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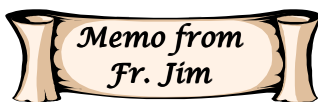
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## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:

MAY 13, 2007

### DAILY LITURGIES AND INTENTIONS:

Monday	May	14	Easter Weekday 8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Tuesday	May	15	Easter Weekday 8:00 a.m. Robert Baker
Wednesday	May	16	Easter Weekday 8:00 a.m. Lena Zvolensky
Thursday	May	17	Easter Weekday 8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Friday	May	18	Easter Weekday 8:00 a.m. The Deceased of the McLaughlin Family
Saturday	May	19	Easter Weekday 4:00 p.m. Art Reynolds
Sunday	May	20	<b>Solemnity of the Ascension</b> 7:30 a.m. Terry Sack 9:00 a.m. Connie Burns 10:30 a.m. Living and deceased of the Ladies Society 6:30 p.m. St. Mary Community



The most pursued Pastoral Letter of the United States Bishops is entitled "Stewardship: A Disciple's Response." This Pastoral Letter proposes the Biblical concept of stewardship as the way to enhance our vision of discipleship. "Stewardship is an expression of discipleship, with the power to change how we understand and live out our lives."

"Who is a Christian disciple? One who responds to Christ's call, follows Jesus, and shapes his or her life in imitation of Christ's"

"Who is a Christian steward? One who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with others, and returns them with increase to the Lord."

As you know from my pastoral letter to you, I intend to use the Biblical concept of stewardship to enhance our discipleship here at St. Mary Parish. We will be using the liturgical time of Ascension and Pentecost to begin our stewardship of prayer. As the early church waited in prayer for nine days for the coming of the Holy Spirit, we will be having a novena of prayer to ask the Holy Spirit to guide and direct our future here at St. Mary Parish.

Please notice the extra weekday Masses during the week of these nine days. This weekend we are asked to fill out prayer commitment cards that will be placed in a basket in front of the altar during our novena. The novena begins this Friday morning and ends on Pentecost. Every Mass will end by saying the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.

**"Come, Holy Spirit!"**

# IN OUR PARISH

**WELCOME INTO THE CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY:** Jonathan Robert, Julia Catherine and Hunter Thomas Caudill children of Theodore and Anna Caudill on May 5 and Paige Madeline Zeller daughter of Charles and Julia Zeller on May 6 joined the Catholic Christian Community through baptism.

<b>ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK</b>	Sunday	<b>Mother's Day</b>
	Tuesday	<b>Archdiocesan Worship Com.</b> at 7:30 p.m.
	Wednesday	<b>RCIA</b> at 7:00 p.m.
	Thursday	<b>Ladies Society</b> at noon <b>Archdiocesan Social Action</b> at 6:00 p.m. <b>Bible Study</b> at 7:00 p.m. <b>Square Dancing</b> at 7:30 p.m.
	Saturday	<b>St. Vincent de Paul</b> at 8:00 a.m.
	Sunday	<b>FEAST OF THE ASCENSION</b>
		<b>Gathering of the Daughters</b> at 11:15 a.m.

**OUR GIFT IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S GENEROSITY:** The collection last weekend was \$9,470 (237 envelopes); children's offering \$5.00 (5 envelopes). **Thank you for your generosity** and continued support. Thank you for using your offering envelopes. Your dedication to the continued fiscal health of the parish is very appreciated. Only those who use their contribution envelopes may request a statement of contributions.

**RCIA** **WHO DO YOU KNOW THAT MIGHT FIND THE ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY A PLACE TO BE AT HOME WITH GOD!** Over the next few months we will be forming the next group of people interested in inquiring about the Church. If you know someone who could benefit from this, invite them to come to Church with you and introduce them to Tom Cox or contact him at 937-746-1404 or [tomcox@stmaryfranklin.org](mailto:tomcox@stmaryfranklin.org)

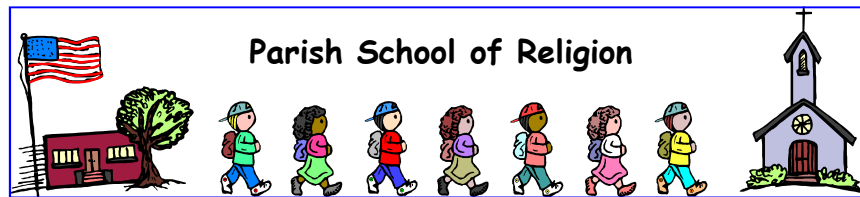
**THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD** has been celebrated on the Seventh Sunday of Easter in most diocese in the United states for many years. This Thursday is an Easter Weekday with the scheduled liturgy celebrated as on other Easter weeks.

**BIBLE STUDY BEGINS AGAIN.** We are gathering for three more sessions before taking a break for the summer. **Would you like to look more deeply at the readings from the Sunday Liturgy of the Word? What is God saying to you?** A group is meeting on three Thursdays, May 17 and 31 and June 14 to delve more deeply into the Sunday readings. All are welcome, no pre-requisites. We will begin at 7:00 p.m. and end no later than 8:30 p.m. Contact Tom at 746-1404 or [tomcox@stmaryfranklin.org](mailto:tomcox@stmaryfranklin.org) if you have any questions.

**LADIES! Do you have your FREE TICKETS yet???**



**The GATHERING OF DAUGHTERS is NEXT SUNDAY!!!** This unique tradition of St. Mary Church is an opportunity for ALL the ladies of the parish - from little girls to doting great-grandmothers - to enjoy a delicious brunch together and enjoy a special treat of music provided by **Puzzle of Sound!** There is no cost, but you DO NEED A TICKET! They are available outside church after all Masses this weekend. Ladies, we are not all mothers, but WE ARE ALL DAUGHTERS. Don't miss this beautiful chance to celebrate that. Plan to brunch with the ladies of your parish family following the 10:30 a.m. Mass next week-end.



**RECEPTION OF FIRST EUCHARIST NEXT WEEKEND.** The following will receive their first Communion  
**Saturday 4:00 p.m.** Emma Abbott, Warren Kitchen, and A. J. Riegler  
**Sunday 9:00 a.m.** Elizabeth Duckett

**PARENTS OF PSR STUDENTS, YOUR OPINION NEEDED AS WE GROW!** We need to expand the number of classes we have in order to keep the tradition of top quality catechesis. This requires a new look at how we use our resources of time, space, and personnel. Because some of our classes exceeded thirty students we stretched our personnel, the catechists, to the limits of their generosity. We need to look at time and space (**as well as more catechists, Is God calling you?**) to solve this problem. We cannot, at this time, build more space; so we need to see how we can use our space more efficiently and expand our time. A group of leaders from Parish Council, the Education commission, catechists and parents have created some options. We narrowed these options to two at a sparsely attended meeting last Sunday but before the decision is made we would like to have your thoughts about them. **Please, take the time to fill out the enclosed survey, if you have children that will attend PSR next year.** You can drop it in the collection or drop it off at the rectory through Monday, May 22, 2007.

**LADIES!** It's the May meeting of St. Mary Ladies Society and it **THIS THURSDAY, MAY 17, at NOON** in the Parish Center. This is a special meeting! Not only will we conduct a little business, we will also honor the Blessed Virgin with prayer, song, and flowers. Lunch will be special too - you don't have to bring your own! Hostesses Cathy Zaenglein and Judy Frederick have planned everything for us. So, Ladies, bring your rosary, bring your flower (for Mary's bouquet), and bring your appetite. May's meeting promises to be beautiful!

P.S. Don't forget to bring your \$15 to this May meeting to pay for your luncheon at the Aron Wright House in June.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** is a tool to make good marriages stronger. Make the marriage strong and the family becomes stronger. Any couple can enjoy Marriage Encounter whether they are newly married or married for many years. Mark and I just took a second weekend because we felt we needed a Marriage boost. It was wonderful and we learned even more than we learned the first weekend ten years ago. Call us at 937-743-9687 if you would like to learn more. Up coming weekends are May 18-20, and June 22-24. Thanks Mark & JoAnn Givens.

**ST. MARY DRAGON NIGHT:** Set aside Tuesday, July 3, to join fellow parishioners for a night of cheering for the Dayton Dragons from your reserved seat. Price is just \$9 per ticket. Watch the bulleting and keep your ears open about when the tickets will be available.



**FUTURE OF YOUTH MINISTRY** The process for hiring a Youth Minister continues. We will be interviewing candidates this month. Watch the bulletin for future announcements and summer events.



**OUR DOORS ARE OPEN:** No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter what your current family and marital situation, no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, etc., no matter what your own self-image; you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected here at St. Mary Parish.



**THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL GROUP** met on Saturday May 5. We are extremely grateful for the more than \$5,000 Fifth Sunday collection. Three months of furniture bills (even used furniture from the SVdP warehouse has a price) and the usual rent and utility help left about \$2,400. There were rather large requests from a couple of clients. One family was in financial trouble because the father was injured at work and the mothers salary alone is not enough. Another client has severe arthritis and needs a motorized wheel chair. These two cases are examples of why we ask for your prayers so we make good decisions for the individual client and for all of the calls we receive. Please know we do our best with your donations and continue to need donations of money, time and prayers. If you have any questions, please call Jane Flischel at 937-748-2163.

- ◆ If anyone has Kroger point slips and would like to purchase a \$10 gift card for SVdP, we can give them to clients who run out of food or who call on weekends for help when the food pantry is closed. Please drop your Kroger gift cards in the collection in an envelope marked SVdP.
- ◆ The InterFaith Hospitality Network (IHN-Transitioning the homeless into homes and work) asked SVdP to help provide Christmas in July for the homeless families in IHN. During the month of June, we will collect Christmas wrapping paper and Christmas books for children; they can be left in the back of church. Monetary donations can be dropped in the collections so summer clothes and shoes can be purchased for each family member. These checks should be made out to IHN.

We thank you for all you do for the needy in our area.

**THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA TRIP** on May 20 to hear the music of the Cincinnati May Festival Chorus and the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra in the Covington Basilica of the Assumption will begin when the bus leaves at 5:15 p.m. from the St. Mary parking lot on the corner of First and Main Streets



**PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS** continue to meet every Saturday morning at around 9:30 a.m. at the Community Park on SR 123 (Sixth St.) for very friendly and easy going tennis games. It helps if you have a tennis racket but we often have extras. All are welcome to join us. Further info, leave a message at 937 626 2600 or email [stmarytennis@yahoo.com](mailto:stmarytennis@yahoo.com).



**NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULES:**

May 19-20	4:00 p.m. Sat.	7:30 a.m. Sun.	9:00 a.m. Sun.	10:30 Sun.	6:30 p.m.
<b>Servers</b>	Vince Haenni Leo Haenni	Claire Brownfield David Brownfield	Alex Adams Maggie Adams	Amanda Everts Michelle Plandowski	Andrew Koslow Amanda Koslow
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Karen Streit Pat Bosway Betty Reznor Sandi Traud	Kristine Brown Linda Brownfield Tim Cable	Tom Adams Karen Adams Ken Fish Debbie Fish	Teresa Knapke Bob Matson Bette Mueller Tina Rychlewski	Jeff Rohde Karen Schriml Carlos Yopez Diane Kinsworthy
<b>Lectors</b>	Mark Haenni	Mike Hutchinson	Dan Fedders	Joe Couture	Jeff Gross
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Comm	Foley	Guffey	1 <sup>st</sup> Comm	Onderko

## PARISH LIFE INFORMATION

Office Phone No. 937-746-5404

Office Hours 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Monday—Friday

**Anointing of the Sick:** Call immediately in case of a serious illness. Hospitals can no longer call for you.

**Communion to the Homebound:** Call the office to arrange a visit.

**Reconciliation:** available at announced Reconciliation Services; on Saturday 3:00 p.m. during Lent.

**Matrimony:** Call the rectory for an appointment before setting a date. Six months of preparation are required.

**Baptism:** Preparation is required before Baptism, preferably during pregnancy. Call the rectory to make arrangements.

**Religious Vocations:** Check [www.cincinnati vocations.org](http://www.cincinnati vocations.org) or call Rev. Kyle Schnippel, 513-421-3131

**Bulletin Deadline:** noon the Tuesday before the weekend. E-mail notices to [Annelpasmf@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Annelpasmf@sbcglobal.net).

### Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Lonnie Acree	937-748-2960	Andrea Dapkus	937-885-0487	Pat Monnin	937-885-1630
Rocky Adams	937-743-0226	Dan Fedders	937-746-4123	Roger Stebelton	937-855-6897
Eileen Avellano	937-748-0043	Mark Fields	937-743-9077	Mary Steed	937-746-6571

## BEYOND THE PARISH

### BISHOP FENWICK HIGH SCHOOL 2007

Summer Camp information for grades K through 8 is now available on their website at [www.falcons.org](http://www.falcons.org). Camps are limited, so early registration is recommended. For information contact Judy Robertson at 513-723-0724.

**ARE YOU A NURSE, SOCIAL WORKER OR FORMER FAMILY CAREGIVER?** Please help the Caregiver Assistance Network of Catholic Social Services to provide support for family caregivers by co-facilitating one of our 30 monthly family caregiver support groups. Training is provided. Contact Gene McClory at [genem@cssdoorway.org](mailto:genem@cssdoorway.org) or 513-241-7745 X.533.

**THE FRANKLIN-SPRINGBORO LIBRARIES** are looking for volunteer tutors to work one-on-one with local students. Only requirement is that you have passed the eighth grade. Orientation meetings will be on June 5, 7 or 8. Applications and more information are available at [www.franklin.lib.oh.us](http://www.franklin.lib.oh.us) or call Martha Bush at 937-746-2665 X109.

**MIDDLETOWN REGIONAL HOSPITAL** is having a free educational seminar on Advance Directives on Monday, May 21 at 6 p.m. in the Stuart Ives

Auditorium at the hospital. The seminar will provide information on two types of Advance Directives—the durable power of attorney for health care (POA) and the living will.

**THE 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL HOLY FAMILY Athletics Golf Scramble** Sunday June 10 – shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. Weatherwax Golf Course – Entry Fee \$60 per player – includes green fees and dinner after the tournament – proceeds to benefit Holy Family athletics – Contact Ed Dobrozsi at 513-594-5524 or mail your foursome information to Ed Dobrozsi, PO Box 111 Middletown, OH 45042-0111.

**MEGAN DEATON**, 2004 graduate of Fenwick High School and granddaughter of a parishioner will spend the summer as a part of a traveling Catholic youth evangelization team working in summer camps/retreats across North Dakota and Minnesota. She needs \$750 to fund this summer of mission work. If you would like to support Megan please send a donation to Young Disciples Teams c/o Diocese of Fargo, 5201 Bishop's Blvd., Suite A, Fargo, ND 58104. Make checks payable to Young Disciples Teams and add Megan Deaton to the memo line. This would be a tax deductible contribution.

### Thought for today

If we love, we know the presence of God. Take time to be aware of God's loving presence.  
Be open to the Holy Spirit. (John 14:23-29)