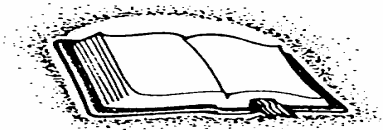


Weekly Scripture
Readings

Twenty-Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Of Personal Concern . . .



- Mon.:** Romans 4:20-25
(Ps.) Luke 1:69-75
Luke 12:13-21
- Tues.:** Romans 5:12,15b,17-19,
20b-21
Ps. 40:7-10,17
Luke 12:35-38
- Wed.:** Romans 6:12-18
Ps. 124:1-8
Luke 12:39-48
- Thurs.** Romans 6:19-23
Ps. 1:1-4,6
Luke 12:49-53
- Fri.:** Romans 7:18-25a
Ps. 119:66,68,76-77,93,94
Luke 12:54-59
- Sat.:** Romans 8:1-11
Ps. 24:1-6
Luke 13:1-9
- Sun.:** Jeremiah 31:7-9
Ps. 126:1-6
Hebrews 5:1-6
Mark 10:46-52

A Family Perspective

"Advice" books abound on marriage and parenting. Jesus tells us in today's gospel the real secret: satisfying relationships depend on how well we sacrifice our needs to serve others. It is not about "getting", it's about "giving" the gift of ourselves. Life giving service is the sacrament of family life.

In Sympathy

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

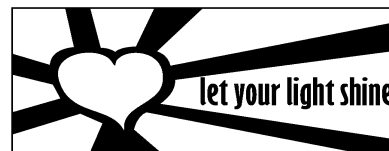
Wedding Banns

- Banns III - Ryan Mills & Becky Teagarden
- Banns III - Steve Balcerzak & Tracy Mead

40 Days for Life: 2 weeks left! If you haven't participated in **40 Days for Life** yet this year, there's still time to get involved! Even if you have taken part, come again! Each day, prayer volunteers are maintaining a peaceful, prayerful presence at the abortion center from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. There are still many hours where help is needed! Contact Ann to sign-up, 419-708-9497 or toledo eagle@hotmail.com. Also, plan on coming to the **Final Hour Prayer Service for Unborn** on Sunday, Nov. 1 at 2 p.m. For more details, visit www.40daysforlife.com/toledo. The Culture of Life depends on us ALL!

Insights from Fr. Flood

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Special thanks to our bulletin sponsor of the week - First Federal Savings of Lorain, Sandusky Office

Stewardship Way of Life

- Week of 10/11/09
- Envelopes 475
- Weekly - \$15,400.00
- Monthly - \$ 3,155.00
- Total Collection - \$18,555.00

Team 4 to count on 10/19

Please do not tape or staple your envelopes

Good stewards must not argue about who is the most important. Today's Gospel says clearly that those who aspire to greatness must humbly serve the needs of all. Even Jesus came not to be served, but to serve.

ODDS AND ENDS



Over the years as each flu season arrives, concerns are raised over the possibility of transmitting viruses during liturgical celebrations. The potential for an individual to contact a flu virus exists everywhere. Earlier this fall, Bishop Blair gave pastors permission to make limited changes in the Mass if necessary. I have contacted over a dozen physicians – general practitioners, internists and pediatricians in Sandusky as well as several physicians beyond our community including the head of Infectious Disease at a prominent Cleveland hospital - in an effort to understand our current situation. At this moment, *common sense and good hygienic practices* will do far more to lessen the impact of numerous flu viruses than liturgical mandates. A few reminders are in order:

- Parishioners are not bound by any obligation to attend Mass on Sunday if they are sick or have been exposed to the flu and they only should return to Church when they are well.
- People are neither obligated nor expected to hold hands during the Lord's Prayer.
- There is no single gesture required for the Sign of Peace. If a handshake or an embrace raise concerns, *a bow or head nod is a perfectly acceptable means* — at any time of the year — to express our peace in Jesus Christ before we share the Eucharist. Simply put, *respect the person beside you*.
- All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are required to wash their hands with prescribed anti-bacterial solution right before distributing Communion.
- Those uncomfortable receiving from the cup should not feel obligated to do so.

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October is the month of the Rosary. This simple, biblical, Jesus-centered meditation can be prayed anywhere and by everyone. Please, teach it to your children and start praying it again yourself. We pray the rosary together in Church every Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. and newcomers always are welcome!

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Recently, I prayed at the graves of my predecessors buried at St. Mary's Cemetery and Calvary Cemetery. Upon such holy and venerable ground, I only could praise God for His lavish graces upon our historic parish. Gelobt sei Gott!

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It was a time to have kept my mouth shut. A bet was made between me and one of our terrific Catholic school 5th grade students: I boldly stated that my beloved Green Bay Packers would beat the dreaded Minnesota Vikings on Monday Night Football. Undoubtedly, the purple Vikings jersey I had to wear for an entire day to the delight of spirited children freed many souls from purgatory. Here is hoping the Pack gets back on track and quickly!

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The presentation by nationally acclaimed Catholic speaker and author Jason Evert was absolutely outstanding! Entitled "Romance Without Regret," Jason's refreshing, challenging and entertaining message to the SMCC students, faculty and staff provided all hearers of his talk with a compelling perspective to live fully by living chastely. Check out his amazing talk which is embedded on the Catholic school web site: www.sanduskycentralcatholic.org.

Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us!

Sun., October 18

- 7:30 a.m. Gladys Young
James Biehl
Special Intention
- 9:30 a.m. Ray Bush
David Windau (Ann.)
Bob & Mary Guendelsberger
- 11:30 a.m. Teresa McMonigal
Gerald Clay
Robert Koelsch (Ann.)

**Baptism at Mass
2nd Grade Enrollment**

- 5:00 p.m. For the Parish
- Mon., Oct. 19 - Sts. John deBrebeuf & Isaac Jogues**
- 8:15 a.m. Marianne Barry Family
Andrew McMonigal-30 days

Tues., October 20 - Paul of the Cross

- 8:15 a.m. Al Wintersteller
Elizabeth Ferber

Wed., October 21

- 8:15 a.m. James Malahy
- 2:00 p.m. Mass Gr. 7-12

Thurs., October 22

- 8:15 a.m. Albert & Mary Ferback
Martin Reed (Ann.)
Laurie Wagner (Ann.)

Fri., Oct. 23 - St. John of Capistrano

- 8:15 a.m. William Hahler

Sat., Oct. 24 - St. Anthony Mary Claret

- 8:15 a.m. Leo & Caroline Sartor Family
- 12:00 p.m. Wedding - Ryan Mills & Becky Teagarden
- 2:00 p.m. Wedding - Steve Balcerzak & Tracy Mead
- 4:00 p.m. Thomas & Millie Cucaro
Marlene Grathwol
Leona Allen
George Hritsko (Ann.)

Sun., October 25

- 7:30 a.m. Chester & Kathryn Wade
Elizabeth Ferber
Virginia Fleming
- 9:30 a.m. Brad Rudolph
Mary Ellen Link
Jim, Julia & Wallace Feltman
- 11:30 a.m. Mary G. Cheetham (Ann.)
Doug Wieber & Class 1955
- 8th Grade Enrollment**
- 5:00 p.m. For the Parish

Tips for a Better Life

Don't waste your precious energy on gossip, issues of the past, negative thoughts or things you cannot control. Instead, invest your energy in the positive present moment.

Eat breakfast like a king, lunch like a prince and dinner like a college kid with a maxed out charge card.

Smile and laugh more. It will keep the negative blues away.

School News

Oct. 21 - Mass Grades 7-12, 2 p.m. St. Mary's Church
Oct. 22 - Mass Gr. K-6, 8:15 a.m. St. St. Mary's Church
Oct. 27 - Junior Retreat

Oct. 28 - 8th Grade Diocesan ACRE Testing
Oct. 30 - First Quarter ends

Dear Parishioners,

The SMCC Teen Leadership class is collecting broken, used or scratched glasses for "Sight Night", a program run by the Lions Club which donates the glasses to Third World Countries. We will be collecting eyeglasses during the weeks of October 18, 25 and November 1. All donations will be of much help and will be greatly appreciated! Please do not turn in the glass case with the pair of eyeglasses. Thank you and God Bless,

The Sandusky Central Catholic Teen Leadership Class

Sandusky Life Teen



Quote of the Week: "Nothing is sweeter than to think well of others."
-St. Therese of Lisieux

SLT Update: We have been seeing about 45-50 teens from SMCC, Sandusky, Perkins, Margaretta, Bellevue, and Danbury every Sunday evening. Please continue to pray for our teens and ministry!

Sandusky Life Teen is having a holy hour in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at St. Mary's Church every Thursday from 2:00-3:00pm. All adults are welcome to come join us. If you have any prayer requests or intentions, please let Brittany know and we will pray for your intentions during this Holy Hour. Let us continue to put the Blessed Sacrament first in our lives and ministry.

**Join us in celebrating Mass every Sunday evening at 5:00pm at Holy Angels.
Teens stick around afterward for dinner and one-of-a-kind life nights.
Bring a friend and COME JOIN IN !!!**

Other Items of Interest

Evangelization Thought: Active evangelizing is the fruit of prayer. Prayer confers energy to everyday life. Allow Mary to speak to your heart through her rosary. Petition the Holy Trinity for the grace of perseverance.

Oktoberfest Raffle Winners: 1st - \$4,000 - Kenneth & Nancy Wyneski, 2nd - \$2,000 - Phyllis Gruhlke, 3rd - \$1,000 - Marvin Sinwald.

Oct. 25 - 8th graders will be enrolled for the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 11:30 Mass.

Oct. 25 - Parent/Sponsor meeting in the Commons 7 p.m.



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

St. Mary's Children's Choir is still accepting members. No audition required. Please call Mr. Schmenk at 419-609-9712 for more information or come to rehearsal at 10:45 a.m. Sunday in the Choir Room.



Take a deep breath. It calms the mind!

Keeping You Informed

The insert in this week's bulletin might seem familiar; it is the summary of ideas that was gathered just over one year ago when our former pastor, Fr. Phil Feltman, invited us to Kalahari for a parishioner input session. It was a great gathering and many good ideas flowed forth. As you will see, we have taken your input to heart and have been awfully busy this past year. We completed or made progress on over 20 of your most popular ideas.

Recently our new pastor, Fr. Dave Nuss, invited you to make your thoughts known to him in a different way. Over 200 parishioners took the time to attend one of his small-group listening sessions held this summer. Although the sessions were different, many of the best ideas surfaced again and new ones emerged.

Fr. Dave has asked that I prepare this update and share it with you so that together we can celebrate our accomplishments and renew our efforts, all for the glory of God. The best of the Fr. Dave Listening Sessions will be coming soon. Stay tuned!

Keep the Faith,
Deacon Jeff Claar
Business Manager

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

SUN., Oct. 18	9:30 am	Childrens Liturgy of the Word	Parish Commons
	9:30 am	Good Shepherd Program	(Atrium) Parish Center
	10:30 am	7th Grade PSR Class	Lower Room
	10:45 am	Childrens Choir Practice	Choir Room
	11:30 am	Childrens Liturgy of the Word	Parish Commons
	11:30 am	Good Shepherd Program	(Atrium) Parish Center
	11:30 am	Baptism at Mass	Church
	11:30 am	Second Grade Enrollment at Mass	Church
	1:00 pm	Baptisms	Church
	5:00 pm	Sandusky Life Teen Mass	Holy Angels Church
6:00 pm	Teen Dinner and Life Night	Holy Angels Church	
7:00 pm	First Reconciliation Parent	Commons	
MON., Oct. 19	9:00 am	Church Cleaners Team #1	Church
	5:00 pm	Bulletin Deadline	Office
	7:00 pm	First Reconciliation Parent-Adv	Commons
TUE., Oct. 20	6:00 pm	Holy Hour for Life	Church
	6:30 pm	Rosary	Church
	7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study	Commons
	7:00 pm	RCIA	Sts. Peter and Paul Faith Formation Center
WED., Oct. 21	4:00 pm	Community Supper Team #6	First Congregational Church
	5:45 pm	Parish School of Religion (PSR)	Sandusky Central Catholic School
	5:45 pm	Catholic Coffee House	SCCS High School Library
	5:45 pm	Fit-N-Faith	SCCS High School Cafeteria
	7:00 pm	Comtemporary Choir Practice	Church
THU., Oct. 22	2:00 pm	Sandusky Life Teen Holy Hour	Blessed Sacrament Chapel
	7:30 pm	Parish Chior Practice	Church
FRI., Oct. 23	1:00 pm	Church Cleaners Team #6	Church
SAT., Oct. 24	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study	Lower Room
	12:00 pm	Wedding - Mills & Teagarden	Church
	2:00 pm	Wedding - Balcerzak & Mead	Church

Confessions 1/2 hour before every Mass

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR OCT. 24 & 25

	4:00 PM	7:30 AM	9:30 AM	11:30 AM	5:00 PM
Servers	N. Lewis	S. Lochotzki	M. Dorski	S. May	C. Baker
	D. Ritzenthaler	K. Market	A. Grant	A. McCabe	B. Kistler
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Community News

Oct. 21 - Community Supper Program, First Congregational Church, 4-5:30 p.m. Team 6

Oct. 25 - Sandusky Concert Association will be presenting Anthony & Beard, a Trumpet & Organ duo at Zion Lutheran Church, 4 p.m. Tickets can be purchased in advance at Forte Music, 212 Hancock St. or at the door. Adults \$15, Students \$5.

Nov. 14—Retreat for Lovers of Peace will be held at the Shrine Cafeteria in Carey from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Presenters are Fr. Larry Janezic, OFM and Mr. Russell Testa from *Franciscan Action Network* in Washington, D.C. They will probe the spiritual foundation for social transformation found within the Franciscan Tradition. Please register before Nov. 6 by calling Sr. Yvonne Fischer, OSF at 567-230-0056 or email yfischer@tiffinfranciscans.org. Registration fee is \$15 which includes lunch.

Nov. 21 - St. Mary Church, 38 W. League St., Norwalk, will be presenting a Dinner Theater at 6 p.m. and on **Nov. 22** at 3 p.m. in the Reynolds Hall of the Early Childhood Center, 77 State St. Advanced tickets for the show, "THE SAGA OF THE PROSPECTOR'S DAUGHTER OR SHE WAS ONLY A MINER'S MINOR", can purchased starting Oct. 1 by calling Lynn at their parish office 419-668-2005. \$20/person includes dinner and the show. No tickets will be sold at the door. Come enjoy a wonderful evening.

A Bit of Church Humor: Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B.S. is over. Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. Please use the back door.