

## ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Today's Readings:** 2 Kings 5:14-17/2 Timothy 2:8-13/Luke 17:11-19

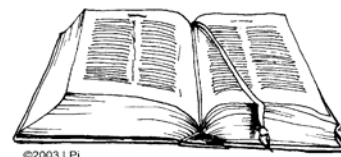
### GOSPEL GLIMPSES

#### An eyewitness report

In today's media saturated culture we thrive on first hand reports of world news. Reporters on the scene of war, strife and famine bring us eye-witness reports and real time videos. We don't have to believe their reports, we can see for ourselves. It's a show-me, prove-it, where's your documentation, sort of world these days.

It wasn't so different for the rich man in today's gospel. The ancient reports of Moses and the prophets hadn't been enough to convince him of the error of his ways. Left in torment after death, getting first hand experience with the truth, the rich man begs Abraham for an eye-witness to convince his brothers. But that's not the way faith works for the rich man, or us. We don't get "film at 11:00" to prove God's word is true. We must trust Jesus' gospel, sight unseen. He's given us His word, His resurrection and the Holy Spirit as a firm foundation, so that our hearts, not our eyes, will see the truth of His message. May today's gospel remind us that seeing isn't believing – believing is seeing.

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Exodus 17:8-13/2 Timothy 3:14-4:2/Luke 18:1-8



**Stewardship of Time and Talent:** As we go about the daily activities in our busy lives it is good to also think about all the activities within our church. Without the many, many parishioners that give so willingly to a ministry, our Catholic Community would not survive. Take a look in this year's brochure and see all the choices - be an active part of *your* parish. God has blessed you with a gift, given so you may serve others.



**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU** to ALL the hands and hearts that helped us out at our last Generations of Faith. To our catechist: Ann Blunt, Paula & Doug

DeCola, Becky Erford, Tracy Flory, Cheryl Hinojosa, Danae Jimenez, Melissa Jones, Pam Lightle, Lorraine Kuhlman, Bonnie Nally, Barb Rath and Greg Steyer. To our hospitality folks: Lori & Gabe Frederick, Helen, Katie & Emily Bauer, Sharon Bradford, Grace Lipp, Sue Hoeffel, Sharon Krutsch and Shelly Shafer. Thanks for the Great PR from Helen Bauer and Arlene Yarrington at all the Masses on the weekend of September 15 & 16.

Thanks to Rick Small for starting our session off with fun and facts and free stuff, and to Fr. Todd and Fr. Tim for their teaching, leadership and vision. Thanks to **All** who make **"THE WEDNESDAY CHALLENGE"**

If you did not receive a copy of "At Home With the Word" at Generations of Faith and would like one, please sign the list at the back of church.

**Eucharistic Adoration-Devotions:** Catholics have historically celebrated October as the month of the Rosary, primarily because October 7 is the feast of Mary, Queen of the Rosary. In the Toledo area, as stated in the Catholic Chronicle, parishes are having Rosary Rallies because of Mary's apparition to the three Portuguese children, telling them to say the rosary every day. Because of this Mary is known as Our Lady of Fatima also.

Pope John Paul II said the secret of Fatima could be summarized in the idea that prayer, especially the Rosary, is the remedy against all manner of evil. Let's join the idea of the Toledo area churches— come to St. Mary Church on **Tuesday, October 16 at 4:00 pm** and have a Rosary Rally while we honor Mary during OLPH devotions. The service will also include Eucharistic Adoration.

Praying the Rosary is not just for women and children, we welcome men, also, who have a love and devotion to Mary. We're trying to get Our Lady's word out about doing Her Son's will and God's will. Please make her happy to see YOU there.

**New Time for Sunday Catholic Mass** - now being televised 11:00 am - 11:30 am. on **WTOL TV, channel 11** and repeated on **Buckeye Cable Channel 69 at 11:30 a.m.** for those who cannot attend Mass. It is no longer scheduled for 8:30 am on Sundays.

#### Wedding Banns

Banns III Amanda Brown & John Adkins

**Do you have a son or daughter who is away at college?** Our Youth Ministry will be preparing care packages for them. We need addresses of all parish college students. You can email the address to Jami Mains at [jmains@defnet.com](mailto:jmains@defnet.com) or call 419-784-5454 with the information. You can also drop off names & addresses at the Parish Office.

**Members of the parish**, you can also help our Youth Ministry prepare the care boxes by donating items. Items needed are: holy cards, hot cocoa mix, microwave popcorn, ramen noodles, gum, candy bars, and single serving snacks. Mark the items College Care Packages/Youth Ministry and drop them off at the Parish Office. Thank you!

**Needed: Babysitters for RCIA.** RCIA meets every Sunday after 9:30 Mass until 12:00 noon from October to May. If you could spare an hour and a half once or twice a month, please call Mary Howard at 419-395-1919. Thank you!

**55+ Club Meeting:** Tuesday, October 23 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. The guest speaker, a representative from Hospice, will speak on care of terminally ill patients. Committee includes: Irene Steffel, Marjorie Siler, Eula Horne and Kathleen Bittinger. For reservations please call by Friday, October 19 to Delores Ryan at 782-9441 or Georgianna Wagner at 497-3762.

**Sister's Christmas Catechism-Mystery of the Magi's Gold:** Take a break from the holiday rush and enjoy an evening of fun at the K of C Hall in Defiance, Ohio. On December 15<sup>th</sup>, the New York based company, Entertainment Events, will perform the off-broadway show "**Sister's Christmas Catechism- The Mystery of the Magi's Gold.**" Tickets are \$30 for reserved and \$25 for general admissions. All tickets are pre-sale and begin November 1. Ticket price includes: the performance and pre-show hors d'oeuvres. Other pre-show activities include a silent auction, cash bar, live auction, and raffles. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and performance starts promptly at 7:30 p.m. The event is being sponsored by the St. John's Catholic Youth Group in Defiance. For tickets call: 419-782-7121 or 419-782-2136.

Ticket sales are limited.

**Furniture Bank News:** Our demand for furniture has exceeded our inventory. **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. Thank you!

#### **Volunteers for PATH Monday Evening Meal**

St. Mary's rotation for hosting the Monday evening meal for the PATH Center is Monday, October 29. Approximately 2 individuals are needed to prepare a meal in their home and deliver to the PATH Center and 2 additional individuals to serve the meal. If you are able to help with either meal preparation or serving, please list your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet located at the entrance of the church closest to the school or call the parish office. The sign-up sheet will be accessible for the next two weeks— you will be contacted with details for food preparation or serving. Thanks for volunteering. Individuals attending the Monday meals are always very appreciative.

**Business Manager:** The Catholic Diocese of Toledo is seeking a Business Manager for their finance office. The Business Manager is responsible for the oversight of the finance office and support of the other departments and offices at the Diocesan Catholic Center. The successful candidate must have demonstrated experience with computerized financial management, knowledge of accounting and budgeting principles and practices, strong organizational skills, above average communication skills, and is committed to the teachings and values of the Catholic Church. A bachelor's degree or higher in finance or accounting is required. Please respond with resume and cover letter, including salary expectations to: Human Resources, Catholic Diocese of Toledo, PO Box 985, Toledo, Ohio 43697. You may also email resumes to [rcoutts@toledodiocese.org](mailto:rcoutts@toledodiocese.org).

**We would like to say thank you to Mercy Hospital** for advertising in our church bulletin which is at no cost to us. We ask that you give them your support.

**Defiance Catholic School Calendar Winners September 2007:** Rickie Guilford, \$100, Betty Mertz, Beth Brown, \$100, Paul Detty, Revella Willitzer, Dan & Michele Buchholz, David Karnes, Cub Hiler, Sue Ordway, Jim & Ellen Frey, Lucy Weaver, Mary & Greg Steyer, Kaye Stambaugh, Holli Horn, Eric & April Aechmeier, Amy Jack, Janet Dandy, Orville & Jane Clark, Dan Light, Tim & Bonnie Nally, Jim & Jean Howard, Joseph Wurst, Sharyn Wheeler, Julie Keller, JoAnn Nolan, Lisa Vance, Joe Rodriguez, Dan Light, Carol Pahl and Tom Klear.



Greetings to you as we return to school after a long weekend. Our students enjoy a day off while teachers worked on their continuing professional development. Mrs. Jones attended a session on the Social Studies text. (DCS uses the same text, Harcourt Brace, that the city schools use.) Mrs. Moore presented uses of the Smart Board to Mrs. Kathy, Mrs. Klein, Mrs. Long and Mrs. Thompson.

You're never too young to use a Smartboard. The first graders demonstrated that by using it to learn how to put books in alphabetical order.

The second graders practiced looking up AR books online in computer class.

We continue to enhance learning by using technology often and in a variety of ways. Have you checked out the teachers' web pages- very informative and creative.

Happy October birthdays to: Kenna Okuley and Joshua Polanco, Pre-K; Courtney Daeger, Tristen Villarreal, Noah Crigger and Jocelyn Honaker, kindergarten; Delaney Monnin, second grade; Christian Driftmeyer, Tyler Shafer, Katelyn Hoeffel and Tino Ramirez, fourth grade; Cody Mohr and Michael Gineman, fifth grade and Mrs. DeCola and Mrs. Boyd.

The third graders have been observing baby chicks as they hatched and now as they discover their environment. Their joyful peeps can be heard in the first floor hallway. What great hands-on Science learning.

Our sixth graders Christmas tree raised \$60 at the Hospice Fall Festival. They all went to see it being auctioned by our very own, Mrs. Boyd, who took over as auctioneer for that item. We had fun as we supported a great program in our community!

The all day Pre-K students learned all about apples. They baked miniature apple pies and created many apple crafts. They learn much about themselves and creation in their religion texts, "I Am Special". They are very polite and helpful to one another, mind their manners when they eat lunch and respect each other during afternoon quiet time. They also joined the rest of the students during the mini Crop Walk. As you can see, Mrs. Guilford keeps them very busy and interested in learning. (Note: This is the first year for a full day Pre-K program.)

Friday will be a busy day- school pictures, Grade 3 Field Trip to Toledo Zoo. (This trip will give them an opportunity to enhance their classroom studies of animals), and Grade K-2 to the YMCA for the afternoon to enjoy swimming, walking and use of the gym... all part of our Wellness Policy activities.

We just received word that the following former and present DCS students have been recognized as 2007 Great Lake Scholars: Corbin Edwards, Abbey Edwards, James Howard, Cori Bechtol, Brandon Layne and Matthew Lightle. Congratulations and good work! Miss Sandy

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S Family Corner**

**Introducing the Carder Family!**

Matt, Kim, Alison (grade 4) and Garrett (grade 2)

We send our children to Defiance Catholic Schools so they can spend their informative years in a learning environment that has a fundamental religious background. The staff, parents and students are a close knit group of people who share one thing in common. We all want the best for our children, and we all want them to learn about our religion from a young age. Developing a child into an adult who'll have good morals and strong values is a difficult process. Teaching them at home is good and teaching them at school is also good. However, we feel you need to have both in order for the process to be complete. Defiance Catholic Schools help facilitate this process. I'm in the military and on my second deployment away from the children for more than a year. Both times that I have left, the teachers and other parents have been extremely helpful with the adjustment period the children have gone through. The love and support the children receive would definitely not be given in a public school. Without the daily prayers, the loving support and understanding we receive, it wouldn't be possible to get through this tough time in our lives. The nourishment we receive from attending church on Wednesdays with our children is beneficial to us as adults. It brings us closer to our children and helps us to reach out to them, brings us closer to God as a family, and builds our foundation for the future. The kids love attending church during the week and love their teachers. Thank You DCS!

**Just a reminder that the magazine drive started this past week.** Please renew your magazine subscriptions with any DCS students. Thank you!

**Parish Finances - Stewardship of Treasure**

Last Week You Gave.....	\$11,909.30
Need Weekly .....	\$10,885.00
Above Budget.....	\$1,024.30
Contributions to Date .....	\$154,622.80
\$10,885 x 15 Weeks .....	\$163,275.00
Year to Date <i>Below</i> Budget .....	(\$8,652.20)

**Enjoy a Sweetest Day Dinner and support a worthwhile benefit!** There will be a spaghetti dinner Saturday, October 20 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm at Defiance College United Church of Christ to support the Evelyn Ryan (“Prize Winner of Defiance, Ohio”) Scholarship. The food will be prepared by Carmine’s Little Italy and the cost is a free will offering. Sponsored by “Trees of Life” P. Buckley Moss Society.

**Are you a woman over the age of 40?** Have you had your pap and mammogram lately? Once you are 40 years of age, you should have one every year! There is a program in Northwest Ohio that provides this important health screening at **no cost** to women who have little or no income and no insurance coverage. The program has generous income guidelines, so call “The Breast and Cervical Cancer Project” to see if you may be eligible for this and other important health screenings! BCCP- 1-800-929-6626

**1 week to Signup for Retrouvaille** – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? This program has helped 10’s of 1000’s of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the October 17-19 weekend call 800-470-2230 or 419-874-1914 (Toledo area). Visit the web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).



- Monday, October 15**  
8:00 AM Communion Service
- Tuesday, October 16**  
6:30 PM Richard Trame
- Wednesday, October 17**  
9:15 AM Lucille Mekus
- Thursday, October 18**  
8:00 AM Norman Herder
- Friday, October 19**  
8:00 AM Special Intention  
M/M James Murphy 50th Wedding Anniversary
- Saturday, October 20**  
4:30 PM Alvin & Rita Kleman
- Sunday, October 21**  
8:00 AM John & Anna Studenka  
9:30 AM Robert Buchholz  
11:30 AM The Auer Family

**Events For This Week**

- Monday, October 15**  
No School  
Charismatic Prayer Group 7:00 pm PMC  
SVDP 7:00 pm PMC
- Tuesday, October 16**  
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OLPH 4:00 pm Church
- Wednesday, October 17**  
DCS Facilities Open Mtg 10:30 am PMC  
Social Justice Meeting 5:00 pm PMC  
Shep of Christ Prayer Group 6:00 pm Church  
Youth Choir 6:00 pm Chapel  
Jr. High Group 7:00 pm School  
Youth Group 7:00 pm PMC  
Choir Practice 7:30 pm Church
- Thursday, October 18**  
Cantor Rehearsal 5:00 pm Church  
DCS Facilities Open Meeting 7:15 pm St. John’s
- Friday, October 19**  
Spanish Prayer Group 7:00 pm Chapel
- Saturday, October 20**  
Nuptials: Brown/Adkins 2:00 pm Church  
DCS Facilities Open Mtg 6:15 pm St. John’s
- Sunday, October 21**  
Celebrate the Word 9:30 am School  
RCIA 10:30 am PMC  
First Reconciliation Session 12:30 pm School  
Baptisms 1:30 pm Church  
DCS Facilities Open Mtg 12:30 pm PMC

**Daily Readings for This Week**

Readings for the Week of October 14, 2007

- Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Lk 11:29-32
- Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Lk 11:37-41
- Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11/Lk 11:42-46
- Thursday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9
- Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Lk 12:1-7
- Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Lk 12:8-12