



Fr. Bob Conway, our mission speaker last weekend, writes this expression of gratitude to our parish:

“On behalf of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood working in Chili, Peru, Guatemala, and Colombia, I thank all of you for your generous response to the needs of their people. Be assured that I am also grateful for the warmth of your welcome to me. Sincerely in Christ, Fr. Bob Conway, C.P.P.S.”

DAILY LITURGIES AND INTENTIONS:

- Monday, June 23 Weekday
8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Communion
 - Tuesday, June 24 Weekday
8:00 a.m. Deceased of the McLaughlin Family
 - Wednesday, June 25 Weekday
8:00 a.m. Charles Gibson, Jr.
 - Thursday, June 26 Weekday
8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Communion
 - Friday, June 27 Weekday
8:00 a.m. Vince Ross
 - Saturday, June 28 Weekday
4:00 p.m. Mildred Crone
 - Sunday, June 29 **Peter and Paul, apostles**
7:30 a.m. Tom Griffin
9:00 a.m.* St. Mary Community
10:30 a.m. Patricia Puetz
6:30 p.m. Jerry McClelland
- * Co-operative nursery available in Parish Center

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Are you familiar with the term "conundrum"? By definition, it means a paradoxical, insoluble, or difficult problem—a dilemma. Many high school and college students probably think their mathematics exams are filled with conundrums! Such difficult problems can lead to the fear of getting the wrong answer; in turn, this fear can lead to a sort of paralysis, where no answer at all seems better than potentially being right.

Jesus offers a difficult problem to his disciples in today's Gospel reading from Matthew. In it, he tells them (and us) to fear only two things: the one who can kill both body and soul; and the Lord. But do we live our lives in fear? Absolutely not, because the fear of the Lord that Jesus speaks of is really a call for us to proclaim the love of God from the very depths of our souls no matter the reaction we may receive. It is our cross to bear. The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that there are seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord (CCC 1831). Receiving these gifts allows us to complete and make perfect all of the virtues we have, and gives us the opportunity to cleanse our minds and easily accept the word of God. With these gifts, we will never again face truly difficult problems alone.

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MAY GOD BLESS Lynn Mikesell and Jordan Stiver, as they exchanged their solemn marriage vows on June 14.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jessica Gebhardt who at last Sunday's 10:30 a.m. Mass was received into full communion with the Church and received Confirmation and First Eucharist. May the Holy Spirit be her constant guide as she continues her journey as a disciple of the Lord.

ELIJAH CUP - from our parish family table to your family



table. Would you and your family pray for vocations for one week during meals with Fr. Jim's ordination chalice and patent on your table? This week the Remillard Family will be presented the Elijah cup at the 6:30 p.m. Mass. The next

scheduled families are:

June 29 Kinsworthy Family at 7:30 a.m.

July 5 R. Adams Family at 4:00 p.m.

Call Rich Hobbs at 937-743-2485 to schedule a weekend or use the e-form at the parish website: <http://www.stmaryfranklin.org>.

**OUR GIFT IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S GENEROSITY:
June 14-15**

\$8,501.00	242 env	Roofing Fund	\$452.00	16 env.
\$7.00	7 children	Telegraph	\$144.00	6 env.

Additional donations to the Precious Blood Missionaries of \$350 make a total of \$4,504.67.

Thank you. Your dedication to the continued fiscal health of the parish is greatly appreciated. Only those who use their contribution envelopes may request a yearend statement of contributions.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

All Week	Interfaith Hospitality Network
Wednesday	Free Kitchen at 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Rosary at 6:30 p.m.

Thought for today

Be an example of faith to your brothers and sister; let your faith inspire others to come to know Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God. (Matthew 16:13-19)



Thank you to those who continue to contribute or pledge to CMA. We have passed our goal set by the archdiocese by more than \$5,500; that is **133%!** Of these additional pledges 10% will be returned to our parish for debt reduction, such as our archdiocesan annual assessment. We would like to have as many of our parishioners participate as possible. Only 21% of our members have gotten us to this point. We need **everyone** to support the Catholic ministries that provide hospital and college chaplains, social services, education of priests, deacons and lay leaders, and support for retired priests. These ministries are vital to the life and health of our Church and all our brothers and sisters in Christ.



PLEASE LEND US A HAND: Want to be a part of the Work Camp Mission Trip, but can't come with us? You can lend us a hand! There are **Rope Ladders** hanging in the back of church with paper hands on them. Each hand holds a request for a food or drink item. We are asking you to take a hand and purchase the item listed on the back. Please attach the hand to your donation and bring it to the Parish Office on or before Monday July 7, 2008. We thank you for lending your helping hand to support the parish Mission Trip. You will be with us as we enjoy a nutritious breakfast, a sack lunch and a hearty dinner after our hard day at work.

HELP IS STILL NEEDED: Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) will be at St. Mary's thru Sunday morning, June 29 – IHN is an association of churches in Warren County who lend a hand to families who are homeless. Five families are staying overnight in the Parish Center for two weeks. They spend the day at the IHN building in Lebanon or at work. Dinner and breakfast are provided here each day. **Two parishioners are needed to stay overnight each night.** Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve dinner as well each night. Call Rocky at 937-743-0226 if you can help in any way.



St. Mary's is hosting a **FREE KITCHEN** on Wednesdays during June. This is open to seniors, singles, families, anyone in need of a meal and fellowship. Dinner is from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO COOK, SERVE, SET-UP AND CLEAN-UP.** All food and supplies will be donated by various local businesses, churches and organizations -- not monetary support from the parish. This will only work if we have plenty of help, so please call one of the following parish members to volunteer: Rocky & Rose Adams 743-0226, Ken & Debbie Fish 743-8118, Mark & JoAnn Givens 743-9687, George & Regina Gogol 748-2003, or Jeff & Vicki Rohde 748-0836.



Parish School of Religion



PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION REGISTRATION information is available on the radiators at all church doors. If you did not receive registration information through the mail, pick it up along with a registration form for each of your children and register for PSR classes which begin in September. Classes are for Pre-K (at least age 4) through Grade 8. Register on or before June 30 and the fee is \$50 per child, with a maximum of \$120 per family. After June 30, the fee is \$60 per child with a maximum of \$130 per family. Forms can be returned by mail, dropped off at the parish office, or put in the collection basket. If you have questions, please contact Deacon Steve at 937-746-1404.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: A reminder to all First Degree Members: There is a Second and Third Degree Exemplification at Council 624 in Springfield (2055 S. Byrd Road, Springfield, OH 45505). Candidate Call is noon for Second and 1:30 p.m. for Third Degree. If you would like to car pool from St. Mary's, please contact George Spears 937-477-9834 or Jeff Rohde 937-271-3791. We will depart at 11:00 a.m. If you are a Second Degree member, come join us and be an observer for the Second Degree and stay for the Third Degree. There will be a meal for everyone immediately following the Third Degree.

➔ Brother Knights and families, mark your calendar for June 28 or 29. Our Council is cooking burgers and dogs at the Kroger store in Springboro for fund raising on both days. Money raised on Saturday will benefit the High School Youth Summer Mission Trip in July. Sunday is fund raising for the Father Chuck Council 14400. More will follow in next Sunday's bulletin, but please contact Rocky at 937-743-0226. Anyone from St. Mary's wanting to help is welcome and appreciated.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL will benefit from the second collection on June 29, a Fifth Sunday. We are averaging many more calls than usual. Our treasury is down to a few hundred dollars so we really need your financial help. We need your prayers so that we make wise decisions and we need your physical help. There is always something for everyone to do. We meet Saturday, June 21, 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Center. We will meet on Saturday, July 19 and Saturday, August 16. You are welcome to join the mission to help the needy in our area. We continue to be grateful for the many ways the parish supports us. Thank you.

Q June 22 is the feast of the martyr, St. Thomas More. What can he teach us about Christian priorities in an election year?

A Thomas More, chancellor of England during the reign of Henry VIII (1509-1547) was eventually killed for remaining faithful to his beliefs and values. Unfortunately for Thomas, these convictions went against the king's desires and dictates. As Thomas More was led to his death, he offered his king and longtime friend these words of conviction and right action: "I die the king's good servant, but God's first." Thomas More, who worked in law and government, knew the value and necessity of good government for the sake of the common good. He worked diligently to make certain that government was just and fair. Political activity and policies had to be guided by faith-values and beliefs, and not merely by the law of the land. Thomas worked at consistently making the laws of the land reflect the laws of God. When the two conflicted, Thomas was clear concerning his choice to value his beliefs in God over his life.

As we try to discern the various issues that face us this election year, let us be as clear as Thomas was in the choices that need to be made. On abortion, on the death penalty, on immigration, on poverty, on unemployment, on war, on any act of injustice, we must work to have our laws reflect our beliefs and values. What choice would you make if confronted with the same dilemma that Thomas More faced?

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“A TIME FOR EVERY PURPOSE...” The Parish Picnic is approaching quickly!! September 21 is the date to mark on your calendar. Please help us plan and execute this fun event by **joining us** on June 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Peggy Kolonay. Appetizers promised! Call Peggy at 937-885-3981 for directions or more info.



NEW THIS SUMMER, A SPECIAL RETREAT FOR INCOMING FRESHMAN: “Walk Our Talk” is a 48-hour retreat based at Wilmington College where we will explore peace and justice issues. Participants will get to stay in a college dorm, volunteer at a homeless shelter and a Senior Center and make new friends. “Walk Our Talk” runs from July 21 – July 23. **Register at either of two informational meetings**, see dates below or contact Janet Huelsman at 937-746-8709 or email janethymismf@sbcglobal.net for more information.

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GOOD NEWS! The Co-op nursery during the 9:00 a.m. Mass is open all summer. Check it out and give yourself a little quiet time for prayer.

JUNE MEETING DATES

- June 23 – Walk Our Talk Information Meeting – 7:00 pm at Incarnation
- June 30 – Walk Our Talk Information Meeting – 7:00 pm at St. Mary

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS ONLY ABOUT A MONTH AWAY! Rainforest Adventure Vacation Bible School is coming to St. Mary Parish from 9:00 a.m. to Noon, Monday, July 28 to Friday, August 1. Mark your calendars for a week of this treetop Bible blast! Meet all the characters from the rainforest: Shari the butterfly, Bill the Toucan, Tad the Frog, Esme the macaw, and Cleo the Monkey as they help you explore God’s Wondrous Love in the Tree Top Canopy. Rainforest Adventure is for grades K-5. You can register by: going online at <http://toolkit.thevbssplace.org/StMaryFranklinOH> (also linked from the parish website) and click on Student Registration; or pick up a registration form off the radiators in back of church. The fee per child is \$20 with a limit of \$50 for a family and can be mailed, put in the collection, or dropped off at the parish office. Swing into a Rainforest Adventure right here at St. Mary’s!



IT TAKES A LOT OF SUPPLIES TO PUT ON OUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL. If you’d like to help with food and supplies for this year’s VBS, the following items are needed: 500 6 oz. Styrofoam cups, 400 8” Styrofoam plates, 400 plastic knives and spoons, 400 napkins, 80 granola bars (no nuts), 7 loaves of cinnamon swirl white bread, 7 packages (8 oz.) of fruit-flavored cream cheese, 80 chewy fruit snack single packs, 1 large jar of maraschino cherries, 3 large containers of non-dairy whipped topping, 1 large box of raisins, 6 boxes of cherry fruit rolls, 2 large bags of red licorice twists, 10 bags of bugle-shaped corn chips, 10 cans of light brown frosting, 2 bags of chocolate chips, and 2 bags of red gum drops. Please drop off your donations at the parish office. Any donations would be greatly appreciated!



THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS JULY 14.

BEYOND THE PARISH

THE SOUTH DAYTON SEPARATED, DIVORCED, WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP meets on the first and third Sunday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Incarnation Church Parish Activity Center, Route 48, Far Hills Ave, Centerville. Doors open at 7:00 pm. For information, call Bernadette at 937-433-0593. We welcome persons from all faiths.

CALL TIME OUT! It's summer time again! Are you doing more working, traveling and visiting than relaxing? Schedule a weekend away to make your marriage closer than you ever imagined. Make your good marriage a **great** one with a Marriage Encounter weekend! The next weekend is July 11-13. Weekends fill up quickly, call now and avoid a waiting list. Call Keith and Lori Maurmeier at 1-800-547-1251 Code 00 or on the web at www.esharing.org.

WOMEN OF EVERY AGE! St. Henry Parish is holding an information-registration meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday June 26 about an in-depth, weekly Bible Study Fellowship starting this Fall. Sessions will be Wednesday morning and evening. For information email melkerr4css@yahoo.com or call Mel at 937-620-8642.

BISHOP FENWICK HIGH SCHOOL

Fenwick's 56th Annual Festival will be June 20, 6-12 p.m., 21, 4-12 p.m. and 22, 4-10 p.m. at 4855 St. Rt. 122, Franklin. Texas Hold 'em and Black Jack games played daily. Rides for all ages, games for young children and teenagers, food booths and miscellaneous booths of chance. Raffles include a 1968 Chevy Camaro and \$5,000 or Hot Tub. New booths this year! The "Dominic Esposito Spaghetti Dinner" will be held Sunday. Contact 513-727-1500 for more information.

ST. LEONARD FOUNDATION will host its 5th annual 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, July 12 on the scenic campus of St. Leonard Senior Living Community, 8100 Clio Road, Centerville. Registration/check-in begins at 7:30 a.m., race begins at 8:30 a.m. Awards will be presented at the breakfast at 10:00 a.m. to the top three males/females as well as awards in seventeen age groups. Registration is \$20 by June 19 and includes t-shirt and breakfast. Registration is \$25 after June 19 through race day (t-shirt not guaranteed). Breakfast for non-entrants is \$8 for adults, \$6 for children under 12. Register online at www.stleonard.net/foundation. For information, Darlene Williamson, at 937-439-7153.

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULES:

June 28-29	4:00 p.m. Sat.	7:30 a.m. Sun.	9:00 a.m. Sun.	10:30 a.m. Sun.	6:30 p.m. Sun.
Servers	Aileen Duckett Bevin Duckett	Peter Schaaf Jack Schaaf	Jack Tellmann Julie Brockman	Patrick Avellano Josh Plandowski	Hunter Cone Sam Mahle
Eucharistic Ministers	Jeff Calton Lynne Calton Pat Monnin	Mike Hutchinson Diane Kinsworthy	Dave Potts Carolyn Cusumano Wilse Nickerson	Anne Langsdale Judy Martin Bob Matson	Ed Koslow Ken Fish Debbie Fish
Lectors	Rich Hobbs	Steve Dungan	Sal Cusumano	Gordon Sauerbrun	Jeff Gross
Gift Bearers	Summer		Sillies		Gast

Readings for the Week of June 22, 2008

Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33
 Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Mt 7:1-5
 Tuesday: Day: Is 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80
 Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Mt 7:15-20
 Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17/Mt 7:21-29
 Friday: 2 Kgs 25:1-12/Mt 8:1-4
 Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Mt 8:5-17
 Next Sunday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19
 Day: Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

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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.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Noon the Monday before the weekend.

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE FOR JULY 6: Noon Friday June 27. E-mail notices to Annelpasmf@sbcglobal.net.