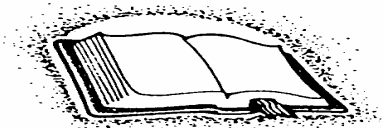


Weekly Scripture
Readings

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Of Personal Concern . . .



- Mon.:** 1 Corinthians 11:17-26,33
Ps. 40:7-10,17
John 19:25-27
- Tues.:** 1 Cor 12:12-14,27-31a
Ps. 100:1b-5
Luke 7:11-17
- Wed.:** 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13
Ps. 33:2-5,12,22
Luke 7:31-35
- Thurs.** 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Ps. 118:1b-2,16-17,28
Luke 7:36-50
- Fri.:** 1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Ps. 17:1b-d,6-7,8b,15
Luke 8:1-3
- Sat.:** 1 Cor 15:35-37,42-49
Ps. 56:10c-12,13-14
Luke 8:4-15
- Sun.:** Isaiah 55:6-9
Ps. 145:2-3,8-9,17-18
Philippians 1:20c-24,27a
Matthew 20:1-16a

Insights from Fr. Flood

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



A Family Perspective

The Law of Christianity in today's gospel is the Law of Gravity in reverse. "No one goes up...except the one who has come down". Today Jesus teaches us to lay "down" our self interests so we, and those we love, might have life more abundantly. Self interests can be obstacles to our happiness and the happiness of others.

Wedding Banns

- Banns III - David Routh & Emily Horsman
- Banns II - Robert Stutzman & Jennifer Grathwol
- Banns I - Kevin Pollinger & Charlene Dubois



Best Wishes go to **Fr. Dave** on his birthday which is Sept. 15! Hope your day is special and thanks for all you do for us!

New Members

We are happy to welcome the following to our parish family: Johnson & Karolin Kallumkal and their children - Sanal & Selwyn, Richard Pace, Desiri Ott, Stephen Rogers, Erin Grooms and her children - Keelan & Caeden, Kara Groff and Brian Shortridge and his son Ethan. We are happy to have you join us on our journey of faith!

Special thanks to our bulletin sponsor of the week - Pizza House West

Stewardship Way of Life

Week of 9-07-08
 Envelopes 533
 Weekly - \$16,723.84
 Monthly - \$ 7,785.00
 Total Collection - \$24,508.84

2.5% Tithe - \$613.00 for Annual Diocesan Collection for Catholic University of Team 2 to count of 9/15 America

Thank You from Safe Harbour:

Thank you for thinking of Safe Harbour and supporting our efforts against family violence with your donation of \$460.00. We appreciate your generosity and support of our program. In part due to the generosity of this support, we are able to provide many services at no cost to our clients.

Our First Response Program offers services and support to the victim at the time of the actual crisis. To date Safe Harbour has received approximately 50 calls a month from the Sandusky & Perkins police Department and Erie County Sheriff's Department. Thank you again for your donation and support of our program.

Sincerely,
Linda Mitchell, Executive Director

Stewardship is not optional! "None of us lives as his own master and none of us dies as his own master," says St. Paul. "While we live, we are responsible to the Lord, and when we die, we die as His servants."

Dear Parishioners,

Today I want to share with you a letter I received from Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., Archbishop of Chicago:

"In the midst of a lengthy political campaign, matters of public policy that are also moral issues sometimes are misrepresented or are presented in a partial or manipulative fashion. While everyone could be expected to know the Church's position on the immorality of abortion and the role of law in protecting unborn children, it seems some profess not to know it and others, even in the Church, dispute it. Since this teaching has recently been falsely presented, the following clarification may be helpful.

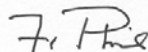
The Catholic Church, from its first days, condemned the aborting of unborn children as gravely sinful. Not only Scripture's teaching about God's protection of life in the womb (consider the prophets and the psalms and the Gospel stories about John the Baptist and Jesus Himself in Mary's womb), but also the first century catechism (the Didache or Teaching of the Twelve Apostles) said: "You shall not slay the child by abortions. You shall not kill what is generated." The teaching of the Church was clear in a Roman Empire that permitted abortion. This same teaching has been constantly reiterated in every place and time up to Vatican II, which condemned abortion as a "heinous crime". This is true today and will be so tomorrow. Any other comments, by politicians, professors, pundits or the occasional priest, are erroneous and cannot be proposed in good faith.

This teaching has consequences for those charged with caring for the common good, those who hold public office. The unborn child, who is alive and is a member of the human family, cannot defend himself or herself. Good law defends the defenseless. Our present laws permit unborn children to be privately killed. Laws that place unborn children outside the protection of law destroy both the children killed and the common good, which is the controlling principle of Catholic social teaching. One cannot favor the legal status quo on abortion and also be working for the common good.

This explains why the abortion issue will not disappear and why it is central to the Church's teaching on a just social order. The Church does not endorse candidates for office, but she does teach the principles according to which Catholics should form their social consciences. The teaching, which covers intrinsic evils such as abortion and many other issues that are matters of prudential judgment, could not be clearer; the practice often falls short because we are all sinners. There is no room for self-righteousness in Catholic moral teaching.

The Conference of Bishops in this country have spoken often about Catholic social teaching and political life. All of us should keep our country and all the candidates for office in the next election in our prayers. God bless you and your families."

Love and peace,



Sun., September 14

7:30 a.m. Phillip & Bertille Gleich
Edward & Gary Faber
Clarence & Zelma
Nesselhauf

9:30 a.m. Virginia Bodner
Ray Bush
James Rupp

11:30 a.m. Carol & Bill Darling
Florence & William Perry
Marguerite & Walter Sheets

5:00 p.m. For the Parish

Mon., Sept. 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows

8:15 a.m. F. Leo & Madelyn Groff
Joseph & Geraldine
Strickfaden

Tues., September 16 - Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian

8:15 a.m. Don & Florence Koelsch
Dorothy Printy

Wed., Sept. 17 - St. Robert Bellarmine

8:15 a.m. Ellen Green Family
Ashley & Frances Galloway

Thurs., September 18

8:15 a.m. John Feltman
Jim, Wallace & Julia Feltman

Fri., September 19 - St. Januarius

8:15 a.m. Marianne Barry
Marie Sloma

Sat., September 20 - Sts. Andrew Kim Taegon & Paul Chong Hasang

8:15 a.m. Leo Kromer
2:00 p.m. Wedding - David Routh & Emily Horsman

4:00 p.m. **NO Mass here today**
Mass at Oktoberfest, 4:00
Erie County Fairgrounds

Sun., September 21

7:30 a.m. Lamont & Alice Cattano
Cletus Ritzenthaler (Ann.)
Peter & Helen Verock

9:30 a.m. Joseph C. Ritzenthaler
Gerald Clay
Brad Rudolph

11:30 a.m. Teresa McMonigal
Ray Bollini
Lucia Bollini
Christopher Bowie
William Kaiser, Jr. - 30 days

5:00 p.m. For the Parish

*If you can't sleep,
don't count sheep.
Talk to the Shepherd.*

Community News

Sept. 17 - Community Supper Program at First Congregational Church, 4-5:30 p.m., Team 8

Sept. 21 - All You Can Eat Breakfast, Monroeville K of C, Peru Rd., Monroeville, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Sept. 19 - The next WOW Social for widow & widowers, St. Paul's, Norwalk. Call Diane Wiles at 419-660-5813 to leave a message; she'll get back to you. \$3 donation.

Sept. 21 - Basilica & National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, Carey - Hispanic Day. Confessions, Mass in Spanish at noon. Call 419-396-7107 for more information or www.olcshrine.com.

School News

Sept. 15 - 7 p.m. Open House Gr. 7-12 SMCC Campus
Sept. 16 - School Pictures Grades 7-12
Sept. 19 - 7:30 p.m. Pep Rally Bonfire, Erie County

Fairgrounds
Sept. 20 - Oktoberfest, Noon-Midnight, Erie County Fairgrounds



Life Teen Kick Off

September 28th @ Holy Angels
5:00 PM Mass – Everyone welcomed!
6:00 PM Life Night – Teens grades 9-12 welcomed!
Adults needed to support Life Nights behind the scenes – contact John Collart @ 419.357.4484
Go to www.sanduskylifeteen.org for more information.
“Teens - find our group on Facebook! Sandusky LifeTeen”

Parish Happenings. . .

Parish Office closed 12:30 - 1:30 for the lunch hour.
Office Hours: Monday & Friday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday - 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Join us for the rosary every Tues., 7 p.m. in Church.

Sept. 20 - Oktoberfest from 12 noon to 12 midnight at Erie County Fairgrounds. Kids games, adult games of chance, German food, live music and more! A Tri-Parish Mass will be celebrated at 4 p.m.

Sept. 24 - SCCS has scheduled Dr. Ray Guarendi for a presentation at 6:30 p.m., entitled **Being Strong as a Parent**. Please join us at the SMCC Den for this presentation. Dr. Guarendi, a father of 10, is a popular speaker as he blends his real life examples and humor into his message. He is a host of radio shows on Ave Maria Radio, EWTN Radio and Relevant Radio.com. Tune in from 1-2 p.m. on Tues., Wed., & Thurs. to hear him on avemaria.net. You may have also seen him on Oprah, 700 Club or CBS This Morning, etc. Please join us and bring a friend! You will leave feeling upbeat and much more self-confident.



Within the Catholic community of Sandusky, there exists abundant opportunities for everyone to foster and strengthen their relationship with Jesus Christ. Unfortunately, many are not well publicized and go unnoticed. These opportunities are sometimes hard to find or seem to be available only for a select few. To better coordinate these opportunities that are available to everyone, **Adventures in Faith's name and logo** will be the **code word** and **sign** for the various opportunities existing for growing in one's relationship with Jesus and His Church.

In the next week or two, an Adventures in Faith mailing will come to your home. This mailing is a CAL-NDAR showcasing all the Adult Faith Growth Opportunities available in the Sandusky community for the next several months. This calendar gives topics, dates, speakers, contact persons and descriptions of all the opportunities available within the three parishes of Sandusky. Come and continue your journey as a disciple of Christ.



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

Pro-Life Message: RESPECT LIFE MEETING - 6 p.m. Sept. 16, Tuesday/Lower Room. Join us this year...an open invitation. Send a representative from your group/ministry/classroom. Together let us be a parish that is grounded in THE CULTURE OF LIFE. For more info, call Karen 419-341-5559.

Sponsors Needed for RCIA: Are you willing to “walk” with someone interested in becoming a Catholic? Meetings are on Tuesdays now through May, 2009 from 7-8:45 p.m. Locations rotate among the three Catholic parishes. For more info, call Monica at 419-625-7465.

Natural Family Planning - Curious about what NFP has to offer you? Come find out at a three-part series of classes about NFP that begin Wednesday, Sept. 17. Married, as well as engaged couples, are invited to call Roger & Pat Frey at 419-433-6352 for more information and to register for the series.



The Contemporary Choir is now accepting new members! We sing at the 11:30 Mass on Sundays, and our repertoire includes Praise & Worship favorites, as well as music by current Catholic artists. This group is open to 7th graders and older. Rehearsals are underway, and are Wednesday nights in the Church from 7-8:30 p.m. For more information, contact Heather Gerber, hgerber@stmarysandusky.org or come join us this Wednesday!



Part-time cafeteria position available at SMCC cafeteria. Call Shelley Veverka 419-626-1892 x 243 as soon as possible.
We are in desperate need of some more people to help with cleaning the Church on Friday mornings once a month. Please call the parish office if you can help!

Parish Information . . .

Mass & Reconciliation 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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat. 3:00 p.m.

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

Rev. Philip S. Feltman, Pastor

Rev. David Nuss, Associate Pastor/Faculty SMCC

Deacon Bill Burch, Parish Outreach

Deacon Jeff Claar, Business Manager

Deacon Kishore Kottana

Tim Claubaugh Sr., Music Director/Organist

Mark Fitzthum, Property Manager

Mary Riesterer, Parish Secretary

Ruth Guendelsberger, Bookkeeper

Deanna Faber - webmaster@stmarysandusky.org

Faith Formation Ministries

Debbie Geason - Catechetical Leader 621-7456

Sara Fitzgerald - Adventures In Faith Director 625-3692

Fr. David Nuss - Sandusky Life Teen 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, Steve Meister, Rita Meister, Pam Riggs, Anne Smith, Paul Stanley, Helen Sturbaum, Julie Youskievicz

Sandusky Central Catholic School

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

Superintendent: Dr. Judy Monaghan

Early Childhood Center

Holy Angels Campus

1603 W. Jefferson St.

419-626-3075

Elementary-Jr. High (4-6)

St. Mary Campus

530 Decatur St.

419-626-1648

Primary-Elementary (K-3)

Sts. Peter & Paul Campus

514 Jackson St.

419-625-1017

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