St. Mary Catholic Parish
St. Joseph Chapel

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May 29, 2022
The Ascension of The Lord

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Hospitalizations: Due to federal confidentiality laws, hospitals will no longer share patient information. Families must contact Fr. Borgelt to inform him if someone is hospitalized.

Baptisms: Call 419-298-2540 to make arrangements at least one month before.

Weddings: All weddings must be arranged through the pastor at least six months before the planned wedding in order to allow time for marriage preparation.

Bulletin Deadline: Information should be submitted to St. Mary parish office by 12:00 noon on Wednesday. Phone—419-298-2540; fax—419-298-3123; or e-mail—stmarycatholic@frontier.com.

Confessions: Sunday, 7:30 a.m. – St. Mary; Thursday, 7:30 a.m. – St. Mary

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD *May 29, 2022*		
Saturday, May 28		
4:00 p.m.	(H)	Smalley's Godchildren*
6:00 p.m.	(B)	Earl and Hazel Muehlfeld
Sunday, May 29		
8:30 a.m.	(E)	The Parish**
10:30 a.m.	(H)	David Kenner
Monday, May 30		
8:30 a.m.	(B)	Paul Phillips
Tuesday, May 31		
5:30 p.m.	(E)	Margaret Thiel
Wednesday, June 1		
8:30 a.m.	(H)	Rita Stauffer
Thursday, June 2		
8:30 a.m.	(E)	Ron Blair
Friday, June 3		
8:30 a.m.	(H)	The Parish**
Saturday, June 4		
4:00 p.m.	(E))	Jane Bowsher
6:00 p.m.	(B)	Barb Steffes
Sunday, June 5		
8:30 a.m.	(E)	Edwin Herman
10:30 a.m.	(H)	Monte McGough

**Prayers for the Living and/or Deceased
*Prayers for the Living

YOUR TITHE TO GOD **Sunday, May 22, 2022**

(E) Offertory - $4,605.25
School - $165.00
Electrical - $39.00

Easter - $50.00
Renovation - $205.00
Ascension - $65.00

(B) Offertory - $1,319.00
Parish Maintenance - $70.00

Offertory envelopes from Both St. Mary and St. Joseph may be dropped off at the office or mailed to: St. Mary Church, PO Box 355, Edgerton, OH 43517

MINISTRIES

Saturday, June 4, 4:00 p.m. (St. Mary):
USHERS: Pat and Lyn Bowsher
SERVER: Sam Dockery, Chase Roberts, Hayden Wehri
READER: Karen Walker
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: Phil Herman, Chris Herman, Dee Herman, Nick Hug, Vincent Herman

Saturday, June 4, 6:00 p.m. (St. Joseph):
SERVERS**:** Max, Avery
READER: Pat
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER: Jacque
USHERS: Chris Riblet

Sunday, June 5, 8:30 a.m. (St. Mary):
USHERS: Ken Cronin Family
SERVER: Casey Everetts, Bryce Schroeder, Avrie Herman
READER: Charlotte Blalock
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: Tracy Cape, Melissa Cronin, Mark Gerschutz, Susan Hobeck, Denise Knecht

Mass can be viewed "live" on Facebook (Saint Mary Catholic Church/Saint Joseph Chapel) and/or on You Tube – St Mary Edgerton. We will continue to livestream and record weekend Masses from St. Mary's.

Saturday – 4:00 p.m. on St. Mary/St. Joseph Facebook
Sunday – 8:30 a.m. on St. Mary/St. Joseph Facebook, and 10:30 a.m. on St. Michael Facebook

WEEKLY CALENDAR

May 29 – June 5, 2022

MON	(E)	7:30 a.m.	K of C Memorial Breakfast
TUE	(E)	6:15 p.m.	Christian Formation Meeting
THU	(E)	6:30 p.m.	Right-To-Life Prayer Group
SUN	(E)	9:30 a.m.	CHWC Breakfast

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Today's gospel tells us God actually wants to take up residence in your family, "We will come and make our home with you." Every family is called to be a tabernacle where God dwells. Is Jesus a permanent member of your family or a temporary guest? Today the promise is given. The choice is ours.

2022 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL: The 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign *Do Prayer, Do Service, Do Gratitude* is underway. Through our contributions, we can assure the continued existence of many important programs that help tens of thousands in our diocese each year, including supporting the education of our seminarians, caring for the sick and needy and providing faith formation for our youth. We ask you once again for your help and generosity. **Thank you for all who have already pledged to help meet our parish goal of $25,704 ($18,515.00 for 72.03% from 71 donors) and assure the continuation of these programs and services**. For more information on ministries funded by the appeal, visit acatoledo.org.

St. Mary Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/SaintMarychurch/SaintJoseph. – If you would like to have information posted on the parish Facebook page, please send all notices to Mark Gerschutz, who will add it to our page. Mark may be contacted at mark@gerschutz.com, or call 419-575-6936.

Save The Date
Fr. Michael Moore is returning this summer for the Parish Mission –Date: July 17 – 21, 2022.

NEWS FOR EDGERTON

Coffee and Rolls Workers: May 29 – Ken Cronin and Tom Dietsch; June 5 – CHWC Breakfast

Catholic HEART Workcamp Breakfast: The Catholic HEART Workcamp youth will be holding a breakfast on Sunday, June 5, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. A delicious menu of egg casserole, sausage, gravy and biscuits, potatoes, fruit, muffin/coffee cake and beverages will be served. A free-will offering will be taken. Your continued support of the youth with this project is greatly appreciated.

New Ministry Schedules: June schedules for Mass Servers, Readers and Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion are available to pick-up from the sacristy. Please get a substitute if you are not able to serve when scheduled.

College Graduates: If you have a family member from our parish/chapel recently graduating from college, we would like to publicly congratulate all of them in the bulletin. Please call the parish office (419-298-2540) no later than Wednesday, June 8, with their name and name of college.

Parish Council Elections: Council members will be calling those nominated for the upcoming elections, please prayerfully consider this commitment to your parish. Terms are for two years and you will be required to attend a meeting held all even months of the year. Parish Council elections will be held next weekend, June 4 and 5 at Mass.

Ushers Needed: We are looking for volunteers, men and women, to usher at our weekend liturgies. The more volunteers the less often you will be needed. Interested in serving your parish, please call Pat Bowsher (419-298-3528), he will explain responsibilities and schedule.

Knights of Columbus Pancake and Sausage Breakfast: The Edgerton Knights of Columbus Council 1494 will have their Traditional Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. in their Elm Street Hall, prior to the parade.

Catholic School Scholarships: Did you know that there are scholarship opportunities available for families that meet the income guidelines. If awarded a scholarship, it may pay for the entire tuition for your child. The scholarship windows are open. Go to these links to learn more or call the school with any questions.

- **EdChoice Expansion Scholarship - http://education.ohio.gov/edchoice**
- **Northwest Ohio Scholarship - https://nosf.org/application-process/**

Now Enrolling
for the 2022-2023 school year

St. Mary School

Pre-K through Grade 6

Affordable Christian Education
Call 419-298-2531
or email jtaylor@stmaryedgerton.org
with questions or to schedule a tour.

All are invited.

NEWS FOR BLAKESLEE

Food Pantry items needed: Cereal, Peanut Butter & Spaghetti Sauce (Hunts in tin can)

Chapel Council Election: Election for two (2) positions on the Blakeslee Chapel Council will be held at Saturday evening mass on June 4. Nominations will be accepted until this Saturday May 28. If you can not be at church on election day you can email your vote to stmarycatholic@frontier.com. The names of the nominees will be in the bulletin on June 4.

Eucharistic Adoration: Come Join us at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 610 S Portland St., Bryan, for Eucharistic Adoration following the 7:00 pm Mass on the First Tuesday of Each month through the night until 6:00 am on Wednesday morning. Questions, call Jane Tucker-Hausch 419-890-6991.

Recent Baptisms
Keegan Jo Kimmel
Brynley Rose Kimmel
daughters of Jason L. and Shelby J. (Brady) Kimmel
Congratulations and Many Blessings!

Living Christ

Diocese of Toledo

WE ARE LIVING CHRIST!

Today we kick off the Living Christ Campaign. Our parish's participation in the campaign, along with all 122 parishes in the Diocese of Toledo, will meet needs of our parish and support Catholic ministries in our 19 counties of Northwest Ohio.

Our goal for St. Mary and St. Joseph Chapel is to raise $455,000 in pledges payable over five (5) years from our parish families. Thirty five percent of the funds from these pledges will go toward the parishes needs listed on the left. The remaining funds are for endowment and capital initiatives supporting the expanded Catholic ministries listed below:

Supporting our Clergy	Caring for the Poor	Emerging Disciples	Restoring Our Mother Church	Forming Our Lay Leaders

When you receive your invitation to consider pledging to the campaign, please pray on what sacrificial pledge will be right for your family. Please join us in praying for the success of the Living Christ Campaign.

St. Mary Priorities

Replacing the doors of the Parish basement

Adding to Parish and School Endowments

St. Joseph Priorities

Painting the windows

General maintenance projects for Church upkeep

CAMPAIGN GOAL:
$65,000,000

Last Updated: May 25, 2022

Parish Goal: $455,000

Total Raised: $217,400

Percentage Raised: 48%

Number of Gifts: 26

Average Gift: $8,362

Campaign Prayer

O God, our generous Father, the saving death and glorious resurrection of your son
Renews your church in every way for the work of the Gospel.

Ignite in the hearts of your people the fire of love that burns in the heart of your son.
Inspire in us a lively generosity for the selfless service of our brothers and sisters.
Invigorate our commitment to follow more closely Jesus, our Shepherd and Savior.

May the Holy Spirit, who brings Christ to life in each of us,
Prompt all our efforts for the success of the Living Christ Campaign.
May Mary, our Mother, and all the Saints intercede for us
To be joyful witnesses to the Redeemer at work within us and among us.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 29, 2022
The Ascension of the Lord (C)
Acts 1:1–11
Eph 1:17–23 or Heb 9:24–28; 10:19–23
Lk 24:46–53

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How Far Is Up?

It depends upon your understanding of cosmology, the religious explanation of the nature and structure of the universe. If Jesus ascended into heaven, how far up did he go? This also depends upon your understanding of cosmology. These are not foolish questions. We might not be experts in the field of cosmology, but many of us know a bit about galaxies, spacetime, and black holes, if only from *Star Trek*. So with this minimal cosmological knowledge, how should we understand Acts 1:9 when "a cloud took [Jesus] from their sight"? Did he just keep going up?

In the Letter to the Ephesians, Paul refers to Jesus' ascension, but he does not describe a mystifying event, as the Gospel reading does. Instead, he speaks of Jesus' exaltation at God's right hand. Perhaps it was fitting that Jesus ascended into the sky a little way, emphasizing that what occurred was more than mere physical exaltation. Rather, it is a way of stating that Jesus has now achieved honor and glory far beyond anything that is human, earthly, or created. He now enjoys divine glorification.

Still, even Paul uses metaphorical language when he says that Jesus sits at God's right hand in heaven. We know that heaven is more than a place but is also a state of total fulfillment. We also know that to be seated at the host's right hand means to be awarded the place of honor at the banquet. So, Paul is saying that Jesus enjoys total fulfillment in the place of honor next to his Father, where he is now praised as the beginning and end of all that is. This is reason to rejoice.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ***Pray the responsorial psalm today.***
- ***At his ascension, Jesus said his followers would be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. Are you one?***

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Dear Padre,

Why should I believe Jesus is God, the Messiah?

Jesus was a historical figure whose miracles and wise teachings were witnessed by other reliable historical figures—the apostles and other disciples. He demonstrated miraculous powers through physical healings, dislodging demons, and command over nature, such as walking on water and instantly calming a storm. Most importantly, reliable witnesses saw the risen Jesus in a glorified body after his death on the cross. Rather than deny the truth of what they saw and learned, they submitted to gruesome martyrdoms.

Our world needs a Messiah. Despite the philosophies humans have adopted throughout history, we find we are our own worst enemy. Our egoism and pride have led to conflict and inequalities, negligence and hurt. We try following worldly leaders who promise us more, but they can't rid us of the inner defect of our selfishness. Neither economic success nor military conquest bring lasting happiness. We long for more. We long to know the purpose of life, to live without dying. We long to know God.

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Jesus is the Messiah we need. His teaching centers on God's love for us and the love among people as the binding force for human hearts. Jesus taught that God loves his creations so much that he forgives people even for the ultimate sin: crucifying Jesus. His plans for eternity are that we, too, shall have a resurrection in a perfected body.

The truths Jesus exemplified and taught resonate perfectly with the deepest desires of the human heart.

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSsR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

What is the secret of a happy life? Recognizing Jesus, but Jesus as the living God, not as a statue. Because it is not important to know that Jesus was great in history....what matters is the place I give him in my life, the place I give to Jesus in my heart.

ANGELUS, JUNE 29, 2020

Calendar

Monday
MAY 30
Easter Weekday
Acts 19:1–8
Jn 16:29–33

Tuesday
MAY 31
The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Zep 3:14–18a or
Rom 12:9–16
Lk 1:39–56

Wednesday
JUNE 1
St. Justin, Martyr
Acts 20:28–38
Jn 17:11b–19

Thursday
JUNE 2
Easter Weekday
Acts 22:30; 23:6–11
Jn 17:20–26

Friday
JUNE 3
St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs
Acts 25:13b–21
Jn 21:15–19

Saturday
JUNE 4
Easter Weekday
Acts 28:16–20, 30–31
Jn 21:20–25

Sunday
JUNE 5
Pentecost
Acts 2:1–11
1 Cor 12:3b–7, 12–13
or Rom 8:8–17
Jn 20:19–23 or
Jn 14:15–16, 23b–26

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