
ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Today's Readings: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23/Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11/Luke 12:13-21

GOSPEL GLIMPSES Heavenly credit ratings

One of the conveniences of modern living is quickly accessible, transportable wealth. No precious jewels or heavy gold bars like our medieval ancestors toted from place to place, just plastic cards a few inches in size tucked comfortably in our pocket. Automated tellers and web access worldwide mean that wherever we travel we're "covered" for every contingency. Almost.



Today Jesus reminds us that money isn't a source of security in this world or the next. While we should be responsible stewards of the goods God provides, we can't rely on material goods as a future "insurance policy." God holds our future and our success in His hands. Only He knows how long we have to enjoy our blessings here on earth. So Jesus calls us instead to be rich in what matters to God, keeping an eye on our heavenly credit rating. Then one day when we face our Lord, He will account us good stewards of the most precious treasure He has given us, our soul.

Next Sunday'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

Complimentary Copies of Compassion

Compassion is a publication written by Death Row Inmates for Death Row Inmates. It was originated through the efforts of Deacon Ken Cappelletty and Fred Moor of St. Rose Parish, Perrysburg, Ohio, approximately six years ago. It is printed bi-monthly by The Peace and Justice Committee of St. Rose Parish and is sent free to all 3,400 Death Row prisoners in the United States. Half of the subscriptions and undesignated donations are given in College Scholarships to immediate family members of murdered victims, and so far \$20,000 plus has been donated for scholarships. We have placed a few complimentary copies of the publication at each of the church entrances. We invite you to take a look at it and if interested take a copy with you. You may wish to subscribe or just support this effort.

Noodle Club News: The Noodle Club will be rolling again August 9 and 16 in the school hall at 1:00 pm. Anyone who would like to join this ministry, please come! We would love to have you there.

St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society will have a Bazaar Booth and Bake Sale at the Parish Festival. Please be working on craft and art items to donate. Donations of craft items, baked goods and fresh produce will be needed at the booth. Watch the bulletin for further information. Any questions contact Rose Pessefall at 782-7094.

55+ Club Meeting: Tuesday, August 28 at St. Michael's Ridge. Rosary will be at 10:45 am followed by Mass at 11:00 am. There will be a catered dinner at 12:00 noon, a business meeting and cards/bingo will follow. Committee members are Delores Jacob, Audrey Walk, Pat Fronk and Delores Ryan. For reservations please call by Friday, August 24: Delores Ryan at 782-9441 or Georgiana Wagner at 497-3762.



RCIA Now is the time to get signed up for RCIA, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, and for RCIC, Rite of Initiation for Children. These sessions are for people wishing to join the church, for those wanting to complete their catechesis, e.g. Confirmation. It is also for those simply wishing to learn more about their faith or review what they were taught in the past. Please call Deacon George Newton at 419-782-2776 or 419-393-2869 for information for yourself or someone you know.

Retiro in Spanish August 11th and 12th at Defiance Catholic School Hall, St. Mary Campus, 702 Washington Ave., Defiance. With Chicago team and their music ministry. Theme: "Mis ovejas reconocen mi voz, y yo las conozco y ellas me siguen." Sn John 10:27. For more information call Fela Trevino at 784-4508.

We become what we love.
Matthew Kelly

*Two unforgettable evenings with Matthew Kelly:
BECOMING-THE-BEST-VERSION-OF-YOURSELF*

You are invited to join us as we welcome **Matthew Kelly** to Defiance on September 18 & 19, 2007 at 7:00 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Matthew Kelly is a *New York Times* bestselling author and is widely recognized today as one of the best speakers in the world. With his keen sense of humor and heart-warming charm, Kelly has been effortlessly elevating and energizing audiences in more than 50 countries for more than a decade. Throughout these two evenings in September, Matthew Kelly will discuss God's dream for us to become *the-best-version-of-ourselves* and the role that our relationships and our faith play in the quest to discover lasting happiness.

"Only then do we come to the stunning realization that: Anything or anyone that does not bring you alive is too small for you."

Each night, Matthew Kelly will present a different talk.

Do not miss this opportunity to hear one of the most captivating and sought-after voices of our time!
Questions? Call 419.782.2776.

**ALL AGES ARE WELCOME AND
ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!**

Organist. St. Wendelin, PO Box 836, Fostoria, OH 44830. Phone 419-435-6692. Part-time position for a 2,000 family parish, with an elementary and high school. Responsibilities include playing weekend liturgies, holy days, special liturgies and weddings. Daily liturgies and school celebrations may also be required. Accompanies the memorial choir for funeral liturgies, and the adult and children's choirs. Competent keyboard skills required for a 1993 Holtkamp Organ and Baldwin Grand. Send resume and references to Shellie Gabel at the above address.



Are you the parent of a five year old child and want your child to attend an enriching all day kindergarten? Defiance Catholic School is the place for you! We can support YOU in the physical, emotional, spiritual development of your child! It is not too late to register. Call St. John Campus (419-782-2136); the office will be open from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Defiance Catholic School will **STRENGTHEN** students in their relationship with Jesus, their knowledge, their Christian values and their personal gifts.

"It's a place where your brain and heart can grow." from a fourth grade DCS student

Isn't that what you want for your child?
Enjoy these August days! Miss Sandy

School Uniforms Available at St. John Campus
Starting Tuesday, August 7th, gently used school uniforms can be picked up at Defiance Catholic School, St. John Campus. Shirts, shorts, pants, skirts and jumpers will all be available. If you have any uniforms that your children have outgrown please drop them off. You can stop by the office from 10:00 am to noon or by appointment.

**Annual Diocesan 25th/50th Wedding
Anniversary Celebration**

Bishop Leonard P. Blair invites couples across the Diocese who have celebrated or are celebrating their 25th, 50th, 60th or more year wedding anniversary in 2007 to a special Mass and reception in their honor. This event will take place on Sunday, September 30 at 3:00 pm at Rosary Cathedral in Toledo. Each celebrating couple will have reserved seats. They will receive a certificate signed by Bishop Leonard P. Blair recognizing their commitment to each other in their marriage. A reception will follow in the Cathedral Hall. If this is your special anniversary year, please come and celebrate your marriage. Deadline for reservations is Wednesday, August 22, so please respond today. To make your reservation, call the parish office at 782-2776.

Defiance County Furniture Bank

Your help is needed! The Defiance County Furniture Bank, managed by St. Mary Parish Defiance, is in need of good usable basic furniture (couches, chairs, dressers, etc.) beds (queen size and smaller, mattresses, box springs, bed frames), bed linens, baby items (cribs, high chairs, etc.), working electrical appliances (stoves, microwaves, toaster ovens, washers and dryers, etc.) and house wares (pots, pans, dishes etc.). All donations can be made by calling (419)782-2776. Cash donations are always welcomed. Your support of this project is greatly 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.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable about the rich man who selfishly stored all his grain and goods only to die and not enjoy his abundance anyway. What we struggle all our lives to learn is that life does not consist of possessions nor our perceived security, but of being possessed by God.

This week, as you give your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to help the struggling poor, ask for the grace to be truly "possessed by God."

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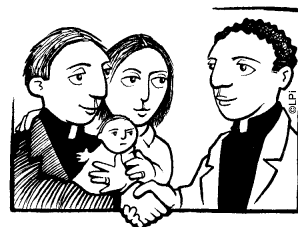
What is the relationship of celibacy to the priesthood?

The priesthood traces its origin back to Jesus. However, it took centuries for the priesthood to develop into what we understand it to be today. Throughout this developing process, we know that priests were married for the first thousand years in the Western church. The Orthodox Church still allows its priests to be married before ordination.

How did we end up with a celibate clergy in the West? A combination of factors coalesced, leading to a church law formulated by the Second Lateran Council in 1139, mandating that a priest could not be married. It is a church law that can and has been changed.

Celibacy is not something that is inherent to the priesthood in all traditions. There are many priests and ministers in both Orthodox and Protestant traditions who are married and minister quite effectively. Even more significantly, there are many validly married Catholic priests in the United States today. Many of them came from the Anglican Church, have been welcomed by the Catholic Church, were re-ordained as priests and permitted to remain married.

These realities cast doubt on a church law enforcing a totally celibate priesthood. In light of the dramatic priest shortage, there are priests and lay people who see the choice either to marry or to remain celibate as the best route for the church to pursue. This would allow those who felt called to celibacy to follow that path, while leaving others the freedom to marry. Let us pray for God's wisdom and guidance.



Parish Finances– Stewardship of Treasure

Week of July 29 You Gave	\$9,369.00
2007-2008 Year to Date	\$50,497.00
2006-2007 Year to Date	\$48,185.75
Fiscal Year to Date <i>GAIN</i>	\$8,881.75

Upcoming Events:

- **Sunday Dance:** August 5 from 5:00 to 9:00 pm at the Kalida K of C Hall. A variety of music styles by “The Happy Times Band”.
- **St. Michael’s Ridge Annual Festival:** Sunday, August 12 from 11:30 am to 5:00 pm. Food, fun and games. Everyone welcome.
- **St. Joseph Homecoming Festival, Fort Jennings.** Sunday, August 12th– 11:00 am to 7:00 pm on the grounds of the newly built Church. Family style chicken and roast beef dinners, raffle, bingo, kid’s games and more.
- **St. Patrick’s Festival,** Sunday, August 26th– 610 S Portland St, Bryan. 11:00 am to 3:30 pm. This year’s events include chicken and ham dinners, grand raffle, silent auction, bake sale, children’s games, clowns, quilt raffle and live Christian music.
- **St. Francis Spirituality Center Fall BBQ,** Sunday, September 9th– 12:00 to 3:00 pm at Elizabeth Schaefer Hall, 200 St. Francis Ave, Tiffin, Ohio. Grandma’s Backyard BBQ \$8, raffle drawing, campus tour, kids games, and homemade ice cream.
- **St. Mary Parish Festival,** Saturday, September 15, (5:30 to 11:30 pm) Sunday, September 16, (11:30 am to 4:00 pm) Altar Society Booth, raffle drawing, food and beverages, kid’s games, duck & horse races, Boy Scout cobbler, adult games, adult dance, bingo and much more! Come hear our own Rick Small MC the duck races on Saturday night. It will “quack you up”



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 6**
8:00 AM Communion Service
- Tuesday, August 7**
8:00 AM Communion Service
- Wednesday, August 8**
8:00 AM Communion Service
- Thursday, August 9**
8:00 AM Communion Service
- Friday, August 10**
8:00 AM Communion Service
- Saturday, August 11**
4:30 PM Louis Janicek
- Sunday, August 12**
8:00 AM Deceased Members of
Dr. Charles Zeller Family
9:30 AM Betsy Dietrick
11:30 AM Gerald Nussbaum

Events For This Week

- Monday, August 6**
SVDP 7:00 pm PMC
Charismatic Prayer Group 7:00 pm PMC
- Wednesday, August 8**
SDF Meeting 11:00 am PMC
Shep of Christ Prayer Grp 6:00 pm Church
- Thursday, August 9**
Noodle Club 1:00 pm School
Cantor Rehearsal 5:00 pm Church
- Friday, August 10**
Spanish Bible Study 7:00 pm PMC
- Saturday, August 11**
Spanish Retreat 8:30-5:30 School
- Sunday, August 12**
Spanish Retreat 9:00-1:00 School
Confirmation Orientation 10:30 am PMC
Financial Peace Session 6:30 pm PMC

Daily Readings for This Week

Readings for the Week of August 5, 2007

- Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36
- Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14
- Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Mt 15:21-28
- Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Mt 16:13-23
- Friday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26
- Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Mt 17:14-20