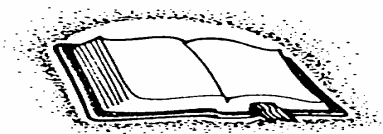


Weekly Scripture
Readings

Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

Of Personal Concern . . .



- Mon.:** Revelation 21:9b-14
Ps. 145:10-13b,17-18
John 1:45-51
- Tues.:** 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Ps. 139:1-3,4-6
Matthew 23:23-26
- Wed.:** 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Ps. 139:7-12
Matthew 23:27-32
- Thurs.** 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13
Ps. 90:3-4,12-14,17
Matthew 24:42-51
- Fri.:** 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8
Ps. 97:1-2,5-6,10-12
Matthew 25:1-13
- Sat.:** 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11
Ps. 98:1,7-9
Mark 6:17-29
- Sun.:** Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8
Ps. 15:2-5
James 1:17-18,21b-22,27
Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Wedding Banns

- Banns II - Brett Collins & Eileen Ferguson
- Banns II - Steven Mozes & Christina Bodner

In Sympathy

Our loving prayers and deepest sympathy are extended to the family of **Gilbert Palmer** who was called to his eternal rest last week. Please pray for him and all our departed friends and relatives.

Pro-Life Prayer Vigil with Bishop Blair: Sept. 17. This event, hosed by Helpers of God's Precious Infants, will begin at 6 p.m. with Holy Mass at Rosary Cathedral on Collingwood Ave. in Toledo. Following Mass, a rosary pilgrimage will proceed from the parking lot of the Ashland Baptist Church to the Center for Choice abortion clinic. After spending time there in prayer, the group will return to the Cathedral for Benediction and refreshments. For more information, contact Mary at 419-878-0486. Your voices and prayers are needed in this fight to reclaim the respect for ALL life!

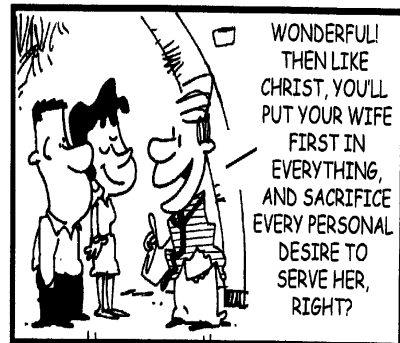
Mark Your Calendars for 40 Days for Life: Don't miss getting involved in the ground-breaking pro-life event that gets results: **40 Days for Life!** Toledo will once again join hundreds of cities across the U.S. and the world from Sept. 23 through Nov. 1 as a location for peaceful, prayerful presence outside a local abortion center. Make sure to visit www.prolifeconnection.com for the latest news or to sign up online. For more information, contact Ann at 419-708-9497. Be part of the effort that changes hearts to help bring about a Culture of Life!

Insights from Fr. Flood

Special thanks to our bulletin sponsor of the week - Panache Hair Salon

Stewardship Way of Life

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



- Week of 8/16/09
- Envelopes 576
- Weekly - \$15,235.15
- Monthly - \$ 6,588.00
- Assumption - \$1,012.00
- Total Collection - \$22,835.15
- 2.5% Tithe - \$571.00 for SCCS Playground
- Team 1 to count on 8/24

Please do not tape or staple your envelopes.

Thank You from The Cornerstone Foundation:

Thank you for your gift of \$490.00. We have been blessed by many medical and construction teams, as well as individual visitors that have been called to serve with us. God has been faithful to provide the people and the finances necessary to accomplish His work in Honduras. You are a big part of our Lord's work there.

Please know that through your kindness, the sick are receiving much needed medical care and more importantly, souls are being added to the Kingdom.

Thank you so much for your generous support. May you be blessed beyond measure!

Jefferson C. McKenney, M.D.
President, The Cornerstone Foundation

RUN SO AS TO WIN! (1 Cor 9:25)*Facing The Challenges Before Us With Faith*

There certainly are no shortages of serious challenges facing us as Catholics. The final words spoken by Our Lord Jesus to the disciples in Matthew's Gospel are no less urgent to His followers today:

"Go and make disciples of all nations...teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Mt 28:19-20).

We will do well to listen to Jesus' words in light of some pressing issues facing us: the vocation to marriage, the state of Catholic parishes and schools, the great number of lapsed Catholics and the secular culture desperate to keep God and His Church out of public life.

It seems to me that the fundamental vocation crisis and the single greatest threat to the Church - far greater than the dearth of priestly and religious vocations - is the failure to see marriage as a life-long, life-giving, loving and faithful union. Far too many younger Catholics are forgoing the Sacrament of Marriage. It is vital that the vocation of marriage be cherished as the gift of God it truly is and all it entails, including the openness to life and the responsibility of the parents to raise their children in the Catholic faith. Religious and priestly vocations will increase as the vocation of marriage is restored to its proper dignity. So many of you personally know the twisted attack upon the human family waged by Satan and secularists. Instituted as a Sacrament by Christ Jesus Himself, marriage is the sign and symbol of our salvation; it truly reflects the marriage between Christ and the Church.

Since the Catholic Faith first arrived in the New World, it has been anchored by parish communities and Catholic schools. These two pillars of our faith have hatched astonishing resources that have advanced our nation - Catholics and non-Catholics alike - with the likes of Catholic hospitals and healthcare systems along with the creation of the largest non-governmental provider of social services in our nation. It is not enough to maintain what we have. We are to strengthen the pillars - more specifically, *our parish* and *our Catholic school* - so to fortify other essential faith-based services that the people of our country need.

It gives me chills that the second most identifiable religious grouping on the religious landscape of the United States is people who say, "I used to be a Catholic." *The Catholic Faith is a matter of fact.* There is no such thing as a former Catholic. All members of our faith are born into the great family of Catholic Faith just like one is born into a natural family. The Church is the supernatural family and we want those who have left the family of faith to return home. Let us confidently and compassionately welcome home those who properly belong with us at Mass.

Finally, secular forces are trying vigorously to keep God and His Church out of public life. For some people of influence, religion and spirituality are seen as hobbies. Without the voice of Christ, Who is heard in the voice of His Church, everyday life becomes increasing self-centered and secular. Part of the greatness of our nation lies in the fact that religion always has had a respected and expected place at the table of public discourse and everyday life. Let us resist the so-called societal "movers and shakers" who want to muzzle God's Word.

We have plenty to say and, darn it, we need to say it so that people will come to know and take to heart the teachings of Christ.

**Sun., August 23**

7:30 a.m. Richard C. Andres

9:30 a.m. Brad Rudolph

Ray Bush

Baptism

11:30 a.m. Joe Kromer

Lynda Iceman

Carl Hallo

Baptism

5:00 p.m. For the Parish

Mon., August 24 - St. Bartholomew

8:15 a.m. Elaine Fischer

Alice Conley - 30 days

Tues., August 25 - Sts. Louis of France & St. Joseph Calasanz

8:15 a.m. Kowmes Wilson

LeRoy Mesenburg (Ann.)

Rudolph Scheck

Wed., August 26

8:15 a.m. Special Intention

Herman Predmore - 30 days

Thurs., August 27 - St. Monica

8:15 a.m. Ernest Hill (Ann.)

Marie Miller & family

Millie May

Fri., August 28 - St. Augustine

8:15 a.m. Bernard & Ruth Brotzki

Sat., August 29 - Martyrdom of**John the Baptist**

8:15 a.m. John & Marie Lindsley

4:00 p.m. Marlene, Veronica &

Irvin (Ann.) Grathwol

James Beverick (Ann.)

Marianne Barry & family

Baptism**Sun., August 30**

7:30 a.m. For the Parish

9:30 a.m. Bud & Ellie (Ann.) Schnurr

Gerry Voltz

Claudene & Delbert Fitz

(Ann. of both)

11:30 a.m. Fred & Laura Jeane Hiss

Doug Wieber & Class 1955

5:00 p.m. Charles & Leona Zehringer

Community News

Aug. 22 & 23 - St. Bernard Festival, New Washington, Sat. starting at 5 p.m. Sunday, BBQ chicken /ham dinners from noon-6 p.m. Bingo, raffles, crafts, games. Fun for all.

Aug. 26 - Community Supper Program at First Congregational Church, 4-5:30, Summer Team

Sept. 2 - Daughters of Isabella public card party, 1:30 K of C Hall. Members asked to bring door prizes.

Employment Opportunity: Part-time bookkeeper, attendance at Finance Meetings. Send your resume to Fr. Chris Kardzis at Holy Angels Church, 428 Tiffin Ave., Sandusky, OH 44870

School News

- Aug. 23** - Open House; 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Aug. 24 - Kindergarten Parent Orientation, 7 p.m.
Multi-Purpose Room
Aug. 25 - New student & Gr. 7 & 9 Orientation, 9 a.m.,
The Den
Aug. 26-27 - Teacher/Staff Orientation and In-Service
Aug. 31 - First day of School

The Uniform Exchange is scheduled, Mon., Aug. 24, noon-2 p.m. & Wed., Aug. 26, 4-6 p.m. at Sts. Peter & Paul School Campus, Room 103. If you cannot come during those times, call Kristie Yeckley 419-684-5742.

Panther Football Club Flag Football: Mandatory sign-up for any boys entering Kindergarten thru 3rd grade in SCCS that want to play flag football. Monday, Aug. 24 at Zierolf Field, 5-6:30 p.m. Questions? Call Jason Samstag 419-433-0906.

SCCS Instrumental Music Program is under new direction and is on the search for any students interested in joining our band program! We have a concert band, jazz band and marching band. We are especially looking to increase our numbers in the marching band. If you have any questions, call Brian Panetta 419-626-1892 ext. 254.



Sandusky Life Teen wants to invite YOU to the 2009-2010 Kick-Off Mass and Life Night

Who: All High School Teenagers

What: Sandusky Life Teen Kick-Off

When: Sunday, September 13, 2009 from 5:00pm-8:00pm

Where: Holy Angels Church

Why: To come together as a community to give glory and praise to our Lord God and Savior

Parish Happenings. . .

Office closed 12:30 - 1:30 for the lunch hour.
Join us for the rosary every Tues., 7 p.m. in Church.

Aug. 26 - Servers Training Session, 7 p.m. Commons
Aug. 29 - Baptism at 4:00 Mass
Aug. 30 - 5-9:30 p.m.: Bob Rice will be performing at Tiffin St. Mary's. Sandusky Life Teen will be car-pooling to the event. The concert is from 6:15-8:15 p.m. If you are interested in joining SLT for this awesome concert, YOU MUST call Brittany Taylor 419-625-7465 ext. 26 to reserve a spot.

Sept. 19 - **Mark your calendar!** 4th Annual Oktoberfest, 12 noon til 12 midnight, Erie County Fairgrounds, German food, music & kids games. **Mass at 4 p.m. (only 4:00 Mass in Sandusky that day).**

The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration for those married 25, 50 & 60 or more years in the year 2009 will be held on Sunday, October 18 at 3 p.m. at Rosary Cathedral. For reservations, call the parish office 419-625-7465. **Deadline for reservations is Wednesday, September 9, 2009.**

Good Shepherd: 9:30 Session is full, but there is still plenty of room at the 11:30 Session. Please send your registration form in as soon as possible.

Parish School of Religion: Please get your registrations in as soon as possible. Any questions, please call Debbie at 419-625-7465.

Wanted!!!

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) needs you! We are currently looking for individuals wanting to know more about the Catholic faith. They may have questions about the faith, such as:

What does the Catholic Church teach?

Why do Catholics believe that?

Why all the rituals and traditions?

Do you know a family member or a friend who has asked these or similar questions? If so, then, maybe RCIA can help. RCIA provides instruction on Catholic beliefs, teachings, rituals, etc. It is not only for those who want to become Catholic, but also for anyone who wants to learn more about the Catholic faith.

RCIA is not only for non-Catholics. Catholics can enrich their own faith while, at the same time, sharing it with someone inquiring into the faith. You can do this by being a Sponsor (someone who provides support, prayer, and encouragement for the individual Inquirer).

Another way to share is by being a Team Member. Team Members provide support for Inquirers and Sponsors in several ways. Team Members minister by being involved in prayer, scripture, hospitality, logistics, and many other areas.

To inquire about the Catholic faith, contact Fr. Dave at 419-625-7465. For additional information about becoming a Team Member or Sponsor, contact Marty Klupp at 419-626-9351.

*Spend time with people over the age of 70
and under the age of 6!*



Please pray for the safety and protection of our policemen and women, area firefighters and all our parishioners serving in the military.

Parish Information . . .

Mass & Confession Schedules

Sat. : 4:00 p.m., Sun.: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.
Monday thru Saturday 8:15 a.m.

Confessions: 30 Minutes before every Mass.

Parish Staff: 419-625-7465 Parish Fax: 419-626-2834

Rev. David W. Nuss, Pastor
Rev. Jason Kahle, Associate Pastor/Chaplain SMCC & SCCS
Deacon Bill Burch, Parish Outreach
Deacon Jeff Claar, Business Manager
Tim Claubaugh Sr., Music Director/Organist
Mark Fitzthum, Property Manager
Mary Riesterer, Parish Secretary
Ruth Guendelsberger, Bookkeeper

Faith Formation Ministries

Debbie Geason - Catechetical Leader 419-625-7465
Brittany Taylor - Sandusky Life Teen 419-625-7465
www.sanduskylifeteen.org

Catholic Charities: 1-800-668-3110

Bulletin Deadline - Monday - 5:00 p.m.

web page: www.stmarysandusky.org

email: office@stmarysandusky.org

Pastoral Council:

David Darr, Joyce Dillinger, Linda Hohler, Denise Klepper, Jim McClain,
Gary Lawrence, Judy Matthews, Pam Riggs, Anne Smith, Paul Stanley,
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Sandusky Central Catholic School

410 W. Jefferson St., 419-627-9718

Superintendent: Dr. Judy Monaghan

www.sanduskycentralcatholic.org

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419-626-3075

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