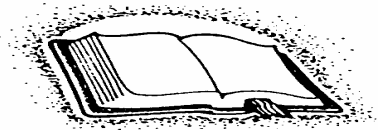


Weekly Scripture
Readings

Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

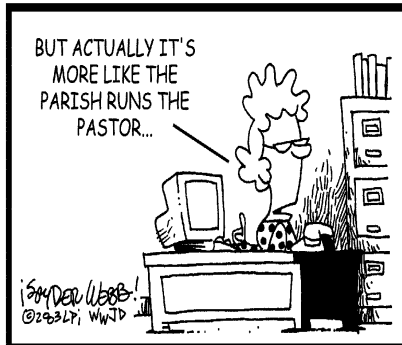
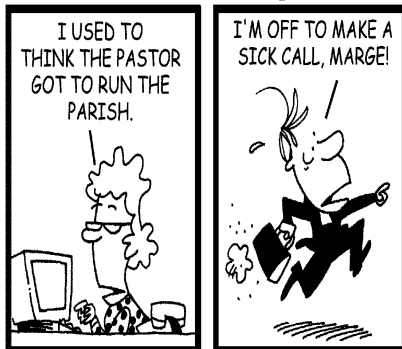
Of Personal Concern . . .



- Mon.:** Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13
Ps. 19:2-5
Matthew 9:9-13
- Tues.:** Ezra 6:7-8,12b,14-20
Ps. 122:1-5
Luke 8:19-21
- Wed.:** Ezra 9:5-9
(Ps.) Tobit 13:2-4,6-8
Luke 9:1-6
- Thurs.** Haggai 1:1-8
Ps. 149:1-6,9
Luke 9:7-9
- Fri.:** Haggai 2:1-9
Ps. 43:1-4
Luke 9:18-22
- Sat.:** Zechariah 2:5-9,14-15a
(Ps.) Jeremiah 31:10-13
Luke 9:43b-45
- Sun.:** Numbers 11:25-29
Ps. 19:8,10,12-14
James 5:1-6
Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

Insights from Fr. Flood

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



A Family Perspective

While it is true parents raise children, it is also true children raise parents. Children help us discover our ability to be tender, compassionate, understanding, forgiving, loving and much more. This is one of the perks of parenting; we discover ourselves.

In Sympathy

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

Wedding Banns

Banns II - Jason Holland & Amber Wensink

Parents' Week - Year of the Parent 2009 - Sept. 20-26 is the annual celebration of Parents' Week in the State of Ohio. Recognizing the critical and irreplaceable role that parents play in the lives of their children is the primary focus for this week. The Family Life Office of Catholic Charities asks those of you who are parents to take time each day of the week to celebrate the privilege and blessings of being a parent.

40 Days for Life Kick-Off Rally - Everyone is invited to attend the "40 Days for Life Kick-off Rally", led by Fr. John Miller and Fr. Kishore Kottana on Tues., Sept. 22 at 7 p.m. outside the Center for Choice, 328 22nd St., Toledo. This ecumenical event will include prayer, an inspirational talk, helpful advice, and more! 40DFL yard signs will also be available! For more info, contact Ann at toledoeagle@hotmail.com or call 419-708-9497. Visit www.ProLifeConnection.com for the latest details. Remember "40 Days for Life" begins Wed., Sept. 23 and ends on Sun., Nov. 1!

Third Annual Diocesan Red Mass: Members of local parishes in the Diocese of Toledo that serve in any capacity of the legal profession and their family members are invited to attend this Mass on Sunday, Sept. 27 at 11 a.m. at Rosary Cathedral in Toledo. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Leonard Blair and will incorporate a special blessing upon all who work in the practice of law. A continental-breakfast reception for those in the legal profession and their families will follow in Monsignor Smith Auditorium.

Flu Shots: The parish nurses at Sts. Peter & Paul are arranging the administration of seasonal flu shots on Sunday, Oct. 4 from 8:30 to 12 noon in their Gathering Space. See the bulletin board for more details.

Special thanks to our bulletin sponsor of the week - North Coast Clinical Laboratory, Inc.

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- Week of 9/13/09
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RUN SO AS TO WIN! (1 Cor 9:25)*True Christian Greatness*

Our Gospel for this week (Mark 9:30-37) picks up where last week's text left off. Recall Jesus being with His disciples and asking that famous question, "Who do you say that I am?" Having clarified who He is - *the Christ* - and having clarified the nature of His mission—*suffering love seen perfectly in the Cross* - Jesus continues His journey alongside the disciples.

The scene today opens with the disciples discussing something among them. We notice that the intensity of their discussion grows quickly like a Lake Erie storm. While we might imagine they are intensely discussing Jesus' instructions and passionately encouraging one another to take them to heart, we soon learn that what they really are doing is arguing who among them is the greatest.

Are you kidding me?!

How beautifully today's Gospel reading anticipates all of us, all of Jesus' present day disciples! Over and over again, we hear all about the path of suffering love. We hear it at Mass, we hear it preached, we hear it taught. My goodness, displayed before us constantly is the image of Jesus Crucified - not only in Church, but so frequently seen in art and jewelry all around us outside of Church. While we might imagine intense discussions taking place among ourselves to take Jesus' way to heart and passionately encourage each other to make it so, we know how often we think and act just like the disciples. We suffer the same self-absorption. Pride and folly do not discriminate. We pine after power, privilege and worldly honor - arguing who among us is the greatest, positioning ourselves to be seen and noticed and adored.

For sure we do affirm Jesus is Lord, and we do affirm His path of suffering love, and yet, when push comes to shove, we are not always eager to walk His way.

Jesus patiently tries once again to explain and encourage. Taking a child, Jesus places it in the midst of the arguing disciples, and putting His arms around the child, Jesus says to the disciples: "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me, but the one who sent me" (v.37).

What does *receiving* a child mean? Well, it means that we are to become like the little child. What Jesus is saying is that grasping, gaining, climbing the ladder, hoarding possessions, holding off rivals - all of that - is the path of disappointment, discouragement and, ultimately, spiritual death. And, furthermore, the path of happiness, contentment, meaning and fulfillment follows the steps of the little child.

Just imagine Jesus crouching down and putting His arms around a little child and then proposing the child as the great model to His disciples! Friends, Jesus is speaking to us.

Children have an extraordinary capacity to find joy in the simplest things and simplest activities. I remember fondly as a little kid growing up in Wisconsin how I could spend hours-on-end inventing imaginary worlds. And in the same backyard hours upon hours would be spent playing baseball and football with kids from the neighborhood. Such games normally would end only when we could no longer see the ball - oftentimes the lost ball signaled the end of the game! In these moments we were not thinking about the past nor was there a worry about what we did not have or what others had that we did not. We were not consumed in bitter rivalries and petty jealousies. We simply were immersed in the present moment, enjoying fully what was right in front of us.

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

Mon., September 21 - St. Matthew

- 8:15 a.m. Cletus Ritzenthaler (Ann.)

Tues., September 22

- 8:15 a.m. George Harkness
Hilda Windau
Audrey Windau

Wed., Sept. 23 - St. Pio of Pietrelcina

- 8:15 a.m. Ronald Riesterer
Nell Didion
Peter & Leona Subcasky

Thurs., September 24

- 8:15 a.m. Special Intention
John Yochem

Fri., September 25

- 8:15 a.m. James Malahy

Sat., Sept. 26 - Sts. Cosmas & Damian

- 8:15 a.m. Norbert Krebs
4:00 p.m. Jack Etherington, Sr.
Rolland, Sylvia & Robert Erney
Sylvia Rathburn

Sun., September 27

- 7:30 a.m. For the Parish
9:30 a.m. Mary Ellen Link (Ann.)
Hilda (Ann.) & Eugene
Windau, David Windau
- 11:30 a.m. Ray Bush
Special Intention
- 5:00 p.m. Marlene Grathwol
Leona Allen
Sam Ulery

We all can become so preoccupied with what might be, what we don't have, what other people might be thinking about us. Jesus proposes the child as the great model of discipleship. Live more fully in the present moment.

As disciples of Jesus, we do not set the terms in the Kingdom of God. After all, it is not a Kingdom of our making. Rather, it is God's gift to us, for us to receive now by means of taking to heart the life, teaching, death and resurrection of Jesus. Only in *receiving* will we taste the riches that Jesus makes available to us: "If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all" (v.35).

School News

Sept. 22 - School Pictures Gr. 4-6
Sept. 23 - Mass Gr. 7-12; 1:35 p.m. SPP Church

Sept. 24 - Mass Gr. K-6, 8:15 a.m. SPP Church
Oct. 2 - Interim reports issued



Thought for the week: "Peace begins with a smile."-Mother Theresa

Kick –Off Mass Update: Sandusky Life Teen's kick-off Mass on Sunday, September 13, 2009 was a beautiful celebration. We would like to thank Father Marty Nassr, Father Dave Nuss, Father Chris Kardzis, Father Jason Kahle, Deacon Jeff Claar, and Deacon Bill Burch for concelebrating our first Mass of the year. We as a Ministry are incredibly grateful to have your support and prayers.

September 20th: Watch out, the God Squad will be present for the Life Night. These individuals do not joke around when it comes to cracking down on anyone breaking the commandments. Teens, you will want to be present to see who gets busted.

September 27th: Dust off the old records, and get out the old-school clothing and come to the Retro Life Night. This night we will learn why the Original Plan is always the best!

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.



PRAY FOR . . . Remember that there is a network of over 30 parishioners praying daily for specific requests. If you have a prayer need, call Pauline and Stephanie at 419-626-4373. Please pray for our shut-ins at home, in nursing homes or in the hospital. If they desire Communion, call the parish office 419-625-7465.

Families Living Out the Word in Everyday Routines. provided by Office for Family Ministry by Faith Offman *What were you arguing about on the way?...they remained silent...they had been discussing who was the greatest...Silence. . . a sure sign for parents and adults that the bickering and whining is petty at best. He said...she said...it's my turn...no, I am better...that's mine...I'm older...I'm stronger...* We step in, ask what all the arguing is about, and we are greeted with silence...often, like Jesus, we can determine what the arguing was about - even in their silence. We then seek a way to respond, point to the childishness of the situation and challenge with examples that call forth a change in perspective that (hopefully) leads to new growth and maturity.

Evangelization Thought: "What will convert America and save the world? My answer is prayer. What we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in Holy Hours of prayer."
(Mother Teresa of Calcutta)

Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift!



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

Music Ministry: Be sure to check out our Music Ministry web page for informing, educational and interesting articles about music and liturgy. To get to the Music Ministry web page, go to our Parish website www.stmarysandusky.org, then go to "Volunteer Opportunities" in the sidebar and click on "Music". When you get to the music page, go to "Click [here](#) for the St. Mary's Music Ministry website" and "Presto" you are there!

Ministry Schedules: If you would like your Ministry Schedule emailed to you, please send current email address to ministry@stmarysandusky.org. Also, include any requests to the schedule. Thank you.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Sept. 23 - Community Supper Program, First Congregational Church, 4-5:30 p.m., Team 3

Sept. 25 - Witzler-Shank Funeral Home is proud to present Marilyn Willet Heavilin, author of the best seller "Roses in December". 6:30-8:30 p.m., 222 E. South Boundary, Perrysburg. See bulletin board for more details.

Sept. 27 - St. Joseph Catholic Church, 822 Barclay St., Marblehead Fall Festival, 11:30 to 4 p.m.

Sept. 27 - St. Michael Parish Gibsonburg, Chicken BBQ Dinner, 11 a.m. to ???

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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Deacon Jeff Claar, Business Manager
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