:	\$ 5,792.00	July, August, September	
Collected:	\$ 5,024.02	Goal:	\$ 18,824.00
		Collected:	\$ 14,985.03
	100%		100%
	80%		80%
	60%		60%
	40%		40%
	20%		20%
	0%		0%
	87% of Monthly Goal		80% of Quarter Goal

40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN: St. Joseph will be participating in the 40 days for life campaign again this year by saying the rosary before Sunday mass. If anyone would like to volunteer to lead the rosary, please contact the parish office on Tuesdays from 9:00 to 1:00.



† October 9th, A&R Meeting, following Mass

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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/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 through the Parish Office 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, October 8, 5:00 p.m. Mass

Lector: Deanie Kehres
Servers: Jesse Lauderbaugh, Will Metzger, Kyle Krystofik
Eucharistic: Janet Kehres, Lori McCartney, Vince Studer, Don & Laurie Metzger, Jim & Betty Yetzer
Ushers: Kevin & Mitchell Noel, Jeff Peiffer, Steve Stump
Greeters: Bill & Toni Anspach, Dorothy Chew, Monika Shuler
Music: SpiritSong

Sunday, October 9, 10:30 a.m. Mass

Lector: Gabriel Dannemiller
Servers: Sylvia Beer, Alex Bruskotter, Adam Niese
Eucharist: Glenda Friebel, Scott Kurtzman, Colton Penwell, Chuck Schiffer, Linda Shaughnessy, Dick & Becky Young
Ushers: Dennis Arnold, Todd Baird, Howard Souder, Raymond Souder
Greeters: Dave & Nita Walsh, 2 Volunteers
Music: Disciples of Song
Counters: Dave & Lynne Wagner, Dorothy Chew

CALENDAR of Events

Tuesday, October 4

6:30 p.m. RCIA--LLMR

Wednesday, October 5

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl--LLMR
5:30 p.m. Rel.Ed. grades 1-6--School
6:00 p.m. Youth Praise Team--Church
7:00 p.m. Rel.Ed. grades 7-8--School Theology Room
7:00 p.m. DEEPER--Youth Room
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir--Church

Thursday, October 6

7:00 p.m. Finance Council Meeting
7:30 p.m. Disciples of Song--Church

Friday, October 7

10:30 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks--LLMR

Sunday, October 9

12:30 p.m. Blessing of Pets
7:00 p.m. SLAM --Youth Room

LLMR = Lower Level Meeting Room



The Global Catholic
Climate Movement

wants me to do?" Do I re-cycle or toss it in the trash?

The Catholic Climate Covenant wants you to make a difference in our world. WAYS Remember, there is a big difference between knowing and doing. As you begin taking steps to save God's earth ask yourself "Am I doing what God

Christmas Bazaar

CANDY MAKING TIME! We are accepting donations of white sugar, creamy peanut butter, powdered sugar, light Karo syrup, and chocolate chips. Also, we will be **making candy** on the following dates & times: **Tuesdays—November 1, 8, 15 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. & 6:00-9:00 p.m.** All helping hands are greatly appreciated, no experience necessary.

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Rehearsals begin soon! Now is a great time to join one of our music groups. Music, fun, and fellowship for all ages. Bring your instrument whether it's your voice, guitar, wind, string, percussion, or anything else. All are welcome!

Group	Practice	Masses/Month
Adult Choir	Wed., 7:00 p.m.	Twice
Disciples of Song	Thurs., 7:00 p.m.	Twice
SpiritSong	As needed	Once
Youth Praise Team (Grade 7-College)	2 Wed./month, 6:00-6:45 p.m.	Once
Children's Choir (Grades 3-6)	2 Wed./month, 3:30-4:15 p.m.	Once
Cantors	As needed	As needed
Funeral Choir	None	As needed

For more information on any of these groups, contact Joy Wagner, Director of Music: jwagner@stmaryshelby.org. or 419-347-2381.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Brenda Putnam, Rosemary Detillion, Elaine Fagan, Courtney Santos, Dalton Lowe, Janice Elias, Ashley Wagers, Craig Hiler, Zander Washburn, Carol Kimmel, Thomas Yetzer, Debra Petrie, Shawn Alt, Brandon Spangler, John Foster, Rachel McClary, Kari Owens, Luke Rundag, Glenda Friebel, Sandra Chilson, Tiffany Curry, Heather Fenner Waechter, Kevin Scherer, Steven Aidt, Oscar Yeager, Taylor Hartz, Ryan Mullins, Ruth Noel, Teren Winters.



December 11th and 12th, Most Pure Heart of Mary will host Kelly Croy, speaker, artist, and educator for our Advent Parish Mission. The best speakers are those who entertain, inspire, and challenge. Kelly combines a great keynote message with a live art performance.

He combines the performance with a powerful musical score and then brings the art to life with computer animation. It is a unique, powerful, and entertaining experience for all. "Whether I am in the classroom, speaking on stage, writing, or creating art, my goal is to inspire people to live richer and fuller lives."

Our Advent Reconciliation Service will be held on December 11th as well. Watch the bulletin for times of both events.

Respect Life



BLESSING OF THE PETS:

Fr. Chris will be blessing pets on Sunday, October 9 at 12:30 p.m. on the lawn of Most Pure Heart of Mary Parish.



Sunday Collections September 24 & 25, 2016:

Offertory	\$ 6,557.54
Religious Education	\$ 20.00
Children's	\$ 3.00

Holyday Collections:

Assumption	\$ 20.00
All Saints	\$ 10.00

TOTAL SUNDAY AND HOLY DAY COLLECTIONS \$ 6,610.54 up \$784.00 from 2015/2016

Total Sunday and Holy Day Collections to Date \$ 101,362.33 down \$3,874.00 from 2015/2016

Other Parish Collections: Capital Improvement \$ 245.00

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There will be blood pressure checks in the parish office lower level meeting room, following First Friday breakfast, October 7.



THE ALTAR & ROSARY RUMMAGE SALE

will be held on October 7th & 8th at the Shelby Senior Center. Donation drop-off and set-up will be on Thursday, October 6, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Friday, October 7th sale hours are 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Saturday, October 8th sales will be bag day, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Volunteers for this event are always needed.

J-O-Y (Just Older Youth) will be traveling to the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey on October 13th. We will leave at 9:45 am. The Basilica and National Shrine is one of the designated Churches with the Holy Doors. Pope Francis has announced that Catholics will have the opportunity to obtain a plenary indulgence in the Year of Mercy. To receive this indulgence, one must 1) perform the act which carries with it the indulgence: passing through a designated Holy Door during the Year of Mercy, or performing one of the corporal or spiritual works of mercy; and 2) fulfilling the usual conditions of having the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin, receiving sacramental Confession and the Holy Eucharist, and praying for the intentions of the Holy Father.

Mass is at 11:00 am with lunch following in the Shrine Cafeteria. Cost is \$7.00. After lunch, we will travel to the Shrine Park and pray The Stations of Mercy with Pope Francis. There will also be time to visit the gift shop. I will need reservations by October 3rd in order to make necessary reservations. Please call the parish office at 419-347-2381. Any questions contact Barb Pifher.

2016 Community Christmas Program

Shelby Help Line Ministries
29½ Walnut Street, Rear
419-347-6307

You may submit your own name or the name of someone you know who needs help this Christmas with food, linens and toys. Our office hours are Monday-Friday from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Applications are being received from October 3rd-November 18th at Shelby Help Line Ministries.

Application Deadline is Friday, November 18

Thank you for your special caring that brings joy to so many families this Christmas Season.
May you have a Blessed Christmas!

7 WAYS TO TEACH YOUR CHILDREN TO GIVE CHEERFULLY

1. Model a thankful heart. Express aloud your thankfulness for God's provision of your family's daily needs.
2. Explain what the Bible teaches about tithing, and show children how they can figure their own tithe. Let them see you tithing cheerfully.
3. Explain that we are the managers, not the owners, of all the resources God has placed in our care. Model good stewardship for them as your family decides how to spend money.
4. Explain how money is used when it is given to the church. If you have older children and teens, discuss the church budget with them.
5. Introduce your children to the ministry personnel of your church and to missionaries who visit in your church and discuss how tithes help them do God's work.
6. Participate in ministry and missions opportunities as a family so your children can see their tithes at work.
7. When God provides for your family in unexpected ways in times of crisis, call attention to His faithfulness by having a special time of prayer and thanksgiving.

To help with teaching your children how to tithe, beginning this weekend, at each Mass, we will ask a child volunteer to come forward with a basket and all the children will be invited to come forward and put their tithe in the basket. This will be recorded separately each week in the parish bulletin so our children will be able to see how their money helps our parish. We will no longer be using the children's tithing envelopes. This will help with our parish expenses and of course our parish budget.



Food: We will be collecting all kinds of foods.

Accepting clean and used toys: In need of volunteer help to coordinate the toys for each age group. also need volunteers to make sure that all toys are clean, complete and ready to give away. Volunteers also needed to fill gift bags, move toys and help on Distribution Day, December 10. Call Marcia Snyder at Shelby Help Line Ministries to volunteer.

Cash: Cash donations can be made anytime at any financial institution in Shelby. Make checks payable to Shelby Christian Outreach. These monies are used for supplemental food, meat vouchers and assistance ministries throughout the year.



Excel Beyond the Basics Pledge Drive

School Year 2016-17
26 West Street
Shelby, OH 44875
419.342.2626

St. Mary's Catholic School

A MINISTRY OF MOST PURE HEART OF MARY PARISH



Dear Most Pure Heart of Mary Parishioner,

In 1880 this community and church pulled together to build a Catholic School. We are so proud of our history and tradition. Many lives and souls have been affected through several generations. Now we are inviting you to invest in the future of St. Mary's School through our 2016-17 Excel Beyond the Basics Pledge Drive.

The Pledge Drive is the single most important fundraising effort at our school. It is a yearly campaign to raise financial support for a wide-range of initiatives including classroom technology for students, playground upgrades, media resources, and staff and administrative support. A good portion of the money raised is used to keep tuition affordable for students to attend St. Mary's Catholic School. The mean cost per pupil per year at Catholic schools is \$5,847; (NCEA; National Center for Education Statistics) although our current tuition is \$2,495. Can we count on you to make a donation of \$5 - \$20 a week to this help keep tuition affordable for our school families?

« Book Sponsor Level (\$5 /week and prayers over 1 year)

«Desk Sponsor Level (\$20 /week and prayers over 1 year).

«One time donation and prayers (Any contribution is sincerely appreciated. No amount is too small.)

St. Mary's School NEEDS YOU to renew our greatest inheritance or legacy as a Church. In fact **all donations will be matched up to \$20,000**. By making a tax deductible donation to our Excel Beyond the Basics Pledge Drive, you'll be directly investing in our community one child at a time. St. Mary's School puts our future generations squarely on the road to success in life with an ultimate goal of heaven. Father Chris and our staff team agrees the importance of showing students that God loves them, the Church loves them and we love them. Please visit www.stmaryshelby.org to pledge your support, or fill out and return the promise form (see last page of the bulletin) with many different payment options.

Thank you for your consideration, prayers and continued support,

Mrs. Kimberly Stover

Principal and Proud Alumni

St. Mary's is different by design.

«Bring Christ into our entire day

«Develop total child: spiritual, moral, social & intellectual

«Pray and attend mass

«Study theology daily

«Deliver exemplary academic programs

St Mary's school unlocks the intellectual potential of the young people we serve while forming them for a personal and living encounter with Jesus Christ:

•Catholic school students are more likely pray daily, attend church more often, retain a Catholic identify as an adult, and donate more to the Church. (Sander, 2001, p. 9)

•99% of Catholic school students graduate from high school on time, and 85% of Catholic school graduates attend college. (McDonald & Schultz, 2014)

St. Mary's School is a sacred place helping to build a better society

•Catholic schools save taxpayers more than \$24 billion annually.

(McDonald & Schultz, 2013)

•Catholic school graduates enjoy higher earning potential than public school graduates. (Neal, 1997, p. 108; Owyang, and Vermann, 2012, p. 4)

"St. Mary's cares about student success and will take the extra time needed to help each of their students to reach their goals. In the daily curriculum, the students are taught about the importance of following the path of Christ in our daily life. We feel this will help our children now, in the near future, and throughout their lives!"

~current parent

"My boys are attending for the second year and God has opened my eyes to the love and



commitment to the children the Catholic community has. Growing up in a religious home, I never thought another religion could love or care as much as the one I grew up with. How

wrong was I. The staff and the teachers care much more than I ever thought were possible. Thank you for all you do and for the times you are there for the kids when they need you the most." ~current parent

"I love St. Mary's because of my friends and Mrs. Terry, my teacher." ~current K student



"I love St. Mary's School because ...everyone here likes me." ~ current 5th grader

"I love St. Mary's School because there are nice teachers and we learn about God." ~current 4th grader



"I like St. Mary's because Fr. Chris is the best." ~current 2nd grader

"It all starts at the core and, for me; St. Mary School is just that! It is a privilege that my parents chose to send my brother,

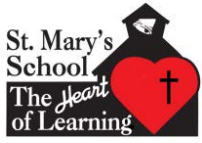


Colton, and I to such a wonderful elementary school where we received a top notch faith based education. Because of my time at St. Mary's I am a stronger person and a leader knowing that with hard work and faith in our God you can accomplish great things. I am so very proud to be an alumnus of St. Mary School." Alumni Jake Penwell is very involved in our church and community.

"St. Mary's School gave me another family! To this day when I see "kids" from my class, there's just a bond that cannot be broken! We have so many memories & shared adventures that were amazing! My Catholic education has instilled in me a conscience to determine right from wrong & that no matter where your path leads you, God loves you unconditionally!!" ~Current staff team



"My Catholic education has given me the knowledge of a faith that has brought me through some tough times. It has also given me the ability to listen and the courage to follow that voice. I can only hope that I can pass that knowledge on to others to give them such a great blessing to have to help with whatever crosses their path in life." ~former parent



Excel Beyond the Basics Pledge Drive

St. Mary's Catholic School

A MINISTRY OF MOST PURE HEART OF MARY PARISH

2016-17

Donor Information (please print or type)

Name (s) _____

Billing address _____

City, State Zip Code _____

Phone 1 | Phone 2 _____

Fax # | Email _____

Promise Information

Yes, I/We wish to invest in our children by pledging my/our support for the St. Mary's drive.
 I (we) promise a total of \$_____ to be paid: now in weekly offering quarterly online
 This promise will be fulfilled by _____date.

Payment Method: ___ Check Enclosed ___ Credit/Debit Card (please fill out info below)

Credit card type | Exp. date _____

Credit card number 16 digit _____

Authorized signature _____

3 Digit Security Code | Zip Code _____

All gifts are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. THANK YOU!
 Gift will be matched by (company/family/foundation) _____

Acknowledgement Information

Please use the following name(s) in all acknowledgements: _____

Wish the gift remain anonymous. In Honor of: _____ In Memory of: _____

Signature(s)-required _____ Date _____

Please make checks, corporate matches,
 or other gifts payable to:

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