

Today's Readings: Isaiah 55:10-11/Romans 8:18-23/Matthew 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

GOSPEL GLIMPSES Look out where you land

At first glance, the parable of the seeds is all about other people, you know, non-Christians. But take a look again. Each of us is every seed in the parable. Eventually we all land on the rocky ground of trouble and heartaches, where faith dries up, leaving our hearts withered. Or we stumble into busy times on the hard path to accomplishment and carrion crows of worry, stress, or greed snatch up our seeds of love and humility. And how often do we land in the thorn bushes of anger where faith is choked out by resentment, jealousy and petty disagreement? As seedlings in God's garden we can all lose our faith for a moment or a month. When our roots get cut off by the circumstances of life, we need to burrow deeper in the rich word of God, the sweet soil of worship and the refreshing flood of His Spirit, and our little seed of faith will flourish again. So keep an eye open and look out where you land – if you're not.

Next Sunday's Readings: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19/Romans 8:26-27/Matthew 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU!!!

Dear friends in Christ:

Marisol and I are truly grateful to all who were a part of our "farewell" weekend on June 28 & 29. We are glad for all those who contributed with baked goods (yum, yum)... all those who came down to the ministry center... all who offered us many kind words and gestures of sincere care and appreciation. Thanks for the many cards, gifts, hugs, and prayers we've received these past few weeks. May God abundantly repay you all the kindness you've shown us! Please know that we will always keep you in our hearts.

Peace and much, much love,
Cisco & the Lloveras Family

Welcome Sr. Mary Dean Pfahler

It is with great joy that we announce the position for Director of Generations of Faith has been filled for the Defiance Parishes. Sr. Mary Dean Pfahler, SND, has accepted the full-time position offered to her by Fr. Tim and Fr. Todd. Sr. Mary Dean, a Sister of Notre Dame, (the same religious order as Sr. Sally Wilitzer and Sr. Jen Zimmerman) has worked in parish ministry in our Diocese for many years and brings a wealth of talent and experience. She has been trained in the Generations of Faith model by the program's founder, John Roberto of Communications Ministry Development (CMD). She understands the principles of life long learning and is convinced of its value for parish formation programs. She brings fresh ideas that will help build on the strengths of the program and help address areas where growth is needed. Sr. Mary Dean will most likely be living with at least one other Sister of Notre Dame, and they will be getting settled in the Defiance community over the next few weeks. There will be many opportunities to introduce herself to both parishes in the coming months, but for now, if you see a new face... introduce yourself!

**Please Join Us for a Charismatic
Mass and Healing Service**

Wednesday, July 16 at 7:00 pm

Celebrant: Fr. Jerome Nowakowski

- The Sacrament of the Sick and individual prayer ministry will be offered immediately following Mass.
- Praise and Worship Music Ministry provided by Servants In Song
- Sponsored by The Toledo Diocese Ministry to Catholic Charismatic Renewal

If you long to experience the powerful presence of God in your life, treat yourself to this special Mass and Healing Service. If you have already tried what the world has to offer, why not Give God a chance. Come and receive from the Lord. You will leave refreshed and healed.

For more information contact the
MCCR office at 419-691-6686.

55 Plus Club will meet on Tuesday, July 22 at St. John's. Rosary will begin at 10:50 am, Mass at 11:00 am, catered dinner at 12:00 noon, meeting at 1:00 pm followed by cards and bingo. Please call for dinner reservations: Rosemary Ricica 784-0311 or Gertrude Deitrick 784-4658. Committee members are Angela Kissner, Maureen Kennerk, Lois Behm and Rena Coressel.

Parish Finances - Stewardship of Treasure

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| Week of July 6 You Gave | \$9,472.00 |
| 2008-2009 Year to Date | \$9,472.00 |
| 2007-2008 Year to Date | \$10,719.50 |
| Fiscal Year to Date <i>LOSS</i> | (\$1,247.50) |

St. Vincent de Paul Quarter Report

April 1 to June 30, 2008

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| Utilities | \$4,704.00 |
| Rent | \$3,641.22 |
| Medicine | \$209.06 |
| Gas | \$790.00 |
| Misc. | \$833.50 |
| Total | \$10,177.78 |

Families served: 177
 Total people served: 509

Thank you for your continued support!

Eucharistic Adoration–Devotions: After celebrating the Freedom of the United States on July 4th, we realize the freedom God gives us a freedom to choose between good and evil, between a life directed toward God or a life apart from God. This freedom is a sign of the great respect and love that God had for every human person. God does not force pressure or control our use of the gift of freedom. He invites and offers help for persons to freely choose to use this wonderful gift. CHOOSE to come to EUCHARISTIC ADORATIONS, RECITATION OF THE ROSARY, AND OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS on Tuesday, July 15 at 4:00 pm, so we can live in a covenant with God. Scripture tells us that God longs for humans to live in a covenant of faithfulness and justice and love.

The 61st Annual Ney Homecoming will be held Thursday, July 17. A full menu will be served from 5:00 to 8:00 pm featuring Port-A-Pit chicken dinners, with drive through chicken dinners available from 4:45 to 7:00 pm, homemade noodles and pies, ice cream and other menu selections. Entertainment includes a frog jumping contest, water balloon contest, 50/50 drawings every hour, a Chinese auction, various games and a raffle with cash prizes. Come join the fun!

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 14

8:00 AM Communion Service

Tuesday, July 15

8:00 AM Amy Rex

Wednesday, July 16

8:00 AM Gerald Hoshock

7:00 PM Healing Mass

Thursday, July 17

8:00 AM Respect for all Life

Friday, July 18

8:00 AM Richard Trame

Saturday, July 19

4:30 PM Ethel Buchholz

Sunday, July 20

8:00 AM Robert W. Red Gutman

9:30 AM Lydia & Thomas Kunesh

11:30 AM Lois Mekus

Events For This Week

Monday, July 14

SVDP 7:00 pm PMC

Charismatic Prayer Group 7:00 pm PMC

Tuesday, July 15

CL of C 1:30 pm PMC

OLPH Devotions 4:00 pm Church

School Council 7:00 pm School

Festival Mtg 7:15 pm PMC

Wednesday, July 16

Shep of Christ Prayer Grp 6:00 pm Church

Stewardship Committee 7:00 pm

Thursday, July 17

Cantor Rehearsal 5:00 pm Church

Friday, July 18

Spanish Prayer Group 7:00 pm Chapel

Saturday, July 19

World Youth Day Sidney, Ohio

Sunday, July 20

World Youth Day Sidney, Ohio

Daily Readings for This Week

Readings for the Week of July 13, 2008

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| Monday: | Is 1:10-17/Mt 10:34-11:1 |
| Tuesday: | Is 7:1-9/Mt 11:20-24 |
| Wednesday: | Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Mt 11:25-27 |
| Thursday: | Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Mt 11:28-30 |
| Friday: | Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Mt 12:1-8 |
| Saturday: | Mi 2:1-5/Mt 12:14-21 |