

Saint Mary Church

85 S. Sandusky Street
Tiffin, Ohio 44883

Parish Office: 419-447-2087
www.stmarychurch.com

∞ Eucharistic Liturgies ∞

Weekends

Saturday 4:30 & 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, 8:00, 10:00, & 11:30 a.m.

Weekdays

See Schedule of Liturgies

Holy Days

8:30 a.m., 12:10, & 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Baptism

Instructions for Parents are held on the 2nd Sunday of the month in Room 22 of the school at 1:00 p.m.

Celebration of Sacrament is on the 3rd Sunday of the month, immediately after 11:30 Mass.

Register with the Parish Office for both instructions and Baptism by the Monday before.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays at 3:30 p.m., other times by appointment.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Please arrange an appointment with a priest at the parish office six months in advance of the tentative wedding date.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please contact the parish office.

Parish Membership/Registration

If you would like to become a member of our parish family, please contact the parish office.

Bulletin Announcement Deadline

For publication in the next Sunday Bulletin, copy must be received by Monday, noon.

St. Mary Parish Mission Statement

Called by God to be a people of Christ, we are bound by love and rich in heritage. We are a community committed to strengthen and uplift one another. We seek direction from the Word of God and the Holy Spirit for positive growth and increased faith and unity. We strive for a deeper sense of Christian community leading us to active involvement by serving and witnessing to all people.

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Gary R. Walters
Pastor

Rev. Eric J. Culler
Associate Pastor

Walter Beat
Deacon
Robert Hartzell
Deacon

Sr. Maryann Orians, OSF/T
Pastoral Associate

Thomas Fretz, Jr.
Music & Liturgy Coordinator

Rose Gaietto
Director of Religious Education

William Booth
Operations Manager

Tiffany Fry
Office Manager

Barb Borer
Cemetery Secretary



Calvert Catholic Schools

Theodore Rombach Jr.,
Superintendent

Calvert High School, 447-3844
Grades 9-12
Anthony Mass,
Principal

St. Joseph Campus, 447-5790
Grades 4-8

St. Mary Campus, 447-5202
Grades PreK-3
Patricia Haley,
Principal

Welcome to St. Mary!

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Schedule of Liturgies

November 29 ~ December 7

Saturday, November 29, Vigil: First Sunday of Advent
 4:30 PM Leonard & Vita Perna; Herbert Heilman;
 Judy Deis; Joe Mangano
 6:30 PM Rosemary Yandura

Sunday, November 30, First Sunday of Advent
 8:00 AM Liv. & Dec'd of Ralph F. & Liona Smith
 Fam.
 10:00 AM Pete & Marie Lauterbur; John Haman;
 Paul Haman
 11:30 AM St. Mary Parish Family

Monday, December 1, Advent Weekday
 8:30 AM Odelia Kastner
 12:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration Begins

Tuesday, December 2, Advent Weekday
 6:30 AM Communion Service
 8:30 AM John Jasinski
 12:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration Ends

Wednesday, December 3, Francis Xavier, priest
 8:30 AM Lois Traunero

Thursday, December 4, Advent Weekday
 8:30 AM Hubert & Dorothy Elchert

Friday, December 5, Advent Weekday
 8:30 AM Richard Scherger; Peter & Teresa Gaietto

Saturday, December 6, Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent
 4:30 PM Zablocki-Huth-Fretz Fam. & Keary
 Campbell; Herbert Heilman;
 Charles, June, & Kenneth Gerber &
 Berdell & Twila Falter
 6:30 PM Jim King

Sunday, December 7, Second Sunday of Advent
 8:00 AM St. Mary Parish Family
 10:00 AM Mildred Comer; John Haman
 Liv. & Dec'd Children of Doug & Ann
 Huth Fretz; Streacker-Hunker Fam.
 11:30 AM Luke Clouse; Mary Amlin



Dear St. Mary's Parish Family,

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your prayers and support over the past several months. Your cards, letters, phone messages, and contacts gave me the courage and strength to move forward each day in a good and positive way.

Your support empowered me to take full advantage of the opportunities offered to me. Because of this, I return home a better person and a holier priest.

Because of my commitment to the sisters and senior ministries here on the campus of St. Francis, I will not be available for other liturgical requests. I ask for your understanding. I am excited and pleased to return home to Tiffin. May God bless you always!

Fr. Frank Murd

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL'S CHRISTMAS collection is underway and they need your help. The collection that was held last month netted \$454.29. Close to 100 families were helped last year, and this year there will be even more. Much needed items are: money to purchase perishable items, canned meat, cereal, Velveeta cheese, disposable diapers, non-perishable foods, toiletries, paper products, new or clean blankets and linens, new socks and new toys. Your donations can be brought to the vestibule of church.



SCAT DRIVERS for December 7 are Larry and Diane Wadsworth.

THE CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPE in your packet can be used to list your deceased loved ones' names for printing in the Christmas bulletin. The deadline is *December 15*.

GOD SQUAD

November 30, Movie and games, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Bring a toy/s to donate for Christmas.

December 6, Steubenville Festival of Praise.

December 7, Retreat in Bellevue, 11:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

December 14, Live Nativity at St. Francis Convent, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A SPIRIT-FILLED youth conference at the Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio. This uplifting and amazing weekend is open to all high school youth. Please pick up an information brochure at the main entrance to church and sign up now! Registration forms and a deposit of \$35.00 are due by January 11. After this date, you will be put on a waiting list. Call Father Eric at 447-2087 or Lea Frank 448-4913 with questions.

THE PARISH NURSE PROGRAM is growing, but we still need more angels to help. Please contact the parish office to help restart this much needed ministry.

THE 2009 CALENDARS are in the vestibule of church for you to take. Thank you to our generous sponsors, Hoffman Gottfried Mack Funeral Home, Tiffin St. Joseph Federal Credit Union, and Traunero Funeral Home.

THE TIME FOR MASS FOR SHUT-INS is aired on channel 21 at 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 7:00 p.m. each Sunday.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD someone to the prayer list for Adoration and the prayer group that meets weekly, please call the parish office at 447-2087.

"COFFEE AND CONVERSATION" is after the 8:30 a.m. Tuesday Mass in room 22 in the school. Everyone is welcome for coffee, rolls and socializing after Mass.

Offering
 Total 

November 22 & 23, 2008

	Total \$	Env
Amount Needed Each Sunday	\$ 13,000.00	
Sunday Offering	\$ 9,673.99	414
Difference	\$ 3,326.01	
Repair and Maintenance	\$ 11.00	2
All Saints Day	\$ 5.00	1
All Souls' Day	\$ 5.00	1
Youth Offering	\$ 73.39	53
Total Sunday, 2008	\$ 9,768.38	
Total Sunday, 2007	\$ 10,913.35	



FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: Today's gospel warns about routines and specifically mentions eating and drinking, raising a family, working and preparing meals. STAY AWAKE because routines can numb you to God breaking into your daily life, calling you to higher ground, "when you least expect."

GOSPEL SUMMARY: At the time Mark was writing his Gospel, Christians were being persecuted. While some Christians literally went into the lion's den, Jews were also suffering under the Romans. That is one reason why Mark stresses Jesus' suffering and the meaning of suffering. No matter what happens, we must trust in God, even when we think he is silent.

DID YOU KNOW? Quick Tab II has been involved with Calvert Catholic Schools' fourth graders since 2003, providing them with an insight into the world of work. The program also includes a field trip to Quick Tab II to see the business in operation.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS to the family and friends of Clement M. Wurm (85). We pray the bereaved may find comfort at this difficult time.

FUNERAL LUNCH CAPTAIN for December is Margaret Schleter; Co-captain is Jane Boehler.

MARCUS GRODI, HOST OF EWTN'S The Journey Home, will be speaking at St. Joseph Church, Tiffin on December 6. The morning will begin with Mass at 8:30 am with his first talk beginning at 9:15 a.m. There will be a free will offering to help defray expenses. No registration is necessary. For questions, please call the St. Joseph Rectory at 447-5848.



EWTN'S STEVE RAY will do a free presentation on "A Virtual Tour of the Life of Mary - Walking in Her Sandals" at Holy Rosary Cathedral, Toledo on December 8. Holy Day Mass is at 6:00 p.m. with his presentation beginning at 7:00 p.m.

TRAUNERO FUNERAL HOME'S 12TH ANNUAL Holiday Memorial will be December 6 at 1:00 p.m. Fr. Gary will speak on "Hope for the Holidays." There will be a Tree of Remembrance and a candlelight ceremony to commemorate our deceased community members. If you have lost a loved one in the past year, please call before November 30 to make reservations at 447-3113.



THE ANNUAL RETREAT FOR MARRIED COUPLES will be held the weekend of March 20-22, 2009 at the St. Francis Spirituality Center, Tiffin. The theme is "Being Married and Enjoying It". The presenter will be Fr. Dan Fraser, a widower who was married for 35 years, has 9 children, 17 grandchildren and was ordained to the priesthood in 1999 at age 65. For information/registration contact Tim Etue at Catholic Charities 419-244-6711, Ext. 404.

SUNDAY NIGHT BINGO

Doors open at 5:00 p.m.; Early birds at 6:05 p.m. Bingo begins at 6:30 p.m.



BINGO WORKERS for today, November 30; Coordinator: Kathy Huffmon; Gate: Kathy Huffmon, Lisa Russell; Instant: Jim Huffmon, Buzz Russell, Jane Scholl; Floor: Dan Burkart, Lisa Boehler; Concessions: Marsha Marinis.

52 CLUB

"52" CLUB WINNERS 11-25-2008

- 1st DeAnna King, 2nd Matthew J. Scarr, 3rd Helen Kutzman, 4th Nicholas Vasquez

A DIVORCED & SEPARATED RETREAT, "When God Calls in the Night" will be held February 6-8, at OLC Retreat House, Carey. During what may seem the darkest times God still seeks to fill us with light. Come experience God's presence, His love, His healing. Rev. Chris Vasko, former director of parish Divorced & Separated Ministry, missionary and retreat director will offer this prayer-filled weekend. For information contact the Family Life Office of Catholic Charities at 419-244-6711, Ext. 404 or 409.

EUCHRE PLAYERS ARE NEEDED for the Dick Scherger Euchre Tournament at Tiffin K of C. Please sign up at the K of C by December 20. Tournament starts January 7.



"ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT" for women will be December 14 at 7:00 p.m at St. Francis Elizabeth Shaffer Auditorium. This year's theme is all about "Miracles." If you would like to be a table hostess or just come and enjoy the evening, please call Stephanie to register at 443-9991.

CONFIDENTIAL HELP is available to anyone who is suffering from the grief of abortion. Project Rachel offers lay counselors and trained clergy ready to help you find peace and healing. If you feel ready to talk with someone, we invite you to call the confidential help line at 419-260-5811.

CHARISMATIC MASS AND HEALING SERVICE: Please join us December 11 at Fremont St Ann's Church, 1021 W. State St., starting at 7:00 p.m. The main celebrant is Fr. Jerry Nowakowski. There will be Sacrament of the Sick and individual prayer ministry immediately following Mass. If you long to experience the powerful presence of God in your life, treat yourself to this special Mass and healing service. You will leave refreshed, renewed and healed.

December 6 & 7

Mass Coordinators:

- 4:30 p.m. Barb Borer, 6:30 p.m. Sheila Jeffery, 8:00 a.m. Cindy Kin, 10:00 a.m. Mark Zimmerman, 11:30 a.m. Jeanne Tackett

Eucharistic Ministers:

- 4:30 p.m. Ann & Don Hutzal, Ed Loesser, Paul Panuto, Lynna Stanton, 6:30 p.m. Rose Gaietto, Emily Hammer, Len Illig, Sr. Edna Michel, Steve & Jan Panuto, Chris Rubeck, 8:00 a.m. Joanne Brickner, Brian & Matt Coleman, Pat Depinet, Pat Schilling, Bernie & John Willman, 10:00 a.m. Karen & Ned Behm, Barbara & Peter Bronson, Mary Burkart, Denny Fooks, Marilyn Gangluff, Nancy Warnement, 11:30 a.m. Angie Boes, Julie Brickner, Connie Saxton, Peg Shock, Barb Sprau.

Servers:

- 4:30 p.m. Team A, 6:30 p.m. Team H, 8:00 a.m. Team J, 10:00 a.m. Team M, 11:30 a.m. Team W

Student Lectors:

- 4:30 p.m. Ashely Burns, 6:30 p.m. Claire Huffman, 8:00 a.m. Anthony Traxler, 10:00 a.m. Clay Magers, 11:30 a.m. Joan Poland

Lectors:

- 4:30 p.m. Lester Huth, 6:30 p.m. Carol Keefe, 8:00 a.m. Nancy Kiser, 10:00 a.m. Kathy Felton, 11:30 a.m. Joe Hartzell

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: One little act of kindness can have multiple results.