

A NEAT CUSTOM –

From time to time, a married couple will ask me if we could arrange to have a special blessing for them within Mass on the occasion of a milestone wedding anniversary, such as for their 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 65th anniversary. On behalf of the Church, I am grateful and happy to honor requests of this nature.

Normally in the Fall, our Diocese hosts a Mass of Celebration for couples who are observing milestone wedding anniversaries. Acknowledging couples who are celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries is important for reasons such as the following. Couples who want to be recognized at Mass on the occasion of a milestone wedding anniversary are acknowledging the spiritual nature of marriage.

As Catholics, we regard marriage as a Sacrament. As we take this to heart, we will grow in the awareness of how the Lord is related to marriage. Through the eyes of faith, we can see that it is the Lord Who leads two persons of the opposite sex to find favor in the eyes of each other and to want to make the commitment to live together as husband and wife for as long as both of them are alive. It takes a lot of faith to commit one's self to a relationship that is permanent.

As anyone can observe, particularly the children of a given marriage, there are "bumps along the road" in every marriage. Each marriage, sooner or later, meets challenges such as the following. As much as a husband and wife love each other, there will be times when misunderstanding comes between the partners. This does not necessarily signal the presence of sin. Each of us is a mystery. If we don't fully understand ourselves, how can one fully understand the other? A number of couples grow in the awareness that more important than is the attempt to understand the other is the goal of enabling one's spouse to become what the Lord wants that individual to become. The ultimate goal of marriage is to serve as the vehicle in and through which the Lord works to bring both persons to the gift of heaven.

Every marriage is challenged by the potential that we each have of being unattractive through no fault of our own. We do not choose handicaps or debilitating conditions. Who knows for how long we will have the vibrancy that many of us are now enjoying? The Lord alone offers the strength that is needed for a husband and wife to be there for each other in an enabling way when the going gets tough.

Marriages are also challenged by the inclination that we all have to wander away from the Lord, the One Who is the source of genuine love. If we don't allow the Lord to deepen and strengthen His friendship within us, this will take its toll in the manner in which we relate to one another. What a powerful tool the regular celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation can be in the work of strengthening marriages.

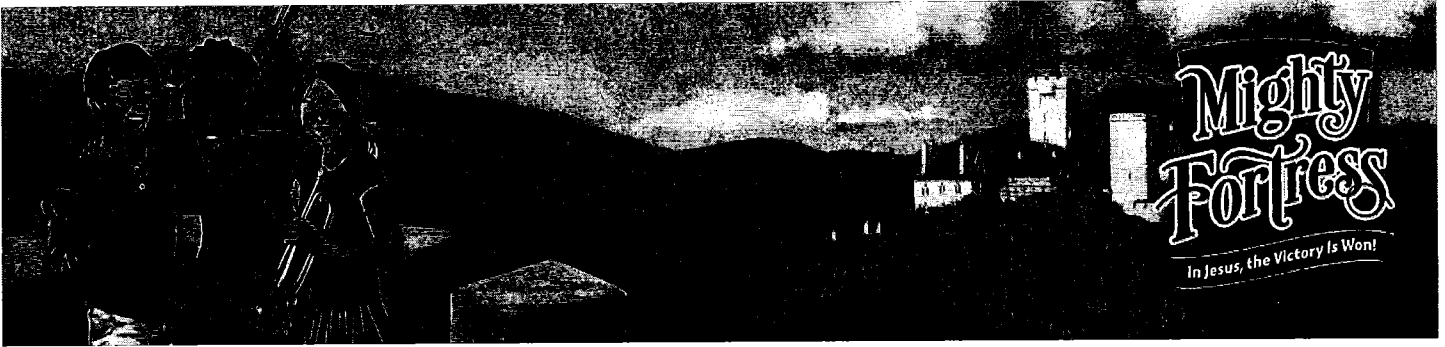
It is fitting to honor marriage jubilarians at Mass because of the social nature of marriage. As goes the quality of marriages, so goes the quality of life in the Church and in the world. Whether we are married or not, we all need role models. Drawing attention to married couples who are celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries invites and challenges all of us to be faithful to the mission and the work to which the Lord calls each of us.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Nelson Beaver – Pastor

JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 10:30 am Mass	5	6 7:00 PM K of C meeting in the rectory (no Mass at Mifflin)	7 7:00 PM Cont Group Practice 7:00 PM Social Concerns meet in cafeteria	8 2:00 PM Mass at Country Meadows	9 9:00 am Mass	10 3-3:30 Confessions 4:00 PM Mass
11 10:30 am Mass	12 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 9 am to 12 noon	13 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 9 am to 12 noon 6:30 PM Finance Meeting in the library	14 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 9 am to 12 noon	15 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 9 am to 12 noon	16 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 9 am to 12 noon 9:30 am Mass at Resurrection Parish	17 3-3:30 Confessions 4:00 PM Mass
18 10:30 am Mass	19	20 2:00 pm Mass at Primrose	21 7:00 pm Contemporary Group Practice 7:00 pm Venite Adoremus	22	23 9:00 am Mass	24 3-3:30 Confessions 4:00 PM Mass
25 10:30 am Mass	26	27	28	29	30 9:00 am Mass	1 July 7:00 am Venite Adoremus Mtg 3-3:30 Confessions 4:00 PM Mass
			31-May 8th grade graduation Mass at 10:00 am	1 9:30 AM Mass at Lexington Ct Last Day of School	2 1st Friday Adoration at Resurrection Parish after 9:30 am Mass until 11:00 am	3 7:00 AM Venite Adoremus 3-3:30 Confessions 4:00 PM MASS



**St Mary of the Snows
Vacation Bible School
June 12-16, 2017
9:00 am-12:00 noon**

VBS 2017 is a victory celebration!

At *Mighty Fortress* VBS, your children learn that in Jesus, the victory is won! They'll look into the Bible, God's Holy Word, and explore five Bible accounts about God, our Mighty Fortress, and the victory Jesus has won for us.

Registration is open for children in grades K-5. VBS will run from 9:00am – 12:00pm, Monday, June 12 through Friday, June 16. Come along with us as we sing fun songs, do crazy crafts, eat yummy snacks, play awesome games, and more. Plus, you'll learn that in Jesus, the victory is won! Can't wait to see you there! To register, fill out and return the form on the back of this flyer. **Registration is free, however a good will offering will be accepted at Sign-In.**

How can you get involved?

Volunteers are needed to help prepare, set-up and run VBS. Adults and teens (grade 6 and up) are invited to share their time and talents with the VBS program. If you are available for a day or a week and would like to be involved, please contact Jenny Ewing (jewingii@gmail.com) or Mary Mancha (mtrmancha@gmail.com).

Supplies are needed for crafts and snacks. Please take a tag off the VBS boards at the back of the church, purchase the supplies and return them next week. We thank you for your generosity!!!

Prayers are most appreciated! Please pray for the children that attend, their families and for the amazing volunteers that will run this fun-filled week!

For more information...

Contact Jenny Ewing (jewingii@gmail.com) or Mary Mancha (mtrmancha@gmail.com) by email or call the parish office at 419-589-5464.

Vacation Bible School Registration

(One form per child please)

Student First Name: _____

Student Last Name: _____

Nickname: _____

Age: _____

Gender: Male Female

Grade just finished: _____

Home parish/church (if applicable): _____

Allergies: _____

Medical Issues or Special Needs: _____

Place my child in the same group as (child's name): _____

Parent Name (first and last): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ + _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Other Phone Number: _____

Emergency Contact (first and last name): _____

Emergency Phone: _____

Alternate Pickup (first and last name): _____

Alternate Pickup Phone: _____

Medical Release: I give my permission for the VBS staff to administer basic first aid to my child (named above) in the event of an injury. I understand that the VBS staff will contact emergency services in the event of a significant injury and all expenses for such emergency services will be paid by me.

Photo Release: I hereby grant the above named parish permission to copyright and use photographs/videos taken at VBS of the minor designated above in any manner or form for any purpose lawful at any time. I waive any right that I may have to inspect or approve the finished product or written copy, that may be used in conjunction therewith, or the use to which it may be applied.

Permission to Attend: I give permission for my child (named above) to attend the Vacation Bible School (VBS) listed above. I understand that the information I give for this registration will only be used by the VBS hosting parish.

Parent Signature

Date



School Advisory Council

Christian Formation Ministry

Finance Council Ministry

Social Concerns Ministry

Liturgy Worship

Youth Faith Formation Ministry

Pastoral Council Ministry

Building & Grounds Ministry

Evangelization Ministry



VISION

Our vision is to have a strong, united St. Mary's Community that welcomes everyone to its ever standing building and grounds.

GOALS

- New driveways and parking lot
- An alternate source for water
- Elimination of our mini wastewater treatment plant by connecting to the county system

STRATEGIES

- To conduct a fall walk through and to prioritize projects that are in need of repair or replacement and seek out the most practical and affordable way to deal with each of these projects and then submit our findings to whom it concerns and to the Finance Council.

Active Members

- Dan Fletcher
- Duwayne Shoup
- Fran Swanson
- Jeff Siesel
- Randy McMillen
- John Lapeer (St. Mary's custodian)

How you can help

- Contact us about any special talents you can offer that would benefit our building and grounds.
- Offer suggestions for what needs to be repaired or replaced. This can be accomplished by bringing them to our attention or contact the office.
- We ask that you pray

OVER PLEASE

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Accomplishments that were made possible by the people of St. Mary's and their funding include:

Our recent new concrete steps and sidewalk

The Heating and Cooling System

The school and church roof

A new hot water tank

The Building and Grounds committee did the leg work and created a scope of work for contractors to bid on these various projects.

The building has been here for many years and other projects of Building and Grounds include:
(at no cost to the school or parish)

Repairs to the tractor used to mow grass

The replacement of the rear doors in the cafeteria

The concrete ramp to the main entrance to the school

The brick pedestal for our outdoor statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The brick sign at our main driveway entrance on Ashland Road

The subsoil water issue that contributed to the deterioration of the asphalt in front of the school has been remedied