



“It was for liberty that Christ has freed us. So stand firm, and do not take on yourselves the yoke of slavery a second time.” In this Year of Saint Paul we find his words about freedom in his Letter to the Galatians. While our people in the military are risking their lives around the world for the cause of freedom, we here at home on this Fourth of July Weekend need to reflect upon the discipline and the responsibility that we all need to have to truly be a free people.

#### DAILY LITURGIES AND INTENTIONS:

Monday, July 7, Weekday  
8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Tuesday, July 8, Weekday  
8:00 a.m. Vince Ross

Wednesday, July 9, Weekday  
8:00 a.m. McLaughlin Family

Thursday, July 10, Weekday  
8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Friday, July 11, **Benedict, abbot**  
8:00 a.m. Bob Burns

Saturday, July 12, Weekday  
4:00 p.m. Mary Hartsfield

Sunday, July 13, **Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
7:30 a.m. Barbara Jazwinski  
9:00 a.m.\* Connie & Bob Burns  
10:30 a.m. Living and Deceased of the Ladies Society  
6:30 p.m. St. Mary Community

\* Co-operative nursery available in Parish Center

**14th Sunday in Ordinary Time:** There is a popular television show in which contestants compete to lose the most weight. Each week, their progress is broadcast for the entire world to see, and interspersed throughout the show various contestants will relate how their lives will be so much better if only they can lose their extra pounds. Such pride; one wonders how successful a game show might be if it followed contestants' paths to spiritual healthiness!

Today's Gospel reading from Matthew is both a prayer and a request. Jesus gives thanks to his Father in heaven for revealing his word and truth to the "child-like," whose hearts are not burdened by pride. He then asks for us to put aside once and for all times the burdens of sin which we carry, and take him up as our yoke, because with him we are freed from guilt and shameful desires.

How do you pray? Do you ask for God's favors because you feel you need them or deserve them, or do you acknowledge a humble and contrite self, and welcome God's will? The Catechism reminds us that Jesus Christ taught that "he who humbles himself will be exalted," therefore humility is the foundation of prayer (CCC 2559). In your prayers today, acknowledge the uselessness of pride, and that you are helpless without God's love and Christ's guidance.

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**MAY GOD BLESS Laura Tate and Dave Zeller**, as they exchanged their solemn marriage vows on June 28, 2008.

#### OUR GIFT IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S GENEROSITY: June 28-29

\$8,847.00	232 env.	SVdP	\$4,444.20	133 env.
\$10.00	11 children			

**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.

#### 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 paten on your table? This week the R. Adams family will be presented the Elijah cup at the 4:00 p.m. Mass. The next scheduled families are:

July 12 Zajchowski family at 4:00 p.m.

July 20 H. Miller family at 6:00 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>.

#### *Thought for today*

Many people are weary and find life burdensome. God could be calling you to bring comfort, encouragement and refreshment to others. Trust that Jesus can work through you. You can make a difference.  
(Matthew 11:25-30)

#### ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

All Week	<b>Hall Floor Cleaning &amp; Waxing</b> <b>NO Entrance</b>
Monday	<b>Education Commission</b> at 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	<b>Parkinson Support Group</b> at 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday	<b>Rosary</b> at 6:30 p.m. <b>Work Camp Meeting</b> at 7:00 p.m.
Friday	<b>Worship Commission</b> at 7:00 p.m. <b>Church Cleaning</b> at 8:30 a.m.
Saturday	<b>Men's Fellowship</b> at 7:00a.m.

**DONATIONS FOR THE LEND A HAND PROJECT**

are due by Monday, July 7. Many wonderful gifts of food and drink have already been delivered. Your response has been incredible! If you haven't delivered yours, please bring them to the Parish Office this week. We need to organize what we have before we leave next Sunday.

**THE FRANKLIN PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP**

will meet Tuesday, July 8, 2008, at 1:30 pm, at the Parish Center. Kettering Medical Center offers many services and programs to the local community, including Health Screenings, educational lectures, free mammograms, Physical and Occupational Therapy, Driving and Wheelchair evaluations and more. Marilee Pretzinger, with the Community Wellness Program, will describe the many services offered at KMC Hospital, Sycamore Hospital, Conover Health Plus Center located in Franklin, Ohio, and other convenient locations. The meeting is free and open to the public. St. Mary Center is handicap accessible. For information, call Rose Wurst at 937-748-4768.

**CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP:** The July meeting for the Catholic Men's Fellowship is Saturday July 12 at 7:00 a.m. in the Parish Center. We will be discussing "Lord of Men's Group". July's meeting will be facilitated by Dion Duckett with Marv Hartsfield providing the transitional music. Come experience the Fellowship of men discussing God's word in our ever-changing society. We meet in an atmosphere of trust, equality, and anonymity to share personal feelings and experience. Our purpose is to help each other establish and nurture a relationship with Jesus Christ. Discussion participation is optional. Fellowship is unavoidable. You are welcome to come join us.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:** In the month of June, we helped 30 families with gas and electric bills totaling \$5,049.61. We still have \$918.23 in bills from Duke Energy to help an additional 5 families. Each family has to come up with some money to help with their individual bills before we pay anything. We also try to help with budgets and referrals. Thank you for your generosity so we can help the people who call. Your continued support of money, time and prayers is always needed. If you have questions, please call Jane Flischel, 937-748-2163.



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**Parish School of Religion****PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION REGISTRATION information is available on the radiators at all church doors.**

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. 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.

**OUR EDUCATION COMMISSION HAS REACHED FULL MEMBERSHIP.**

The constitution for our parish Education Commission states that the commission has the responsibility to assist the parish community in the initiation and evaluation of programs concerning Catholic Education for adults and children. To accomplish this, a discernment process has resulted in nine parish members agreeing to serve on the commission in order to develop and define the policies which will govern the operation of the St. Mary Parish education program and to promote the implementation of those policies. The Education Commission members are Julie Hobbs, Diane Kinsworthy, Amy Mathes, Nancy Michaud, Mark Nenninger, Connie O'Neill, Dave Potts, Wayne Simpson, and Karen Stebelton. The Education Commission normally meets on the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

**ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?**

On Thursday, July 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Ministry Room, a new group of inquirers into the Catholic faith will meet for the first time. The group will be exploring the basics of the Catholic faith and talking about responding to the call of Jesus Christ to "Come, follow me." This process, called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), is open to all: Catholics and non-Catholics alike. If you're interested in attending, please call Deacon Steve at 937-476-1404.



**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.

**Q** As Catholics, what is our political responsibility at election times, especially presidential election years?

**A** As Catholic Christians our baptismal call challenges us to make real Jesus' mission and ministry of establishing the reign of God on earth. Christians are committed to transforming the world, continually making sure that justice, human dignity, respect, and rights prevail. Politically active Christians work toward insuring that justice pervades legislation and political activity.

The US Catholic bishops have reminded Catholics of their moral obligation to activate their political responsibility. Catholics are challenged to select candidates that uphold values that will bring about the reign of God on earth. In documents such as Faithful Citizenship, the bishops offer guidelines aiding all Christians toward selecting candidates who would be consonant with Christian values.

Recently, among Catholics disagreements have arisen concerning which Christian values should take priority. Some feel that pro-life issues such as abortion and embryonic stem cell research, along with homosexuality and gay marriage are so significant that they ought to dominate the decision-making process. Others feel that poverty, war, the death penalty, unemployment and immigration are the significant issues that need to be weighed in any voting decision.

Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, approved by the bishops in November, 2007, is based on the seven key themes of Catholic social teaching that should guide every Catholic voter. You can download and read the document at [www.usccb.org/faithfulcitizenship/](http://www.usccb.org/faithfulcitizenship/).

In what ways does your faith help you discern which candidate to support this election year?

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Congratulations and welcome to our newest member, Chuck Dallavo. Chuck completed his First Degree on June 25 at St. Leonard's Council 10215, in Centerville. The Father Chuck Mentrup Council 14400 is truly blessed to have grown its membership to 85, in just over 7 months. Our new fraternal year starts July 1. We are planning a special celebration towards the end of July, for our Council Charter blessing in church by Father Jim, and social afterwards. Next weeks bulletin should have more details and a firmed up date. The parish is invited to celebrate with us, so stay tuned for more details.



**SERVICE OPPORTUNITY:** We have an opportunity for junior high and high school students to serve the community on Thursday, July 17. Volunteers are needed to help at the Conover Health Center for a few hours in the evening. Please contact Janet at 937-746-8709 if you want to help.

**JULY WILL BE A BLAST!**

July 13 – 18 – Work Camp Mission Trip

July 21 – 23 – Walk Our Talk

July 27 – High School Youth Event at Adventure Golf and Laserweb

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS ONLY 3 WEEKS 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 and you can register in the following ways: go online today 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 put in the mail or collection basket 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**

**ST. LEONARD FOUNDATION** will host its 5<sup>th</sup> annual 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, July 12 on the campus of St. Leonard Senior Living Community, 8100 Cloy 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 \$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](http://www.stleonard.net/foundation). For information, Darlene Williamson, at 937-439-7153.

**THE SOUTH DAYTON SEPARATED, DIVORCED, WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP** will not meet during the month of July due to building renovations. The North Dayton Separated, Divorced, Widowed Support Group meets also on the first and third Sunday evening of the month (July 6 & 20) at 7 p.m. at St. Rita's church basement, North Main St. Dayton. For information, call Jan at 937-236-0030 or Millie at 937-277-1986.

**ST. RITA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF Annual Fest** is July 11, 12 & 13. Free Charter bus service to and from Tri-County Mall. Call 513-771-7600 for more information. Chicken, spaghetti and fish dinners all 3 days.

**THE PERFECT RUNNING MATES: CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING AND POLITICS.** It can be difficult forming our consciences when it comes to choosing parties for political office. On Sunday, July 13, at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Centerville, a presentation on the U.S. Bishop's document *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* will be presented at 3:45 p.m. Because our obligation to vote and participate in the political process is a serious one, this presentation is of particular value. If you're interested, please RSVP to the Catholic Social Action Office at 937-224-3026 or [csadayton@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:csadayton@catholiccincinnati.org).

**THEOLOGY ON TAP DAYTON SOUTH for Young Adults in their 20s & 30s** will meet at the **Fox and Hound Restaurant** in Centerville for food and drink and lively discussion about things that matter to young adults and the Catholic faith. We gather at 7:00 p.m. and the speaker begins at 7:30 p.m. Join us **July 10—How to Find Your Prince or Princess without Kissing a Lot of Frogs: Keeping Your Head and Heart Working Together**, presenters: Dan & Vickie Wade. There is no charge for attending. Food and drink is on your own, however. All young adults are welcome. For more information, contact the Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry at 937-223-1001 or visit our website: [www.CatholicCincinnati.org/yamin/TOT](http://www.CatholicCincinnati.org/yamin/TOT).

### NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULES:

July 12-13	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.
<b>Servers</b>	Vince Haenni Leo Haenni	David Brownfield Claire Brownfield	Maggie Adams Isaac Brewster	Genevieve Nenninger Claire Nenninger	Hunter Cone
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<b>Gift Bearers</b>	DeGraaf	Foley	Ball		Onderko

#### Readings for the Week of July 6, 2008

Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30  
 Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22/Mt 9:18-26  
 Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Mt 9:32-38  
 Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Mt 10:1-7  
 Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9/Mt 10:7-15  
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mt 10:16-23  
 Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Mt 10:24-33  
 Next Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23

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