

Today's Readings: Genesis 18:1-10a/Colossians 1:24-28/Luke 10:38-42

GOSPEL GLIMPSES: Get your priorities straight

There's never enough time in the week for all we need to accomplish. We rush from work to family to church obligations, hoping if we pick up the pace we'll get ahead. Even when we worship, the guilt of unfinished tasks weighs us down. Who has time for more than a hurried prayer with kids to feed or a leaky roof? How can we sit and meditate on God's mercy when the dog needs to go out, Aunt Betty's coming for dinner and that report is due on the boss' desk tomorrow?



Martha, in today's gospel, faces the same problem. Should she keep busy, see all the guests are comfortable or sit with the Teacher? Jesus answers her gently, but firmly. Martha needs to get her priorities straight, and seek Him first. Maybe dessert will be late or the coffee a bit cold, but the most important thing will have been done. Let us too learn Martha's lesson and set aside worries and obligations to start each day in His presence. There will be time later for those nagging "to dos", in their proper place and time, once we get our priorities straight.

Next Sunday's Readings: Genesis 18:20-32/Colossians 2:12-14/Luke 11:1-13



Please welcome Rev. Robert Hess this weekend as he speaks on World Mission Sunday. Your gift supports catechists, provides for the work of sisters, helps mission parishes and so much more. As always, your prayers are your most treasured gift to the Missions. Thank you!

*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!

Youth Group Supper: Please start to plan for a quick and easy meal with your family or friends on Saturday, July 28th. Our youth group is planning a fundraising supper after the 4:30 Mass. We will have sandwiches, salads and desserts. Please come and help support our kids while we all have a good time. Your free will offering will help fund our regular activities, and we are grateful for your support.

Join us at Marriage Family Conference

Come and enrich your marriage and family relationships. All couples and children are welcome. Thursday, July 26, 6:30 pm– Sunday, July 29, noon at Bowling Green State University. Please call Rich & Fran at 586-979-0192 or Jim & Sue at 513-383-8291. Website: www.marriagefamilyconference.com. Registration is required. (Please check website)

The Boy Scouts Need Your Help!

On March 30th of 2008, St. Mary's Boy Scout Troop 76 will turn fifty years old. The troop is planning a reunion, which will include a special mass and a reception in the Parish Ministry Center. The troop needs your help in finding and contacting our past members and leaders. If you have family members or friends who were involved with our parish's boy scout troop, we would appreciate if you would provide mailing addresses or phone numbers for us to contact and invite them to the celebration. Send any contact information you have to jacstmary@defnet.com or call the parish office.



Wedding Banns

Banns III Lindsay Boland & Michael Rolf

Parish Finances– Stewardship of Treasure

Week of July 15 You Gave	\$9,800.00
2007-2008 Year to Date	\$31,533.00
2006-2007 Year to Date	\$29,703.75
Fiscal Year to Date <i>GAIN</i>	\$3,713.25

How much...?

Do you know about mortgages and real estate? Check out the info at **Financial Peace University**...coming this fall. Check future bulletins for more details.

The Habitat-Mozambique thank you in last week's bulletin was from Sue Hoeffel. She will be in South Africa for a three week mission experience. More news to come in future bulletins.

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.

Natural Family Planning Awareness Week is July 22-28

Natural Family Planning is a moral, effective way to plan the spacing of your children's births. It is fertility awareness that couples use to seek or postpone pregnancy. It promotes many virtues for the good of marriage: communication, openness to God's plan for one's family, prayerfulness in discernment, respect for one's spouse, and self-control are some of those. The divorce rate among those practicing NFP is less than 5%.

In order to learn more online, check out www.ccli.org, www.irh.org, www.woomb.org, www.omsoul.com, www.poepaulvi.com, or www.usccb.org/prolife/issues/nfp.

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, July 23

8:00 AM Communion Service

Tuesday, July 24

8:00 AM Communion Service

2:15 PM Laurel's Communion Service

Wednesday, July 25

8:00 AM Communion Service

7:30 PM Charismatic Healing Mass

Thursday, July 26

8:00 AM Dr. H.C. Brown

Friday, July 27

8:00 AM William Small

Saturday, July 28

4:30 PM Wib Coressel

Sunday, July 29

8:00 AM Paul, Gertrude & Phil Baker

9:30 AM Marjorie Buchholz

11:30 AM Paul & Frances Bruns

Events For This Week

Monday, July 23

SVDP 7:00 pm PMC

Charismatic Prayer Group 7:00 pm PMC

Tuesday, July 24

Art Committee 11:00 am PMC

Respect Life Committee 7:00 pm St. John's

Wednesday, July 25

Shep of Christ Prayer Grp 6:00 pm Church

Thursday, July 26

Cantor Rehearsal 5:00 pm Church

Friday, July 27

Spanish Bible Study 7:00 pm PMC

Saturday, July 28

Nuptials– Rolf & Boland 2:00 pm Church

Youth Group Supper 5:30 pm PMC

Sunday, July 29

Financial Peace Session 6:30 pm PMC

Daily Readings for This Week

Readings for the Week of July 22, 2007

Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Ex 14:21-15:1/Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28

Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Mt 13:24-30

Find something good in each person you meet and help it grow.
Matthew Kelly