

Today's Readings: 2 Samuel 12:7-10, 13/Galatians 2:16, 19-21/Luke 7:36-8:3 or 7:36-50

GOSPEL GLIMPSES Joyous or just so?

Ever walk into a room where you're not wanted? The faces may be smiling, the words may even express welcome, but you know at the core of your being that everyone will be happier when you're gone. What makes the experience so dreadful is that on the surface it's all so pleasant, so polite. There's no particular rudeness you can point to but the feeling is still clear. You're being tolerated, not welcomed.



Take that feeling back 2000 years and you're in today's reading. Jesus has been allowed into Simon the Pharisee's house, but He has not been made welcome. The warmth, the personal graces have all been left out. Our Savior sits alone and unwanted until an even more undesirable guest enters the scene. Kneeling at his feet, this tawdry woman shows Jesus more courtesy than His purported hosts. Her humility and adoration make it clear this is *her* Lord, *her* most welcome Guest. And this open adoration goads the Pharisees into admitting their true feelings, rejecting sinner, forgiveness and Savior alike. It's a position all too easy to fall into, this false welcome. Do we rejoice as God joins us in our daily walk? Do we usher Him into our lives with mere courtesy or true warmth. Where is your heart on the welcome scale today: joyous or just so?

Next Sunday's Readings: Vigil: Jeremiah 1:4-10/1 Peter 1:8-12/Luke 1:5-17

Day: Isaiah 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/Luke 1:57-66, 80

St. Mary Church is looking for a Funeral Dinner Coordinator. Responsibilities: After receiving a phone call from the parish office regarding a funeral, the Coordinator will call a cook, set-up person, dishwasher and the maintenance person. The coordinator will notify the caller for food donations and they will also contact servers. If interested please call the Parish Ministry Center at 782-2776.

Eucharistic Adoration and OLPH Devotions: June, being dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, makes the 19th of June a perfect time to bring our love and devotions to God, honoring his Son. God will listen to our prayers, allowing the Holy Spirit to work in our lives. He is always waiting for us to come visit Him. Our life can only become better because of this small effort. Is He calling you to come **Tuesday, June 19th at 4:00 pm** to St. Mary Church to spend an hour with Him? Listen carefully to His call.



SAVE THE DATE: New York Times bestselling author and world renowned Catholic speaker, **Matthew Kelly** will

be visiting St. Mary Church on September 18 & 19. Kelly brings us an energizing message that springs forth from his passion for life and Catholicism. Keep watching the bulletin for more information.

The 55 + Club will meet June 26th at St. Mary Catholic Church. Recitation of the Rosary will be at 10:40 am followed by Mass at 11:00. Dinner reservations should be made by calling Dolores Ryan at 782-9441 or Edith Ott at 393-4192 by Friday June 22nd. New officers will be installed after the Mass. Cards and Bingo will follow the meeting. Committee in charge are Maureen Kennerk, Angela Kissner, Jean Zimmerman and Mary Batt.

St. Mary's Annual Parish Feast Day Celebration will be held on Wednesday, June 27 at 6:00 pm at the K of C Hall. The event will include Mass and a meal. Please fill out the form below and put it in the collection basket or bring it to the parish office. Please RSVP no later than June 22 so we can order the right amount of food.

Thank YOU From Fr. Ed Schleiter– Thanks to all of you from St. Mary's who sent me a card or note in regards to my 40th anniversary. Your thoughts and prayers helped to make my celebration special.

Yes I/We will be attending the Parish Feast Day Celebration on Wednesday, June 27 at 6:00 pm.

Name: _____

Number Attending: _____

OOPS– we apologize for the incorrect spelling of James Bowers when acknowledging the gift received in his memory. Please keep Jim and his family in your prayers.

Parish Finances - Stewardship of Treasure

Last Week You Gave.....	\$9,869.00
Need Weekly	\$11,173.00
<i>Below Budget</i>	(\$1,304.00)
Contributions to Date	\$534,716.24
\$11,154 x 50 Weeks	\$558,650.00
Year to Date <i>Below Budget</i>	(\$23,933.76)

Defiance County Furniture Bank Needs Your Help-

The Furniture Bank is answering the needs of many people in Defiance County. The process of identifying need, in organizing pick-ups and delivery, as well as managing the warehouse on Spruce Street takes many volunteers to keep all areas running smoothly and efficiently. We are in great need of volunteers in the following areas:

- Take phone messages and process information into the computer. Would require 1-2 hours of your time each week.
- Delivery Coordinators that coordinate the pick-up deliveries for the day. Number of hours determined by number of volunteers for the day.
- Stockers who sort and shelve donated houseware items (bedding, kitchen items, etc...) Time and dates required can be flexible.

If you can help out please call the parish office at 782-2776 or John Weber at 438-9740.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: In today’s gospel, compassion, discussion, affection, forgiveness, repentance, listening, story telling and correction all happened during the meal at the Pharisee’s house. When our hearts, minds and body have been fed, we leave the meal “in peace”. Meals can be more than self-absorbed eating.

Open Casting Call for Catholic School Students

Catholic Youth and School Services of the Diocese of Toledo needs you! We are looking for students in grades K-12 who attend a Catholic School anywhere in the Diocese of Toledo to participate in a photo shoot. The photo shoot will take place at the Catholic Center, 1933 Spielbusch Ave, Toledo, on two different days and will take no more than a half an hour of your time. The photo shoot will take place on the following days:

Wednesday, June 20th: 2:00-7:00 pm

Sunday, June 24th: 8:00 am –5:00 pm

If you are interested in participating please call 419-244-6711 ext. 621 to set up a time.

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, June 18

8:00 AM Communion Service

Tuesday, June 19

8:00 AM Skip Yarrington

Wednesday, June 20

8:00 AM Norma Ordway

Thursday, June 21

8:00 AM Paul & Frances Bruns

Friday, June 22

8:00 AM Amelio Scott

Saturday, June 23

4:30 PM William Bauer
Megan Almaraz Quinceanera

Sunday, June 24

8:00 AM Crescencio Mendez
9:30 AM Robert Hoshock
11:30 AM Michael Beerbower

Events For This Week

Monday, June 18

SVDP 7:00 pm PMC
Charismatic Prayer Group 7:00 pm PMC

Tuesday, June 19

CL of C 1:30 pm PMC
OLPH Devotions 4:00 pm Church

Wednesday, June 20

Social Justice Commission 5:00 pm PMC
Shep of Christ Prayer Group 6:00 pm Church
Choir Practice 7:30 pm Church

Thursday, June 21

Cantor Rehearsal 5:00 pm Church

Saturday, June 23

Nuptials-Lamb & Woodring 2:00 pm Church

Sunday, June 24

Altar Attendant Trip to Toledo
Financial Peace Session 6:30 pm PMC

Daily Readings for This Week

Readings for the Week of June 17, 2007

Monday:	2 Cor 6:1-10/Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday:	2 Cor 8:1-9/Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday:	2 Cor 9:6-11/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	2 Cor 11:1-11/Mt 6:7-15
Friday:	2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Mt 6:19-23
Saturday:	2 Cor 12:1-10/Mt 6:24-34

Wedding Banns

Cynthia Lamb & James Woodring Banns III