

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

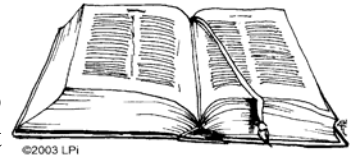
Today's Readings: Jeremiah 20:10-13/Romans 5:12-15/Matthew 10:26-33

GOSPEL GLIMPSES No worries

It seems sometimes the world is made up of two kinds of people: Those who work hard for a living, trying to earn a better life, and those who sit back and let life happen, expecting good things to fall into their laps. Each side will vehemently defend the virtues of their own attitude, and simultaneously point the finger of shame at their opposites. Which group is right in God's eyes, you might understandably wonder?

Neither or perhaps both. As with so many subjects, scripture poses a little paradox. God tells us that to be overly worried about having enough food and clothing shows a lack of trust in Him. Score one for the "sit back and be" group. God also tells us a lazy servant will not be recognized or rewarded by his Master. That's a point for the hardworking side. To find God's truth you need to merge the viewpoints. We are to work as hard as possible both to provide for our families and also to serve God, but leave the worries up to Him. We must trust that the work of our hands will not go unblessed by God. It's that simple. Let's pray to find that balance this week: Work hard, don't worry, and relax in faith when the work is done.

Next Sunday's Readings: Acts 12:1-11/2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18/Matthew 16:13-19



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■ **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!
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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.

Calling All Bakers! We are in need of baked goods for all Masses the weekend of June 28th for Cisco's farewell. Please drop off your creation in the Parish Ministry Center on Friday, June 27th. Thanks for your help!

In the Gospel today, we hear Jesus say: "Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father."

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to "acknowledge the goodness of the Father" by assisting the poor.

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

Funeral Dinner Dishes: We have several dishes from funeral dinners. If you have a dish to pick up, the Parish Ministry Center is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 to 4:30. (Closed for lunch, noon to 1:00)

Come and celebrate

Name: _____

Number attending: _____

Please RSVP no later than Monday, June 23.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Each year, the annual Peter's Pence Collection in support of the works of the Holy Father is held in parishes throughout the world. The proceeds from this Collection fund emergency relief assistance to those who suffer from war, oppression, disease, and natural disaster. Through works of charity, Catholics stand in solidarity with the weak, the defenseless, and the voiceless, and they sustain those who suffer.

The theme for this year's Collection echoes that of the Holy Father's apostolic journey to the United States in April 2008— *Christ Our Hope*. The theme reflects the message of Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical *Spe Salvi*: an invitation for people to encounter Jesus Christ personally. In the encyclical, Pope Benedict said that faith in Christ brings well-founded hope in eternal salvation, the "great hope" that can sustain people through the trials of this world.

As we participate in this special appeal, we join Catholics worldwide in a loving expression of solidarity. We share in the concern of the successor of Peter for the many different needs of the universal Church and for the relief of those most in need around the globe.

This year, the Collection in our diocese is scheduled for next weekend, June 28 & 29.

I ask you to consider contributing to the Collection this year, and I am grateful for your generosity.

Together let us ask the Lord to bless the Holy Father and us, as well as those in need throughout the world.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair
Bishop of Toledo

A Family Perspective: Jesus says "Do not be afraid" three times in today's gospel and reminds us "all concealed secrets will be revealed." Do not be afraid to acknowledge problems in your family. If they remain "hidden in darkness" they will "destroy body and soul." Healing, understanding, and hope are found only "in the light" of openness. "Do not be afraid."

Prayer for Summer

Dear God,

You made the four seasons.

Each summer arrives as part of your perfect pattern and will, yet is unique unto itself.

This summer, help me to see not only the enjoyment of vacations, but the joy of your will.

Help me to feel not only the pleasure of a warm sun, but the contentment of a life guided by you.

Help me to know, not only the satisfaction of a project completed, but the fulfillment of a heart filled by you.

Help me to see you in all things, Lord, in all seasons of life you give us.

Amen.

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.



SCHOOL NEWS

Happy mid-June already! Most of the teachers have finished up for the summer, BUT the office (at either campus) will be open through June 30 from 9:00-12:00.

Congratulations to Laura Castillo and Katie Hancock who participated in a fifth grade writing contest on “Teach Children to Save Day” at the State Bank! Both won a series of educational comic books on money, saving, etc... And Katie was recognized as having the BEST of all fifth graders who turned in an essay. She won a \$50 Savings Bond.

Happy June birthdays to Mayte Castillo, Victoria Valle, Kohle Clellan, Madalyn Schlosser, Aubrey Stanfield, Abby Huddleston, Machenzie Guilford and Garret Eutsler.

Some more words about Defiance Catholic School from our sixth graders: Aubrey Stanfield wrote about school being a place she looked forward to every day. Can you imagine school being a place you want to go to? Aubrey said she remembered being little and looking up to the older kids. She is now that older kid and how much kids do look up to you.

Kaitlyn Koch wrote about the joining of the two schools. She was scared. But now she doesn't want to leave. She has had so much fun on field trips; she loved Chicago and Camp Mohican. But one of Kaitlyn's favorite things at DCS were all the service projects.

Hope this first week of summer, which officially began on June 21, is a good one for you and your family!

Miss Sandy

EN THEOS - Enthusiasm for the Faith

June 22 is the feast of the martyr, St. Thomas More. What can he teach us about Christian priorities in an election year?

Thomas More, chancellor of England during the reign of Henry VIII (1509-1547) was eventually killed for remaining faithful to his beliefs and values. Unfortunately for Thomas, these convictions went against the king's desires and dictates. As Thomas More was led to his death, he offered his king and longtime friend these words of conviction and right action: “I die the king's good servant, but God's first.”

Thomas More, who worked in law and government, knew the value and necessity of good government for the sake of the common good. He worked diligently to make certain that government was just and fair. Political activity and policies had to be guided by faith-values and beliefs, and not merely by the law of the land. Thomas worked at consistently making the laws of the land reflect the laws of God. When the two conflicted, Thomas was clear concerning his choice to value his beliefs in God over his life.

As we try to discern the various issues that face us this election year, let us be as clear as Thomas was in the choices that need to be made. On abortion, on the death penalty, on immigration, on poverty, on unemployment, on war, on any act of injustice, we must work to have our laws reflect our beliefs and values.

What choice would you make if confronted with the same dilemma that Thomas More faced?

Eagle Eye Summer Institutes are week-long experiences, including two days of outdoor activity (hiking, camping) followed by five days of monastic prayer, philosophy and theology classes, and fun in an atmosphere conducive to true Christian friendship, including awesome activities. Please contact Amanda at amandaonfs@yahoo.com or visit www.soaringforwisdom.com for more information.



Parish Finances - Stewardship of Treasure

Last Week You Gave.....	\$10,296.00
Need Weekly	\$10,885.00
Below Budget.....	(\$589.00)
Contributions to Date	\$559,384.23
\$10,885 x 51 Weeks	\$555,135.00
Year to Date <i>Above</i> Budget	\$4,249.23

Lay Ministry Formation Program: Feeling the call to become more involved with your Catholic Faith? How do you know? As Jesus said to his future disciples: "Come and see."

The Diocese of Toledo is accepting applications **NOW** for the 8 month Lay Ministry Formation weekend program that begins in September. This program of formation will help you answer that call.

The application deadline is August 1. Please visit the diocesan website to find out more about the program and obtain an application form: www.toledodiocese.org. (click on Evangelization, scroll to Lay Ministry Formation and click on that link)

Or contact the Lay Ministry Office:
 Phone: 419-244-6711
 Email: cmurar@toledodiocese.org

Rays of Hope Grief Camp: August 12-14. Rays of Hope is a 3-day camp for families with children 6-17 who have experienced the death of a loved one. It provides an opportunity for children to meet with others in age-appropriate groups, helping them to understand their grief. Rays of Hope is sponsored by Community Health Professionals of Defiance and Williams and Fulton Counties. The camp is held at Camp Libbey, 28325 SR 281, Defiance. To learn more call Community Health Professionals 1-800-637-5371 or 419-782-5411. Registration forms are in the back of church.

Daily Readings for This Week	
Readings for the Week of June 22, 2008	
Monday:	2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday:	Is 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80
Wednesday:	2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Mt 7:15-20
Thursday:	2 Kgs 24:8-17/Mt 7:21-29
Friday:	2 Kgs 25:1-12/Mt 8:1-4
Saturday:	Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Mt 8:5-17

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 23

8:00 AM Communion Service

Tuesday, June 24

8:00 AM Communion Service

Wednesday, June 25

8:00 AM Communion Service

2:15 PM Laurel's Communion Service

Thursday, June 26

8:00 AM Communion Service

Friday, June 27

5:30 PM All St. Mary Parishioners

Saturday, June 28

4:30 PM Joseph Steffel

Sunday, June 29

8:00 AM David Wickley

Wilber Steinbrener

9:30 AM Lydia Kunesh

11:30 AM Lois Mekus

Events For This Week

Monday, June 23

Charismatic Prayer Group 7:00 pm PMC

SVDP 7:00 pm PMC

Wednesday, June 25

Finance Council 7:00 am PMC

Shep of Christ Prayer Group 6:00 pm Church

Thursday, June 26

Cantor Rehearsal 5:00 pm Church

Friday, June 27

Parish Feast Day Mass 5:30 pm Church

Parish Feast Day Celebration 6:30 pm Tent

Spanish Bible Study 7:00 pm PMC

Saturday, June 28

Reception for Cisco After all Masses

Sunday, June 29

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