

## From the Desk of Sister Regina, Pastoral Leader

Two disciples are journeying from Jerusalem to Emmaus days after the crucifixion. They discuss the events of the previous week. The journey provides adequate time to reflect upon what had happened in Jerusalem the last few days. As the story unfolds, it becomes clear that they are quite disillusioned and confused. Disbelief has overpowered them. They are leaving Jerusalem because, for them, Jesus' death was an absolute tragedy. Their expectations prevent them from seeing Him as one who lives and walks with them. And their interpretation of the events is so distorted, they do not recognize the risen Lord in their midst. Their story is about disappointment and failure.

Eventually they near Emmaus. When Jesus acts as if He were going farther, they earnestly invite Him to spend the night with them. He has shared His story with them, so they offer Him hospitality. They open their hearts to Him in love, and, when they are seated at table, Jesus responds in love. At the table, the two disciples recognize that the Stranger is, in fact, a dear friend. For, when Jesus takes bread, blesses it, breaks it and distributes it to them, their eyes are opened. Then He immediately vanishes from their sight—but not from their hearts!

Which is what he intended – to remain in their hearts as they go forth and spread the news. He disappears physically, but He remains present in their hearts. They acknowledge that their hearts were burning as He explained the Scriptures to them. The faith and hope was within but seemed to be extinguished until he refreshes their memory of scripture. **The fire had not altogether been extinguished by the disillusioning events of the previous week. Jesus has fanned the fragile spark into a strong flame—a flame of new life and love.**

Now they have a new story to tell. They realize that **they are not ex-followers of a dead prophet, but disciples of the RISEN Lord.**

We follow Christ with assurance that He has not abandoned us but will lead us through grief and suffering to glory. We all must journey towards Jerusalem just as Jesus did. To leave Jerusalem is to go the wrong way, for it leads us away from the Lord. The journey to Jerusalem remains essential to the Christian life. It cannot be avoided. To be an authentic Christian, we cannot walk away from Jerusalem and abandon hope. We must believe in the risen Lord.

Whenever we reach a point of confusion, pain, hurt or dryness of faith, **each of us is challenged to decide where to stand on the road:** among the perplexed and disillusioned who have doubting hearts and blinded eyes—or among those who have listened attentively, seen clearly, and responded appropriately in faith to Jesus' own story.

**Where are you on the road?**

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 30

*Monday, May 1, Easter Weekday*  
No Liturgical Services

*Tuesday, May 2, Saint Athanasius*  
8:15am † For the People of the Parish  
Acts 7:51—8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

*Wednesday, May 3, Saints Philip and James*  
8:15am Communion Service

*Thursday, May 4, Easter Weekday*  
8:15am Communion Service

*Friday, May 5, Easter Weekday*  
8:15am † For the People of the Parish  
Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

*Saturday, May 6, Fourth Sunday of Easter*  
4:30pm † For the People of the Parish  
Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;  
1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

*Sunday, May 7, Fourth Sunday of Easter*  
9:00am † Inez Kerlin and John Vincent  
Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;  
1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

## LITURGICAL ROLES FOR THE WEEKEND OF MAY 7

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

*Saturday* 4:30pm Harold Darr, Deborah Kuns  
*Sunday* 9:00am Bob Crockett, Lori Mange

### Lectors

*Saturday* 4:30pm Gene Cook  
*Sunday* 9:00am Dustin Payne

### Ushers

*Saturday* 4:30pm Ken Cheek, Mike Halbeisen  
*Sunday* 9:00am Larry Miller, Parker Wilson

### Servers

*Saturday* 4:30pm The Millers  
*Sunday* 9:00am The Paynes

### Choir

*Saturday* 4:30pm St. Mary Folk Group  
*Sunday* 9:00am St. Mary Choir

### Money Counters for May 7

Sue Pumphrey and Joni Wasserman

## Sacrificial Giving

Needed per week.....	\$3,700.00
<i>Sunday, April 23, 2017</i>	
Adult.....	\$2,845.15

**Week at a Glance**

<b>Monday, May 1</b>		
Boy Scouts	7:00pm	Gym
<b>Tuesday, May 2</b>		
Mass	8:15am	Church Hall
Bingo	6:00pm	
<b>Wednesday, May 3</b>		
Communion Service	8:15am	Church
<b>Thursday, May 4</b>		
Life Line Screening	By Appt.	Hall
Communion Service	8:15am	Church
<b>Friday, May 5</b>		
Mass	8:15am	Church
Book Club	9:00am	Conference Rm
<b>Saturday, May 6</b>		
Anointing Mass	4:30pm	Church
Mass	4:30pm	Church
<b>Sunday, May 7</b>		
Mass	9:00am	Church



Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, is pleased to offer a preventive health event at St Mary's Catholic Church on 5/4/2017. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.

There are three ways to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call toll-free 1-888-653-6441 or visit <http://lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle> or text the word circle to 797979.

**BINGO MAY 2**

- Workers:** Bruce Darr, Mary Kay Oakleaf, Sandy Smith, Rita Martin, Bill Steinbauer
- Bakers:** Jenny Flewelling, Patti Munson, Jenny Meyer, Tami Steinbauer, Martha Darr, Virginia Gabel
- Kitchen:** Jean Alcala, Deb Sharpe, Betty Shaw

**PRAYER LIST**

Martina Rodriguez, Charlene Robinson, Betty Eshleman, Jeff Hill, Ruth Nobles, Eric Furniss, Charlie Meyer, Virginia Gabel, Mary Cox, Mark Pumphrey, Beverly Dalton, Margaret Ross, Chuck Ruffing, Barb Conley

These names will be updated once a month. If someone wishes to be on the prayer list they or their caretaker must personally contact the parish office. (HIPAA Law)

**2017 Annual Catholic Appeal**  
Diocese of Toledo

Goal for St. Mary, Clyde: \$11,000.00  
Pledged as of 4/18/2017: \$8,495.00  
% of goal met: 77.23%

**Our Lady of the Pines  
Retreat Center,  
1250 Tiffin Street,  
Fremont, OH 43420  
Contact the “Pines” at  
419-332-6522 to register  
or check our website at  
www.pinesretreat.org**

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**Act Justly, Love Tenderly, Walk Humbly –  
Lunch & Learn.**

Wednesday, May 24, 2017, 12:00-2:00.

Led by Fr. Charles Ritter.

In preparation for the feast of Pentecost join Fr.

Ritter for lunch and reflection on Micah 6:8

“To act justly...to love tenderly...to walk humbly with your God...” This reflection may help you on your spiritual journey of becoming more “available” to God, more open to the working of the Spirit and more eager to walk in the footsteps of Jesus.

**Cost:** \$15 (Includes Lunch).

**Soul’s Virtues – A SoulCollage Weekend  
Retreat.**

Begins June 2, 2017 at 7:00pm—Concludes June 4, 2017 at 1:00pm.

Spiritual traditions have long honored various virtues of holy ones who have added insight and shared wisdom for our spiritual journeys. This weekend SoulCollage® retreat is a chance to explore the grace in your own life through focusing on virtues such as strength, courage, imagination and beauty, and then experiencing ways of using your cards in prayer.

**Cost:** \$200 Standard Room, \$210.30 for Select Room.

**PARISH OFFICE: (419)-547-9687  
FAX: (419)-547-0516**

**OFFICE HOURS:  
MONDAY-THURSDAY 9AM-3PM  
CLOSED FRIDAY**

**PARISH STAFF**

Pastoral Leader:.....Sr. Regina Fisher, SND;  
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Parish Secretary:.....Alisha Taylor; clydestmary@gmail.com  
Parish Bookkeeper:.....Mary Ivory; stmarybook@gmail.com  
Maintenance:.....Bill Steinbauer

**P.S.R. CLASSES:**

(During School Year)

Grade School - Sundays: 9:00am (Mass) to 11:00am  
For any questions regarding P.S.R. contact Sr. Regina at the Parish Office.

**REGISTRATION:**

Persons moving into our area are asked to notify Alisha at the Parish Office to be registered. Whenever there is a change in address or phone number, please call Alisha at the Parish Office.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**

Baptism can be administered during Sunday Mass or at a private ceremony. New parents are required to attend a Baptism instruction. Recommended that this take place during the pregnancy. Please contact Sr. Regina at the Parish Office to make arrangements.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):**

Saturday 4:00pm to 4:15pm. or any time when requested. For more information contact Sr. Regina at the Parish Office.

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:**

Call Sr. Regina at the Parish Office and make arrangements at least six months in advance. Marriage instructions are required.

**SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK:**

Administered upon request to those who are sick. Please contact Sr. Regina at the Parish Office.

# Kid's Corner

**Gus The Gospel Gopher says: "Those two travelers who invited the stranger to supper really got a surprise! In the sentences below are some clues about that story. Use the words in the word list to fill in the blanks in the sentences."**

**WORD LIST:** SCRIPTURES      EMMAUS      STRANGER  
BREAD                      SUPPER      JESUS  
JERUSALEM              VOICE      ALIVE  
CROSS

1. The two men were walking to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. On the way they met a \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ had promised Jesus would come back to life.
4. Emmaus was near the city of \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The men asked the stranger to stay for \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Maybe the men remembered something when they ate the \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Suddenly they recognized the stranger's \_\_\_\_\_.
8. The stranger in the story was really \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Jesus died on a \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ again!

## Maze

Today's Gospel story is about two disciples seeing Jesus after he was resurrected. Help guide the two disciples as they run back to town to tell the other followers that they've seen Jesus risen from the dead.

