



This weekend at all the Masses I will be preaching on STEWARDSHIP. Stewardship is the concept that Jesus used to enhance discipleship. According to the Bishop's Pastoral Letter on Stewardship, a Christian Steward is one who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and an accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with others and returns them with increase to the Lord. Next Sunday our Parish Finance Council will speak at all the Masses on Stewardship of Finance and give us an accounting of our Sunday collections.

DAILY LITURGIES AND INTENTIONS:

Monday, September 8, **Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Communion
 Tuesday, September 9, **Peter Claver, priest**
 8:00 a.m. William Ellingwood
 Wednesday, September 10, **Weekday**
 8:00 a.m. Billie Sissom
 Thursday, September 11, **Weekday**
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Communion
 Friday, September 12, **Weekday**
 8:00 a.m. Virginia Baltes
 Saturday, September 13, **Weekday**
 4:00 p.m. Ladies Society
 Sunday, September 14, **Twenty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time**
 7:30 a.m. Barbara Jazwinski
 9:00 a.m.* Nancy L. Williams
 10:30 a.m. St. Mary Community
 6:30 p.m. Connie and Bob Burns
 * Co-operative nursery available in Parish Center

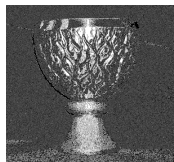
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

A man had a very self-righteous brother-in-law who often chastised him for not reading the Bible from cover to cover. They hardly spoke except through e-mail. "It's amazing to me," the brother-in-law wrote to him, "just how many people like you call themselves Christians who haven't read the entire word of God." The man wrote back to his brother-in-law saying, "It's amazing to me how many people have not read the complete assembly and repair manuals for a Boeing 747, and yet they call themselves pilots." The brother-in-law never again bragged about his extensive reading abilities, and the two were able to save their relationship.

Jesus' lesson in today's Gospel reading from Matthew speaks of reconciliation. Very simply, if we feel we have been wronged by someone, whether it be by words or actions, our first step is to speak to the person directly and in private. If the person does not see the wrong he or she has done, it is okay to bring a few others with you to help make your point. This is not to mean you gang up on the offender; rather, think of it more as an intervention, where friends gather to help someone overcome a sinful, hurtful lifestyle.

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, we are reminded that beginning with the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus preached a conversion of the heart. Before we can ever offer ourselves to God, we must first go and make peace with the person or persons in our lives with whom we are angry (CCC 2608). If there are those in your life with whom you've grown distant, you absolutely cannot give up on them. If you've only spoken to them, take the next step and go see them. And if even then they will not offer forgiveness, you offer yours-and pray.

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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 Shaun Yu

family will be presented the Elijah cup at 9:00 a.m. Mass. The next scheduled families are:

- September 14 Jeff Rhode family at 6:30 p.m.
- September 20 Rich Hobbs 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:

August 30-31

\$7,813.50	159 Env.	\$5.00	6 children's
\$4,695.52	140 SVdP		

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 year end statement of contributions.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPT. 7-14

Sunday	PSR Packet pickup after all Masses Youth Ministry at 7:15 p.m.
Monday	Education Commission at 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Parkinson Support Group at 1:30 p.m. Worship Commission at 7:00 p.m. Round Dancing at 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Free Kitchen at 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. Rosary at 6:30 p.m. Ladies Auxiliary at 7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus at 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	RCIA at 7:00 p.m. (Youth Center) Square Dancing at 7:30 p.m.
Saturday	Men's Group 7:00 -8:30 p.m.

DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO HAS AN INTEREST IN JOINING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

If you do, please join us for the third of our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) sessions about the Catholic faith on Thursday, September 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Ministry room. RCIA is the process for those wanting to learn more about the Catholic Church and no matter what your background, you are welcome to attend. For more information, call Deacon Steve at 746-5404.

PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS ARE JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

As an advisory body to the pastor, the Pastoral Council has as its purpose to explore and study with the pastor matters of a "pastoral nature," i.e., those areas of life in the parish that touch the spiritual and faith development of the parish members (Code of Canon Law # 536). It assists the pastor in the overall planning and decision-making for the parish by making recommendations and serving as a vehicle of dialogue and communication. The Council should be a balance of experience, service, gender, and time in parish. On the weekend of September 27-28, elections for three of the seats on Pastoral Council will be held. If you would like to nominate yourself or another person for this important ministry, please put the name in the collection, write it on the sheet on the radiator in back of church, mail it, contact a Pastoral Council member, or call the parish office at 937-746-5404. Nominations will be accepted until Monday, September 15.



ENVELOPES ARE COMING IN THE MAIL: Due to the increased number of registered families in the parish, it has been decided that the contribution envelopes will be mailed to your home every other month. This will ensure

you receive your envelopes and keep us up to date on address changes. If you have any changes please call the Parish Office at 937-746-5404 and ask for Karen or Mary.

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Thought for today



If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.- Mt. 18:15-16

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Parish School of Religion



PSR Packet Pick up - if you did not pick up your packets last weekend, or if you have not yet registered your child for PSR, please do so this weekend after all of the Masses in the Parish Center.

Confirmation Certificates- from last year are also available in the Parish Center after all of the Masses this weekend.

First Communion banners- from last year are also available in the Parish Center after all of the Masses this weekend.

PSR Classes begin on September 14.

Q. A. Tell me more about St. John Chrysostom. I heard someone say he was anti-Jewish, and isn't a saint to emulate?

A. All humans, no matter how much they try, have their own blind spots and prejudices. This obvious statement often startles Catholics when they hear complimentary things about saints. After all, saints are held up as models for us to imitate.

John Chrysostom, among many others, is one example of a saint with prejudices. This most prolific writer of the fourth century is a doctor of the church and patron saint of preachers. His stirring preaching earned him the title of Chrysostom, the one possessing a "golden mouth." His austerity, his church reform agenda, along with his attacks on the imperial households for their extravagant lifestyles and abuse of power, all got him into trouble. Yet he refused to back down.

However, as bishop of Antioch, he became furious when he observed that Christians were fraternizing with Jews, and attending synagogues for prayer and study. Using his preaching skills, he delivered six sermons against the Jews which today rank among the strongest anti-Jewish statements ever made.

While saints are presented as models to be imitated, we should not be scandalized to learn that they were thoroughly human, with some of the blind spots and prejudices of their time. Just because saints were not perfect, should not prevent us from using them as models.

Ask God to make you aware of your blind spots and work on minimizing them.

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Readings for the Week of September 7, 2008

- Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20
- Monday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16,18-23 or 1:18-23
- Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Lk 6:12-19
- Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Lk 6:20-26
- Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Lk 6:27-38
- Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Lk 6:39-42
- Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Lk 6:43-49
- Next Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

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NEW USHERS ARE NEEDED FOR 6:30 MASS: We have been blessed with a wonderful group of young people who have faithfully served at the 6:30 Mass by being ushers and taking up the collection. These volunteers have now graduated and moved on to college. It's your turn to step up! If you are in high school and regularly attend (or can attend) the 6:30 Sunday Mass **we need you!** Please call Janet at 937-746-8709 to volunteer. And since you will already be here, come on over to the Youth Center after Mass for Youth Night!

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS:

- Sept. 7 – High School Youth Night 7:15 pm
- Sept. 14 – High School Youth Night
Bowling at Strike Zone!
- Sept. 21 – Parish Picnic – Noon – 6 pm
High School Youth Night 7:15 pm
- Sept. 28 – High School Youth Night 7:15 pm



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

- Rocky Adams 937-743-0226
- Eileen Avellano 937-748-0043
- Dan Darragh 937-746-1914
- Dan Fedders 937-746-4123
- Mark Fields 937-743-9077
- Roger Lorelle 937-885-1230
- Ron Onderko 937-748-4281
- Don Quigley 937-748-5362
- Roger Stebelton 937-855-6897



LADIES! It's time once again to mark your calendars! Thursday, September 18 is the first fall meeting of St. Mary Ladies' Society. We will gather at NOON in the meeting room behind the kitchen in the Parish Center. Remember to bring a bag lunch! Beverages and yummy desserts will be provided. Consider bringing a non-perishable food item for the Food Pantry. ALL women (18 years and older) who belong to St. Mary Parish are automatically members of St. Mary Ladies' Society. There are NO DUES and we meet just once per month (on the 3rd Thursday) from September to June. If you are new to the parish or you've just never attended a meeting before, please plan to come to this meeting. You are sure to enjoy yourself!



ST VINCENT DE PAUL: We ask for your continued support of the needy in our area. We would also like to remind you of the SVdP truck that will be here to pick up any used things from your house. The truck will be at the Church from September 26, 27, 28. Our next meeting is September 20. Everyone is invited to come and become a part of the ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Jane Flischel at 937-748-2163.

CHRISTIAN ONE-LINERS:

Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on your front door forever.

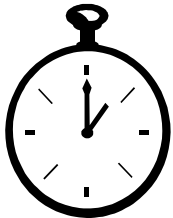


KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Attention all Second Degree Members. We are hosting a Third Degree Exemplification in the Parish Center, next Sunday, September 14. Candidate Call is 1:00 p.m. with the degree starting promptly at 1:30

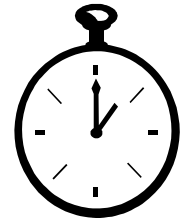
p.m. Please contact our Membership Director, Dave Potts at 937-748-2387 or Jeff Rohde at 937-748-0836 or send us an e-mail, since we are trying to get a head count. There will be a meal served afterwards, and we should be out of there by 4:00 p.m. so make sure you don't miss out. All Third Degree members are welcome to attend and to support our candidates.

The Knights are cooking for the Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 14. Anyone wanting to help us out please contact Ed Kempf at 937-885-4593 or Mark Givens at 937-743-9687. We are forming three shifts, two hours each, starting at 11:00 a.m. at the Parish Center. This should be a fun time and a great turn out by the parish community.

We are planning a First Degree for those interested in joining the Father Chuck Mentrup Council 14400. A tentative date is October 19, the week after Columbus Day. New members are always welcome. Our Membership Director is Dave Potts at 937-748-2387 and Admissions Committee Director is Steve Dungan at 937-885-1688.



**THE ANNUAL
ST. MARY
PARISH PICNIC IS
Sunday Sept. 21, 2008**



A Time For Every Purpose...
12:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Followed by Mass at 6:30 pm

A Time To Laugh... A Time To Dance...

Fun For All Ages: Bingo! - DJ - square dancing - cake walk - dance contests - guitar hero, sack races, tug-o-war, face painting, tattoos, plinko, duck pond, sucker pull, bowling, basketball, etc.

A Time To Eat... *burgers, hot dogs, salads and baked beans will be supplied by the parish. Parishioners are asked to help by bringing the following:*

If your last name begins with:

A-L - please bring a 2 liter of pop

M-Z please bring a dessert to share

(Please make desserts "finger" style such as: brownies, cookies, rice krispy treats, anything you can pick up with your fingers and eat!)

ENJOY AN AFTERNOON OF FUN AND LAUGHTER WITH YOUR PARISH FAMILY

BEYOND THE PARISH

SIX POWERFUL REASONS TO MAKE A RETREAT: THIS WEEK, REASON #4 – TO MEET PEOPLE WHO SHARE YOUR FAITH.

You will meet and mingle with other men and women from various walks of life. Their example will encourage and inspire you. If you're interested in making a retreat, check out the brochures at the back of church from the St. Meinrad Retreat Center or go online at www.saintmeinrad.edu and click on "Retreat Program" at the bottom of the page. Jesus used the solitude of deserted places to refresh and reconnect with God. He gave us a wonderful example to follow.

ARE YOU EXPECTING A BABY? ARE YOU NEW PARENTS?

If this is your first child and you would like to have him/her baptized, you are invited to a baptismal preparation class on Monday, September 15, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Call the office at 937-746-5404 for a reservation.

FALL REFLECTION DAYS FOCUS ON BODY, MIND, SPIRIT

"Opening the Treasure: The Gift of the Present" is a day of enrichment in body, mind and spirit for women and men of all ages. The program will be offered on Saturday, September 20, and repeated on Saturday, October 11. Day includes presentations, self-care and wellness tips, time for prayer and reflection, and more. A perfect opportunity in our busy life to let go of past and future for a day and focus on "the gift of the present" in the *now* where God meets us. Hosted by Sisters of the Precious Blood at Salem Heights, their Dayton motherhouse, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. with opportunity for anticipated Sunday Mass following the program. Day includes lunch. Free-will donations will be accepted. Pre-registration for either program by phone or e-mail requested by Monday, September 15. Call us at 937-278-0871 or e-mail at Communications@PreciousBloodSistersDayton.org

THE FRANKLIN PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

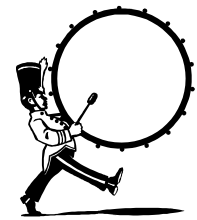
will meet Tuesday, September 9, 2008 (the 2nd Tuesday of every month), at 1:30 p.m., in the St. Mary Church Center, 115 South Main St., Franklin.

The September 6 Sunflower Revolution Parkinson's Disease Symposium and Expo. is the topic of our discussion. The symposium, presented by the Neuroscience Institute at the University of Cincinnati, addressed current treatments; non-motor symptoms; perspectives on surgery; and new research for Parkinson's disease.

FR. CHUCK GOLF MEMORIAL

at Weather Wax Golf Course, Middletown on Saturday, September 27. Cost is \$100 per golfer and includes golf, cart, use of driving range, shirt, lunch, drink tickets and dinner. Registration is at noon, and the shotgun start/scramble format gets underway at 1:30 p.m. All proceeds will go into a fund to provide tuition assistance for students at local Catholic high schools (Alter, Fenwick, LaSalle, McAuley, and St. Xavier). Call 513-423-5237 to register or update your registration.

BISHOP FENWICK HIGH SCHOOL FORCE



MARCHING BAND is hosting the third annual "Force Marching Band Competition", at the high school, 4855 State Route 122, Franklin, on September 20 beginning at 4:00 p.m. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 10 and under.

For more information visit www.fenwickfalcons.org and look for

"Force Band Competition" on the home page.

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULES:

September 13-14	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	Arizona Craycraft Brian Fry	Peter Schaaf Jack Schaaf Brett Schaaf	Katie Pfeifer Sean Pfeifer	Taylor Schlachter Patrick Avellano	AJ Schriml Kate Schriml
Eucharistic Ministers	J Borosic S Traud D & D Ambach	T Cable K Brown L Brownfield	K & T Adams AnnaMarie Brewster C Cusumano	J Beatty A Langsdale J Martin B Matson	E Koslow G Mahle K & D Fish
Lectors	Melanie Ledbetter	Mike Hutchinson	Joan Raberding	Walt Beatty	Karen Koslow
Gift Bearers	Ambach	Williams	Williams		Fish



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.