

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

GOSPEL GLIMPSSES **Nosy gardener syndrome**

We've all caught ourselves doing it, weeding someone else's garden, metaphorically that is. We look in the next pew and think, Hmph! What a mess his/her life is in. If everyone knew what I knew, they'd be cast out quick! And in that rush to judge we forget the briar hedge of sin in our own life.



It's the parable of the wheat and weeds all over again. Who are we to rush the Master demanding those stinky weeds be pulled up? Our Gardener knows the perfect truth of every heart, what rank weeds of sin we've been nurturing, and what sweet flowers of faith. He gives space for us to grow, and waits patiently for us to weed our fields, with faithful confession and repentance. If He is willing to wait for *us* to grow ripe, we must show the same mercy when touring the gardens of others. Let's all take a minute and pray that the next time we fall into the "nosy gardener" syndrome, we'll remember to weed our own rows, and leave the field next door to wiser Hands.

Next Sunday's Readings: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12/Romans 8:28-30/Matthew 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Vatican Art Exhibit- Cleveland, Ohio, on August 11, \$85 per person: Cross Country Tours is traveling to Cleveland to view the Vatican art and artifacts that are in the exhibit "**Vatican Splendors from St. Peter's Basilica, the Vatican Museums and the Swiss Guard.**" If you have ever wished you could go to Italy this is your chance to "taste" some of the history, culture, and food. If you have been to the Vatican you will know that it is so large that it will be great to take some time to view these 200 art objects and relics spanning more than 2000 years. Then on to an Old Italian market for a feeling of returning to Italy for the flavors of that homeland. You may want to bring a small cooler along for they sell deli meats, cheese, wines, Italian olives, marinated vegetables, sauces, oil and vinegars. Be sure to have some room for the pint of gelato you will be savoring on the bus as we travel back home.

Suggested itinerary:

- 8:00 Mass
- 8:45 Depart Defiance
- 11:30 Lunch stop- included
- 1:00 Tour
- 3:00 Leave for Italian Market
- 4:30 Depart Cleveland
- 6:30 Stop for Supper
- 8:45 Home

Included is round trip transportation from Defiance, admission to the Vatican Art Museum, with audio, lunch and gelato for the trip home. To sign up or for more information call the church office at 782-2776 or Mayers at 782-1159.

Annual Diocesan 25th/50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration:

The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration for those married 25, 50, & 60 or more years in 2008 will be held Sunday, October 5 at 3:00 pm at Rosary Cathedral. For reservations, call the Parish Ministry Center at 419-782-2776. Deadline for reservations is Wednesday, August 27.



Vegetables Needed for Food Pantry:

Fresh produce is something the Food Pantry is not able to supply regularly, and now is the time when home gardeners are wondering who all they can give their surplus to. We are the answer to your problem! Just drop off any extra you have, and we will see that our clients get it. We have some refrigerator space that we can use for fresh produce. We thank you for your generosity!

Our deepest thanks to Dennis Gable for being our weekly bread "pick up person". He will no longer be available after July 31st. We need a replacement person who can devote approximately 2 hours per week for this duty. In fact, we would like to have 2 or 3 persons for backup, and so that the duty can be rotated. Dennis will teach the replacement how it is done. The bread pickup is a vital function of the Food Pantry so we urgently request your consideration. Please call George Newton at 419-782-2776 for information. Thank you!

Wedding Banns

Banns I Amanda Tremante & John Knipp

Parish Finances - Stewardship of Treasure

Week of July 13 You Gave.....	\$10,425.00
2008-2009 Year to Date.....	\$19,897.00
2007-2008 Year to Date.....	\$21,733.00
Fiscal Year to Date <i>LOSS</i>	(\$1,836.00)

Get Fit Kid’s Camp August 4-8: Kids ages 5 through 10 are invited to join the Get Fit Kid’s Camp the week of August 4-8 at Defiance County East from 9:00– 11:00 am. This camp will include fun physical activity and lessons on eating healthy and being active. Kids who join and come all week will receive a T-shirt and cool prizes on Friday, August 8. For more information or to sign up please call Jill Heine at the Health Department 419-784-3818.

Is your marriage breaking your heart? On the weekend of August 15-17 the Retrouvaille Program will begin working with a new group of couples that want to rebuild their troubled marriages. Retrouvaille is a program which offers help to couples who live in the pain of a troubled marriage. You can learn more about the program by calling 800-470-2230 or visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

A Family Perspective: Parents plant values in their children anticipating the tiny seeds of honesty, respect, commitment and fidelity. These values learned in the home, will grow with our child and become “a safe haven” to many.

Natural Family Planning Week: National Family Planning Week is July 20-26.

Prayer:

Almighty and eternal God,
you blessed the union of married couples
so that they might reflect the union of Christ
with His Church:

Look with kindness on them.

Renew their marriage covenant,
increase your love in them,
and strengthen their bond of peace so that, with
their children, they may always rejoice in the gift
of your blessing.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Anyone interested in finding out more about Natural Family Planning can go to the website www.usccb.org/nfp for more information.

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 21

8:00 AM Communion Service

Tuesday, July 22

8:00 AM Communion Service

2:15 PM Laurel’s Mass

Wednesday, July 23

8:00 AM Adam & Ella Jurcevich

Thursday, July 24

8:00 AM Dr. H.C. Brown

Friday, July 25

8:00 AM Herbert Carroll

Saturday, July 26

4:30 PM Alfred Zimmer Anniversary
Alexandra Ramirez Quinceniera

Sunday, July 27

8:00 AM Dorothea Wahl

9:30 AM Marjorie Buchholz
The Westrick Family

11:30 AM Carol Florence

Events For This Week

Monday, July 21

SVDP 7:00 pm PMC

Charismatic Prayer Group 7:00 pm PMC

Tuesday, July 22

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

Wednesday, July 23

Shep of Christ Prayer Grp 6:00 pm Church

Charismatic Regional Mtg 7:00 pm PMC

Thursday, July 24

Cantor Rehearsal 5:00 pm Church

Friday, July 25

Spanish Bible Study 7:00 pm PMC

Daily Readings for This Week

Readings for the Week of July 20, 2008

Monday:	Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Wednesday:	Jer 1:1, 4-10/Mt 13:1-9
Thursday:	Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Mt 13:10-17
Friday:	2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28
Saturday:	Jer 7:1-11/Mt 13:24-30