

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

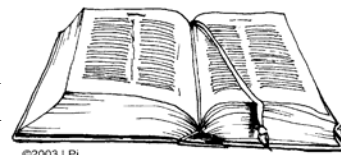
Today's Readings: Wisdom 18:6-9/Hebrew 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Luke 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

GOSPEL GLIMPSES No one knows the time

We've become a time-driven world. Even families today are driven by personal planners and palm computers ready to schedule every minute of the day. We allot specific hours to family dinners, recreation, even "quality time" with our children. In fact, our scheduling mania makes it hard for us to cope with unexpected events. We want to avoid the messiness of an unstructured future.

Jesus, however, has other ideas. He asks us to be prepared for His return, no matter when He arrives, day or night, early or late. How awkward that is for us today. It just doesn't fit our lifestyle - and that's precisely the point. Our expectation, anticipation of Jesus' return should pull us out of everyday concerns, moving our eyes off the day's schedule and onto Him. He wants to be the miraculous event that catches us by surprise, unbidden yet hoped for, unplanned but welcome. May today's reading remind us to prepare our hearts and lives for His return, today and every day.

Next Sunday's Readings: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10/Hebrew 12:1-4/Luke 12:49-53



Our Catholic Community at St. Mary's welcomes you. If you are from St. Mary Junction, please know we sincerely hope you can find a sense of belonging in our parish community. Or maybe you are someone that has recently moved to the Defiance area; know that it is good to have you. Are you a life long member of St. Mary's but recently moved out of the family home and have a new address? Whatever the circumstance is we would like to know more about you. Each year there are valuable mailings sent to all the registered households; Yearly Financial Report, Quarterly Newsletters, Stewardship Brochure, etc... and it is important that you are included. If you are not registered we cannot get these to you. Please stop in the Parish Ministry Center any weekday between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm (closed for lunch 12 noon to 1), or call and we will gladly mail a form to you.

Annual Diocesan 25th/50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Don't forget to make your reservation for this special Mass and reception. This event will take place on Sunday, September 30 at 3:00 pm at Rosary Cathedral in Toledo. If this is your special anniversary year, please come and celebrate your marriage. Deadline for reservations is Wednesday, August 22. Please call the parish office at 782-2776.

In Loving Memory: Please remember in your prayers John Newton, Alfred Zimmer and Bill Small. May they find joy in the kingdom of God and may God console their families and friends.

St. Mary Parish will celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption

A Holy Day of Obligation

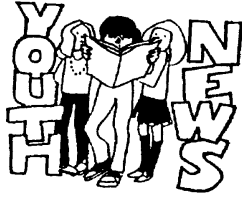
Vigil Mass- Tuesday, August 14 at 5:30 pm

Holy Day Mass- Wednesday, August 15 at 8:00 am and 5:30 pm

Congratulations to our first \$25 winner Annabelle Hasselschwert. As promised, the first Monday in August a name was drawn from the sale of raffle tickets. Annabelle has won \$25 for selling her tickets. There are five Mondays remaining, so you still have a chance to win. Just turn in the sold raffle tickets.

Help us save postage! This weekend will be the last chance to pick up raffle tickets in church. Please help us by picking yours up after Mass. Tickets that haven't been picked up by this weekend will be mailed some time next week. Thanks for helping with this major fundraiser for the church. Your continued support is appreciated!

Ladies of St. Mary's you are invited to the Toledo Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Convention "Welcome to the Lord's Table", Wednesday, September 12 at Sauder's Village, Archbold, Ohio. Registration, coffee and rolls at 8:00 am followed at 9:00 am with morning prayer and a memorial service. Liturgy will begin at 11:00 am with a luncheon at 12:30 pm. Other events and displays will be held during the day. Reservations must be made by calling Rose Pessefall at 782-7094 by Friday, August 17. Cost for the convention is \$23 due by Saturday, August 18.



Youth Ministry-Junior High School

We are busy putting together the Junior High Program for the 2007-08 school year. If you have a student in your house in Grade 7 or 8 and have not received at least one mailing from us, please call the Parish Ministry Center (782-2776) with your name, address, phone number and the name of your student. This will help us complete and correct the mailing list so we can keep you informed about the program. If you have any questions, call Deacon Jeff Mayer at the Parish Ministry Center.

Confirmation News: Attention all sophomores and parents... We are beginning to prepare for Confirmation on **April 20, 2008**. Bishop Blair is scheduled to be here. Letters have been mailed to students and their families with information about the program and orientation dates. If you are a high school sophomore and have not received the sacrament of Confirmation and did not receive a letter, please call the Parish Ministry Center. We'll get the information to you right away. Please call Deacon Jeff if you have any questions 438-6790.

Youth News: Plans are underway for an exciting high school year of programming beginning with an opening event at Putt Putt Golf & Games on Wednesday, September 12th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Registration fee for the entire year is \$25 and includes Putt Putt Golf & Games, a youth group t-shirt and weekly sessions to inspire youth and enhance our Catholic faith tradition are all included. Mark your calendar and come be a part of the group.

Everyone's invited to join in our youth ministry program

Our high school youth will have two opportunities for all parishioners to be a part of youth ministry in our parish. Watch for more details coming soon for **Shares in the Kingdom**, an opportunity to buy a share in our program with incredible dividends, and the **Elder Beerman Coupon Book Sale**, both coming your way in the fall.

EN THEOS - Enthusiasm for the Faith

As we celebrate the Assumption, what did Vatican II say about Mary's role in living out our Christian life?

Some bishops at Vatican II wanted to issue a document devoted exclusively to Mary, the Mother of God. Wisely, the bishops decided to situate Mary as an integral part of the Church's faith life. So a special section was added to the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, *Lumen Gentium*. Chapter Eight addresses Mary's special role in the life of the Church.

Realizing the excesses that were sometimes part of previous devotion to Mary, the bishops emphasized Mary as being one of us in faith. They present her, not only as the mother of Jesus, but also as the mother of the Christian community, and thereby, our mother as well.

As our mother, Mary models what it means to be a disciple. Mary, our Christian model, continually attuned herself to God's presence in her life. By hearing, reflecting and responding in faith to God's word, Mary allowed that Word to take flesh in her very being. Becoming one with the Word, Mary did not selfishly keep the Word to herself, but rather shared that Word with the world by giving birth to Jesus, God's Son. In this fashion, the Word became flesh in her life and in that of all creation. We take courage in the fact that she is one of us. Consequently, we are all invited to model for others what Mary models for us.

How does Mary become a model for you as you live out your faith life?



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Scrip News: Do you need any gift cards? When you purchase scrip, you're purchasing negotiable gift certificates and prepaid cards that are used just like cash. You can use scrip to purchase everyday expenses like food, clothing and other essentials.

We are back to weekly orders, no minimum to buy. There are lots of ways to get your order back—mail, pickup at office/school, or home drop off. Order forms can be found in the back of church. Orders can be dropped off at the school office, Parish Ministry Center, or in the Sunday collection. Orders turned in before 10 am Monday will be ready for pickup Friday. **Help us support our school by buying gift certificates through us.**

Attention: Calling all parents of a seven or eight year old second grader. Are you thinking that it may be time to prepare your child for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist? Your Sacramental Prep Team can help you! If you haven't received a letter in the mail, please call the Parish Ministry Center (782-2776) and leave your name and phone number by September 1st. We will get back to you.

Do you feel called to serve in your parish? Consider helping the Sacramental and Celebration Team. Please call the Parish Ministry Center and leave your name and phone number. Thanks!

Defiance Catholic School News:

Are you getting ready for school? You have about three weeks— the first day is Wednesday, August 29! If you haven't registered yet, you still can. You will receive a good Catholic values driven academic education and the cost is very affordable! Tuition for one child is \$1,250. \$139 a month, \$35 a week, \$7 a day. Consider ALL you will get for that investment!

Often when we think of school, we think of "pop quizzes" or tests. I have a pop quiz for you... it's even multiple choice. (Answers will appear in next week's bulletin.)

1. Besides Miss Sandy, which teacher was born and raised in Michigan?

- A. Mrs. Rohn
- B. Mrs. Griewe
- C. Mrs. Klein

Bonus point: What grade does she teach?

2. Does Defiance Catholic School have a \$100 Club?

- A. Yes
- B. No

3. What does subsidy mean?

- A. Financial support from the parish
- B. Name given by diocese to a Catholic school whose enrollment is less than 200
- C. Money received from the state

4. Tuition for 1 child is \$1,250. What if the actual cost to educate 1 child?

- A. \$2,250
- B. \$4,250
- C. \$3,250

5. Which of these people is on the Defiance Catholic School Council?

- A. Sherry Baldwin
- B. Shelly Shafer
- C. Dan Schaffer

6. Which grade can boast 100% return from last year to this school year?

- A. Kindergarten
- B. Grade 5
- C. Grade 2

7. Who said: "Defiance Catholic School is a place where your brain and heart can grow"?

- A. Miss Sandy
- B. One of the parents
- C. A fourth grade student

8. How does SCRIP help Defiance Catholic School?

- A. aide in tuition, operating expenses
- B. Camp Mohican Trip
- C. both a and b

Bonus: What is SCRIP?

9. Name the organization made up of parents, who support the school and work hard to raise money to supplement the budget.

- A. PTO
- B. Boosters
- C. Parents Working Together (PWT)

10. Defiance Catholic School implements AR. What is it?

- A. Academic Research
- B. Accelerated Reading
- C. Affirmation Rewards

So, how did you do? Check your answers next week. Enjoy these August days! Miss Sandy

Parish Finances - Stewardship of Treasure

Week of August 5th You Gave	\$9,968.50
2007-2008 Year to Date	\$60,465.50
2006-2007 Year to Date	\$59,553.25
Fiscal Year to Date <i>GAIN</i>	\$9,794.00

Have you ever wondered how you can make a difference... how you can respond to the huge issues of injustice in our world? Are you struggling to find your own call of the Spirit? Are you hungry for meaning and direction? Looking for a way to engage in spiritual development?

No matter what your age, or position, **you can** make a difference in this world. **The Servant Leadership Center** is a non-profit ministry dedicated to teaching, empowering and mobilizing people to serve people.

Classes are now forming. Come and see the opportunity that awaits you. ***Servant Leadership: Threshold to a Life Transformed*** spiritual growth group information session will be held:

Tuesday, August 21 from 7-8 pm Parish Ministry Center at St. Mary Church. For more information or if you would like to set up a time to come to the center, contact Erin Battistoni, Director of Outreach Ministry, The Servant Leadership Center, 1618 W Sylvania Avenue, Toledo Ohio 43612; 419-476-0941; ebattistoni@gmail.com; www.servantleader.org.

Daily Readings for This Week

Readings for the Week of August 12, 2007

Monday:	Dt 10:12-22/Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday:	Dt 31:1-8/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday:	Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28
	Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Thursday:	Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Mt 18:21-19:1
Friday:	Jos 24:1-13/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday:	Jos 24:14-29/Mt 19:13-15

A true blessing... learning to manage God's money biblically brings you much peace and freedom from debt. Mark & Nicole Gaerte, FPU Graduates

What does the Holy Bible say... about money? Understand God's Word on finances. **Financial Peace University**. Next class starts this fall.

WELCOME to our parish community! We are happy to have you here with us. A *special welcome* to any guests who may be visiting. May your visit be blessed.

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 13

8:00 AM Communion Service

Tuesday, August 14

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5:30 PM John Kummerer Sr.

Wednesday, August 15

8:00 AM Richard Kohout

5:30 PM Dr. H.C. Brown

Thursday, August 16

8:00 AM Janie M. Phlipot

Friday, August 17

8:00 AM Fred Bohlman Anniversary

Saturday, August 18

4:30 PM Alvin & Rita Kleman

Sunday, August 19

8:00 AM Terry Ryan

9:30 AM Catherine Bond

11:30 AM Dolores Dieringer Anniversary

Events For This Week

Monday, August 13

Furniture Bank Meeting 6:00 pm PMC

SVDP 7:00 pm PMC

Charismatic Prayer Group 7:00 pm PMC

Tuesday, August 14

Pastoral Council 7:00 pm

Bereavement Group 6:30 pm PMC

Wednesday, August 15

Finance Committee 7:00 am PMC

Social Justice Meeting 5:00 pm PMC

Joint Parish Study Meeting 7:30 pm PMC

Thursday, August 16

Noodle Club 1:00 pm School

Cantor Rehearsal 5:00 pm Church

Friday, August 17

Spanish Prayer Group 7:00 pm Chapel

Sunday, August 19

Baptisms 1:30 pm Church

The motto at my high school was "LUCEAT LUX VESTRA," which is Latin for "LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE." On each day of my life to live this motto will be a new challenge. **Matthew Kelly**
Coming September 18 & 19 to the K of C.