

ST. JOSEPH & MOST PURE HEART OF MARY PARISHES

October 23, 2016

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



The power of words.

"In the beginning..."

Most of us know the story of creation. It's something that we've heard many times since we were little. It's so familiar in fact, that we forget the details of it. In the entire first account of creation, God speaks, and everything is created. He says "let there be light" and it happens. The marvels of our entire universe unfold because the power of God's words.

In the same way, we celebrate at Christmas the amazing mystery of our faith, that the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. God's Word is so powerful that it is the second person of the Trinity, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

This is such an important reminder to us of the power of words. So many times in our day we use our words, but do we remember how powerful they can be?

With all the things going on in our world: the upcoming election, events in our community and parish, and even simple things like Facebook and Twitter should give us a pause to consider what our words are doing. Like God's word, our words are meant to build people up. It can be very easy to talk about things we don't know, or repeat things we heard other people say without thinking about how they affect others. It can be very easy to speak before we think, or post something that we think will get some attention. It is easy to use our words in the wrong way. That is why the Church places such importance on the power of our words in teachings in the 10 Commandments (2, 4, 8 -look them up), and in its teachings on detraction and calumny (see the Catechism # 2479).

In a world where talk and free-speech are so important to us, let's make sure that we're using these God given rights to build God's kingdom, protect our brothers and sisters who need someone to speak for them, and do God's will.

Let's make sure that we speak the truth in love and in the right circumstances. Let's try to only speak about the things that we actually know about, and to seek the Truth that our world so desperately longs for. Let's remember to build each other up using our words.

And as always, let's use our words to pray for each other.

– Fr. Chris

2016 GENERAL ELECTION: Bishop Thomas has called everyone in the Diocese of Toledo to a day of prayer and fasting on Monday, November 7th for the intention that with rightly formed consciences, our participation in the upcoming election may lead to a world of greater respect for life, stronger protection of religious liberty and deeper commitment to justice and peace.

Come to Most Pure Heart of Mary on November 7, beginning at 6:00 p.m. where there will be an hour of prayer in the church. We will focus our prayer on the Bishop's special intentions.

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.

Sponsor of the Week

Cranberry Hills

419-492-2192

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Liturgical Calendar

Monday, October 24

9:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Communion at MPH Church
Ephesians 4:32-5:8; Psalm 1:1-4,6; Luke 13:10-17

Tuesday, October 25

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

9:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Communion at MPH Church
Ephesians 5:21-33; Psalm 128:1-5; Luke 13:18-21

Wednesday, October 26

9:00 a.m. Mass at MPH Church
Prayers for Mary Ann Frye

Ephesians 6:1-9; Psalm 145:10-14; Luke 13:22-30

Thursday, October 27

9:00 a.m. Mass at MPH Church
Prayers for John & Helen Yetzer

6:00 p.m. Holy Hour (church)

Ephesians 6:10-20; Psalm 144:1b,2,9-10; Luke 13:31-35

Friday, October 28--Feast of Sts. Simon & Jude, Apostles

9:00 a.m. Mass at MPH Church
Prayers for Beda Phillips

Ephesians 2:19-22; Psalm 19:2-5; Luke 6:12-16

Saturday, October 29

5:00 p.m. Mass at MPH Church
Prayers for Frank & Bertha Weaver, Carol Young,
Harold Yetzer

Philippians 1:18b-26; 42:2-3,5cdef; Luke 14:1,7-11

Sunday, October 30

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church
Prayers for Alfreda Dannemiller

10:30 a.m. Mass at MPH Church
Prayers for All parishioners, living and deceased

Wisdom 11:22-12:2; Psalm 145:1-2,8-11,13-14;

2Thessalonians 1:11-2:2; Luke 19:1-10



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

This Sunday, October 23rd we will have a regularly scheduled SLAM from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the youth room! Join us for fellowship and fun...and most likely pumpkins!

The Youth Room will be open before CCD and Deeper this Wednesday, October 26th.

Deeper continues Wednesday, October 26th 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.

The NET Retreat next Sunday, October 30th at Resurrection Parish in Lexington from 1:00-7:00 p.m. This event will be an amazing opportunity to fill our hearts with the love of God. All 7th-12th graders are invited to join us for this experience. Contact Kari at kowens@stmmaryshelby.org for more details!

March for Life! I know the March is still over 3 months away, but due to the nature of this event, I am asking for a firm commitment by Wednesday, November 2nd. This trip is open to all high schoolers and beyond. Younger students may attend with a parent. More information is available at SLAM and Deeper or contact Kari at 419-571-3803.

CULTURE PROJECT MISSIONARIES IN THE DIOCESE OF TOLEDO: THE CULTURE PROJECT

is an initiative of young people set out to restore culture through the experience of virtue. They proclaim the dignity of the human person and the richness of living sexual integrity, inviting our culture to become fully alive. You can learn more about the Culture Project at www.restoreculture.com.

Five missionaries from the Culture Project will be staying in the Diocese of Toledo October through May and are available to give presentations on human dignity and living the virtue of chastity. They are available for your high school, junior high school, youth group, or homeschooling group. To learn more, email Peter Range at prange@toledodiocese.org. Join the movement, and let's help to restore a culture of life!



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 Lady of Consolation, Carey, OH, 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.

November 13: (Year of Mercy closing)

Fr. Ronald A. Schock

Pastor St. Joseph, Monroeville and St. Alphonse, Peru

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The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) approved a special triennial collection for the AMS in November 2012. The first National Collection for the AMS was timed to coincide with Veterans Day November 2013 and raised more than \$8,239,000. The second National Collection for the AMS will be taken in dioceses and parishes across the country in 2016, for most at Masses the weekend of 5-6 November, or as otherwise determined by an individual diocese or parish.

The Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS) was established by Saint John Paul II in 1985 to provide the Catholic Church's full range of pastoral ministries to those in the United States Armed Forces. The mission of the Archdiocese is to "serve those who serve" by providing the same pastoral care and services as any other Catholic diocese to Catholics serving in the United States Armed Forces, enrolled in U.S. Military Academies, undergoing treatment at any of the 153 Department of Veterans Affairs' Medical Centers in the U.S., Puerto Rico and Guam, working in civilian jobs for the federal government beyond U.S. borders, and the families of these populations. Programs and services vital to the unique mission and ministry of the Archdiocese include *Vocations, Evangelization and Catechesis, Sacramental Records, Tribunal, and Veterans Affairs*:

The AMS Office of Vocations informs and supports men exploring a priestly vocation and provides opportunities for vocation awareness and discernment with a focus on the military chaplaincy. The AMS Co-Sponsored Seminarian Program is a partnership with local dioceses and religious communities around the country. Currently, the AMS partners with 23 dioceses across the U.S. with 28 co-sponsored seminarians studying in 16 seminaries. As many as 20 additional candidates are in-processing for 2016 and, since the fall 2014, 113 candidates have been on one or more of the AMS discernment retreats and expressed interest in the Co-Sponsored Seminarian Program and military chaplaincy. Once a seminarian is in the Co-Sponsored Seminarian Program, the AMS covers half of the costs to his home diocese for priestly formation.

In 2016, three priestly ordinations and one transitional diaconate ordination are expected. Twelve priests are currently serving as priests in their home dioceses before they will begin ministry as active duty military chaplains. In 2015, three new co-sponsored priests joined a branch of the military. The Nation and the Church continue to depend on this generation of future priests to relieve a chronic shortage of Catholic chaplains in the military. At the same time AMS vocations programs have surfaced numerous other vocations to the priesthood and religious life who do not intend to serve as chaplains!

The AMS receives no funding from the military or the government in support of the aforementioned programs and relies solely on private donors. The AMS annual operating budget is over \$6.8 million, which includes the cost of maintaining an archive of more than 3 million sacramental records, a tribunal to adjudicate marriage annulments and other issues of canon law, and a religious education and faith-formation program. Additionally, the AMS average annual share of expenses for the Co-Sponsored Seminarian Program is more than \$2.8 million over the next five years. The AMS average annual cost per seminarian is \$18,000.

While the Government is reducing the size of the Armed Forces, the world situation, as we have repeatedly and dramatically witnessed both at home and abroad, continues to make the need for a strong military more evident. It is imperative that the Catholic faithful who defend our religious freedom do not have to sacrifice theirs.

To learn more about the mission and ministry of the AMS, please visit www.milarch.org/nationalcollection.com.



**COLLECTION FOR THE
ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES, USA**



Diocesan Details



What's Happening Around the Deanery

KEEP UP ON ALL NEWS AND EVENTS OF THE DIOCESE OF TOLEDO

Stay current with news, information and events of the Diocese of Toledo by visiting:

www.toledodiocese.org.

In addition, you can follow the Diocese of Toledo:

Facebook (www.facebook.com/DioceseToledo)

Twitter (www.twitter.com/DioceseToledo)

Instagram (www.instagram.com/DioceseToledo)

ALL YOU CARE TO EAT FISH FRY: The Attica Knights of Columbus will be serving an all you can eat Fish Fry or a Chicken Tenders Dinner. Come Friday, November 4th, to 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, applesauce, bread & drink. Adults are \$9.00 and Children \$6.00.

TEEN ENCOUNTER EVANGELIZATION WORKSHOP: 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. November 12 at Saint Wendelin Parish, Fostoria. The Toledo Chapter of St. Paul Evangelization Ministries is partnering with the Diocese of Toledo Office of Youth, Young Adult and Campus Ministry to host a one-day evangelization training event just for teens! Join us at Saint Wendelin Parish, Fostoria, as we equip teens for the New Evangelization. Participants will learn through presentations and hands-on demonstrations how to share the Gospel message of salvation through Jesus Christ and his Church with individuals they encounter daily in their lives and on the streets. No experience is necessary. Lunch is included.

LIMITED SEATING AVAILABLE. REGISTER TODAY AT:
<http://teenencounterworkshop.eventbrite.com>.

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.

World Apostolate of Fatima is bringing to St. Francis Xavier Willard the Immaculate Heart of Our Lady of Fatima Statue. This beautiful Image of the Immaculate Heart of Our Lady of Fatima was blessed by Pope Francis in October 2013 for the purpose of spreading the important message of Fatima to the United States. It is a message Pope John Paul II said is more important today than ever. **Join us on Friday, October 28th starting at 8:00 a.m.**

All are invited and encouraged to come see this beautiful Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and learn Our Lady's message for obtaining peace and putting an end to abortion and the moral corruption that is afflicting our country today.

SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY

8:00 a.m. Rosary recited before Mass

8:30 a.m. Mass

9:30 a.m. (after Mass) short talk

10:00 a.m. Adoration/Veneration

11:45 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet

Noon Benediction

Please plan on joining us for the morning. An information table will be set up in church.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT MANSFIELD'S HOPE PANTRY:

Catholic Charities seeks volunteers for our Mansfield HOPE Food Pantry at 523 Park Avenue East. Volunteers assist guest check in, stock shelves, sort donations, and perform various other tasks from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Please Contact Susan Dyson 419-524-0733 or email her at sdyson@toledodiocese.org. Thank you and God Bless!

CATHOLIC WOMENS CLUB: The next luncheon will be Wednesday, November 9. 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 Christine Campbell at 419-522-2042. Reservations must be made by November 4 before noon.

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 30 -- 8:30 a.m.

- Greeters:** Volunteers
- Eucharist:** Leonard Fenner, Joe Runkle, Alana Sigg
- Servers:** Zeb Finnegan, Doug Reer
- Lector:** Mary Martin-Bandman
- Ushers:** Jim Bond, Ashley Bond
- Music:** St. Joseph Choir
- Collection Counters:** Ed Kanney, Bob Riedlinger



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Don Reer, David McKeehen, Libby Smith, Rebecca Starkey,
Jesus Hernandos



HOMEBOUND VISITATION TO RESUME: If you or a loved one are homebound, in a local nursing home or has been admitted to the hospital please call the parish office 419-687-4611 or Sherry Stockmaster 419-564-9863 to schedule visitations.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Budget Needed \$1,440

October 16

Sunday Offering.....	\$ 1,653.00
Food Pantry.....	\$ 65.00
SFX School.....	\$ 55.00
Year-to-date	
Over/Under Budget.....	\$ 1,326.02

Thank You!

Attendance: 129

October	Month to Date	2 nd Quarter to Date	
Goal:	\$ 7,240.00	Oct., Nov., Dec.	
Collected:	\$ 5,174.00	Goal:	\$ 18,824.00
		Collected:	\$ 5,174.00
100%		100%	
80%		80%	
60%		60%	
40%		40%	
20%		20%	
0%		0%	
71% of Monthly Goal		27% of Quarter Goal	



✠ November 6th, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Turkey Dinner

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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/Rectory 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 29, 5:00 p.m. Mass

Lector: Barb Pifher

Servers: Bryce Bishop, Jesse Lauderbaugh, Eric Workman

Eucharistic: Bill & Toni Anspach, Reed Castor, Mary Fike, Janet Kehres, Marilyn Moore, Barb Pifher

Ushers: Kevin & Mitchell Noel, Jeff Peiffer, Steve Stump

Greeters: Amy & Richard Greene, Chad & Liz Hicks

Music: Adult Choir

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

Lector: Deanie Kehres

Servers: Parker & Tanner Herring, Lauren Krietemeyer

Eucharist: Bill Houseworth, Lori McCartney, Colton Penwell, Jacob Penwell, Todd Kehres, David & Lois Steele

Ushers: Samuel Logan, John Reith, Howard & Raymond Souder

Greeters: Dave & Nita Walsh, 2 Volunteers

Music: Dannemillers

Counters: Mark & Sheryl Young, Lee & Carolyn Kaple

CALENDAR of Events

Monday, October 24

10:00 a.m. Year of Mercy Study Group--LLMR

Tuesday, October 25

6:30 p.m. RCIA--LLMR

Wednesday, October 26

3:30 p.m. Children's Choir--School Theology Room

5:30 p.m. Rel.Ed. grades 1-6--School

6:30 p.m. Finance Council Meeting--Parish Office Conference Room

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 27

7:15 p.m. Year of Mercy Study Group--LLMR

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

LLMR = Lower Level Meeting Room



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.**

Pay attention to how you use water. The little things can make a big difference. Every time you turn off the water while you're brushing your teeth, you're doing something good. Got a leaky toilet? You might be wasting 200 gallons of water a day [source: EPA]. Try drinking tap water instead of bottled water, so you aren't wasting all that packaging as well. Wash your clothes in cold water when you can.

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MESSIAH PATRONS: Anyone wishing to be a patron for this year's Christmas music program featuring Handel's MESSIAH should send a check for \$10 made out to the Shelby Council of Churches to Phil Pearson, 11 Marvin Avenue, Shelby OH 44875. The deadline for patrons is Friday, November 25. The program will be held on Sunday, December 4 at 7:00 at First United Methodist Church, 18 N. Gamble Street. Rehearsals begin on Sunday, October 30, at 6:30 at the church. New singers are welcome.

Name as you would like it to appear in the program.



Food: We will be collecting all kinds of foods.

Accepting clean and used toys: We are in urgent need of new and slightly used toys for our Community Christmas Collection. Also volunteers to help sort, help coordinate the toys for each age group and get them ready for distribution. Toys may be dropped off at the Parish Center or at Help Line Ministries. Distribution Day is December 10th.

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.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Kevin Herring, Lily Mier, Elizabeth Keiser, Margaret Studer, Janis Hobbs, Karen Obojski, Danielle Reith, Vicky Todd, Karol Keiser, Regina Burkhalter, Michael Yetzer, Lori Schneider, Randall Washburn, Dalton Boyce, Charlotte Auer, Patricia Miller, Edward Schumacher, Deborah Yuschak, Nate Ganzhorn, Michael Flores, Carson McLaughlin, Paula VanOoyen, John Klopfenstein, Alex Kurtzman, Katlyn Lauderbaugh, Molly Parks, Kay Welch, Robbin Scherer, Donna Fetzer, Grant Evans, Sierra Tuttle, Margaret Sifferlin, Raymond Hart, Karen Alt, Ken Niese, Seth Strine, Amy Young, Jeff Young.



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!

SUPPORT OUR RETIRED PRIESTS: All funds contributed through December 31, 2016 help reduce the amount the parish contributes to the fund. This year's contribution total due is \$19,903.00. A gift of cash or check can be sent to Perpetuate The Gift, PO Box 954, Toledo, OH 43697 or placed in our parish collection.



Sunday Collections October 15 & 16, 2016:

Offertory	\$ 10,005.67
Religious Education	\$ 20.00
Children's	\$ 18.11

TOTAL SUNDAY AND HOLY DAY COLLECTIONS \$ 10,043.78 up \$3,303.00 from 2015/2016

Total Sunday and Holy Day Collections to Date \$ 130,515.11 down \$1,346.00 from 2015/2016

Other Parish Collections:
Capital Improvement \$ 5.00

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MPHM WILL HOST KELLY

CROY: On **December 11th and 12th**, Most Pure Heart of Mary will host Kelly Croy, speaker, artist, and educator for our Advent Parish Mission. Here are a couple interesting facts about Kelly:

Kelly's career started as a Middle School English Teacher. Kelly has taught and coached for over twenty years. He started teaching at twenty-one. He holds a Master's Degree in English Literature. He is a masterful storyteller and can capture and keep the attention of any audience. He always keeps a good book near him.

Kelly gives his art away. After every performance, Kelly gives the large, beautiful, 6 x 8 foot masterpiece to the organization that invited him to speak. The dynamic speed painting will amaze the audience and when Kelly leaves, the organization always has a physical reminder of his inspirational presentation. The artwork has been displayed in offices, conference halls, lobbies, and schools across the nation and even auctioned for charitable events. Kelly also creates an exact duplicate of the art he performs, in the form of a small print, complete with the organization's logo, and message, for each member of the audience to have signed after the performance and take home.

Our Advent Reconciliation Service will be held on December 11th from 3:00-5:00 pm. Following the service, the Altar and Rosary, will have a soup and sandwich supper for a free will donation. Kelly Croy presentation will follow soup and sandwich supper. Plan now to attend and bring the whole family.



SLAM needs your help brightening our community's Christmas in conjunction with the Community Christmas Program. We will be collecting toys that are new or gently used. Our students will be cleaning any toy that needs it! Donations can be dropped off into the

basket in the back of church or to the parish office.

Here is some additional information from the Toy/Gift Department!

Toys of a violent nature cannot be accepted.

These are some of the most requested gifts:

Bikes	Riding Toy
Puzzles & Games	Model and Craft Kits
Art Supplies	Electronic Toys
MP3 Players/iPods	Skateboards
Balls & Sports Equipment	Sleds & Wagons
Hair & Make-up Items	

Gifts for older elementary children and teens are always in short supply. This year they suggest the donation of gift cards, so that those young people can choose a gift they would really appreciate. Gifts of personal hygiene items, jewelry, and sports items such as team logo shirts are also suggested for the older age groups. Thank you!

Reflections on the Readings

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time taken from St. Joseph Sunday Missal.

First Reading--Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

It seems that a regular life of prayer and worship is more difficult when the sun is shining in our lives than when we get our share of life's troubles. We forget God so easily! Nevertheless, praying makes human beings great at the very moment that they confess their insignificance before God! Their prayer, that the lowly, "pierces the clouds." "The Lord hears the cry of the poor."

Second Reading--2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Paul is in jail, and feels that the end is drawing near: "I have competed well, "He feels lonesome: "At my first defense no one appeared on my behalf, but everyone deserted me." Yet he harbors no hard feelings: "May it not be held against them!" Faith in God is his strength: "The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat." Paul found strength in prayer!

God's word to us through this tradition could be: When you are depressed, try to follow Paul's example. Do not nurse hard feelings toward those who hurt you. Find strength in prayer!

Gospel--Luke 18:9-14

In the eyes of his contemporaries, the Pharisee of this passage was a righteous man and the tax collector the traditional crook. Yet Jesus points to the latter as the just! Why? The Pharisee was wrong because he trusted in his righteousness and thought that God owed him something for it. God does not owe us a thing. The tax collector knew this. He had no merits to set before God. He could only plead for mercy.

Prayer is an encounter between you and God. Meeting the Most High God, we should humbly realize who we are.

-- Submitted by Barb Pipher

SAVE THE DATE

December 3 & 4

St. Mary's School Christmas Bazaar is coming. This is one of our big fundraisers for the school. Please help where you can. We have candy making, noodle making, and will be in need of raffle room donations, baked goods and additional candy donations. We will also be looking for hungry people to enjoy our delicious luncheon on Saturday and our famous cabbage rolls or swiss steak dinner on Sunday. While you are there we will also have various vendors returning for you to shop for that special gift and the PTO Santa Shop where children can shop for others. If you like making your gift by hand, we will also have the Pinterest room open again.

Please watch the bulletin for updates.

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.

JOIN IN THE FUN OF NOODLE MAKING:

We will be making noodles for the Christmas Bazaar on Mondays, November 14th & 28th at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome to join. Come back Tuesday mornings November 15th & 29th at 8:00 a.m. to bag the noodles. We will also need volunteers to make angel food cakes, pick up your egg whites after noodle making.

VENDORS WANTED: Are you someone who sells handmade items, essential oils, jewelry, candles, Avon, Watkins, unique items, etc? We are looking for you to set-up your vendor booth and sell items during our Christmas Bazaar, December 3 & 4. If you are interested, call the school at 419-342-2626 for more information and to get your spot reserved today.

2016-17 Excel Beyond the Basics School Fund Drive

\$60,000

GOAL!



2016-17 Excel Beyond the Basics School Fund Drive Our Goal \$60,000

Collected October 15 & 16	\$ 9,745.00
Total Collected for 2016-17 Fund Drive	\$ 13,902.00
Pledged to Date	\$ 21,264.00

CHOOSING YOUR PATH



SCHOOL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

St. Mary's Catholic School PreK-6th Grade

26 West Street, Shelby, OH 44875

www.stmaryshelby.org (419) 342-2626

A MINISTRY OF MOST PURE HEART OF MARY PARISH

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Ten years ago, Mike and I became parents and our hearts and lives changed forever. To celebrate we had a small gathering and the icing on the cake is that the Whippets and OSU teams won their football games. Jack is a kind and hard working boy who we are very proud of. I am just struggling to grasp that he is 10 years old. Time sure flies and I am trying to savor the moments. There are so many places I want to take him, lessons I want to teach him, and things to do to prepare him for the world. I started making a list and a timeline to accomplish. As parents, we want to prepare our children in so many ways.

Many field trips have been happening lately. On October 14, the whole school visited the Renaissance Theatre to hear the Mansfield Symphony Orchestra. This past week, First and Second grade visited Apple Hill Orchard. It is a blessing that the children get these experiences. It broadens their horizon and exposes them to new things. St. Mary's School strives to create good memories for children. The PTO, staff and volunteers help make this possible.

According to Harvard, A growing body of evidence suggests that family engagement matters for student success. Research shows that family engagement improves school readiness, student achievement, and social skills. Furthermore, an increasing number of innovative approaches to education leverage and connect the many settings and times in which children learn and grow to create seamless complementary learning systems that place families as core partners in the learning process.

IMPORTANT. The parent-teacher conference is an opportunity for parents to learn about their children's progress in school and for teachers to gain insights into their students' home and community lives. Parent perspectives on student strengths and needs, learning styles, and non-school learning opportunities can help teachers shape their instructional methods.

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming parent-teacher conferences.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers;

Principal Stover

HEALTH TIP from our School Nurse: SCREEN TIME 2 hours MAX

As a parent of two school age children I understand busy schedules. Sometimes it seems easier to let kids watch TV or play video games. Did you know that the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends that kids under the age of 2 have no screen time; and children 2 and older only have 1-2 hours a day of quality programming. There are many activities that children can enjoy. For quiet time children can spend time reading or looking at picture books. Children can play outside with friends. Or as a great family time activity inside play a board game or put a puzzle together. Great family outside activities include ride bikes or rake the leaves and then jump in them. For more options please check out the website www.kidshealth.org.

GENERAL REMINDERS

Parent, Teacher w/Student Conferences
October 24-26
VERY IMPORTANT

Monday - Computer Class

Tuesday - Gym day
* Please wear athletic shoes.
Richland Co Solid Waste Mgmt Field
Trip- 3rd grade

Wednesday - Church day/Optional Dress up
Honor Roll --October 26 After Mass

Thursday - Art

Friday - Music
Fall Party--October 28 at 1:30 pm
Optional Costume Dress up day
Family Pumpkin Decorating Contest

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, IDEAS?

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Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."