

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

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Parish Mission Statement

St. Mary's is a faith community which worships together, follows the teachings of Jesus Christ in our everyday lives, evangelizes others by our lives and actions, gives generously of our time and resources in service to others, shows compassion and love towards one another, provides religious education and works for social justice for all.

St. Mary's Parish Staff

Reverend John P. Singler, Pastor
Reverend Max Cole, Parochial Vicar

Ms. Angela Kovacs, Music Director
Mr. Larry Roetzer, Religious Education Coordinator
Mrs. Diana Lipfird, Homebound Coordinator
Mrs. Barbara Goebel, Spiritual Ministries

Parish Office Staff

Mrs. Janel Abraham
Mrs. Lorri Masie

St. Mary's School Staff

Mr. Andrew Carner, Principal
Mrs. Sandi Ziegler, Program Coordinator

School Office Staff

Mrs. Nancy Whelan
Mrs. Mary Beth Hennessy

St. Mary's Religious Education Staff

Mr. Larry Roetzer, Coordinator

St. Mary's Mass Schedule

Weekday: 9:00am Monday through Friday

Weekend: 4:00pm Saturday Vigil
7:30am, 9:30am, & 11:30am

Holy Day Consult Bulletin

Sacramental Ministries

Baptisms: On Sundays After 11:30am Mass

Reconciliation: Saturdays 3-3:30pm
Seasonal Celebrations

Marriage: Contact Parish Office

Anointing of the Sick: Contact Parish Office
Seasonal Celebration

Communion Calls: Contact Parish Office

Celebrating 163 years of Pastoral Service to the Catholic Community of Berea

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 17, 2016



Dear Friends,



We return to **Ordinary Time** on this **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time** celebrating nothing ordinary about Ordinary Time, but the wondrous stories of our salvation, stories that we need to burn into our hearts if we are to truly know Jesus, love him and share him with the world.

In these weeks we have the opportunity to listen to Jesus and to learn exactly what it is that we are called to do as disciples. In these weeks, like his followers of long ago, we sit at his knee and attempt to open our minds and hearts to what he is truly saying to us, and calling upon us to share with others. So often, what he asks of us demands us to stretch and trust in order to follow him.

As we are asked to open our minds and hearts to what Jesus is truly saying, so is Jesus asked to do something, to open his heart to this young married couple in today's Gospel. Mary says, "*They have no wine*" and Jesus' response, "*How does your concern affect me?*" The dialogue is actually an invitation to Jesus to do something – anything to help. And his help is extraordinary, water into fine wine! So let's play that out in our own lives this week – do something simple – which, I will suggest will be extraordinary for that someone: a smile, a sharing of your resources, a text or email, a wave, etc. . . . Do something and it will result in an extraordinary gesture of compassion!

And in this **Year of Mercy**, our prayer is that our doing something will be a sign of God's gracious love and mercy.

With certain sadness I want to announce the **retirement of Deacon Tom Grasson** from the Parish. I received Bishop Lennon's letter accepting Deacon Tom's retirement and concluding his diaconal assignment here at St. Mary's as of January 15, 2016, and he has asked that I enclose his letter to you.

We want to take the time to **THANK HIM** for his faithful service and ministry to us and say our door is always **OPEN** to you!

Congratulations and God Bless you!

Many thanks for your continued and faithful generosity to the Parish! Grace and Mercy to you!



Father John

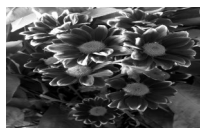
Mass Schedule and Intentions

Monday	January 18 <i>1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22 (311)</i>	Weekday
9:00 am	Elizabeth (Betty) Kasarcik	Martha Sasane
Tuesday	January 19 <i>1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28 (312)</i>	Weekday
9:00 am	Michael Hama	Wife & Family
2:00 pm	<i>Nursing Home Mass—Aristocrat Berea</i>	
Wednesday	January 20 <i>1 Sm 17:32-33,37,40-51/Mk 3:1-6 (313)</i>	Weekday
9:00 am	Robert Christopher Benson	Pat Benson
Thursday	January 21 Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr <i>1 Sm 18:6-9:19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12 (314)</i>	
9:00 am	Raymond Zajac-Zak	Family
1:30 pm	<i>Nursing Home Mass—Northwestern</i>	
Friday	January 22 USA: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children <i>1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19 (315)</i>	
9:00 am	Tom Lynch	Friday Coffee Club
Saturday	January 23 <i>2 Sm 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27/Mk 3:20-21 (316)</i>	Weekday
4:00 pm	Somsak Family	Family
Sunday	January 24 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Neh 8:2-4a,5-6,8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30/Lk 1:1-4;4:14-21 (69)</i>	
7:30 am	Joan Giba	Cindy & Joellen
9:30 am	Judy Williams	Family
11:30 am	Lori Decker	Karen & Jerry Decker

In Your Charity

In your charity, please remember the repose of the souls of Fr. Jack McDonough, Fr. Gallagher and Clarence Kroszkewicz.

May they rest in eternal peace.



Mother Teresa

Thoughtfulness, the beginning of holiness

Thoughtfulness, the kindly regard for others, is the beginning of holiness. If you learn the art of being thoughtful, you will be more and more like Christ; His heart was kind and gentle, and He always thought of others. Our vocation, to be beautiful, must be full of regard for others. Jesus did good wherever he went. Our Lady at Cana thought only of the needs of others and told Jesus about them.



Excerpted from: *The Love of Christ: Spiritual Counsels, Mother Teresa of Calcutta*, 34-35. (1982)

Bulletin Prayer List

Please remember in prayer all who are ill or homebound, especially the following:



Jack Anderson	Sally Beck
Mary Ann Bialoski	Anitra Blunsch
Rita Bohrer	Angela Brodnik
Jeff Carlton	Mary Chase
Carmel Cooper	Marie Dancho
Dorothy Deno	Donna Deppisch
Angela Dickson	Betty Jane Dougan
Barbara Elick	Claire Ferril
Brian Follen	Joan Foust
Angela Gerovac	Timothy Glynn
Nancy Gold	Maria Graeff
Paul Hays	Charles Hallock
Dave Hann	Jim Kelly
Katie Koster	Gary Kotch
Tom Kraft	Darcie Lange
Les Lindenmeier	Rob Lucas
Karen M.	Thomas Madden
Dick Martin	Marian Mayer
Joseph McLaughlin	Jonell McMillen
George Miner	Judy Okoroafor
Linda Piascik	Rose Rearick
Ben & Joyce Reed	Charlie Rhodes
George Robertson	John Serrao
Rosemary Short	Jim Smith
Tillie Spath	Marlene Stumpf
Margaret Swislocki	Carol Waldron
Stanley Wiechowski	Dora Witten
Ned Yaeger	

Anniversary Wishes

If you will be having a wedding anniversary in the month of January and would like your names listed in the bulletin, please call the parish office (440) 243-3877 or email jabraham@stmaryberea.com.

Dennis & Deanna Schweter

January 5th - 59 years

Russ & Ronnie Pflug

January 15th - 39 years

Ray & Mary Jane Barber

January 17th - 47 years



Second Collection

Bishop Kurtz, President of the United States Conference of Bishops has asked for our special consideration and humanitarian efforts to support those who have been affected by the severe weather in the South and Midwest regions of our country. We will have a Second Collection this weekend for this effort.

Parish Events

Sunday, January 17

Monday, January 18

9:30am - Chapel Rosary
7:00pm - Chapel Baptism Class
7:15pm - Chapel Rosary

Tuesday, January 19

9:30am - Chapel Rosary
11:00am - Chapel Bible Study
12:30pm - Chapel Quiet Prayer
2:00pm - Aristocrat Mass
6:00pm - Church Youth Choir
7:00pm - Chapel Bible Study
7:30pm - Church Traditional Choir

Wednesday, January 20

9:30am - Church Rosary
7:00pm - Chapel Liturgy of the Hours
7:00pm - SMS Library RCIA

Thursday, January 21

9:30am - Church Rosary
1:00pm - FJG Mtg Rm Tri-City Seniors
Pinochle Club
1:30pm - Northwestern Mass
7:30pm - Church Contemporary Choir

Friday, January 22

9:30am - Church Rosary

Saturday, January 23

3:00pm - Church Confessions

St. Mary's Athletics' Night at the Races

Saturday - January 30, 2016
Doors Open: 6:00pm
Races Start: 7:00pm

Tickets: \$25.00

(Includes Food, Beer and Wash)

Side Boards * Raffle Baskets * * Plinko * 50/50 Raffle

Sponsor and name your own Horse for \$10.00

Come Ready to Race!!

***Tickets are available for purchase at the Rectory Office,
St. Mary's School and at all St. Mary's CYO Home
Games .***

***All Monies raised support our Athletic Teams to keep
costs affordable and encourage participation.***



Weekend Collection

Collection for the Weekend of 1/10/16: \$10, 917.00

Thank you for your generosity to the Parish.

Ministry Schedules

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Weekend of January 24th

Mass	Deacon	Lector	Cantor	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
4pm		T Morgan	M. Columbro	(H) S Gunvalsen, M Olsen, C Scanlon (C) G Butcher, S Butcher M McGinty, S Scanlon	C Beatty D Goss M Urbancic
7:30am		K Dorsey	-	(H) D Sawyer, F Sliwa, C DiSanto (C) M Dole, L Durica J Mastandrea, A Mastandrea	J Mastandrea J Mastandrea C Snyder
9:30am		T Cully	M. Rose	(H) M A Deimling, C Rose, G Irvin (C) J Irvin, J Haas, A Chernosky, D Sawyer	C Kilbane C Kilbane M Schwass
11:30am		K Waters	J. Schwarz	(H) R Davenport, P Harris, B Simpson (C) K Smith, R Koehl K Kljun, M Patena	A Helmer E Davenport S Hasek

Family Perspectives

Today's gospel recounts the story of the wedding feast at Cana. Christ was merciful and generous to the couple in need. Indeed, Christ is present in every marriage covenant, to bring hope and to take what is good and make it better. This is a fitting time for families to celebrate the marriages of their members, to honor their commitment and Christ's generous presence in their lives.

Welcome - Newly Baptized

Welcome this weekend the newly baptized member of our Parish -

Wyatt Rambeau

Homebound Ministry

Our Homebound Parishioners are very important to us and we want to make sure their spiritual needs are being met. If you or a friend or family member are homebound and unable to attend Mass, we would like to bring the Eucharist to you in your home. Please call Diana Lipfird, the Homebound Parishioner Coordinator, at 532-9491 or e-mail her at dlipfird@gmail.com. We will set up a time and day for the Extraordinary Minister to visit that best fits your schedule. If you are an Extraordinary Minister and would like to be part of our team of taking Communion to the homebound, please call Diana at 440-532-9491.



Bible Study

Bible Study continues the study of the Book of Exodus on Tuesday, January 19th, at 11:00am and again at 7:00pm. Won't you join us in the chapel as we work to see connections between the Old and the New Testaments. No prior knowledge is necessary. Just bring your Bible and your curiosity.

Quiet Prayer

Quiet prayer will meet on Tuesday at 12:30pm in the chapel to spend time listening to the voice of God as He speaks within each of us. Our time of quiet prayer will be followed with time to study some of Thomas Keating's Intimacy with God. You are welcome to join us for prayer even if you choose not to stay for the study time.

12 Step Spirituality

12 Step will meet on Thursday from 2:30pm-4:00pm. Our focus this session will be on Step Four with discussion to follow on the book, Seeking Surrender. All twelve steppers are welcome as we focus on the healings that enable us to live a healthy life-style using the 12 Steps.

Prayer Shawl

Prayer Shawl will meet today from 3:00pm - 4:00pm in the chapel. This would be a good time to come in and pick out a shawl for some one who could use a little comfort or a touch of love. We have shawls suitable for both men and women.

Music Ministry and Liturgy Notes

By Angela Kovacs
Director of Music and Liturgy

THE YEAR OF MERCY AND NEW MUSIC

The Jubilee Year of Mercy is a calling for forgiveness, to open up your heart for pardoning others. We are called by Pope Francis to rediscover the power of being forgiven and understanding others through forgiveness. As a Church, we have added our Year of Mercy prayer that we say before Mass to remind us of our duty during the Jubilee Year. We will also be learning some new hymns to reflect this graceful compassion. Today, you will be hearing one of the new hymns before Mass as a prelude. The hymn, "Sacred Silence", is found at #549. I welcome you to follow along and even sing as you are able. The text is beautiful and forthright about God's mercy and support.

Choir Rehearsal Schedules: Traditional Choir meets to rehearse on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm. Youth Choir also has rehearsals on Tuesdays at 6pm. Contemporary Choir meets to rehearse on the first and third Thursday of every month at 7.30pm. If you are interested in participating in any of these choirs, cantoring, or playing an instrument during mass, please call or see me after mass up in the loft. Call the music ministry office for more information: [440.243.3877](tel:440.243.3877) ext 27.

REO News

Larry Roetzer, Religious Education Coordinator
440-243-8221—(www.stmarysbereareo.org)

REO Upcoming Calendar!

1/17/16 – NO LITTLES PSR (Fr. Garrity Center)
1/18/16 – NO PSR due to Martin Luther King Holiday
1/24/16 – 9:30am – LITTLES PSR in Session (Fr. Garrity Center)
1/25/16 – 6:45pm – PSR in Session (St. Mary School)
1/27/16 – 6:30pm – Reconciliation Preparation Session (St. Mary School Gym)
1/30/16 – 9:00am – First Reconciliation “A-L”(St. Mary Church)
10:00am – First Reconciliation “M-Z” (St. Mary Church)
1/31/16 – 9:30am – LITTLES PSR in Session (Fr. Garrity Center)
2/01/16 – 6:45pm – PSR Family Mass (St. Mary Church)
2/07/16 – 9:30am – First Sacraments Sunday Mass (St. Mary Church)
2/08/16 – 6:45pm – PSR in Session (St. Mary School)
2/14/16 – NO LITTLES PSR (Fr. Garrity Center)
2/15/16 – NO PSR due to Presidents’ Day Holiday
2/21/16 – 9:30pm – LITTLES PSR in Session (Fr. Garrity Center)
2/22/16 – 6:45pm – PSR in Session (St. Mary School)

NO PSR

There will be NO PSR on Sunday January 17 and Monday January 18, 2016 in observance of the Martin Luther King Holiday.

Classes will resume on the 24th & 25th.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

On **Wednesday January 27, 2016**, parents and Candidates preparing to receive their First Sacraments are expected to attend a preparation session to learn about the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The session will begin at 6:30pm and last until 8:00pm. The session will be held in the St. Mary School Gym.

Please contact the REO if you cannot attend this session.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be given on Saturday January 30, 2016 at St. Mary Church. Those with a last name beginning with “A” thru “H” should attend the 9:00am Service. Those with a last name beginning “J” thru “Z” should attend the 10:00am Service.

PSR Family Mass

On **Monday February 1, 2016** All students will attend Mass at St. Mary’s Church. Mass will begin at 6:45pm and will end 7:45pm. Mass will replace regular class so students are expected to attend,

The entire family is encouraged to attend. Parishioners are welcome.

Students should be dropped off and picked up at the church.



St. Mary Catholic School News Corner

Educating the Mind, Nurturing the Soul
Mr. Andrew Carner, Principal

This past Monday our Ski Club had their first adventure of the ski season at Brandywine. Mother Nature has taken her time arriving in Cleveland this year but with the new snowfall and colder temperatures, Ski Club members were able to venture down the slopes and enjoy a good time!

Members of our Sewing Club have been busy measuring, pinning, and cutting over the recent weeks as they completed a couple new projects under their direction of Mrs. Wetzel. Members made a pillowcase and then worked on a table runner; which several members said they were going to give as Christmas gifts this past Christmas. Club members are now working on a fleece zip jacket. This has been a fun and educational club for the members as they hone their sewing skills.

Our Eighth Grade students received their High School Applications this past week and have now completed them. Applications and the necessary paperwork from the school office will now be mailed to the appropriate high schools. Once we receive acceptance letters from the high schools we will that information in this column.

Students, faculty and staff will be off on Monday, January 18th in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Earlier last week students learned that this day celebrates the life and achievements of Martin Luther King Jr., an influential American civil rights leader. Did you know that Martin Luther King Day, also known as Martin Luther King’s birthday, and Martin Luther King Jr. Day, is combined with other days in different states? For example, it is combined with Civil Rights Day in Arizona and New Hampshire, while it is observed together with Human Rights Day in Idaho. It is also a day this is combined with Robert E. Lee’s birthday in some states.

Catholic Schools – Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service...It's not too early to mark your calendars for St. Mary's Annual Open House scheduled for Sunday, January 31, 2016, 12:30p.m-3:00p.m. Take that first step to see what a Catholic education has to offer for your child. We hope to see you there!

Important Dates to Remember:

01/18/16: SMS closed – No School / Martin Luther King, Jr. Day / Extended Care Open
01/19/16: Student Council / 8:00a.m.
01/20/16: Drama / Spring Play Auditions
6:00p.m. / School gym
01/22/16: Kdg. students begin Friday Pizza Lunches
“ “ “ Drama / Spring Play Callbacks / 6:00p.m.
“ “ “ End of 2nd Quarter

January 8, 2016

To the Parishioners of St. Mary's Church,

Life entails many crossroads which makes change inevitable. I am now at one of those crossroads in my life and I have elected to retire from fulltime ministry effective January 15, 2016. While this was not an easy decision for me to make, health issues coupled with much needed family time, makes this the right decision.

While you may see me from time-to-time at liturgies here at St. Mary's, I want you to know that I will miss ministering to you on a regular basis. When I was assigned to St. Mary's six years ago, I was accepted with open arms bearing love and kindness by you, the parishioners. In no time at all, I felt I was part of the parish community, a family centered in prayer and focused on the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

It's been said that home is where the heart is and I will always think of St. Mary's as my home. The community here at St Mary's Church has carved out a special place in my heart that I will always cherish and appreciate and most importantly never forget the love you have shown me.

Please know that you will remain in my prayers and I ask that you keep me in your prayers as well.

May the love of God remain in your hearts and may the Holy Spirit shower you with blessings of peace, happiness and good health in the days, months and years ahead.

Sincerely,

Deacon Tom



Request for 2015 Contribution Statement

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:

If you would like to receive a **2015 Contribution Statement** please note the following:

Requests must be made **IN WRITING** by completing this form and placing the request in an envelope marked "2015 STATEMENT REQUEST" in the weekly collection basket or mailing it to the Parish Office, 250 Kraft Street Attn: Janel **Statements will be ready for pick-up in the Parish Office the week of January 25th.** Regrettable, we are unable to honor requests made in person or by telephone. Thank You.

Name _____

Address _____
