



St. Mary's Catholic Church

160 North Spring Street • Bluffton, OH 45817

LORD'S DAY MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday at 9:00 a.m.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday - *Closed*
Tuesday - Friday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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VISION STATEMENT

St. Mary's Parish is a home for our living a sacramental life, for following Jesus in our service and daily life, and in supporting one another on the journey.

INFANT BAPTISMS: Please call the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: One half hour before Mass on Saturday and Sunday or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Six months notice and marriage preparation classes required. Please call the Pastor for arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please inform us of your needs.

SICK OR HOMEBOUND: Please notify the Parish Office, Basil Meyer at 358-0631, or Deb Buck at 419-348-7266.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: New parishioners, welcome to the Parish. Please register as soon as possible at the office. If moving, please notify us.

BLUFFTON UNIVERSITY STUDENTS: Welcome to St. Mary's! Fr. Dau is your Campus Minister.

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Eighth Ordinary Sunday

February 27, 2022

My brothers and sisters in Christ,
On this Wednesday, March 2nd, we
will begin our annual journey with
Christ into the "desert" as we
celebrate the Lenten Season
beginning with Ash Wednesday.



It is a 40-day period of prayer,
fasting and almsgiving in preparation for Easter.
During the Ash Wednesday Mass, foreheads are marked
with ashes in the sign of the cross as the faithful hear
"Remember, you are dust and to dust you will return" or
"Repent and believe in the Gospel." The ashes are made
from burning the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday
celebration of the previous year. The ashes are blessed
with Holy Water before being imposed on the faithful on
Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of
fasting and abstinence for Catholics. The norms for
fasting oblige all persons, from age 18 until 59 years, to
refrain from eating meat and to take only one full meal
on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Two smaller
meals may also be eaten, but not to equal a full meal.
The norms for abstinence from meat apply to all persons
older than 14 years of age. Fridays in Lent are also days
of abstinence.

As we begin Lent, let's take some time in silence to
listen more attentively to the Lord's quiet voice calling
us to rest in his love.

One of the words that we hear in lent is penance.
However, we've all suffered through the ongoing
coronavirus pandemic, political turmoil, natural
disasters, war in Ukraine, and not to mention all kinds of
personal traumas: financial distress, job insecurity,
family problems, and the list goes on. Do we really need
to do more penance? A clarification may help us:
penance is not self-imposed punishment. Rather, the
English word penance comes from the Latin verb "to
convert" (see Mk 1:15); it's all about conversion, about
making space for God in our noisy, busy lives.

St. Paul's words in the second reading today tell us why
penance matters. He instructed the Corinthian Christians
and us: "Be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the
work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is
not in vain." St. Paul issues three commands - "be
firm," "[be] steadfast," and "[be] always fully devoted."
And these give us a practical itinerary for our Lenten
journey: be firm, be steadfast, and be devoted. In our
present world of excess -excess food, drink,
entertainment, news, text messages, memes, facebook,
and everything else that consumes our time and dulls our
senses - we need to take a step back, to hit the mute
button on it all, in order to hear God's voice so that we
can respond firmly, steadfastly, and devotedly.

Weekend Masses

Sat Feb 26	4:00 p.m.	Cassie Kiene, Sheila Minor Patterson
Sun Feb 27	8:00 a.m.	For our parish
Sun Feb 27	10:00 a.m.	Jim + Ruth Badertscher
Sat Mar 5	4:00 p.m.	Rev. Dave Beck
Sun Mar 6	8:00 a.m.	For our parish
Sun Mar 6	10:00 a.m.	Nancy Niese

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$2,339.00	Loose \$528.26
Children	\$18.00	Total \$2,885.26
48 envelopes returned = 30%		



*Thank you for your generosity!
Thank you also to those who give
electronically!!*

Assignments for March 5 & 6, 2022

Money Counters: Deb Goldenetz, Angie Wenger

4:00 p.m.

Ushers: Volunteer
Lector: Volunteer
E.M: Basil Meyer
Server: Elizabeth Honse

8:00 a.m.

Ushers: Chuck Niese
Lector: Shannon Wannemacher
E.M: Cathy Hermiller
Server: Volunteer

10:00 a.m.

Ushers: John and Debbie Schlumbohm
Lector: Lisa Welch
E.M.: Logan Welch
Servers: Ethan Hoffman

Readings for March 6, 2022

1st Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4 – 10
2nd Reading: Romans 10:8 – 13
Gospel Reading: Luke 4:1 – 13

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We hear our Lord in the Gospel today speak about good trees having to bear good fruit, but if we are to bear good fruit, we have to first receive proper spiritual nutrition by hearing God's word. And Lent is the time to do it.

In the next few days before we start our forty-day spiritual journey of lent let us consider how we will prepare ourselves for this journey. We must decide what needs to come with us, and what needs to stay behind. Let us accept the Lord's invitation to leave all the excess behind and journey forward with faith, knowing that the Lord - who comes to us in this Eucharist as our Bread for the journey - has something greater to offer us, eternal life.

Please see our parish Lenten Schedule for Ash Wednesday services and other days during the week so that we can make this Lenten season as the time to deepen our relationship with the Lord. Please note during the Lenten season at our Parish: Mass on Wednesdays will be in the Evening after Stations of the Cross at 7 PM. Mass on Thursdays will be at 12 Noon. And every Friday there will be a Lenten reflection night with the Holy Hour of the Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction from 6- 7 PM.

Your brother priest,
Fr. Luyen Dau, CSsR

Ash Wednesday is March 2. Don't forget it is a day of fasting and abstinence, and every Friday in Lent is a day of abstinence.

Ash Wednesday Schedule

Mass - 12 noon

Mass - 7p.m.

There will be no 9 a.m. Mass that day

If you can help during the Mass, please sign up on the shelf in the main entrance!

Parish Soup Supper On Friday, March 4, there will be a parish soup supper at 5:00pm in the church hall followed by a Lenten Reflection service and Holy Hour beginning at 6:00pm. We hope you can join us!



Lenten Daily Mass Schedule

Tuesdays – 9 a.m.

Wednesdays – 7 p.m.

Thursdays – 12 noon

Fridays – 9 a.m.

Stations of the Cross

Wednesdays – 6:30 p.m.


Weekday Confession

Fraturdays – 11 a.m. – 12 noon

Holy Hour + Lenten Reflection


Fridays – 6 – 7 p.m.



 **Annual Catholic Appeal** is underway. Our parish goal is \$14,451. We ask you once again for your help. Please respond generously. For more information, visit acatoledo.org

Job Opening We are looking for a person to serve as an administrative assistant. This position will be part time, three days a week. Reporting to the Pastor. Salary is negotiable based on experience. Hours are flexible. Must have knowledge of and skill in using the computer, accounting, spreadsheets and a willingness to learn ParishSoft is required. Proficient in spelling, grammar and typing skills. Must have the ability to communicate verbally and in writing in a professional manner. Must have the ability to relate and work well with people. Must be able to multi-task and have strong organizational skills. Please send your resume to Fr. Dau ASAP



 **Signup sheets for the “Partners in Prayer”** prayer chain are on the cabinet this weekend. If you would like to join our group to pray for the needs of others, please provide your name, phone number, and email address. Anyone who would like to request prayer, please contact Shar Dunlap at 419-236-7237 (call or text), or 419-643-5305 or email dsdunlap@embarqmail.com, or Jenny Roby at 419-358-9118 (call or text) or J-roby@onu.edu. We will have commissioning of members on Ash Wednesday.

P.R.E.P

K-5: Class will meet on March 2 at 6:30 p.m. Children will join the parish for Ash Wednesday Mass and ash distribution at 7 p.m. Parents are encouraged to come!

6th, 7th and 8th Grades: Class will meet March 6 from 11 - 1

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God Squad--High School Youth Group

God Squad High School Youth will meet March 6 from 11-1

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Landeck St. John the Baptist Church is having a Homemade Soup & Sandwich Supper on Sunday, March 13, 2022 from 3:30 – 7:00 pm. We will be featuring a variety of Homemade Soups and a choice of Venedocia Lions Sausage Sandwich or Shredded Chicken Sandwich, veggies, cornbread and Homemade Ice Cream. Free Will Offering. Homemade Ice Cream and Venedocia Bulk Sausage will be available to purchase.