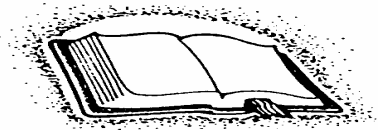


Weekly Scripture
Readings

Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

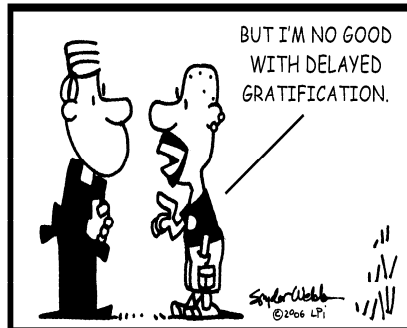
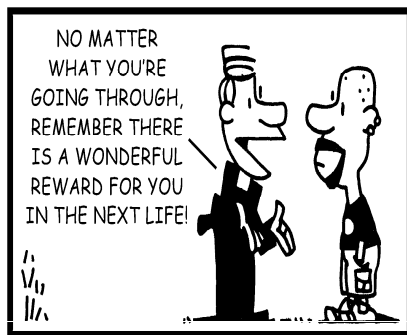
Of Personal Concern . . .



- Mon.:** Numbers 21:4b-9
Ps. 78:1-2,34-38
Philippians 2:6-11
John 3:13-17
- Tues.:** 1 Timothy 3:1-13
Ps. 101:1-3,5-6
John 19:25-27
- Wed.:** 1 Timothy 3:14-16
Ps. 111:1-6
Luke 7:31-35
- Thurs.** 1 Timothy 4:12-16
Ps. 111:7-10
Luke 7:36-50
- Fri.:** 1 Timothy 6:2c-12
Ps. 49:6-10,17-20
Luke 8:1-3
- Sat.:** 1 Timothy 6:13-16
Ps. 100:1b-5
Luke 8:4-15
- Sun.:** Wisdom 2:12,17-20
Ps. 54:3-4,5,6-8
James 3:16-4:3
Mark 9:30-37

Insights from Fr. Flood

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



A Family Perspective

If we want to be happy at home, we must commit ("lose ourselves") to our family. If we try to be independent from others ("save ourselves") we end up lonely and alone. Happiness is found in commitments. The gospel is true: We save our life by losing it!

New Members

We are happy to welcome the following new members to our parish family: Sarah Lynn and children William & Landon, Bryce & Monica Roth, Amberlee & Amanda Smith, Jean Bowie, Kimberle Bowie and Lauren Walter. We are happy to have you join us on our journey of faith!

In Sympathy

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

Wedding Banns

Banns I - Jason Holland & Amber Wensink



Best wishes go to **Fr. Dave** who will be celebrating his birthday on September 15! Thanks for all you do for us and may God continue to bless you!

Grandparents' Day - September 13: In our grandparents we have sensed and felt the thread of history and the treasure of tradition that lies within our families. May they be blessed for their hard work and faith, which are our inheritance. We pray that those who guided our early steps and called forth our talents be richly rewarded by God, our Divine Parent.

Pro-Life Prayer Vigil with Bishop Blair: Sept. 17, 6 p.m. with Holy Mass at Rosary Cathedral on Collingwood Ave., 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 info, call Mary at 419-878-0486. Your voices and prayers are needed in this fight to reclaim the respect for ALL life!

Special thanks to our bulletin sponsor of the week - Daniel - Huth Insurance

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 Envelopes 491
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RUN SO AS TO WIN! (1 Cor 9:25)*Christ's Call To Heroic Evangelization*

Every one of the 20 Home Listening Sessions during the summer included a comment expressing a sincere desire to get people back into the pews. You will recall that I stated this as a goal in my pastor letter and am inspired that this priority is shared by so many of you. Certainly, it is a noble and virtuous aim to lead people to Christ, most especially by means of His Holy Sacraments.

OK, now how are we to make this so?

There is only one way to evangelize: we are to fall more deeply in love with Christ Jesus; loving Christ Jesus ourselves to the point that we are willing to die with Him.

Parents, you know already such love is not a lofty ideal, but an astonishing reality as you would rather die than allow your child to be harmed. You know the herculean power of love-unto-death. Indeed, you labor mightily to teach your children to love no less as they grow and mature.

For sure, we can get sidetracked by legitimately good things in our quest to get people back in the pews. Of course, programs to evangelize are good things, but not when they become our will that is imposed upon others. Of course, technology is a good thing and we must use 21st century media outlets to get the message of Christ to all the members of parish family and wider civic community. But make no mistake: technology will never convert a single heart. The same is true with money.

Sometimes we can lean to heavily into thinking that something other than a person will do – a colorful flyer, a new program, a pastor's letter, an associate pastor's motorcycle, a cool billboard, a tweet (ask a younger person to explain this one!).

Pope John Paul II (d. 2005) wrote often about the importance of getting people back in the pews and how to accomplish this end.

“It [evangelizing] is not, therefore, a matter of inventing a new program. The program already exists. It is the plan found in the Gospel and the living Tradition. It is the same as ever. Ultimately it has its center in Christ Himself.”

John Paul continues with the plan for effective evangelization. The key is, “in Christ Himself who is to be known, who is to be loved and who is to be imitated. And with Him, then, we transform history until its fulfillment in the New Jerusalem.”

According to John Paul, our getting people back in the pews begins with *our knowing Jesus*. And when John Paul uses the word “know” he does not mean book learning and the like. Knowing Jesus is the same kind of knowing that a parent comes to have for a child. The parent does not come to know their child from a book. They desire to know their child; time and again they dedicate time to noticing, observing and wondering about their child all-the-while they are with their child. As they become more and more familiar, they come to know their child and the child comes to know them.

Friends, the premier way of knowing anything is to get on our knees and beg the God of the cosmos to grant our request. To know Christ is to pray. To let Him teach us who He is. Love follows because as you come to know Him, you fall in love more wholeheartedly. And it is love that compels us to sacrifice even unto death.

Join me in making a personal commitment to grow in knowledge of Jesus and His Church. When we live out of love for God, everyday difficulties become less and less brick walls and more and more open windows.

**Sun., September 13**

7:30 a.m. Edward & Gary Faber
Clarence & Zelma
Nesselhauf
Peter & Helen Verock

9:30 a.m. Virginia Bodner
Paul & Viola Westerhold
Elaine Fischer

11:30 a.m. F. Leo & Madelyn Groff
Joseph & Geraldine
Strickfaden
Gregory Browne (Ann.)

5:00 p.m. For the Parish

Mon., September 14 - Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:15 a.m. Karl Hengel

Tues., Sept. 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows

8:15 a.m. Jim Voltz
Robert & Teresa Baum

Wed., Sept. 16-Sts. Cornelius, Cyprian

8:15 a.m. Florence Koelsch
Bud (Ann.) & Ellie Schnurr

Thurs., Sept. 17-St. Robert Bellarmine

8:15 a.m. Robert Mayer, Sr.

Fri., September 18

8:15 a.m. Gilbert Palmer - 30 days

Sat., September 19 - St. Januarius

8:15 a.m. Margaret & Robert Connell
John Merner, Sr.

4:00 p.m. **NO Mass here today**

Mass at Oktoberfest, 4:00

Erie County Fairgrounds

Sun., September 20

7:30 a.m. Sloma Family
Lamont & Alice Cattano
Gladys Young

9:30 a.m. Earl & Marguerite (Ann.)
Mischler
Clarence & Luella (Ann.)
Schwerer

Joseph C. Ritzenthaler

11:30 a.m. Marvin Klupp
Alma Geason
Teresa McMonigal
Class 1959

5:00 p.m. For the Parish

The saints never knew they were transforming the world – they never set out to leave their mark in such a way. They only sought to fall more deeply in love with Christ and His Church. The biographies of the saints chronicle their seeking and finding God's love in daily moments. Amazingly, open windows appear in what formerly were solid brick walls.

The pews will take care of themselves. Let us set our sights on hearts – first setting our sights firmly on Jesus and then making known that He is the One who makes all the difference.

School News

Sept. 15 - School Pictures, Gr. 7-12
Sept. 16 - Open House; Gr. 7-12, 7-9 p.m.
Sept. 20 - Catechetical Sunday
Sept. 22 - School Pictures Gr. 4-6
Please mark your calendar for the second annual SCCS Garage Sale which is scheduled for Sept. 19 during the

Oktoberfest celebration at the Erie County Fairgrounds. We are accepting donations now. Please contact Kristie Yeckley at 419-684-5742 or email at pulse@sanduskycentralcatholic.org for drop off or pick-up. Last year we were able to raise over \$2600 which was used to support our children and our teachers.



*"This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it."
-Psalm 118:24*

This Sunday, September 13, 2009 marks the beginning of Sandusky Life Teen's second year of leading teens closer to Christ. Come celebrate Mass at 5:00pm with the Youth of Sandusky at Holy Angels Church. Teens are welcome to stick around after Mass for dinner and a Social Life Night ending at 8:00pm.

Next Sunday, September 20th Sandusky Life Teen will get a visit from the **God Squad**. Come see your CORE TEAM and friends get arrested for breaking His Laws. You won't want to miss it!

Parish Happenings. . .

Office closed 12:30 - 1:30 for the lunch hour.
Holy Hour for Life, every Tuesday 6-7 p.m. Adoration at 6 p.m. and rosary promptly at 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 13 - Good Shepherd Program begins with 9:30 and 11:30 sessions in their new building on Decatur & Central Ave.

Sept. 13 - Jr. High Religious Education Program for 7th & 8th will begin today.

Sept. 16 Parish School of Religion classes begin at SCCS buildings for K-8. Grades K-3 meet at the Decatur St. building and Grades 4-8 meet at the Jefferson St. building. Parent meeting in cafeteria after you drop your child off to class.



Sept. 19 - Mark your calendar! 4th Annual Oktoberfest, 12 noon til 12 midnight, Erie County Fairgrounds, German food, music & kids games. **Cake Wheel** - we need people to donate baked good, nothing refrigerated please. Contact Stella Chavarria 419-625-0466. We also need people to bake traditional German desserts. Please contact Beth Downey 419-239-1233 or email beth.downey@practicetherapeutics.com. **Mass at 4 p.m. (only 4:00 Mass in Sandusky that day).**

Community Supper Program: Sept. 16, First Congregational Church, 4-5:30 p.m. Team 2



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

SCCS Foundation Golf Scramble: 22nd Annual Golf Scramble, Wed., Sept. 16 at Sawmill Creek Golf & Racquet Club. Proceeds from this event are used for tuition assistance and scholarships for our school. It is a 4-person scramble. Registration & lunch 11:30-1:15 p.m.; shotgun start at 1:30 p.m.—\$125.00 per person. Contact Mike Opfer 419-357-1832, Rick Jeffrey 419-626-3632 or Mary Ann Sloan 419-627-9422.

Pro-Life Message: "Heroic Mom Saves Her Twins" - Hours before surgery to remove a cancerous tumor, Mrs. Rachel Crossland of Liverpool, England learned that she was pregnant with twins. She delayed the recommended post-surgery chemotherapy and radiation until after her daughters' birth, despite tremendous pressure from her doctors to "abort" the twins. After giving birth last November, she began chemotherapy and is now recovering at home. (American Life League, (Daily Mail) May-June 2009)

Sandusky ABLE/GED provides year-round FREE classes for adults. The goal of Sandusky Adult Basic & Literacy Education is to provide adults with educational opportunities for becoming a GED graduate, passing entry-level exams for nursing or college, obtaining pre-employment skills, qualifying for job promotions and for upgrading personal computer skills. Please call 419-621-2778, 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 12 noon—2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday for more information.

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.

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Rev. Jason Kahle, Associate Pastor/Chaplain SMCC & SCCS
Deacon Bill Burch, Parish Outreach
Deacon Jeff Claar, Business Manager
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Mary Riesterer, Parish Secretary
Ruth Guendelsberger, Bookkeeper

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www.sanduskylifeteen.org

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