

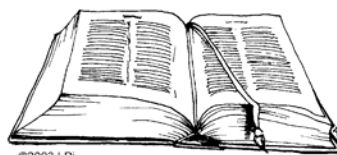
## ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Today's Readings:** Exodus 19:2-6a/Romans 5:6-11/Matthew 9:36-10:8

**GOSPEL GLIMPSE Not cheap... free!**

Nothing in life is free, or so the saying goes. Years of tricky advertising copy and shady sales pitches have ensured that we mistrust any item offered without cost. If it's given for free, it must be worthless we think, because money hasn't exchanged hands. The value of everything is shown by its price tag, not its content or even intent.

It's frightening how this price tag valuation has been exploited in the name of faith. Religious conmen regularly offer us healing, hope and their misguided road to salvation for "just a small donation". Buy my book, my video or send a check they say and I will help you. And sadly, this salvation on the installment plan leads thousands astray. Our answer to these false messiahs is in today's gospel. Jesus tells His disciples "Without cost you have received, without cost you are to give." God has given us a simple way to judge whether a teaching, gift or even salvation, comes from God or man. Check the price tag. If it's more than \$0.00, think again.



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**Next Sunday's Readings:** Jeremiah 20:10-13/Romans 5:12-15/Matthew 10:26-33

**Celebration for Cisco:** As Cisco and his family are preparing for the new road ahead, we are preparing a farewell celebration. Please join us in the Parish Ministry Center after all Masses the weekend of June 28th and 29th. We thank the Lloveras family for all they have given to our faith community and wish them well in Arkansas!

**Vacation Bible School:** Mark your calendars! June 23-27 from 9:00 am to 12:15 pm. St. Mary children, youth, and adults have been invited to attend and serve this year's "**Power Lab-Discovering Jesus' Miraculous Power**" Bible School event being offered at St. John's. Registration forms are available at the Parish Ministry Center and St. Mary Church entrances. Bible School is available for children age 4 through grade six. Youth helpers are needed, incoming seventh through grade 12. It takes many adults from both our parishes to have a successful program. Please contact Connie at St. John's 782-7121 if you can offer your services. What a great opportunity for our children, youth, and adults to work together— sign up today!

**Deadline is this Monday, June 16th!**

**The Parish Office will be closed all day Wednesday, June 18** so Jean and Shelly can attend a Toledo Diocese Secretary In-Service day. We will reopen Thursday morning at **9:30 AM**. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

**Summer School Hours:** Defiance Catholic School hours for the month of June are 9–12 noon. The office will be closed in July and re-open in August. Please call either campus if an appointment is necessary and different hours are needed.

### Prayer for Fathers

Dear God,

You have given fathers the task of raising their children to holiness.

You chose Abraham, Isaac and Jacob as fathers of your holy nation of Israel.

Despite their failings, weaknesses and poor choices, you made of them a great and long-lasting nation.

And when the time came for your Son to enter this world, you chose a holy man named Joseph as his father.

As our Heavenly Father, you have seen us, your children, make both wise and poor choices.

Give us grace to be faithful to you, despite our failings, and help us be fathers to our children as you have been to us.

Amen.



**EN THEOS - Enthusiasm for the Faith**

**How are Catholics to respond when we hear strongly negative attitudes toward undocumented immigrants?**

Pope Leo XIII in his 1891 encyclical, *Rerum Novarum* (On the Condition of Labor), articulated Catholic social justice teachings, while addressing the plight of immigrants. Church leaders since that time have continued to expand and refine these justice principles. These teachings should dominate the thought patterns and actions of all Catholics.

Basic biblical attitudes and perspectives teach us to treat immigrants with respect, care and concern. Hospitality to strangers (Leviticus 19:33-34), to the very least of our brothers and sisters, is one of the criteria upon which our own final judgment will be based (Matthew 25:31-46). Jesus himself experienced life as a stranger in a foreign land when he had to flee the death threats of Herod (Matthew 2:13-15)

These and other biblical justice principles provide the foundational Catholic response to negative attitudes toward undocumented immigrants. Catholics need to affirm that all have a right to emigrate to provide for themselves and their families. God has given us much, not to hoard for ourselves, but to share with all. While each country has a right to regulate its borders and control immigration, that right has to be exercised with justice and always tempered by mercy.

Catholic Bishops have made justice for immigrants one of the priorities of the Church in the United States. Visit the web site [www.justiceforimmigrants.org](http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org) and reflect on how well biblical principles inform your attitude toward immigrants.



In the Gospel today we hear Jesus say to his disciples, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send laborers for his harvest." **Have you considered answering the call to join the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?**

**Eucharistic Adoration and OLPH Devotions:**

June, being dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, makes the 17th 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 17th at 4:00 pm to St. Mary Church to spend an hour with Him? Listen carefully to His call.

**55 Plus Club** will meet on Tuesday, June 17 at St. Mary'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 Ricca 784-0311 or Gertrude Deitrick 784-4658. Committee members are Dolores Ryan, Kathy Westrick and Dolores Jacobs.

**COME TO THE CELEBRATION  
Of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Feast Day  
And  
Fr. Tim's 25th Anniversary  
of being ordained a priest.**

**Friday, June 27  
Mass at 5:30 pm  
Followed by Food and Fellowship  
in the church parking lot under a tent.**

**RSVP by completing the form below, calling  
the parish office or emailing  
SASstmary@defnet.com**

**Come and celebrate**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Please RSVP no later than June 23.

**Notre Dame Summer Retreat August 1-3:** This weekend event is an enriching experience for people of all ages, especially families, who want to come and enjoy the beauty of the Campus and the spiritual renewal that the program offers. Along with the staff of Holy Cross Family Ministries, the featured speaker for this year's retreat is Clarence Gilyard, known by many as deputy James Trivette of the TV program *Walker, Texas Ranger*.

Along with the talks and presentations in Washington Hall, the retreat also includes the celebration of the Eucharist in the Grotto with Bishop John D'Arcy, a candle-light procession, opportunities for reconciliation and much more.

Retreatants will be housed in the air-conditioned residence halls of the University. Meals are in the University dining halls. Adults \$125, Youth (6-17) \$90, Children under 6 are free. For information and registration contact:

Holy Cross Family Ministries  
Mission Dept.  
518 Washington St.  
North Easton MA 02356-1200  
800-299-7729/ 508-238-4095 ext. 2012  
Email: bmahoney@hcfm.org

**Father/Son Campout!** The St. Michael's Conquest Club will be sponsoring a campout in Defiance from 6:00 pm, Friday, June 20th to 3:00 pm, Saturday, June 21st. The campout will be held at 20956 Powers Rd, Defiance, Ohio. Activities will include: camping, competitive sports, swimming, fishing, hiking, campfire, mini-olympics, Mass, and special talk by Fr. Oedy. The cost is \$10 per boy/dad with a maximum per family of \$30. Please contact Jim Christopherson @ 260-238-4136 for more information.

### **Defiance Catholic School Benefit Calendar Winners May 2008**

LeAnn Allen \$100, Jason Brown, Jody Keller, Donelda Becher, Jeff Noffsinger, Don Fee, Sr., Barb Schlosser, Arvil Wireman, Genevieve Hornish, Barb Cereghin, Paul Detty, Matt Mayer, Doris Maag, Vince & Mary Batt, Judy Lenhart, Jim & Ellen Frey, Elizabeth Lloveras, Cathy Birkemier, Rose Pessefall, Judy Hoellrich, Mike Kalapos, Dan Light, Kristin McNamara, Greta Iler, Joe & Carrie Relyea, Dan Anderson, Andy Zimmerman, Kim Gentit and Sean Hiler.



### **SCHOOL NEWS**

School's out, school's out! Have a great summer—enjoy, relax, stay healthy, be safe! Always remember to keep God a part of your June, July and August plans! And— try to do some reading... the library has a fun reading program for all ages!

As promised— birthdays in May! Hope you had enjoyable days! Kevin Keber, Ashley Beck, James Phillips, Sofia Castillo and Heidy Monnin, Pre K; David Calvo and Brianna Fortman, kindergarten; James Blunt, Gwen Kraber and Yoselin Ruiz, grade 1; Hanna Schaffer and Britta Salinas, grade 2; Noah Ortiz, grade 3; Alison Carder and Evan Guilford, grade 4; Tony Mayer and Peter Elliott, grade 5; Mrs. Blumfeldt, Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Marguerite Willitzer, staff.

Congratulations to Mrs. Jones who is a 2008-09 member of the National Association of Professional Women!

Some farewell thoughts from one of our sixth graders, James Howard. James wrote about being a sixth grader, especially about being a buddy to Mrs. Kathy's kindergarten class. He wrote about all the fun activities they did together. When you're a sixth grader, you're expected to do a lot and be role models for the rest of the school.

To all of our school dads and dad-like persons— thank you for all you do, but mostly for all you are and witness to our students. Happy Father's Day!

Please continue to save Chief receipts, General Mills box tops, used ink or laser cartridges and used cell phones. You can drop them off at either campus office during June and then in August. Thank you very much!

Reminder: The school office (either campus) is open from 9:00-12:00 during the month of June, starting June 11. If you need to come in outside of the office hours, please call and make an appointment. The office is closed in July.

Hope you are off to a nice beginning of summer vacation!

Miss Sandy

**Parish Finances - Stewardship of Treasure**

Last Week You Gave.....	\$10,224.00
Need Weekly .....	\$10,885.00
Below Budget.....	(\$661.00)
Contributions to Date .....	\$549,088.23
\$10,885 x 50 Weeks .....	\$544,250.00
Year to Date <i>Above</i> Budget .....	\$4,838.23

**The Community Pregnancy Centers has an immediate ministry opening for a part-time Office Manager** in the Defiance Counseling Center. This is a 2-1/2 day per week paid position that requires data input, volunteer staff management, and some counseling. An associates degree in business administration or the equivalent in experience is also suggested. Please contact Judy at 419-636-5692 for information or to apply.

**A Course Teaching Facilitation Skills for Peer Support** will be held September 24, 25 & 26 at The 577 Foundation, 577 East Front St, Perrysburg, Ohio. This course prepares persons to facilitate any type of peer support group and enhances one-on-one ministry skills. \$100 early registration fee due August 15; \$125 registration fee if received after August 15; \$150 flat fee for individuals seeking CEU's. Registration is limited to 20 persons. Special fee schedule for a parish sending two or more registrants. Course topics include Communication, Listening Skills, Types of Groups, Role of Facilitator, Confidentiality, Ground Rules in Support Groups, Opening and Closing Support Groups, Support/Boundaries for Facilitators, Dealing with Loss and Change in our Lives, Handling Anger and Conflict Situations and How To Get a Program Started. For more information contact Germaine Kirk at Catholic Charities 419-244-6711, ext. 431.

**Daily Readings for This Week  
Readings for the Week of June 15, 2008**

Monday:	1 Kgs 21:1-16/Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 21:17-29/Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday:	2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Sir 48:1-14/Mt 6:7-15
Friday:	2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Mt 6:19-23
Saturday:	2 Chr 24:17-25/Mt 6:24-34

**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 16**

8:00 AM Communion Service

**Tuesday, June 17**

11:00 AM Mass with 55 Plus Club

**Wednesday, June 18**

8:00 AM Adam & Ella Jurcevich

**Thursday, June 19**

8:00 AM Herbert Carroll

**Friday, June 20**

8:00 AM Respect for all Life

**Saturday, June 21**

4:30 PM Robert Buchholz  
William Bauer

**Sunday, June 22**

8:00 AM Deceased Members of  
Dr. Charles Zeller Family

9:30 AM John Trame

11:30 AM Bill Small Anniversary

**Events For This Week**

**Monday, June 16**

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

**Tuesday, June 17**

OLPH Devotions 4:00 pm Church

**Wednesday, June 18**

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

**Thursday, June 19**

Rect/Money Counter Brunch 8:45 am PMC  
Cantor Rehearsal 5:00 pm Church  
YES Project

**Friday, June 20**

Spanish Prayer Group 7:00 pm Chapel  
YES Project

**Saturday, June 21**

Shindler & Schultz Nuptials 1:30 pm Church  
YES Project  
YES Mass 5:00 pm St. John's

**Wedding Banns**

Banns III Judith Shindler & Jason Schultz