

## ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

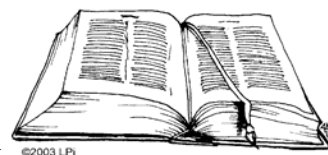
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**Today's Readings:** 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12/Romans 8:28-30/Matthew 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

### GOSPEL GLIMPSES **Safely tucked away**

It's a fine line that falls between saving and hoarding. We want to be wise and save for that proverbial rainy day, but our Christian spirit calls out for us to share what we have left over. So most of us wobble back and forth between the extremes, horde-binge-horde-binge, leaving our Christian example blurry both to others and ourselves.

A little attention to today's parable makes our correct "savings plan" crystal clear. Jesus tells us that we are to sell everything *we* own, for the treasure that *He* can provide. That priceless pearl of God's mercy and salvation is the only treasure worth hoarding. Anything we can collect or gain on our own is like the parable's worthless fish cast back out of the net, so that all we keep is the prize catch God has provided: spiritual fruit and eternal life. It isn't an easy lesson to apply. But if we do, we'll find we've safely tucked our hearts and souls away in God's treasure house, kept safe in His strongbox until we're called home.



**Next Sunday's Readings:** Isaiah 55:1-3/Romans 8:35, 37-39/Matthew 14:13-21

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**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!

### **RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**

When we have good news the natural thing is to want to share it. What about the Good News of Jesus Christ? It certainly is worth sharing with your family and friends. Take the time to encourage or invite someone you know to learn more about the Catholic Church by being a part of the RCIA at St. Mary. Call George Newton at the Parish Ministry Center for more information 419-782-2776, or fill out the form below and put it in the collection basket.

**Yes, I want to be contacted about the RCIA process.**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**Bible Study Ministry** is intended to be an active ministry that reaches out to everyone in the parish, and beyond because bible reading for a Christian is not an option, it is necessary for our understanding of Christ's teachings and the teachings of the Church. Our purpose is manifold:

- To encourage people to read their bible regularly
- To help people better understand what they read
- To help people select bibles and materials that are helpful
- To show people how to form bible study groups
- To show people how to improve the group they're in
- To provide the God's Word Today sessions 1 time per month on the 2nd Monday of each month starting September 8

These 1 1/2 hour sessions are to provide a place where all of the above items take place and provide a regular session for those wishing to extend their scripture study.

We now have extra God's Word Today booklets in the office for people to see and take along for further examination. Please circle Monday, September 8, 2008 on your calendar.

**In Loving Memory:** Please remember in your prayers Francis Simonis. May he find joy in the kingdom of God, and may God console his family and friends.

**The St. Mary Catholic Church Annual Parish Festival** will be September 13 & 14. Raffle tickets will be in the back of church next weekend. Volunteers are needed. Sign-up sheets will be in the pews next weekend. Just drop them in the boxes at each door as you leave church, bring into the office, or email your choice to the Parish Ministry Center ([st-marys@defnet.com](mailto:st-marys@defnet.com)). Thanks.

**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.

**“Go Into the Whole World and Proclaim the Good News of Salvation”** Spanish Retreat, August 2 & 3 at St. Mary Church. For more information call 419-784-4508 or 419-264-1326.

**First Saturday Devotion:** The Lord promises to give us great faith! We can do the impossible through faith. Even change our culture of evil and death by doing it Jesus’ way. We need to believe, pray, and fast. Come to St. John’s this First Saturday, August 2, for Mass at 8:00 am. Let Mary, His Mother, magnify our efforts and give them to Jesus. There will be a video rosary and teaching with confession.



**Cub Scout News:** Do you know a boy who will start the first grade next fall? This Spring we are rounding up any boy who will be in grades 1-5 and is looking to have “fun with a purpose” in Cub Scouting. Sign up now and take advantage of the Cub Scout summer camps and activities. Contact Jim Howard, Cubmaster Pack 76, at 419-395-1919.

**Defiance Catholic School**

**Benefit Calendar Winners June 2008**

Richard Lockmiller \$100, Dan & Erin Batt, Bev Wagner, Betty Chandler, Paul Roehrig, Bryan & Erica Kishman, Vicki Blake, Bobbie Yoder, Dennis Gable, Darlene & Mike Simpson, Cheryl Wonderly, Dan Light, Gerald & Franci Zimmerman, Lloyd Ordway, Adam Shaffer, Dolores Ryan, Barb Lasek, Irene Zipfel, Ryan & Kara Miller, Janet Liffick, Raymond LaVoy, Kirk Jones, Connie Gerdeman, Jim & Shelley Batoha, Terri Willitzer, Roberta Fentil, Carol Pahl, Becky Keller, Shelly Mahjervick, and Jim & Joanne Murphy.



**SUPPORT OUR PARISH!  
SUPPORT OUR FESTIVAL!**

Be a part of our **SPONSOR-A-SIGN** Campaign.

We want to fill the streets of Defiance with signs advertising our parish festival.

Next weekend after all of the Mass, we will have available 18” x 24” plastic signs advertising the festival to put in your yards, and your neighbors’ yards, your friends’ yards.

A small \$5 donation per sign will help us defray advertising costs and you become proud sponsors of our parish festival.

**Take a sign– take two!**

Let’s see how many yards and streets we can fill.

These signs are reusable. If returned, we can buy decals to change the date for future festivals and they are ready to use again. Be a supporter.

**ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH  
ANNUAL PARISH FESTIVAL  
715 JEFFERSON AVE.**

**DEFIANCE OH**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**



**40 Days for Life:** The Diocese of Toledo will once again be among the locations participating in the national 40 Days for Life campaign from September 24 through November 2. From 8:00 am until 8:00 pm– 7 days a week– people from around the Diocese will pray outside the Center for Choice abortion center in Toledo (one of the two abortion clinics in our Diocese) and become a physical and spiritual witness to LIFE! Your help is urgently needed to make this evangelization for LIFE happen! If you or your parish group can commit an hour or more to this important witness, please contact Ann Barrick at toledoeagle@hotmail.com or 419-708-9497. The Culture of Life depends on us all!

### **There's Still Time...**

There's still time to register for the **Peer Support Facilitator Training Workshop** being held on September 24, 25 and 26 at the 577 Foundation in Perrysburg. Some topics to be addressed include the role of a facilitator, listening and communication skills and dealing with change, loss and conflict. Discounted **early registration fee (by 8/15) is \$100**; \$125 after. CEU's are available. For more info please call Germaine Kirk, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Toledo, 419-244-6711 ext. 431 or email [gkirk@toledodiocese.org](mailto:gkirk@toledodiocese.org).

**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](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).

**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.

## **EN THEOS - Enthusiasm for the Faith**

### **Why does Matthew include five women in his genealogy of Jesus?**

Matthew begins his Gospel with a genealogy of Jesus in chapter 1:1-17. It is structured around three sets of fourteen generations, tracing Jesus' ancestry from Abraham to David, from David to the Babylonian exile, and from the exile to the birth of Jesus. Written for a Jewish community, it traces Jesus' lineage through the male line, the typical manner of tracing Jewish ancestry. However, Matthew includes five women in the genealogy, causing hearers wonder.

The five women are Tamar, daughter-in-law of Judah, who disguises herself as a harlot to deceive Jacob into producing heirs. Rahab, the harlot, aids Joshua in occupying the Promised Land. Ruth, the Moabite, marries Boaz, the grandfather of David. The wife of Uriah, Bathsheba, marries David after he orders her husband killed in battle. Mary, the mother of Jesus, is married to Joseph, the legal but not the biological father of Jesus.

Why Matthew included these women is not certain. For Matthew, Jesus fulfills tradition yet brings newness and freshness to it. The women represent this newness and freshness in a traditional male genealogy. Rahab, Ruth and possibly Bathsheba are Gentiles. Matthew may be saying that the Jewish Messiah also had Gentile ancestry, encouraging Jews to be open to Gentiles in the person of Jesus. The Messiah will incarnate the best of the Jewish tradition coupled with openness to all of God's family, including Gentiles.

How does Jesus bring freshness to your notions of life and relationships?

### **Domus Angelorum Retreat Center (21706 SR 114, Cloverdale) August Schedule:**

- Friday, August 1: Tridentine Mass celebrated at 7:00 pm
- Sunday, August 3: "God Our Father" devotions 1:30– 3:30 pm
- Saturday, August 9: retreat "Beatitudes to Beatific Vision" Gathering at 8:00 am, Mass at 8:30 am, bring your own lunch, closing at 3:00 pm. Cost is \$10 per person. Welcome at the door or register by calling 419-488-3563

**Parish Finances - Stewardship of Treasure**

Week of July 20 You Gave .....	\$8,899.00
2008-2009 Year to Date .....	\$28,796.00
2007-2008 Year to Date .....	\$31,533.00
Fiscal Year to Date LOSS .....	(\$5,820.50)

**UPCOMING FESTIVALS**

**St. Anthony Summer Festival, Columbus Grove.**  
 Sunday, August 3, 11:00 am to 10:00 pm. Chicken & beef dinners, country store, refreshments, duck races, rides, crafts, games, bakery wheel, garage sale, bingo, prizes and more to enjoy!

**Divine Mercy Catholic Parish (formerly St. Mary's) Antwerp Annual Festival**  
 Sunday, August 17, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Family style chicken & ham dinners, game tent, country store, raffle tickets, silent auction, and more!

**St. Patrick's Annual Festival, Bryan**  
 Sunday, August 24, 11:00 am to 3:30 pm. Please come join the fun. This year's events include chicken & ham dinners, grand raffle, silent auction, bake sale, children's games, clowns, quilt raffle and live Christian music.

**St. Mary's Parish Festival, Defiance**  
 Saturday, September 13 & Sunday, September 14. Altar Society Booth, silent auction, raffle drawing, food and beverages, kid's games, duck & horse races, Boy Scout cobbler, adult games, adult dance, bingo and much more!

<b>Daily Readings for This Week</b>	
<b>Readings for the Week of July 27, 2008</b>	
Monday:	Jer 13:1-11/Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday:	Jer 14:17-22/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday:	Jer 15:10, 16-21/Mt 13:44-46
Thursday:	Jer 18:1-6/Mt 13:47-53
Friday:	Jer 26:1-9/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday:	Jer 26:11-16, 24/Mt 14:1-12

**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 28**

8:00 AM Communion Service

**Tuesday, July 29**

8:00 AM Communion Service

**Wednesday, July 30**

8:00AM Communion Service

**Thursday, July 31**

8:00 AM Gerald Nussbaum

**Friday, August 1**

8:00 AM Paul Cape Family Members

**Saturday, August 2**

4:30 PM Douglas Sholl

**Sunday, August 3**

8:00 AM John Newton Anniversary

9:30 AM Margie Hohenberger

11:30 AM Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Steffel

**Events For This Week**

**Monday, July 28**

SVDP 7:00 pm PMC

Charismatic Prayer Grp 7:00 pm PMC

**Tuesday, July 29**

School Finance Meeting 7:00 pm School

**Thursday, July 31**

Cantor Rehearsal 5:00 pm Church

**Friday, August 1**

Spanish Prayer Group 7:00 pm Chapel

**Saturday, August 2**

Spanish Retreat 7:00 am School

**Sunday, August 3**

Spanish Retreat 7:00 am School

Baptism Instructions 1:30 pm PMC

**Wedding Banns**

Banns II Amanda Tremante & John Knipp