



In the Second Reading lately we have been hearing from Paul's Letter to the Romans and we will continue to hear from this letter for the remainder of the summer. It was written by Paul in the year 58 to the Christian community in Rome where he intended to visit. It is the longest, most carefully written and organized and fullest in theological content of all of the Pauline Letters. Its basic message is that salvation is given to the Gentiles through faith in Jesus Christ and not just through strict obedience to the Law. It is the oldest and most reliable source of information about the early Roman Church.

DAILY LITURGIES AND INTENTIONS:

Monday, July 28, Weekday
8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Tuesday, July 29, **Martha**
8:00 a.m. Mary Hartsfield

Wednesday, July 30, Weekday
8:00 a.m. Deceased of McLaughlin Family

Thursday, July 31, **Ignatius of Loyola, priest**
8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Friday, August 1, **James, apostle**
8:00 a.m. Bob Burns

Saturday, August 2, Weekday
4:00 p.m. Paula Kay Marcum

Sunday, August 3, **Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**
7:30 a.m. Tom Griffin
9:00 a.m.* St. Mary Community
10:30 a.m. Gary Harvey
6:30 p.m. Callsen Family

* Co-operative nursery available in Parish Center

CALLED HOME TO THE LORD:

James Winship, long time parishioner, returned to our loving Father on July 15, 2008.

Billie Sissom, mother of Karen Kohl, returned to our loving Father on July 19, 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 Rosario family will be presented the Elijah cup at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. The next

scheduled families are:

August 3 R & K Stebelton family at 10:30 a.m.

August 10 Purcell family at 6:30 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

God invites us to ask for what we need. Consider what Solomon requested - an understanding heart. Find what you need as you seek to follow Jesus.
(1 Kings 3:5, 7-12)

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Though it is now the peak of summer, many gardeners look forward to the fall, when they will be planting many flower bulbs. To some, it may seem like too much work with nothing to show for it; digging a hole in the dirt, dropping something in, and covering it up. But the good gardener knows that come spring, what took a bit of work a few months ago has been rewarded with a tapestry of colors.

Jesus' parable of the treasure in the field is a wonderful way to describe the kingdom of heaven. Within each of us, God has planted his word. And as we find it, we are called to give up everything in this worldly life that has no value and no place in heaven, just as the man in the parable who sold everything in order to own the field which contained the treasure.

The most beautiful aspect of this treasure is that it can always be shared without ever diminishing itself within you! As faithful followers of Jesus Christ, we are entrusted with passing this treasure on from generation to generation. We do this by professing the faith, by living it in fraternal sharing, and by celebrating it in liturgy and prayer (CCC 3). Look deeply into your own heart; uncover that treasure of the love of the Lord, and share it with everyone.

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OUR GIFT IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S GENEROSITY: July 19-20

\$8,766.53	240 env.
\$11.50	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.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Monday-Friday	Rain Forest Adventure VBS 9:00 a.m.- noon
Wednesday	Rosary at 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Free Kitchen at 4:30 -6:00 p.m.
Friday	Rain Forest VBS Pot-luck Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

SOME (So Others May Eat): Next weekend please bring shelf storable food (canned fruits, vegetables, peanut butter, etc.), baby supplies (food, formula-Similac & Isomil, baby wipes, etc.) and household supplies (toilet paper, laundry detergent, bath soap, etc.) to help stock the shelves of Franklin Area Community Services (FACS), 345 S. Main St., Franklin. We can also use plastic bags for repackaging of bulk supplies.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to work at FACS, visit FACSWarren.org or call Terry at FACS, 937-746-7791. Thank you for helping each month.

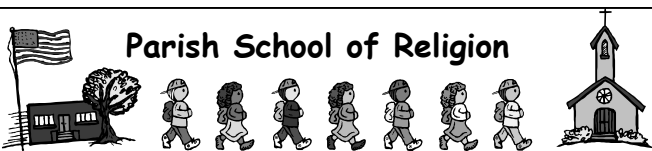
ADULT VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR YOUTH NIGHTS:

In accordance with the Archdiocesan Decree on Child Protection, there must be two adults present during any activity with youth. I am looking for adult volunteers to commit to one Sunday a month to help with our Youth Nights. No preparation is necessary on your part, though you are encouraged to get involved in the evening's activities and discussions. We meet every Sunday from 7:15 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. beginning August 10. Please call Janet at 937-974-8709 if you can help.

THE ST. MARY ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



St Vincent de Paul would like to submit a second quarter report to the parish. We were able to reach 282 of the people who called the help line. We helped 36 families with \$6,360 to Duke. We helped 25 families with \$5,420 for rent. We helped 8 families with water bills totaling \$1,293. We have made it a stipulation to receive help the clients pay part of the bill. We do not help unless they do their part first. In the first and second quarter, we have received donations of about \$35,000. As of the end of June, we dispersed \$31,900. We keep a reserve to help the clients who have been promised money after they complete their agreement with us. We continue to try to be prudent with your donations and thank you for your continued help to the needy in our area. Our next meeting is August 16 in the Parish Center at 9:00 a.m. You are welcome to join us. If you know of any person or family who may need our help, please have them call the help line at 937-746-1355.



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.

WHAT IS GOD CALLING YOU TO DO? If any type of school is to be successful in educating its children, everyone associated with that school has a role to play. In order for our Parish School of Religion to be successful, it takes an entire parish effort, much more than the PSR office can accomplish alone. It takes parishioners like you responding to God's call to educate our children in the Catholic faith and using your gifts in the service of others.

We have over 270 children in our Parish School of Religion and that takes catechists and aides to help them grow as children of God. The PSR office handles a lot of data and material and that takes a lot of support help in order to efficiently keep the school running. The Holy Spirit provides gifts to each of us to effectively contribute to the well-being of a parish community. Consider what gifts you've been given, what interests you have, and see if the following opportunities are God's way of calling you.

Catechist – One who leads a class weekly from September through April. You only need to be a practicing Catholic who loves children and is willing to learn. Teaching materials are provided along with guidance in using them.

Aide – One who assists a catechist with a class. Aides distribute class materials, make copies, and help with student activities.

Clerical/office help – One who helps with filing, data entry, and office assistance.

After taking some time to prayerfully consider how God is calling you to take part, please give Deacon Steve a call at 937-746-1404 and he'll be happy to discuss with you how you can be of service to God's people.

Q Why does Matthew include five women in his genealogy of Jesus?

A Letters make up the bulk of New Testament books. Twenty-one of the twenty-seven books are letters from various people, most of them from Paul or his followers. Letters were an easy and common way of communicating in the ancient world, as they are today. Some letters are more formal than others.

The second Lectionary reading of each Sunday proclaims the letters in a somewhat continuous fashion. Each of the three Lectionary years exposes us to selections from different letters, allowing us to enter into the world of the early followers of Jesus. One soon realizes that even though the specifics may be different, the human emotions, struggles and questions concerning what it means to follow Jesus are perennial.

In Cycle A of the Lectionary, we only read from four of the letters during Ordinary Time: the beginning of 1 Corinthians, Romans, Philippians, and 1 Thessalonians. Hebrews and James, along with the other letters from Paul, are read in Ordinary Time in Cycles B and C. The themes explored in the letters from Peter and John are especially apropos to the Easter season and so we read from those letters in the cycles of that season.

This Sunday pay close attention to the second reading. Locate that letter in the Bible. Reflect on what that letter is saying to you about what following Jesus entails.

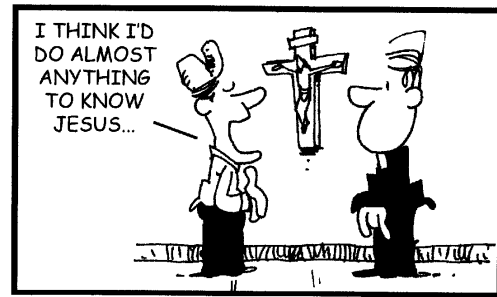
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: This Sunday, July 27, at the 10:30 a.m. Mass, there will be a presentation of our Charter Membership to Father Jim. The Council Charter lists all the new members that started the Father Charles E. Mentrup Council 14400, on October 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



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Youth Update

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH NIGHTS BEGIN AUGUST 10! After a short summer break for service work, the High School Youth Nights will begin again August 10. All high school age youth (this includes incoming freshman) are welcome and encouraged to come to Youth Night. No registration is necessary and there is no cost, just your time and willingness to have fun! If you have any questions, please call Janet at 937-746-8709.

THE HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP WAS A HUGE SUCCESS! We spent the week working on the home of Wilma Estep. She had a wonderful story to tell of her life in Harlan. We completed the project of putting siding on her house and car port. In addition, some of the crew painted the cement foundation and front porch to match the new siding. It was very hot and sometimes tedious work while trying to fit just the right piece into the corners, but our kids worked with such commitment to doing the job right that our carpenter said we were the best crew he had ever worked with.

Our evenings were spent in community with each other while we cooked and shared our meals. The teens also planned special prayer services for each night. On Thursday we were invited to a Blue Grass Concert with other volunteer groups in Harlan for the week. The kids had a great time and even line-danced together with the other volunteers! This wonderful experience would not have been possible without the generous support of ALL the St. Mary parishioners. Thank you for your help, your donations and your prayers.

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 pm and the speaker begins at 7:30 pm. The program concludes at 8:45 pm. Join us on **July 31** – ***Why I Became a Catholic: Converts and “Reverts” Tell Their Stories***, Presenters: A Panel of New and Returning Catholics; Hear inspiring, uplifting stories of faith and hope from some of our newest Catholics. 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.

THE FENWICK MEN’S SOCCER TEAM will hold the *2008 Kyle Babcock Memorial Alumni Game* Saturday, August 16 at 7:00 p.m. Bishop Fenwick High School Soccer Field. Admission is free; donations to the Kyle J. Babcock Scholarship Fund will be accepted at the gate or at www.welfoundation.com. Visit www.fenwickfalcons.org for more information.

CARLISLE/FRANKLIN COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE Monday, July 28 3:00 - 6:30 p.m. at Hillcrest Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 820 Central Ave., Carlisle. Questions call the church at 937-746-4248.

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.

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. Other weekends and locations are available.

FELTING DEMONSTRATION presented by Middfest International will be Friday August 1 10:00 a.m. -12:00 noon at Middletown Art Center, 130 N. Verity Pkwy., Middletown and 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. at BD’s Mongolian Grill, 8655 Mason-Montgomery Rd., Mason. Watch the demonstrations and try your skill. See and/or buy Mongolian crafted felt items.

NEXT WEEK’S MINISTRY SCHEDULES:

August 2-3	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	Vince Haenni Leo Haenni	David Brownfield Claire Brownfield	Julie Brockman Becca Erwin	Genevieve Nenner Claire Nenner	AJ Schriml Kate Schriml
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Gift Bearers	DeGraaf	Duckett	Ball		Fish

Readings for the Week of July 27, 2008

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-
Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

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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.