

**Today's Readings:** Isaiah 66:10-14c/Galatians 6:14-18/Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

**GOSPEL GLIMPSES This is NOT a social visit**

Today's church is such a comfortable place: warm buildings, comfortable seats, pleasant decorations. We enjoy spaghetti dinners, game nights and festivals, sharing the gospel over coffee and donuts, a slice and a coke. The church behaves like a social group that wants to be liked, as well as inspired. It should be easy for people to attend church and share the gospel, shouldn't it?



In today's gospel Jesus gives the disciples a mission: go out and witness. It was serious business they embarked on, no posh hotels or social visits to friends. It was rough, hard travel carrying only a message and their faith. They weren't worried about comfort, they were concerned with reaching people with Jesus' message of eternal life. May today's reading remind us of that urgency and commitment. May we, in the midst of our comfortable, social church, still take our mission seriously, seeking earnestly to tell people the story of Christ crucified, and risen again.

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Deuteronomy 30:10-14/Colossians 1:15-20/Luke 10:25-37

**Please Note - To the kind person(s) who wants to assist Please Do Not Water the Plants in Church:** The lovely robust Peace Lilies that grace our worship space are a result of two years being cared for by Becky Saxton and Carol Mangas. Each week Carol trims, feeds and waters the plants with a soil probe to determine the amount of water needed. Unfortunately others (and we cannot find out who) have also been watering and it is seriously damaging the plants. Again we are pleading - **PLEASE DO NOT WATER THE PLANTS.** We are blessed to have someone with horticultural skills that is willing to do this ministry and of course we all want the plants to be healthy and survive a very long time. Thanks for your cooperation!

-The Art & Environment Committee

**CL of C:** The Catholic Ladies of Columbia, of the Defiance District, will meet at St. Mary's Ministry Center at 1:30 pm on July 17th. All women of St. Mary, St. John and St. Isidore are invited to join in prayer, friendship and games. They will be playing card bingo. Please bring an item for the food pantry. The purpose of this organization: they are a fraternal order that sells insurance and annuities. Membership is open to all Catholics. They also help with Charitable Organizations.

**Mass Times for Travel:** No matter where we go on vacation during the summer, chances are there is a Catholic church not too far away. A wonderful resource is through the ministry of Mass Times for Travel. This information can be accessed either by phone at 419-676-6000 or at [www.MassTimes.org](http://www.MassTimes.org).

**Peter's Pence 2007 Collection**

Thank you for your generous contributions to the 2007 Collection for the Works of the Holy Father. Your participation is an act of love and solidarity and we are most grateful. May God bless you.

**The Boy Scouts Need Your Help!**

On March 31st 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 [jacstmarty@defnet.com](mailto:jacstmarty@defnet.com) or call the parish office.



Have you...?

Set up a good plan for retirement and college? **Financial Peace University** can help you make it happen. Classes start again this fall.

**A Family Perspective:** Parents are like the disciples in today's gospel. We are "sent ahead of Jesus" to prepare our children to know and receive Him. Jesus calls us "laborers" and "lambs among wolves" because parenting is hard work in a culture which rejects are values.

**Wedding Banns**

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Lindsay Boland & Michael Rolf

**Parish Finances - Stewardship of Treasure**

Week of July 1 You Gave .....	\$10,719.50
2007-2008 Year to Date .....	\$10,719.50
2006-2007 Year to Date .....	\$10,068.00
Fiscal Year to Date <i>Gain</i> .....	\$651.50

**Youth News:** 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.



**Using Fair Trade Goods**

The Social Justice Commission of St. Mary Parish is looking at ways to encourage the use of Fair Trade items such as coffee, tea, chocolate and arts and crafts. Fair Trade is the direct exchange of goods based on principles of economic and social justice. Using Fair Trade products empowers artisans and farmers to improve their living conditions and to contribute to the growth of their communities.

Look for Fair Trade items in your favorite grocery stores. These items will have a stamp on the package denoting that the item is fairly traded. Fair Trade coffee is now available at local groceries. You can also investigate other Fair Trade products by going to [www.equalexchange.com](http://www.equalexchange.com).

**Upcoming Events:**

- Golfers wanted for Wauseon St. Caspar's Golf Outing to benefit their Life Teen youth program. Thursday, July 19 at 12:30 pm. \$55 per person includes 18 holes and a steak dinner. Call 419-337-2322.
- The Diocesan Young Adult Office is sponsoring the summer "Theology on Tap" on the Sandpiper. Topic is "Christ in Corporate America" on Monday, July 23rd from 8:00-10:00 pm. Cruise the Maumee River, see the lights of the new I-280 bridge and enjoy food and friends. Call 419-244-6711, ext. 332.

**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 9**

8:00 AM Communion Service

**Tuesday, July 10**

8:00 AM Herbert Carroll

**Wednesday, July 11**

8:00 AM Communion Service

**Thursday, July 12**

8:00 AM Becky Lloyd Emerling Anniversary

**Friday, July 13**

8:00 AM Terry & Jeremy Ryan

**Saturday, July 14**

4:30 PM Louis Janicek  
Gerald Nussbaum

**Sunday, July 15**

8:00 AM Chressence McCann  
9:30 AM Gerald Hoshock  
Amy Rex  
11:30 AM H. Gene Bok

**Events For This Week**

**Monday, July 9**

Furniture Bank Meeting	6:00 pm PMC
SVDP	7:00 pm PMC
Charismatic Prayer Group	7:00 pm PMC

**Tuesday, July 10**

Art Committee	11:00 am PMC
Bereavement Support	6:30 pm PMC

**Wednesday, July 11**

Shep of Christ Prayer Grp	6:00 pm Church
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**Friday, July 13**

Spanish Bible Study	7:00 pm Chapel
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**Sunday, July 15**

Financial Peace	6:30 pm PMC
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**Daily Readings for This Week**

Readings for the Week of July 8, 2007

Monday:	Gn 28:10-22a/Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday:	Gn 32:23-33/Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday:	Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Mt 10:1-7
Thursday:	Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Mt 10:7-15
Friday:	Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Mt 10:16-23
Saturday:	Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Mt 10:24-33