



We pray for our Youth Ministry as it goes on mission to Harlan County Kentucky this week. May our youth be role models to all of us in living our faith and putting our faith into action!

“Let no one look down on your youth but be an excellent role model to the faithful in speech, in conduct, in charity, in faith and in chastity.” (1 Timothy 4:12)

DAILY LITURGIES AND INTENTIONS:	
Monday, July 14, <b>Kateri Tekakwitha</b>	8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Tuesday, July 15, <b>Bonaventure, bishop, doctor</b>	8:00 a.m. Mary Hartsfield
Wednesday, July 16, Weekday	8:00 a.m. Deceased of the McLaughlin Family
Thursday, July 17, Weekday	8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Friday, July 18, <b>Benedict, abbot</b>	8:00 a.m. Vince Ross
Saturday, July 19, Weekday	4:00 p.m. Mildred Crone
Sunday, July 20, <b>Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	7:30 a.m. St. Mary Community
	9:00 a.m.* S/Sgt. Alan Wenglikowski & 2/2 WPNS Co.
	10:30 a.m. Sharon Wallpe
	6:30 p.m. Maryanna Kuntz Brown
* Co-operative nursery available in Parish Center	

**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time:** In our religious special education classes this past year, we discussed miracles with the kids. But before the year began, each of us catechists was given a "miracle box," a simple wooden box with an inscription on top, asking us to look deeper-to look deeper at our kids with special needs, for in them we would find the miracle of God's true love, a love given freely to the innocent and shared with us.

Jesus' parables are widely known, and most of us can recall them in some detail. But often, we fail to look deeper into their meaning and accept the challenge to apply them to our own lives. As with the parable of the sower and the seed, do we listen to God's word at Mass or are we distracted or uninterested? How many of us can actually recall the readings or the pastor's homily even a few hours after we hear them?

Today, please accept the challenge of looking deeper into the word of God. The Catechism of the Catholic Church advises we meditate; this is an opportunity to quiet ourselves to the noise of the world and listen to each and every word given to us (CCC 2707). The beauty of Jesus' parables is that although they are short and to the point, they can have a different meaning to each of us, and can truly be life-changing. Look deeper.

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**WELCOME INTO THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**

**MacKenzy Ann, Maggi Lynn and Morgyn Nicole Shackelford** daughters of Jessica and Gregory Shackelford were baptized July 5, 2008.

**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 Zajchowski family will be presented the Elijah cup at the 4:00 p.m. Mass. The next



scheduled families are:

July 20 H. Miller family at 6:00 p.m.

July 27 Rosario family at 10:30 a.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:  
July 5-6**

\$11,269.90	231 env.	Roof	\$136.00	7 env.
\$5.40	7 children	Peter's Pence	\$140.00	4 env.
		SVdP	\$455.00	6 env.

**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

**ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK**

All Week	<b>Youth at Work Camp</b> in Kentucky
Tuesday	<b>Crafts</b> at 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday	<b>Center Kitchen Cleaning</b> at 9:00 a.m. <b>Rosary</b> at 6:30 p.m. <b>Knights of Columbus</b> at 7:00 p.m.
	<b>Parish Pastoral Council</b> at 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	<b>St. Vincent de Paul</b> at 9:00 a.m.

**Thought for today**

God is sowing seeds of a vocation to ordained ministry and consecrated life. Cultivate good soil in yourself and in your family. May the seed take root in your heart.

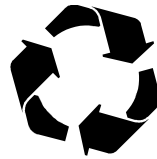
(Matthew 13:1-23)



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Mark your calendar for July 27 at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. There will be a presentation of our Charter Membership to Father Jim. The Council Charter lists all the new members that started the Father Charles E. Mentrup Council 14400, on October 31, 2007. All parishioners, Knights and families are encouraged to attend this special event and celebrate with us. We are truly blessed to be part of such a wonderful parish community here at St. Mary's. Coffee and donuts will be served afterwards, so plan on joining us. Attention all Third Degree Knights. The Fourth Degree Exemplification will be on Sunday, August 24 in Lima, Ohio. The lesson of the Fourth Degree is Patriotism. This will make you proud to be a Catholic and an American. This is a special, one day event that will include Mass, Fourth Degree Exemplification, and banquet for all candidates and families. Please contact George Spears 937-477-9834, as soon as possible, for registration and more details.

**BEAUTIFUL WEATHER CAN ADD TO STRESS.** If you are under pressure or are facing personal problems there is help available for our parishioners through the Pastoral Counseling of Miami Valley Hospital. They provide counseling based on the belief that life's crises and transitions are best met by both the wisdom of religious teaching and the knowledge and skills of professional training. Their services are available to parishioners at a 50% reduction in price. In addition, most insurance plans are accepted. Use of this service is strictly confidential and is available to parishioners of all ages. The Pastoral Counseling Center is located at 409 E. Monument Ave., Dayton. Call 937-208-6606 for information or to make an appointment.

**CHRISTMAS CRAFTERS** - Come join the fun on Tuesday, July 15, at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Center. We will be making Uncle Sam Santas. You will need to wear painting clothes and bring a 6 inch clay pot, six inch clay saucer, and an empty 48 oz. juice can. I think this little guy will be fun to make. Questions? Call Diane at 937-746-6958.



**WE RECYCLE AT ST. MARY!**

We have several dumpsters and ways to recycle things you might ordinarily put in landfill. The proceeds from these collections support our youth programs.

**Empty inkjet cartridges** can be placed in the collection box in the Parish Hall. (no Epson, laser, or already recycled cartridges).

**Newspapers and aluminum cans** can be placed in one of the recycling dumpsters in the parking lot.

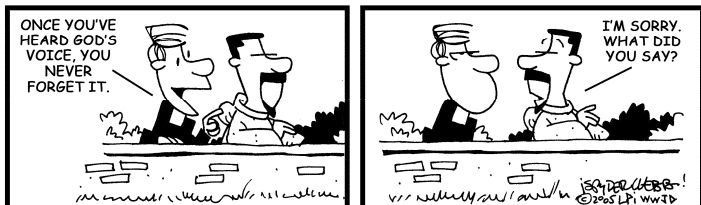
**Campbell's Labels for Education** can be placed in the giant can in the Parish Center. Clip the UPC with Label for Education logo. Proceeds from these go to the PSR, helping our youth.



**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.

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Look at our back page **first** when you are looking for a business or service.

**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.



**Q** What is Lectio Divina, and how is it associated with the Benedictine Monastic tradition, whose founder, St. Benedict, we honor on July 11?

**A** Benedict desired his monks to live in community, praying the Liturgy of the Hours together, contemplating sacred texts, and doing manual labor. The monks developed a technique to facilitate a spiritual and devotional reading of the Bible known as Lectio Divina, the holy reading of a text. This method encourages the reader to hear the biblical text with an open heart and focus on whatever God wants to highlight and then apply it to daily life.

There are variations on Lectio Divina, but essentially the technique consists of a three-step process of reflection. When the reflection is done with a group, the responses are shared by all the participants.

Once the text is selected, it is read meditatively, and the following are then explored:

A word or phrase that attracts you; how and where the content of this reading touches your life today; and what you believe that God wants you to do during this coming week (month, year, lifetime).

Thanks to Benedict, the Christian community has been gifted with this special way of entering into the biblical text.

This week, use the Lectio Divina process on one of the readings for the coming Sunday and make a note of the life connections you are making. How is this reflection on the biblical text drawing you closer to God and others?

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**THE MISSION TRIP IS UNDER WAY...** St. Mary Youth Ministry is putting our faith into action this week as we work together to improve the homes and lives of our neighbors. Please keep this group of teens, adults and young adults in your prayers this week. Thank you to all the St. Mary community for supporting us with the fundraisers and Lend a Hand project. We couldn't do it without your help!

Please pray for the Team: Rocky Adams, Maggie Adams, Michelle Brown, Amanda Cifuentes, Sean Gleason, Ben Gross, Jeff Gross, TJ Huelsman, Janet Huelsman, Clint Kohl, Joe Lyons, Jessy Mahle, Greg Mahle, Angela Mikesell, Jay Mikesell, Alan Pancake, Krista, Rebecca and Vicki Rohde, Luke Sillies, Kyle Streetz and Andrew Sweeney.

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH EVENT, SUNDAY JULY 27:**

Attention High School youth - new freshmen, this means you too! We're planning a fun mid-summer activity for Sunday, July 27. We'll be meeting at Adventure Golf in Centerville. I've arranged a fun evening of golf and Laserweb for you! Afterwards we'll gather to tell tales and have ice cream at Graeters! This event is open to anyone in High School and friends are encouraged. Please call Janet at 937-746-8709 for times and sign up.

**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.thevbplace.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

**THEOLOGY ON TAP DAYTON SOUTH for Young Adults in their 20s & 30s** continues at the **Fox and Hound Restaurant** in Centerville. We gather at 7:00 p.m. and the speaker begins at 7:30 p.m. The program concludes at 8:45 p.m. Join us on **Thursday, July 17 – Voting Your Conscience: How You Can Promote the Common Good this Election Year**, Presenter: Fr. Kenneth Overberg, SJ. There is no charge for attending. Food and drink is on your own. All young adults are welcome. For more information, contact the Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry at 937-223-1001 or [www.CatholicCincinnati.org/yamin/TOT](http://www.CatholicCincinnati.org/yamin/TOT).

**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 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.

**IS YOUR MARRIAGE HURTING IN ANYWAY?** Please consider Retrouvaille (ret’ro-vi) 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

communications and even those marriages on the edge of separation or divorce. The next program begins September 12, 13, 14, 2008. For information call: 513-398-3137 or visit [Retrouvaille.org](http://Retrouvaille.org). Other weekends and locations are available.

**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. Today 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.

**HEAT UP YOUR RELATIONSHIP** with your spouse and God this summer! Schedule a weekend away to make your marriage closer than you ever imagined. Make your good marriage a GREAT one with Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next Weekend in this area is September 12-14. Weekends fill up quickly, so a prompt response is encouraged to avoid the waiting list. For more information call: Keith and Lori Maurmeier at 1-800-547-1251 Code 00-or on the web at [www.esharing.org](http://www.esharing.org)

## NEXT WEEK’S MINISTRY SCHEDULES:

July 19-20	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>	Aileen Duckett Bevin Duckett	Peter Schaaf Jack Schaaf Brett Schaaf	Eric Sillies Luke Sillies	Patrick Avellano Taylor Schlachter	Sam Mahle Erica Reese
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	P O’Brien S Traud D Ambach D Ambach	T Cable M Dietsch L. Brownfield	K Adams T Adams A M Brewster C Cusumano	M. Braun M Ilg R Hobe T Hobe	E Koslow A Dapkus K Fish D Fish
<b>Lectors</b>	Mark Haenni	Diane Kinsworthy	Joan Raberding	Sarah Koss	Karen Koslow
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	DeGraaf	Foley	Ball		Onderko

### Readings for the Week of July 13, 2008

Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23  
 Monday: Is 1:10-17/Mt 10:34-11:1  
 Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Mt 11:20-24  
 Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Mt 11:25-27  
 Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Mt 11:28-30  
 Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Mt 12:1-8  
 Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Mt 12:14-21  
 Next Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43

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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.