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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 16, 2007

DAILY LITURGIES AND INTENTIONS:

Monday	September 17	Weekday 8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Tuesday	September 18	Weekday 8:00 a.m. Special need of Healing
Wednesday	September 19	Weekday 8:00 a.m. Healing in the McLennan Family
Thursday	September 20	Andrew Kim, Paul Chong & Companions 8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Friday	September 21	Matthew, apostle, evangelist 8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Saturday	September 22	Weekday 4:00 p.m. Callsen Family
Sunday	September 23	Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:30 a.m. Barbara Jazwinski 9:00 a.m. Marie Rojert 10:30 a.m. Rosa Di Salvo 6:30 p.m. St. Mary Community



*Rejoice
with
me
because
I have
found
my lost
sheep.*
Lk 15:1-32




Catechetical Sunday is an excellent time to reaffirm our Catholic Teaching that parents are the primary educators of their children in the ways of the faith. The pulpit and the classroom should reinforce the values that are being taught in the home. That is why the home is properly called "The Domestic Church." We take this opportunity to thank all of our catechists who have accepted God's call to partner our parents and priests in teaching our children the ways of the faith.

May we remember that faith formation is not just for children but a life-long journey for us all!

True Catechesis involves life-long learning that leads to eternity.

Please pick up your 2007-2008 contribution envelopes in the Parish Hall

IN OUR PARISH

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK	Sunday	PARISH PICNIC!! 1-5 P.M.	
	Tuesday	Round Dancing at 7:30 p.m.	
	Wednesday	Parish Pastoral Council at 7:00 p.m.	
	Thursday	Ladies Society at noon Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults at 6:30 p.m. Square Dancing at 7:30 p.m.	
	Sunday	Reception for Mr. Tom Cox at 9:45 a.m. Youth Ministry at 7:15 p.m.	

OUR GIFT IN RESPONSE TO GOD’S GENEROSITY: The collection last weekend was \$9,929.00 (274 envelopes); children’s offering \$5.00 (9 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.



DO YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC? Weekly sessions of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) have begun and will help you to discern if God is calling you to membership in the Church. For more information, please call Deacon Steve at 937-746-1404.



ALL PARENTS OF PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR) STUDENTS: You are reminded to return the signed agreement on the back of your Parent/Student handbook to your child’s teacher. This indicates that you and your child have read the handbook and understand it.

IN CASE YOUR CHILD IS NOT REGISTERED FOR PSR, IT’S NOT TOO LATE: Pick up a registration form in the Parish Center today.

TODAY, SEPTEMBER 16, IS CATECHETICAL SUNDAY. The theme for this year is *Catechesis: Encountering the Living Christ*. An important goal of all catechesis, whether it is for children or adults, is to help them know Christ, not just know about Christ. If catechesis is to be effective, it must lead others to an intimate relationship with the Lord. Perhaps the *Summary of the National Directory for Catechesis* says it best when it states that “catechesis seeks to enable people...to grow in virtue and commit themselves to a deep personal relationship with Christ” (p. 26).

We will recognize all of our catechists today at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please give them your support as they put to use the gift of teaching which the Lord has entrusted to them.

PLEASE JOIN US IN THANKING TOM COX FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE PARISH. Next Sunday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. We will gather in the Parish Hall to wish Tom well in his new teaching position at Bishop Fenwick High School and thank him for his ministry as our former Director of Religious Education. All are welcome to stop by and congratulate him as he continues his work in the Lord’s name.



ENJOY THE ANNUAL ST. MARY PARISH PICNIC!!



Sunday, September 16 beginning at 1:00 p.m.
Right here on the parish grounds!!

- * Bring a dish to share (families whose name begins with A-N bring a side dish/salad; those whose name begins with O-Z bring dessert)
- * Hamburgers, hot dogs with all the fixin's and cold beverages provided by the parish
- * Games and activities for the youth
- * BINGO with prizes
- * CORN HOLE
- * Inflatable bounce
- * Dunk Tank for SVdP
- * And a whole lot MORE



Youth Update

JUNIOR HIGH KICK OFF SCORES A STRIKE! Our Junior High ministry started off strong. A great group of 7 and 8 graders enjoyed an evening of bowling and pizza along with a few rides on the merry-go-round at Strike Zone. These 14 kids, who did not all know each other at the beginning, formed new friendships and learned to work together to untie their 'human knot'. Thanks to Mrs. Brewster and Mrs. Kohl who stayed to help!

ST MARY'S YOUTH GROUP HEADED TO FALL FEST: The Dayton Area Youth Ministers Association is sponsoring **Fall Fest** for all high school and junior high youth groups. **Fall Fest** is being held at St. Luke Church in Beavercreek on Sunday, September 23 from 2 – 5 p.m. This afternoon will include games, food, Ultimate Frisbee and Dodge Ball Tournaments – all for only \$5. The deadline to sign up is **today!** Don't miss out; call Janet Huelsman at 937-746-8709 to sign up!

DOUG BRUMMEL COMES TO DAYTON! Doug Brummel is a nationally-known Faith and Family Comedian and Storyteller. He is making a rare appearance in our area at St. Christopher parish in Vandalia September 24 and 25. Doug and his "cast of characters" will lead a celebration, entitled "Lighten Up!". It promises to lighten up our minds, bodies and souls with laughter and a reminder of the richness of our faith heritage. This is a free family event not to be missed! Please contact Janet Huelsman 937-746-8709 for more information on how to attend.

COMING UP IN YOUTH MINISTRY:

- ☺ September 16 – Parish Picnic – teens will lead kid's games. High School Youth Night 7:15 p.m.
- ☺ September 23 – Fall Fest, St. Luke Church, 2 – 5 p.m. High School Youth Night; 7:15 p.m.
- ☺ September 25 – Catholic Comedy with Doug Brummel at St. Christopher in Vandalia
- ☺ September 30 – High School Youth Night 7:15 p.m.



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.

LADIES! Hope you've marked your calendars! St. Mary Ladies' Society will gather for the first fall meeting **This Thursday at noon** in the meeting room of the Parish Center. If you are new to the parish or you have just never before attended a meeting, plan to be there on Thursday. A delicious salad lunch and dessert will be provided. Since we don't have to bring our own lunch, let's bring something for others, an item to be donated to the Franklin Food Pantry!



All ladies (age 17 and older) who belong to St. Mary Parish are automatically members, and there are no dues. Come along! You'll be welcomed by smiling faces, good food, and warm friendship.

PET BLESSING: Holy Family Parish, Middletown is having a celebration of pets in remembrance of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi with a pet blessing on Saturday, September 29 at 1:30 p.m. on the front lawn at 201 Clark St. All kinds of pets are welcome but they should be on a leash or in a cage. Supplies to clean up after your pet will be provided.

THE PRAY-ERS MINISTRY: Would you like to become a member of St. Mary's Prayer Chain? This is a Ministry you do in your own home, on your own schedule. All that is required is that you take time to pray for those who request prayers. We welcome new "pray-ers". For information call Louise Kohl, 937-746-4050.

Discipleship: Gifted ~ Grateful: Generous in Time & Talent

Have you returned your card on Stewardship of Ministry? Are you still praying about how you might best share your talent within the parish? We will have a basket for the cards in front of the altar for the next few weeks as we become aware of where we are being called to share our gifts. Please feel free to add yours to the basket or place it in the collection basket. Thank you for being a part of our parish family and helping us to grow in our calling to be disciples of Jesus.

YOUR TRASH IS NEEDED: Empty inkjet cartridges. There is a collection box in the Parish Hall for recyclable inkjet cartridges (no Epson, laser or already recycled cartridges).



There are two recycling dumpsters in the parking lot. These are for **newspapers** and **aluminum cans**. There is a giant soup can waiting for **Campbell's Labels for Education** in the Parish Center; clip the UPC with Label for Education logo. Proceeds from these go to the PSR.

Recycling your trash can help the environment while helping our youth.

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULES:

September 15-16	4:00 p.m. Sat.	7:30 a.m. Sun.	9:00 a.m. Sun.	10:30 Sun.	6:30 p.m.
Servers	Aileen Duckett Bevin Duckett	David Brownfield Claire Brownfield	Julie Brockman Colette Telatko	Michelle Plandowski Amanda Everts	Alex Adams Maggie Adams
Eucharistic Ministers	Ashley Calvert Joe Borosic Mark Cable Pat Monnin	Mike Hutchinson Regina Gogol Mark Dietsch	Walter Mauck Ken Fish Debbi Fish Angelica Fish	Martha Ilg Judy Beatty Walt Beatty Bob Matson	Jeff Rohde Karen Schriml Carlos Yopez Karen Adams
Lectors	Mark Givens	Diane Kinsworthy	Walter Mauck	Joe Couture	Tim Werling
Gift Bearers	Traud	Foley	Williams		Gast

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 and Saturdays at 3:00 p.m.

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 or call Rev. Kyle Schnippel, 513-421-3131

Bulletin Deadline: noon the Tuesday before the weekend. E-mail notices to 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

THE DAYTON SEPARATED, WIDOWED AND DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP meets the first and third Sunday's of each month (September 16) at Incarnation's Parish Center located behind the church. All are welcome. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. and the program begins at 7:30. For more information call Roger Bardsley at 937-291-2040 or Marty at 937-293-4006. Marilyn Porcino, Pastoral Associate of Adult Religious Education at Incarnation, will speak on "How Tightly Wrapped Are the Ties that Bind".

BUS TRIP TO LONGABERGER and Dresden is being offered on Saturday, November 3. The cost of \$89 includes \$50 of product of your choice. Sign up by September 30 to reserve a seat. Call Megan Stewart 513-217-4477 or 513-320-0842 or email basketmcs@msn.com.

A RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion will be held in Cincinnati on October 12 - 14, 2007. The confidential, supportive retreat is for anyone hurting inside from abortion. For more information, please call Peggy at 513-588-0080 or email Peggy at pfeirstine@cinci.rr.com. You can also visit www.rachelsvineyard.org or call a national toll-free hotline at 1-800-HOPE-4-ME.

ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS! Theology on Tap – Dayton returns Thursday, September 20 at the Oregon Express, 336 E. Fifth Street, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Hear Kym and Dave Mehaffie's talk: *Standing Up for Sitting Down: When God's Law Conflicts with Man's Law*. We hope to see you there! Bring a friend! Any questions – E-mail us at totdayton@yahoo.com.

IS YOUR MARRIAGE HURTING IN ANY WAY? – Has your marriage grown cold, distant, unloving or uncaring? Then consider Retrouvaille (ret-ro-vi - French for Rediscovery) – a program designed to help heal and renew marriages. Retrouvaille is for marriages that have lost some of their spark, for marriages having difficulties in communication and even those marriages on the edge of separation or divorce. The next program begins September 21-23. Please call 513-398-3137 or visit cindayretrovaille.org for more information.

DOUG BRUMMEL, the Church's favorite funnyman who does Catholic Comedy with a message for all ages will be at St. Christopher Parish, Vandalia September 24 and 25. Be there at 6:47 p.m. either night for "Lighten Up!" For information call Janet Huelsman 937-746-8790.

Thought for today

We are called to proclaim God's abundant love for all people. Become an instrument of that love.
Our world needs you!

Luke 15:1-32