

## ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Today's Readings:** Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9/2 Corinthians 13:11-13/John 3:16-18  
**GOSPEL GLIMPSES      What price?**

“If you have to ask the price, then you can't afford it.” Whoever said it first was probably right. Some of the wonderful things in life are just beyond our reach. We dare not even dream of them, for fear our budgets would burst trying to attain them. So we're wary of items advertised without a price tag, expecting someone is playing a nasty trick and we'll never be able to pay the bill when it comes due.

The same fear keeps people from God. They hear that eternal life is free, no price listed, and immediately they're suspicious. How can a gift of such rare value cost nothing? There must be a trick, a hidden bill that will come due someday. We begin to look at God like a TV infomercial. Sound's great, but where's the catch? What we need to remind our jaded hearts of, is that our eternal life is horrendously costly – for God. He purchased us with the lifeblood of His only Son. So our salvation isn't free, it's “pre-paid.” For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, and all we have to do is believe. How can we ignore such an amazing offer?

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a/1 Corinthians 10:16-17/John 6:51-58



### REMINDER:

The St. Vincent de Paul clothing truck will be at St. Mary's this weekend. Bring all your clean, bagged clothing. The truck will leave after the 11:30 Mass. Thanks for your contribution!

**No Youth Group meeting on Wednesday, May 21st. See you May 28th.**

**YES registration closes on Wednesday, May 28th.** If you want to be part of Youth Elect Service, pick up an application at the Parish Ministry Center and return it by May 28th.

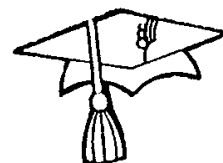
**The Catholic Communications Campaign:** Did you hear the Good News today? Television, radio, newspapers, magazines, the Internet– all are places people go to get news and entertainment. Your support of the Catholic Communications Campaign (CCC) helps Catholics have increased opportunities to find Gospel-grounded messages and resources to strengthen their families and their faith. **Please contribute generously to CCC in today's collection.** Half of all donations remain in our Diocese to fund the Diocesan and Catholic Chronicle websites, local Catholic radio stations and student interns. Visit [www.toledodiocese.org](http://www.toledodiocese.org) for more information or [www.CatholicCommunicationsCampaign.org](http://www.CatholicCommunicationsCampaign.org) for national program information. Thank you for your generous response.

## Congratulations to our 2008 Graduates!

Brittany Bryant  
Vanessa Cox  
James Frey  
Taylor Grant  
Danae Jimenez  
Molly Leonard  
Marissa McDonald  
Molly Morton  
Steven Riedel  
Chad Steyer  
Chiara Tremante

Kristan Clady  
Corey Davis  
Ryan George  
Emily Hauter  
Kaitlyn Johns  
Casondra Lipp  
Shelby Mertz  
Kristen Nicely  
Rita Runk  
Brianna Stover  
Preston Zachrich

Priscilla Cox  
Zachary Davis  
Audrey Gorman  
Scott Hoshock  
Daniel Lemon  
Michelle Maag  
Patrick Millen  
Joseph Pietrykowski  
Alexandra Sealscott  
Jordan Trejo



**Eucharistic Adoration- Devotions:** Just like our earth mothers are present in our lives, and we honor them during the month of May, let us not forget our spiritual Mother. Mary was present throughout the life of Christ, both by her Mother's love and her commitment to Him. By God's wish, she is also committed to us. Come on Tuesday, May 20, at 4:00 pm to St. Mary Church to bring your devotions before her, letting her know what an important part she plays in our lives. Eucharistic Adoration, recitation of the Rosary, and Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help will show our appreciation of God, allowing her to be our Mother also.

**The Toledo Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting (TDCCS)** is sponsoring their 7th annual Catholic Scout Camporee on June 13-15 on the grounds of Sorrowful Mother Shrine, Bellevue, OH. The theme: **The Quest for the Holy Grail of Catholic Scouting.** Youth of all faiths are welcome. Webelos can attend with a troop or visit on Saturday. Activities include: Prayer services, service project, American Heritage/Architecture Merit Badges, instruction on being a Chaplain Aide and MUCH, MUCH MORE. Contact Frank Butwin, TDCCS Chair, at 419-874-2721 or [fb21@wcnet.org](mailto:fb21@wcnet.org) for more information.

### **Defiance Catholic School**

#### **Benefit Calendar Winners April 2008**

Rita Weber \$100, Katie Shank, Albert Mekus, Dan Light, Cody Jack, Patricia Hackert, Dan & Nadine Batoha, Dan Light, Robert Royal, Antonia Leal, Ann Westrick, Dan Light, Janet Dandy, Mary Grosenbacher, Becky Clemens, Jim Lightle, Ann & Dave Birkenmeyer, Carol Moore, John Herman, Joan Hedrick, Tyler Shafer, Daniel Michel, Howie Yuger, Harriet Steel, Larry Noffsinger, Revella Willitzer, Karen Kroeckel, Sarah Calvelage, and Carol Gable.

As we celebrate the mystery of the Trinity we also realize the mystery of how much God loves and cares for us each day. Believing in this, our lives can then overflow in thanksgiving and praise. **Your gift to the St. Vincent de Paul Society will help the poor to believe in the mystery of God's love for them.**

**Pro Life Mass:** You are invited to celebrate life in special honor of the sacred heart of Jesus on Friday, May 30th at St. John's. At 9:00 am there will be a special Mass on the Feast of the Sacred Heart. Mass will be followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day and ending with Benediction at 5:00 pm. This is put on by Mother Theresa Right to Life.

**55 Plus Club** will meet on Tuesday, May 27 at St. Michael's Ridge. 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 Jean Zimmerman, Pauline Lenhart, Pat Fronk and Mary Batt.

**Monthly retreats** provide the soul with renewed graces certainly needed in today's world to keep us faithful and striving towards sanctity. Come with your whole family and friends to benefit from these Evenings of Recollection preached by the priests of Miles Christi. In honor of our Blessed Virgin Mary for this month, the children will be participating in May Crowning. Two spiritual talks, as well as confessions, will be given throughout the evening. Refreshments will be available. Please plan to attend today, Sunday, May 18th, 6:30- 8:45 pm at Holy Family Parish, 7359 SR 109, Ottawa. For more information: Todd & Chelsie Otto 419-876-3916 or [www.mileschristi.org](http://www.mileschristi.org).

**Announcing Lay Ministry Formation Information Nights!** Come and find out what the Diocesan Lay Ministry Formation Program has to offer you, your parish and the diocese. Take advantage of the following opportunities:

- Monday, June 9, from 7-9 pm at St. Joseph, Sylvania
- Wednesday, June 11, from 7-9 pm at St. Joseph, Tiffin
- Thursday, June 12, from 7-9 pm at St. Gerard, Lima

**A Family Perspective:** Today's gospel teaches "love" is the result of our "giving." The selfless giving of spouses, parents and children for one another is not only the sign of a happy and holy family. Selfless giving is the gift and the challenge of family life.



## SCHOOL NEWS

This is a busy, but fun week at Defiance Catholic School! If you listen closely when you are in the halls, you may hear singing as students prepare for this year's Spring Concert- "Be the Difference." It will be **Thursday, May 22- 6:00 pm at St. John's**. If you recall from last week's column, we will be raising awareness and supporting the "Food for Education" program, CRS Ghana. We have learned that it costs an estimated 30 cents a day to feed a child lunch in Ghana. That is around \$60 for an entire school year. We will be taking up a free-will offering for this program.

The third graders have decorated our first floor hallway. They have been studying the planets and to make the learning a hands-on activity, they worked in small groups to create murals of the planets. The murals can be seen by those who enter St. Mary Campus. Nice Work! Thank you, third graders!

This Wednesday at Mass, we will recognize all our second graders who received First Eucharist this year. Congratulations to the students and their families! After Mass, we will have our last Buddy Activity for the 2007-08 school year.

On Thursday, the three year olds will have their annual outing to Diehl Park. They will enjoy playing at Kid's Creation. The second graders will have a Litter Presentation at the St. John Campus.

Our four year olds will have their annual outing on Friday. It will be a trip to a farm... a friendly farm, cause it's the Rohn Farm.

On Saturday the Defiance Catholic School Marketing Committee will host its first "Ladies Luncheon." It will be held at Charlie's Down Under. In addition to sharing with each other over good food, we hope to raise some money for the tuition Assistance Fund.

**Reminder: No School on Monday, May 26.** Enjoy your long Memorial Day weekend! Take care!

Miss Sandy

**"Has the high price of gas got you down?** Put your dollars to work for Catholic Education. Buy \$200 in Speedway gas cards and automatically DCS earns \$8: yet you still have \$200 in gas cards! Find out how by contacting Ann Blunt at 419-782-9247 or e-mail [ohblunts@yahoo.com](mailto:ohblunts@yahoo.com) "

## EN THEOS - Enthusiasm for the Faith

**What meaning does the Trinity have for daily Christian living?**



The Trinity, three persons in one God, is a challenging mystery which baffles Christians and non-Christians alike. Jews and Muslims incorrectly understand Christians to worship three gods, not one. The word "person" used to describe God confuses many Christians. Its original philosophical understanding is today understood psychologically by many, which often leads to an image of three psychologically different persons in God. What is the best way to understand the Trinity today? Modern theological and biblical thinking, reflected in the Vatican II documents, offer some important clues.

The pastoral theology of Vatican II begins with a loving God as eternally existing and ever desirous to communicate self continually to all of creation. To truly understand the reality of God, one must examine the multiplicity of ways God has communicated, and continues to communicate, self in our human history. As Christians, we believe that the fullest and most complete self-communication of God occurred at the Incarnation, God-made-flesh in the person of Jesus. The way to know God best is to come to know Jesus, the very word of God.

Biblical knowledge and background are essential for coming to know God. Jesus' life and ministry manifest what God is all about. Once Jesus left the Earth, we were gifted with the Spirit, who continues to communicate God's will, desires and intention. God's self-communication in time and space is the best way to understand who God is and what God is about.

What impact does the Trinitarian mystery have on your faith life?

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Spring Concert  
"Be the Difference"  
May 22, 6:00 pm  
At St. John's  
A free-will offering will be taken

**Parish Finances - Stewardship of Treasure**

Last Week You Gave.....	\$11,467.00
Need Weekly .....	\$10,885.00
Above Budget.....	\$582.00
Contributions to Date .....	\$508,578.23
\$10,885 x 46 Weeks .....	\$500,710.00
Year to Date <i>Above Budget</i> .....	\$7,868.23

**Attention prayerful single women:** The Sisters of St. Francis in Pittsburgh, PA are having an exciting Live-in Experience Vocational Retreat June 13-14th. Pray and work with the sisters and hear the informative vocational talks. These retreats are very popular so make your reservations soon. If you take a bus or plane to Pittsburgh, the sisters will pick you up at no charge. There is no cost, but space is limited. Call 1-800-221-1807 for more details and information.

**Attention prayerful single men:** The famous Gethsemani Trappist Abbey in Trappist, Kentucky will be hosting free Live-in Vocational Retreats soon. Work and pray with the monks on their 2000-acre farm and hear the vocational talks. There is no cost, but space is limited. Dates include: June 2-9, June 9-16, and July 4-11. Weekend dates are also available. For more dates and info, call 1-800-221-1807.

**Catholic Youth Day 2008:** You're invited to be part of the action as the "World Famous" Toledo Mud Hens compete for their third Governor's Cup in 4 seasons. Bring your family and friends to the game on Sunday, August 10 vs. the Norfolk Tides at 6:30 pm for some fun and exciting baseball. Contact Frank Kristie at 419-725-4392. Discounted tickets at \$8 for all Catholic youth and families, pre-game ceremonies, reserved seating on third base line, and post-game fireworks/kids run the bases. Limited seating is available. Sponsored by the Youth, Young Adult and Campus Ministry Office of the Diocese of Toledo.

**Daily Readings for This Week  
Readings for the Week of May 18, 2008**

Monday:	Jas 3:13-18/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday:	Jas 4:1-10/Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday:	Jas 4:13-17/Mk 9:38-40
Thursday:	Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:41-50
Friday:	Jas 5:9-12/Mk 10:1-12
Saturday:	Jas 5:13-20/Mk 10:13-16

**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, May 19**

8:00 AM Communion Service

**Tuesday, May 20**

8:00 AM Dolores Netzer

**Wednesday, May 21**

9:15 AM David Wickley

**Thursday, May 22**

8:00 AM Respect for all Life

**Friday, May 23**

8:00 AM John Trame

**Saturday, May 24**

4:30 PM Tony Parsons

**Sunday, May 25**

8:00 AM Margarete Hohenberger

9:30 AM Raymond Delgado

11:30 AM Ann Stone

Anna Hohenberger

**Events For This Week**

**Monday, May 19**

Charismatic Prayer Group 7:00 pm PMC

SVDP 7:00 pm PMC

**Tuesday, May 20**

Food Pantry Meeting 3:30 pm PMC

OLPH Devotions 4:00 pm Church

**Wednesday, May 21**

Social Justice Mtg 5:00 pm PMC

Shep of Christ Prayer Group 6:00 pm Church

Youth Choir 6:00 pm Chapel

Folk Group 7:30 pm Church

**Thursday, May 22**

Cantor Rehearsal 5:00 pm Church

Spring Concert 6:00 pm St. John's

**Saturday, May 24**

Ott/Tuttle Nuptials 2:00 pm Church

*Wedding Banns*

Banns III	Rachel Ott & Craig Tuttle
Banns I	Nicole Sweet & Kyle Layne