

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

GOSPEL GLIMPSES

You are what you eat

Most 21st century citizens can quote a raft of nutritional facts: which vitamins are good for skin or bones, which herbs delay the aging process, etc. The media bombards us daily with food conscious advertising, encouraging us to take control of our weight and health simultaneously pelting us with fast food commercials. Watch what you eat is today's mantra, whether it's chicken nuggets or slim-fast.

Strangely enough, God has the same message for us. We are what we eat. Earthly food and nutrition only fuels the body on its road to eventual death. Too often we preen our bodies, while our starving spirits lay neglected. Today's gospel calls us to consider anew our spiritual diet. Have we eaten at His table? Do we regularly taste His flesh and blood, or merely stuff ourselves with mortal bread? On this feast of the Body and Blood God tells us that true spiritual food is given freely at His table. Come and eat today He says, and become what you eat. "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." Can any earthly diet offer so much?

Next Sunday's Readings: Deuteronomy 11:18, 26-28, 32/Romans 3:21-25, 28/Matthew 7:21-27

Happy Memorial Day!

The office will be closed on Monday, May 26th.

Memorial Day Prayer

Dear God,

On this day, we remember the sacrifices made for us by those who were willing to give their lives to ensure that our own would be spent in freedom.

Let us never forget to pray, not only for the dead, but also for those still living and working in the cause of freedom around the world.

As we celebrate and enjoy this time, give comfort and grace to those men and women who have sacrificed so much for our sake.

St. Martin, St. George and St. Joan of Arc: pray for the protection of our soldiers in their efforts, and bring them home safely at the end of their duties wherever that home may be.

Amen.

First Communion pictures are ready to be picked up. The Parish Ministry Center is open Monday-Friday from 8:30-4:30, closed for lunch 12:00-1:00.

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 Wednesday. Dates of YES are June 19-21.



Baptisms

November 2007–
May 2008

Zamara Olivia Arlene Mendoza, dau of Daniel & Nicole

Owen Kevin Duck, son of Kevin & Dawn

Casen Jenner Linebrink, son of Casey & Kelly

Kendall Katherine Davis, dau of Giles & Lindsay

Craig Alexander Hoffman, son of Bradley & Nicole

Addison Noel Crellin, dau of George & Nicole

Avery Jane Mohr, dau of Eric & Becky

Paige Marie Gamby, dau of Richard & Sarah

Jaeda Skye Mendoza, dau of William & Priscilla

Ayvah Renee Cullen, dau of Jeremy & Yara

Kelsey Ann Clark, dau of Jamison & Amanda

Braylon Scott Castillo, son of Michael & Holly

Final Report – One Faith...Many Blessings

Campaign: This is the closing financial report for the campaign we began over five years ago. The contribution figures are phenomenal with over 600 families participating. When the 90 degree weather comes this summer and our church is nice and cool, when you can drive out of the parking lot after Mass without waiting on 20 other cars to leave first, and when you visit the new Parish Ministry Center, experiencing the warm and welcoming atmosphere (especially the social outreach), remember how it all came about. God has truly blessed us with your support; *financial and spiritual*. We are sincerely and eternally grateful.

**St. Mary Parish
Financial Report for Parish Ministry Center
& One Faith... Many Blessings Campaign
January 2003 To May 2008**

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| Pledges Received | \$1,634,494 |
| Sale of Bricks, Net of Cost | \$18,835 |
| Sale of Home Items | \$9,883 |
| Campaign Auction Fundraiser | \$16,879 |
| Interest Income | \$36,920 |
| Amount Paid From Parish Funds | <u>\$10,573 *</u> |
| Total Receipts | \$1,727,584 |

Cost of Construction & Related Expenses

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| | \$1,259,065 |
| Diocesan One Faith... Many Blessings Contribution | \$269,959 |
| Site Finishes & Parking Lot | \$86,962 |
| Air Conditioning of Church | \$31,816 |
| Washington/Arabella Parking Lot | \$26,694 |
| Fundraising & Administrative Costs | \$42,824 |
| Construction Loan Interest Expense | <u>\$10,264</u> |
| Total Disbursements | \$1,727,584 |

* There are pledges outstanding which total \$5,452. Amounts collected on those pledges will be placed in the parish capital improvement fund.

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.

Homeschoolers Mass with Bishop Blair: All homeschoolers are welcome to attend an end of the year Mass with Bishop Blair on June 3 at 7:00 pm at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral. Those who have an 8th or 12th grader who would like to participate in the graduation ceremony after the Mass should register with Ruth Eby. A reception will follow in the school gym. Please RSVP to Ruth Eby at 419-875-5282 or rutheby@familink.com.

15th Annual Linus Slattery Auction & Dance: The Hicksville Knights of Columbus Club 10043, along with the family of the late Linus Slattery, will be holding a benefit for the Defiance County Hospice In-Patient Facility on June 13 at the Defiance County Fairgrounds multi-purpose building. Breakfast is 6:00-9:00 am hosted by Ladies Eagles Aux. 2556. Car Cruise-in registration begins at 4:00 pm. Auction starts at 6:30 pm. Beverages available, 50-50 drawing, live bands– Sugar Daddy, The Argonne Band and Joy, Deb & Marilyn. All proceeds to Defiance County Hospice.

A Family Perspective: There are times a parent feels consumed by the demands of the family. In today’s gospel Jesus tells us we are on the right track for we are called to “give our flesh.” It is in total giving of ourselves we discover our life and actually give life to others.



Today as we celebrate the gift of the Body and Blood of Christ let us pray for those who are hungry, malnourished and starving.

Please give to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help those who are hungry.

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



SCHOOL NEWS

Hope you are enjoying your Memorial Day weekend! We are! This week finds us “winding down” and finishing up things as we look toward the end of the 2007-08 school year.

Tuesday is the last day for our three year olds. Have a FUN, safe summer!

On Wednesday, we say so long to our four year olds! We hope all of you enjoy your summer days.

Our kindergarten will have a special day with their sixth grade “buddies”. They will start the day at our 9:15 Mass and then enjoy some time together afterward.

Friday we celebrate the last Friday in May. It’s a non-uniform day; jeans can be worn.

Other News:

- We raised \$1,478 for Cystic Fibrosis with our Karnival for Kenzie! Thanks to anyone who contributed in any way!
- Congratulations to Hannah Homier who placed ninth in the Grade 5 division of Design-an-Ad! This is an annual project sponsored by The Crescent News. Our fifth and sixth graders, under the guidance of Mrs. Boyd, participate every year.
- Congratulations to these fifth and sixth graders who earned Citizenship Stamps at Camp Mohican. These stamps are awarded to students who go above and beyond the requirements for classes, jobs, or both. Eighteen of our twenty-nine students there received stamps! Brenna Rohn, James Howard, Ivan Chagoyan, Natalie Castillo, and Vincenza Tremante, grade 6. Cody Mohr, Katie Hancock, Valerie Klein, David Michel, Peter Elliott, John Seibert, Brandon Niese, Tony Mayer, Grace Karnes, Michael Gineman, Mark Obri and Matt Belland, grade 5. We are proud of you!
- The first graders made robots out of recycled parts. They are on display outside their classroom... very clever and unique.
- During Science class, the students in grades 4-6 are having an Invention Convention. By using their imaginations, they are brainstorming, drawing pictures, asking questions, revising and refining their plans so that eventually they will construct a model of their invention. Their inventions were made from donated “junk”. The Science Room is a “hub” of activity and creativity... a great hands-on, thinking, methodical way to learn!

Enjoy this last week of May! Miss Sandy

EN THEOS - Enthusiasm for the Faith

Why is Corpus Christi Sunday now called the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ?

Corpus Christi (Body of Christ) as the feast honoring the Eucharistic presence of Christ in the elements of bread and wine became a universal church celebration in 1264, under Pope Urban IV. At the time, so few people felt worthy to receive the Eucharist that in 1215, the Fourth Lateran Council stipulated that people had to receive communion at least once a year.

This came to be known as the Easter duty, since one was obliged to receive communion yearly sometime between the First Sunday of Lent and Trinity Sunday, the Sunday after Pentecost, a period of over ninety days. At that time, and up to the time of Vatican II (1962-1965), Catholics only shared the host at communion time. The cup was reserved exclusively for the priest to partake.

Vatican II liturgical reforms stressed recapturing the richness and fullness of sacramental symbols, moving away from the diminishment of symbols that had sometimes been prevalent. The cup was reinstated for all, enriching the fullness of the sacramental presence of Christ in the elements of both consecrated bread and wine. So a feast known simply as the Body of Christ is now enriched by renaming it the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. When receiving communion, we are now strongly encouraged to share both in the host and the cup.

Reflect on how sharing communion under both kinds makes our Eucharistic celebration more rich and meaningful.



Parish Finances - Stewardship of Treasure

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| Last Week You Gave..... | \$9,779.00 |
| Need Weekly | \$10,885.00 |
| Below Budget..... | \$1,106.00 |
| Contributions to Date | \$518,357.23 |
| \$10,885 x 47 Weeks | \$511,595.00 |
| Year to Date <i>Above</i> Budget | \$6,762.23 |

Prayer Vigil for Life: On Thursday, June 5, the Diocese of Toledo is invited to come together to pray for Life, particularly Life in the Womb. It will begin with 6:00 pm Mass at Rosary Cathedral followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with the option of a rosary pilgrimage to the Center for Choice Abortion Clinic or remaining before the Blessed Sacrament to pray the rosary. The pilgrimage group will return to the Cathedral and join those who remained there and Benediction will be offered. Refreshments will follow in the school. No matter what the weather. Questions contact Mary at 419-878-0486 with Helpers of God's Precious Infants.

Memorial Day Dance: May 26, from 4- 8 pm at the Ottawa K of C Hall. Doors open at 3:30 pm. A variety of music styles by The Dave Slivinski Band. Sponsored by the Ohio Polka Boosters.



When Morning Comes: An unknown author has written "There are only two

kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, 'Good Morning, Lord'; then there are those who wake up in the morning and say, 'Good Lord, it's morning.'"

**Daily Readings for This Week
Readings for the Week of May 25, 2008**

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| Monday: | 1 Pt 1:3-9/Mk 10:17-27 |
| Tuesday: | 1 Pt 1:10-16/Mk 10:28-31 |
| Wednesday: | 1 Pt 1:18-25/Mk 10:32-45 |
| Thursday: | 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/Mk 10:46-52 |
| Friday: | Dt 7:6-11/1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30 |
| Saturday: | Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Lk 1:39-56 |

Wedding Banns

Banns II Nicole Sweet & Kyle Layne

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 26

8:00 AM Communion Service

Tuesday, May 27

8:00 AM Communion Service
2:15 PM Laurel's Communion Service

Wednesday, May 28

9:15 AM School Liturgy at St. John's

Thursday, May 29

8:00 AM Helen Simmons

Friday, May 30

8:00 AM Catherine Bond Anniversary

Saturday, May 31

4:30 PM Hildeman Family

Sunday, June 1

8:00 AM Catherine Bond
9:30 AM Judy Mays
Jack Hess
11:30 AM Faithfully Departed of St. Mary Parish

Events For This Week

Monday, May 26

Office Closed
No School

Tuesday, May 27

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

Wednesday, May 28

Finance Meeting 7:00 am PMC
Combined Liturgy Mtg 5:30 pm School
Shep of Christ Prayer Group 6:00 pm Church
Youth Choir 6:00 pm Chapel
Youth Group 7:00 pm PMC
Choir Practice 7:30 pm Church

Thursday, May 29

Cantor Rehearsal 5:00 pm Church

Friday, May 30

Spanish Bible Study 7:00 pm PMC

Sunday, June 1

Youth Mass 11:30 am Church
Baptism Instruction 1:30 pm PMC