

Come After Me

Today we again hear stories about people being called by God. As we move beyond the Christmas Season, it makes sense that we hear these accounts. An important part of the ministry of Jesus was to call disciples. These people traveled with Jesus to learn about the kingdom of God. They heard Jesus teach the crowds. They saw miracles that Jesus performed. They heard him speak about repentance and forgiveness of sins. All of this was vitally important in order for people to come to know who Jesus really was.

The Gospel today from Mark tells how Jesus calls Simon, Andrew, James and John. Probably to the surprise of most of us, these men leave what they are doing and immediately follow Jesus. We hear that Jesus walked along the Sea of Galilee. He saw Simon and his brother Andrew. Jesus says, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Mark tells us, "Then they abandoned their nets and followed Him."

Most people do not respond this quickly to the call of Jesus. By our human nature we are attracted to the things of this world. We generally find ourselves drawn to money, power and the high esteem of other people. Yet we all know that these things cannot provide ultimate security in life. Our true peace and freedom comes from knowing God and seeking in all things to make God the first priority in our life.

By the grace of God, may we always be ready and willing to respond to God's call.

On Monday we remember the anniversary of the Supreme Court Case *Roe v. Wade*, which legalized abortion in our country. Thousands of people are involved in Right to Life marches in Washington, DC, and in many other towns and cities all across our country. Several grades from St. Augustine School will attend a Right to Life march in Defiance at noon on Monday. I have been asked to give a few opening remarks and lead a prayer. The march begins at the courthouse in downtown Defiance. All are welcome to join in the march! The Catholic Church has consistently expressed the value and dignity of all human life. The US Bishops, in their *Pastoral Plan for Pro-life Activities*, speak about a "consistent ethic of life." This touches on broader issues like war, capital punishment, euthanasia, poverty, medical treatment and of course abortion. The Bishops state, "We pray that Catholics will be advocates for the weak and the marginalized in all these areas." I encourage everyone to cherish the precious gift of life that God has given you and to do all that you can to promote life.

In Christ's Love,

Fr. Dan

Ministries for the Liturgies

Saturday, January 28, 2012 4:30 p.m.

Lector: M. Grejtak
Servers: M. and Z. Reiser
Euch Min: Deacon J. Gottron, A. Kleman,
A. Tovar
Ushers: S. Reiser, M. Kleman

Sunday, January 29, 2012 8:00 a.m.

Lector: G. Howe-Gebers
Servers: M. Krueger, Volunteer
Euch Min: Deacon J. Gottron, G. and P. Bauer
Ushers: B. Lytle, G. Grime

Sunday, January 29, 2012 10:30 a.m.

Lector: S. Badenhop
Servers: E. Mendizabal, N. Sicclair, C. Pullen
Euch Min: Deacon Gottron, M. Meyers,
C. and D. Burgei, V. Delventhal
Ushers: A. and G. Heinrichs

Eucharistic Ministers: Week of January 22

Nursing Home: D. Fahy

Homebound: N. Irving

Tellers: January 29 - Herman, Heinrichs, Hutson

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 21, 2012

4:30 p.m. - For the Parish

Sunday, January 22, 2012

8:00 a.m. - For those in the Military
10:30 a.m. - Jean, Marie-Louise Ropinski
Albert, Albie White
5:30 p.m. - Life Teen Mass

Monday, January 23, 2012

8:00 a.m. - Communion Service

Tuesday, January 24, 2012

8:00 a.m. - Mass

Wednesday, January 25, 2012

6:00 p.m. - Mass

Thursday, January 26, 2012

8:00 a.m. - Mass

Friday, January 27, 2012

8:45 a.m. - Mass

Saturday, January 28, 2012

4:30 p.m. - For our Beloved Dead

Sunday, January 29, 2012

8:00 a.m. - For the Parish
10:30 a.m. - Don and Louise Ramus

Calendar of Events

- Sun., Jan. 22 PRP 9:00 am
RCIA 11:30 am
Confirmation Candidate Retreat 11:30-4:00
- Tues., Jan. 24 Stewardship 7:00 pm
- Wed., Jan. 25 Admin. Meeting 1:30 pm
Life Teen 7:00 pm
- Thur., Jan. 26 First Reconciliation
- Sat., Jan. 28 Confessions 3:30 pm
- Sun., Jan. 29 PRP 9:00 am
RCIA 11:30 am
K of C Free Throw Shoot 12:00 pm (Gym)

PARISH FINANCES

Sunday collection	\$ 7,500.39
Kids collection	\$ 7.25
School	\$ 167.00
Christmas YTD	\$ 15,855.81
Sunday collection year-to-date	\$ 194,511.77

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

- Norman Burill (71) - 1/23/98
- Earl E. Shasteen (86) - 1/24/02
- Bernard I. Gerschutz (77) - 1/25/96
- Loretta Hoover (86) - 1/25/00
- Madonna S. (Tonjes) Sines (80) - 1/26/03
- Rosemary Small (75) - 1/29/03

*In this column we wish to remember those who have gone before us, please pray for them. Due to space we are listing only the past 25 years. If you would like a parishioner listed who passed away longer than 25 years ago, please contact the office.

K OF C FREE THROW CONTEST - The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championships will be held Sun., Jan. 29 in the St. Augustine School gym. Registration for area boys and girls ages 10 - 14 will be at noon, with competition beginning at 12:30 pm. The Napoleon winners will be awarded basketballs and advance to the Defiance District.

All Area Christian Men are invited to the NWO Men's Fellowship Father / Son Breakfast on Saturday Jan. 28th in the Defiance St. John's Catholic Church basement hall. 7:30 am coffee, 8:00 am event starts. Come join us for Christian Fellowship and good food. Bring a family member or friend.

ENGAGED COUPLES CONFERENCE SCHEDULE - If you are interested in finding the nearest Engaged Couples Conference, the schedule can be found on the diocesan website under The Marriage and Family Resources Tab or can be found at this link: <http://www.toledodiocese.org/images/stories/PastoralLeadership/Marriage/EngagedCoupleConfrevised110211.pdf>

From the School

Our 300 Club winner this week is Marilyn Krueger! Congratulations and good luck on winning again in the future! Tickets are still available at the offices and from school council members.

2012 Catholic Schools Week is January 30 to February 4. We will celebrate this with daily activities in the school. On Sunday, February 5, we will celebrate in a special way at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Special songs are planned as well as students reading the petitions and readings. I hope you are able to join us as we stress Catholic Schools – Faith, Academics, and Service!

The plans are underway for our 2012 St. Patrick's Day dinner/auction. This year the auction will be held on March 17. Tickets will again be \$18.00 each. They will go on sale soon. Donations of items for the auctions and cash to cover expenses are being accepted. We are also looking for help on the planning committee. We will be meeting on Monday, February 6, in the library at 6:00 p.m. Please consider joining us. Many hands make the work load for each lighter. Thank you for your support.

Have a great week!

Mrs. Nancy Schroeder

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the St. Augustine parishioners who made their First Reconciliation on Thursday, January 19. What a wonderful experience feeling God's forgiveness and mercy!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1/23 - Isaac Mendoza, Rebekah Schindler, Mary Steingass, Tony Westhoven
- 1/24 - Peggy Arroyo, Dalton Krueger, Mary Motycka, Julie Saputo, Josh Seedorf
- 1/25 - Karen Leal
- 1/26 - Pat Ellerbrock, Mike Fellers, Rosalie Sauber
- 1/27 - Rick Bearer, A. Helen Callo, Chad Cramer, Deb Hoops, Brock Nartker, Melissa Smith
- 1/28 - Laurie Meyer
- 1/29 - Tim Downey, Ryan Mullholand

Life Teen Mass Once again, Life Teen Mass will be held on the 4th Sunday of the month—January 22nd at 5:30 p.m. This mass—geared toward teens and ministered by teens—is open to all parishioners.

Life Teen (S.A.L.T.) Movie Night! This week we will continue our topic of self-sacrifice and the Sacraments of Matrimony and Holy Orders by viewing a movie with this theme. Join us Wednesday in the school classroom at 7:00 pm for movie and snacks.

Kids Envelopes - Available in the back of church are a variety of envelopes for your children to use during mass. What a great way for them to participate in the mass and learn the joy of giving back to God.

FACEBOOK - Join the St. Augustine Facebook page to keep up on what is going on in the parish, reconnect with old friends, and share pictures with the entire St. Augustine Family. We currently have about 230 members covering a large area (Ohio, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Michigan and more). Check it out and invite your friends to join.

ADOPTIVE/FOSTER FAMILY HOMES - Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo is looking for caring families that would like to become Adoptive/Foster Family Homes for our newborn infants up to six months old. To become an Adoptive/Family Foster Home, a home study would be required and training requirements also. If you think you might be interested in becoming an Adoptive/Foster Family Home for Catholic Charities please call Joy Shakur, Program Coordinator at 419-244-6711, ext. 448/440 for more information.

PRO-LIFE CONNECTION INFORMATION/ EDUCATION NIGHTS - Keep up-to-date and energized about pro-life movement every month on the 3rd Tuesday at 7 pm at St. Rose School. 215 E. Front St., Perrysburg. For more info, contact Ann at ann@prolifeconnection.com or 419-708-9497.

Spirituality - What's Your Style?"

So many ways to God! This January, explore the path of spiritualities well-worn by saints and possibly new to you. Find the one that takes you to God. Come to Lial Renewal Center, 5908 Davis Road in Whitehouse OH from 10 am - 2 pm on any or all of these Tuesdays for input, conversation, lunch and reflection time. Cost: \$20 per session, including lunch. To register, contact Sr. Dean at mdpfahler@toledosnd.org or 419-877-0432.

Jan 24 - Franciscan Sister Patricia Meyer will explore the spirit-filled lives of Sts. Francis and Clare of Assisi and Franciscan spirituality.

Jan 31 - Sister Mary Rosellyn Theisen will introduce St. Teresa of Avila and Carmelite spirituality.

movie and snacks.

Please remember St. Augustine Parish in your Will and Estate planning.

Help Wanted—St. Augustine Parish is looking for a part-time Choir Director/Liturgist/Musician. This person should have a good understanding of Catholic liturgy, strong people skills, and music background. Inquiries should be sent to the office.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY - We are looking to start an adult Bible study group. If anyone is interested in leading this group, please call the parish office.

What have you done for your marriage today? The Catholic Communication Campaign has provided funding for radio and TV public service announcements on strengthening your marriage. In addition, a website has been created: www.ForYourMarriage.org You'll find daily marriage tips, sources for encouragement, information on what makes marriage work, as well as ways to nurture your marriage.

MISSING - Do you have items missing from your kitchen? Perhaps a pie or cake pan, a serving dish, maybe a bowl???? Check out the kitchen in the Church Hall and see if your items is hiding there? We have many items that would like to go home.

Book Discussion for Young Professionals/Young Adults

What: Monthly book discussion on *My Life with the Saints* by James Martin, SJ.

When: First Friday of each month, 6:00-8:00 p.m./Next meeting: February 3, 2012

Where: Panera's on Route 20 near Perrysburg

For more information, contact Sr. Marilyn Marie Ellerbrock, SND, mellerbrock@toledosnd.org or 419.481.6995

PROJECT RACHEL - Confidential help is available to anyone who is suffering from the grief of abortion. There are people with whom you can talk in confidence about your experience. Project Rachel offers lay counselors and trained clergy ready to help you find peace and healing. There is also an independent Bible Study available specifically for post-abortive women and men. If you feel ready to talk with someone, we invite you to call the confidential help line at 419-260-5811.

Xavier Society for the Blind has religious material in Braille, large print and audio CD's at no charge. For more info, call 212-473-7800 or 800-637-9193 or visit website www.xaviersocietyfortheblind.org

SPIRITUAL SUPPORT GROUP FOR PEOPLE CONCERNED WITH MENTAL ILLNESS - group at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Toledo, will meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays in January 2012. Please call Judy Beckman at 419-377-9898 or the OLPH parish office at 419-382-5511, to become a part of this caring community via e-mail or phone contact.

BULLETIN ADS - Now is the time to renew or add your business to the bulletin. Reach hundreds of homes each week for about \$2.60. Contact the office for details.

YOUTH HOUR OF PRAYER - For teens and older! Join us in prayer at Center for Choice, 328 22nd St., Toledo, every month on the 1st Thursday at 4 pm. For more info, contact Ann at ann@prolifeconnection.com or 419-708-9497.

S.T.A.R. MENTORING PROGRAM - Are you interested in making a meaningful connection with a young person? Do you have the time and commitment to be a consistent support in their life? Then the STAR mentoring program may be just right for you! As part of the Henry County Family Court we serve the at-risk youth of Henry County. Anyone with a desire to help a child is eligible. Contact us today and make a difference tomorrow. Katie Baden: 419-592-8327 or katie.baden@henrycountyoio.com

What do Vince Lombardi, Connie Mack, Floyd Patterson and Babe Ruth have in common? They were all members of the Knights of Columbus. Find out more about the K of C by contacting Grand Knight Clete Schindler or one of the other more than 100 brother knights of our parish.

AN UNEXPECTED PREGNANCY? - Services for pregnancy support and related issues are provided by Catholic Charities at no cost to birth parents. For more info or to schedule an appointment please call 1-800-926-8277.

MONASTIC DISCERNMENT WEEKENDS - Benedictine Monks of St. Andrew Abbey, Cleveland, invite single men 18-45 years of age who seek to know God's will for their life and vocation to participate in a "Living with Benedict weekend:

Feb. 10-12 Theme: Liturgical Spirituality
May 18-20 Theme: Hospitality

For more info contact Fr. Finbar, OSB at finbar@cbhs.net or 216-721-5300, ext. 273.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING COURSE TO BEGIN SOON: To find out more and register online for the course go to www.ccli.org or call Steve and Barb Coolman at 419-658-2206.

ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLING - Remember to save your aluminum cans for the St. Augustine CYO. Cans can be taken to N&R&G. Tell them it is for St. Augustine. You can also drop them off between the modulars "over the fence..

RESURRECTION CHOIR

Come join us! Any time there is a funeral, we would love to have you come to the choir and join us in singing. It means so much to the grieving family. Your attendance and singing honors their loved one by praising God for his or her life. What a great way to express our love for our church family. No practice necessary, just join us in the choir loft 15 minutes before mass is to start.

We have begun the process of registration for the 2011-2012 school year. St. Augustine School offers the following:

- 3 year old pre-school class all day on Tuesdays and Thursdays
- 4/5 year old pre-school class all day on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays
- All day/every day kindergarten, Grades 1-8
At St. Augustine we help parents pass on the faith to students every day and all day long. We assist families in providing knowledge of God to their children.

Our small class sizes and dedicated teachers offer a wonderful academic experience as well.

Vocal music, band, speech therapy, intervention, and sports activities are all available to improve the opportunity even more.

If you are interested in more information about the school, call us at 419-592-3641. We will be happy to answer your questions and/or meet with you to see the school and the wonderful things that take place here! Tuition assistance is available for those who desire a Catholic education for their children but cannot afford it. Children need not be Catholic to attend.

Registration is required. A child needs to be 5 years old by September 30, 2010, in order to attend kindergarten in 2010.

Thank you for considering this great investment in your children's future!

CAPUCHIN FRANCISCAN FRIARS - For 800 years, followers of St. Francis of Assisi have been rebuilding the Church. The Capuchin Franciscans are priests and brothers who serve Christ in the spirit of St. Francis. Men between the ages of 16 and 40 are invited to visit a Capuchin friary. Visits to Capuchin friaries in Pennsylvania, Washington, DC and Ohio are held regularly. For info call 1-888-263-6227 or email frtomcap@yahoo.com or visit www.capuchin.com

First Communion Videos are in the office. Price is \$5.00

DIOCESAN WEBSITE - Have you had the chance to visit www.toledodiocese.org recently? Visit our site and sign up for our new e-newsletter that will be available soon. You can also follow us on twitter @ToledoDiocese and at facebook.com/toledodiocese.

Don't let your worries get the
Best of you; remember, Moses started out as a
basket case.

Some people are kind, polite, and
Sweet-spirited until you try to sit in their pews.

Many folks want to serve God,
But only as advisers.

It is easier to preach ten sermons
Than it is to live one.

The good Lord didn't create any thing without
purpose, but
mosquitoes come close.

When you get to your wit's end
You'll find God lives there.

Communion to those in a Nursing Home or Homebound

An important ministry of our parish is to continually strive to attend to the spiritual needs of our parishioners. Regularly we have parishioners who are not able to get to Mass because they are confined to their homes or nursing homes. They eagerly look forward to someone visiting them and bringing them Communion. We are in need of additional people to assist with this ministry. Volunteers are scheduled about once per month. Anyone who may be interested, please call the parish office.

SPIRITUAL SUPPORT GROUPS FOR PEOPLE CONCERNED WITH MENTAL ILLNESS

- Two Metro Toledo parishes are hosting ongoing support groups for those who have mental illness and their loved ones:

St. Ignatius Parish - every Monday 6-7:30 pm, Parish Life Center, 212 N. Stadium Rd., Oregon. For more info, call Brenda Gorr at 419-693-1150.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish - second and fourth Thursdays, 12 noon-1 pm and 7-8 pm, Conference Room, 2255 Central Grove, Toledo. Call parish office at 419-382-5511 or Judy Beckman at 419-377-9898.

Help in Finding a Catholic Church - When you are on vacation/traveling, and want to find a Catholic Church, go to www.masstimes.org for maps, location and times for any town or city. Listings are by states.

JEWELRY CLEANING on Tuesdays (9 am - 12 noon) in the rectory. Come and join the fun!!