

Get Behind Me, Satan

Last week we heard Peter's great statement of faith. When asked who people say that Jesus is, Peter responds, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." As this passage from Matthew's gospel continues, Jesus begins to explain to the apostles how he must go up to Jerusalem where he will suffer and die. Responding to this statement, Peter rebukes Jesus and tries to persuade him not to allow this to happen.

Jesus says to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Jesus then explains to the apostles how those who wish to follow him must be willing to deny themselves and take up their cross.

It is a natural human response that we try to avoid things that cause us pain. Yet, when Jesus talks about taking up the cross he means that at times there will be sacrifices that we are called to make in order to remain united with him. The sacrifices that we make out of faith lead beyond suffering to a deeper relationship with Jesus.

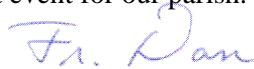
If you look around any vibrant parish, you will find many people who generously give of themselves. They contribute their time, talent and treasure in order to participate in the mission of the church. As you observe people who give so much to their church, some might wonder why on earth they do this. Obviously there are many answers to this question. For some, they see that they have a particular talent and wish to share it. Others recognize their many blessings and this is one way to give back. Still others volunteer in their church because they see it as a way to respond to God's call in their life. And, people who contribute to the work of their parish often speak about the great blessings that they receive in return.

Wherever we find ourselves in life, may all of us be willing to take up our cross and find greater joy as we lovingly follow Jesus.

The PRP Classes for students in grades 1 – 8 begin on Wednesday, September 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the school gym. We look forward to another year of continuing to learn about our Catholic faith and to grow closer to Jesus. If you have any questions, please call the parish office.

St. Augustine Turtle Fest is September 13 & 14. Have you turned in your tickets? Signed up to help? Marked it on your calendar? This is always a great event for our parish. Hope to see you there!

In Christ's Love,



Ministries for the Liturgies

Saturday, September 6, 2008 4:30 p.m.

Lector: P. Franz
Servers: J. Taylor, K. Tran
Euch Min: M. J. Kline, W. Lytle, S. Reiser
Ushers: J. Cotter, J. Eckenrode

Sunday, September 7, 2008 8:00 a.m.

Lector: B. Hilvers
Servers: A. and J. Gebers
Euch Min: G. Howe-Gebers, M. Weber,
M. Wilson
Ushers: J. and L. Hilvers

Sunday, September 7, 2008 10:00 a.m.

Lector: J. Aschemeier
Servers: M. and M. Huber, Q. Nye
Euch Min: L. Brubaker, C. and D. Burgei,
I. Schroeder, J. Wiles
Ushers: J. and L. Huber

Eucharistic Ministers: Week of August 31

Nursing Home: Volunteer

Homebound: Volunteer

Tellers: September 7 - B. Pfahlert, R. Sauber

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, August 30, 2008

4:30 p.m. - Eleanor Irving

Sunday, August 31, 2008

8:00 a.m. - For our Beloved Dead

10:00 a.m. - For the Parish

Monday, September 1, 2008

8:00 a.m. - Communion Service

Tuesday, September 2, 2008

8:00 a.m. - Lena Carollo

Wednesday, September 3, 2008

6:00 p.m. - Mass

Thursday, September 4, 2008

8:00 a.m. - Mass

Friday, September 5, 2008

8:45 a.m. - Mass

Saturday, September 6, 2008

4:30 p.m. - Eleanor Irving

Sunday, September 7, 2008

8:00 a.m. - Joseph and Elizabeth Westhoven

10:00 a.m. - For the Parish

Calendar of Events

- Mon., Sept. 1 - Holiday (Office Closed)
- Wed., Sept. 3 - PRP 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Cemetery Com. 7:30 pm (SAH)
- Thurs., Sept. 4 - Faith Formation 3:30 pm
- Sat., Sept. 6 - Confessions 3:30 pm

Parish Finances

Sunday collection	\$ 5,364.65
Kids collection	\$ 21.70
Sun. collection year-to-date	\$ 52,807.30

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

- Michael A. Rivera (18) - 9/1/84
- Lidia Mendoza (58) - 9/2/97
- Mary Katherine "Kak" Yaney (74) - 9/2/99
- Donald J. Finerty (88) - 9/3/06
- Joseph Schuster - 9/3/06
- Cecelia M. Gustwiller (74) - 9/6/95
- Cory J. Clay, Jr. (0) - 9/7/95

*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.

HENRY COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE MEETING

on Mon., Sept. 8 at 7:30 pm at Hamler Summerfest Building.

IN MEMORIAM

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Juanita Kutzley, a member of our parish, who passed away recently. May Juanita now be at peace with our Heavenly Father.

Family Perspective - Relationships live in a careful balance. If a person changes, the balance is altered requiring a shift in the relationship. In today's gospel Jesus announced a change and Peter resisted. Jesus told Peter: "You are an obstacle to me." Sometimes, those we count on for support may actually be an obstacle.

From the School ...

Our 300 Club winner for the week is Lou Ann Weaner! Congratulations, Lou Ann!

Mr. Dale Schubert will be teaching our band students until December. In January we will have a permanent band director.

Have a wonderful week!

Nancy Schroeder

PRP ANNOUNCEMENT

Classes will again be held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30. The first class will be Sept. 3. Children ages 3-5 will have class on Sunday morning during the 10:30 Mass.

We are looking for a few dedicated adults to assist us in this important ministry. We are blessed to have some of our teachers return each year and wish to thank them in advance for their work on behalf of the children of St. Augustine Parish! But we do have a few openings in our elementary teaching staff as well as the high school program. If you are willing to help share your faith with our youth, please call Nancy Schroeder at 419-592-3641 or Doug Herman or Father Dan at 419-592-7656 to volunteer.

We also need a site coordinator for the class time on Wednesday evenings. This person's duties would be to lock/unlock the building, turn off lights, make copies, hand out newsletters, answer the phone, and monitor the hallways.

This is a wonderful way to give back to God by giving to God's children!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 9/01 - Emily Collins, Jack Collins, Jennifer Huber, Andrew Reiser, Gregory Riebesehl, Natasha Rivera, Randall Schuette
- 9/02 - Jan Buckmaster, Gerald Elliott
- 9/03 - Bruce Buckmaster, Jade Crossland, Brynna Frey, Jesus Gutierrez
- 9/04 - Joshua Bortz, Cynthia Krueger, Mark Kryling, Robert Lauf, Teresa McCormick
- 9/05 - Susan Myers, Carol Neiling, Cynthia Rippee, Stephen Saputo, Tyler Stover, Jackie Westhoven
- 9/06 - Alex Gebers, Gladys Wagner, Anne Westhoven

AREA EVENTS

Parish Festival - St. Paul's Parish, Hamler - Sun., Aug. 31.

Facilitation Skills for Peer Support Course - will be held Sept. 24, 25 and 26 at The 577 Foundation, 577 E. Front St., Perrysburg. This course prepares persons to facilitate any type of peer support group and enhances one-on-one ministry skills. For more info, contact Germaine Kirk of the Toledo Diocese at 419-244-6711, ext. 431.

Faith-Formation Event will be held the evenings of Sept. 16-17 at K of C Hall, Defiance. The theme is "Acting for Justice" and features Valimar Jansen as speaker. For more info contact Sr. Mary Dean at stjohncath@embarqmail.com or 419-782-7121 or stmarys@defnet.com or 419-782-2776.

40 Days of Life Campaign - will be held from Sept. 24 - Nov. 8. From 8 am - 8 pm (7 days a week) people from around the Diocese will pray outside the Center for Choice abortion center in Toledo and become a physical and spiritual witness to LIFE! Your help is urgently needed to make this evangelization for LIFE happen! If you or your parish group can commit an hour or more to this important witness, contact Ann Barrick at toledo eagle@hotmail.com or 419-708-9497. The Culture of Life depends on us all!

Elder Ministry Enhancement will be held at five parish sites for anyone doing outreach with the elderly or those living with dementia. Featured speaker is Lynn Ritter of the Alzheimer's Assn. There is no charge but registration is required. For more info, call Germaine Kirk of the Toledo Diocese at 419-244-6711, ext. 431 or email gkirk@toledodiocese.org

Adoption Information Meeting - Learn about Catholic Charities Adoption Programs. Meeting will be held at St. Wendelin Parish Life Center, 313 N. Wood St., Fostoria on Tues., Sept. 9 from 6:30-9:30 pm. Cost is \$75. To register call 419-244-6711, ext. 440 or 1-800-926-8277 or e-mail kmotsinger@toledodiocese.org

Theology on Tap - For young adults (18-39) on Thurs., Sept. 11, at Red Pig Inn, S.R. 65. Ottawa. Registration at 6:00 pm with program at 6:30 pm. Speakers are Theresa Lammers and Amanda Schroeder talking about "Journey of Faith Through Generations." Call Robin Schroeder at 419-538-7153

Hispanic Day - will be held on Sun., Sept. 21 at the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, Carey, OH. There will be confessions, Mass in Spanish at noon and an outdoor Rosary procession. For more information call the Shrine office at 419-396-7107 or email www.olcshrine.com

Family Day - will be held Sun., Sept. 28 at Our Lady of Consolation Shrine in Carey. We welcome families to come and pray together. Mass at noon followed by lunch and games for the family. Day concludes with devotions at 2:30 pm and individual family blessings.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend - Sept. 19-21 at the Fremont Holiday Inn. For more info or to register call Brian and Chris Schroeder at 419-538-7210 or www.wwme.org

CROP Hunger Walk - will be Sun., Oct. 5. An informational meeting will be held Wed., Sept. 3 at 7:30 pm at Emanuel Lutheran Church, 810 Scott St., Napoleon. For more info contact Carol Castello at 419-592-0847 or cjcast@embarqmail.com

\$5,000 Scholarships Available for Catholic Freshman Students at University of Toledo

Applications are available for the Christian Leadership Program (CLP), sponsored by Corpus Christi University Parish (CCUP), the Roman Catholic community serving the University of Toledo (UT). Any full-time freshman student who will be attending UT, is a practicing Catholic, and is willing and able to meet the program requirements, is encouraged to apply for one of the available twelve \$5,000 scholarships. The application deadline is Friday, September 5, 2008. For more information, please contact CCUP by calling 419-531-4992, or log onto www.ccup.org/CLP.html to download a copy of the application.

St. Vincent DePaul News

St. Mary's Furniture Bank in Defiance has requested we act as their Henry County representative. That will be possible only if we get 4 or 5 volunteers and the use of a pick up truck. We will pay for all the gas.

What is the process? Volunteers will go to Defiance, load furniture into a truck and deliver it to the needy, usually in Napoleon. If interested, please call the church office or St. Vincent DePaul at 419-592-0438. Please help us to help others. Thank you for caring.

TURTLEFEST NEWS

BASKETS - We are in need of items to be placed in themed baskets. If you, your family, workplace or friends would like to donate a theme basket or items to be added to a basket, please contact Emily Cordes (419) 591-1428. We would like to have an Ohio State, Italian, Barbie, Super Hero and perhaps you may have an idea for a more unique basket. Please call to let me know your ideas or if you are able to help in anyway. This needs to be completed by September 5th, so please do not delay!

CRAFTS AND BAKED GOODS - The country store needs you! Baked goods always go well and some fall crafts would be very helpful. Also you gardeners we need fresh produce such as tomatoes, peppers, melons and squash sell well too. Drop items off at fairgrounds on Sat. morning or drop them off at 414 W. Clinton St.

YARD SIGNS are available in the back of church. Be sure to pick up one and help promote our Turtlefest which is coming up the weekend of Sept. 13-14.

Choir— Choir practice begins this Wed. Sept. 3 at 7:30 p.m.. We hope to see all of the familiar faces along with some new ones. Please call Jim Murcko if you are interested in joining. New members are encouraged!

Doug's Desk:

For many years it seems we have been busy running around bandaging things and reacting instead of planning for the future. This past year we have made great strides financially and organizationally. Last Spring we asked every committee/organization in the parish to submit a short form letting us know what they see as their mission, what they were currently working on and what they will be doing and needing in the coming year.

Soon we will looking for 3 and 5 year plans from various groups to plan ahead. Along with this we would like to create an active committee to raise funds for our endowment and another committee to investigate the future physical needs of our parish (ex. What are the needs of St. Vincent de Paul Society, Parish office,). If you are interested in helping prepare for the future by joining either of these groups, please call me at the office (419) 592-7656.

Doug Herman
Business Manager

GRANDPARENTS' DAY

Grandparents' Day is observed on Sun., Sept. 7. Grandparents you have the opportunity to impact future generations in many positive ways. Grandchildren, a reminder to focus on building a strong relationship with your grandparents, whose guidance, wisdom and life experiences can benefit you.

NATIONAL FAMILY DAY

Mon., Sept. 22 is National Family Day - "A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children." This is a national initiative to remind parents that what your children really want at the dinner table is **YOU!** In reclaiming the tradition of the family meal, families may discover that the key to spiritually and emotionally healthy children might be as close as a kitchen table.

Become a Family Day STAR!

I commit to:

S - Spend time with my kids by having dinner together
T - Talk to them about friends, interests and dangers of drugs and alcohol

A - Answer their questions and listen to what they say

R - Recognize that I have the power to help keep my kids substance free!

CELEBRATE FAMILY DAY AND KEEP TALKING

Keep Talking: Daily Conversation Starters for the Family Meal is a book written by mothers of school-aged children that offers discussion points each day for family mealtime. This can especially be used in conjunction with Family Day - A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children. This book may be purchased from Liguori Publications at www.liguori.org or by calling 1-800-325-9521 or at www.amazon.com. The cost is \$9.95.

PARENTS WEEK - Sept. 21-27 -Think Parents!

Think about the responsibility they have to ensure the success of our community. They have earned our respect and support. To learn more about Parents Week and the schedule for that week, visit the Catholic Charities website at www.catholiccharitiesnwo.org

PROJECT RACHEL offers confidential help to anyone who is suffering from the grief of abortion. Project Rachel offers lay counselors and trained clergy ready to help you find peace and healing. If you feel ready to talk with someone, we invite you to call the confidential help line at 419-260-5811.