

Renounce Your Possessions

“Who can know God’s counsel, or who can conceive what the Lord intends” (Wis 9:13)? This is the opening line for today’s first reading. It tells us that in many ways the wisdom or counsel of God goes beyond our natural human ability to understand. Does it make sense to us when Jesus says that one must lose their life in order to save it?

Today’s Gospel also offers one of these challenging statements. In addressing the crowd, Jesus says, “If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple” (Luke 14:26). At the end of the passage for today, Jesus says that a person must be willing to renounce all his or her possessions in order to be his disciple.

This seems so contrary to our society that constantly tells us that we grow in importance by the accumulation of many things.

What does it take to be a sincere follower of Jesus Christ? This is a constant question that confronts all of us. Obviously, people should not hate members of their own family. However, a clear teaching of the church is that we need to love God above all else. So, any person or anything that might get in the way of our honoring God is a problem. There are countless people throughout history who have responded to these statements of Jesus. They have given up much in order to commit their lives to truly serving Christ. People like this often speak about the burdens that have been lifted from them and the great freedom that they find in serving Christ.

Each of us is confronted by the wisdom of God in our life. How are we called to contribute of our time, talent and treasure in assisting in the work of Christ?

The St. Augustine Turtle Fest, our parish festival, is next weekend, Sept. 15 & 16, at the Henry County Fair Grounds. Volunteers have already spent many hours trying to get everything ready. Now we need the assistance of everyone to make it a huge success. You still can volunteer to help. Call Jeff Stover or the parish office. Continue to buy and sell the raffle tickets. And come out and enjoy the fun! The Turtle Fest always is marked by great fun, great entertainment, great food and a great opportunity to mingle with fellow parishioners and members of the Napoleon community. Remember that the Saturday 4:30 p.m. Mass and Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass will be held at the fairgrounds.

See you at the Turtle Fest,



Ministries for the Liturgies

Saturday, September 15, 2007 4:30 p.m.

Lector: G. Brubaker
Servers: B. Abel, N. Betz
Euch Min: Deacon, B. Brubaker, L. Sicclair
Ushers: J. Cotter, J. Eckenrode

Sunday, September 16, 2007 8:00 a.m.

Lector: V. Bohls III
Servers: A. and E. Monnin
Euch Min: Deacon, A. Betts, M. Wilson
Ushers: D. Denny, W. Dieringer

Sunday, September 16, 2007 10:00 a.m.

Lector: R. Kruse
Servers: M. Huber, Q. Nye, E. Vocke
Euch Min: Deacon, B. Davis, J. Gears,
I. Schroeder, C. Weideman
Ushers: A. and S. Myers

Eucharistic Ministers: Week of September 9

Nursing Home: J. Schlembach

Homebound: M. Worchuck

Tellers: September 16 - G. and P. Bauer
A. and M. Kleman

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, September 8, 2007

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

Sunday, September 9, 2007

8:00 a.m. - Tom and Becky (Knipp) Kruse
Family

10:00 a.m. - For the Parish

Monday, September 10, 2007

8:00 a.m. - Communion Service

Tuesday, September 11, 2007

8:00 a.m. - Communion Service

Wednesday, September 12, 2007

6:30 p.m. - Pete Carpenter

Thursday, September 13, 2007

8:00 a.m. - Mass

Friday, September 14, 2007

8:45 a.m. - For Deceased Members of our
Families

Saturday, September 15, 2007

4:30 p.m. - Ed and Helen Ramus

Sunday, September 16, 2007

8:00 a.m. - For the Parish

10:00 a.m. - For our Beloved Dead

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 8-9, 2007

Calendar of Events

Sun., Sept. 9 - High School Youth Meeting
7:00 pm (SAH)

Mon., Sept. 10 - School Council 7:00 pm

Tues., Sept. 11 - Jewelry Workshop
9:00-12:00 (Rectory)

Thur., Sept. 13 - St. Vincent DePaul Meeting
7:00 pm (Media Center)
Turtlefest Set-Up 5:00 pm
(Church)

Sat., Sept. 15 - No Confessions
TURTLEFEST (Fairgrounds)

Sun., Sept. 16 - **TURTLEFEST** (Fairgrounds)

**Masses at 4:30 and 10:00 on Sept. 15 and 16
will be celebrated at Fairgrounds**

Parish Finances

Sunday collection	\$ 7,177.00
Sun. collection year-to-date	\$ 73,187.18

“Vision for the Future Together”

Income Statement:

Total Pledged to date	\$621,161.00
Total Paid to date	\$547,304.06
# of Pledges to date	259

RCIA is a special faith journey in the Catholic Church. Adults form small study groups to learn and explore the Catholic faith, practices and traditions. On Sun., Sept. 23, at 11:30 am, there will be an informational meeting concerning RCIA in the church hall. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Father Dan at 592-7665 or Jane Recker at 592-9675.

LOOKING FOR HELP!!!

Set up Jewelry Sale for Turtlefest:
Floral Hall at the Fairgrounds
Friday, Sept. 14 from 9 am - 8 pm
Call Elaine Lauf at 592-8686 to sign up

From the School . . .

Congratulations to Harlan and Illa Fry who are our 300 Club winners for this week! Their names have been returned to the stack to possibly win again!

Our last drawing for the 2007 year will be September 17. We will be selling tickets for the new year (to begin on January 1, 2008) right after the Turtle Fest. Plan to purchase your tickets early to have a chance at the early bird drawing! More information about this will be coming in the next few weeks.

Please consider donating to the tuition assistance fund. You can send your contributions to the school or the parish office and we'll get it in the right account. Thank you for your generosity. A huge word of thanks to those who have responded to our need!

Thanks to those who continue to drop off school supplies to help our students. We are grateful for your generosity.

Have a great week!

Nancy Schroeder

FROM DOUG'S DESK . . .

Many people now pay their bills on line and appreciate the ease and convenience of this service. Recently I started having my home mortgage payments made this way. Please consider whether signing up for “electronic transfers” for your Sunday collections makes sense for you.

1. It saves you time.
2. You don't have to write out a check or get cash.
3. It provides more security in the transfer of money to the parish.
4. You have the privacy of no one else knowing how much you give.
5. Save the parish the cost of purchasing envelopes.

If you use electronic transfers or envelopes, I appreciate your continued financial stewardship of St. Augustine Parish.

Doug Herman
Business Manager

**St. Augustine Turtlefest
Sept. 15 & 16**

Only one week to go.....have you volunteered your time and talent to help at this years Turtlefest? Have your tickets made it into the hopper for a chance at the \$1000 First Prize?

Raffle tickets will be accepted at the office until Thursday Sept. 13th. After that please be sure to bring your 'sold' tickets out to the fairgrounds to be placed into the hopper. Just look for the tent where the tickets are being sold to turn in any unsold or sold tickets.

Donations

Kid's games – donations of 2 liter pop, canned pop and cases of bottled water can be placed in the back of church in or near the Festival Baskets. Don't forget those unused wooded or metal embroidery hoops to be used in the ring toss.

Country Store – donations of crafts, vegetables, items for the Turtle Sundaes and baked goods can be brought out to the fairgrounds up to Saturday morning of the festival. Dorothy Fahy and her crew in the Country Store look forward to seeing you there.

Dinner Baked Goods – you can drop off your pies, cakes and sweet treats Friday or Saturday during set up. With limited refrigeration, please plan accordingly.

Help Wanted

If you have any free time on Saturday Sept 15th and would like to help in the preparation of the Saturday Dinner, feel free to come to the kitchen and lend a hand. We usually start around 8 – 8:30 a.m. and try to finish before noon. Many hands make light work!

Remember there is always room for students to earn community service hours for high school and confirmation as well as family volunteer hours for the school. This is an easy and fun way to get a lot of hours in one weekend.

Thank You

We just wanted to take a moment to extend a big thank you to all of our festival committee chairs for giving of their time this summer to plan for our festival. Without their dedication none of these activities would be possible.

We would also like to extend a thank you to all of our sponsors for their tremendous support either by purchasing an advertisement, sponsoring turtles in the turtle races or making a donation to the silent auction.

If you have any last minute questions feel free to give Jeff or Jodi Stover a call at 419-592-2777.

HENRY COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE

Will be meeting Mon., Sept. 10 at 7:30 pm at Defiance Crisis Pregnancy Center (near Meijers Store). We have limited active members and are hoping to increase our membership. Please consider joining us.

**DIVORCED & SEPARATED
SUPPORT GROUP**

Learning to cope with the life stresses of being alone, making decisions, feeling of guilt, learning to let go, single parenting, emotional highs and lows, and the normal daily life situations can be overwhelming in the critical transition of your life.

2007 Fall Session

Place: St. Patrick of Heatherdowns,
4201 Heatherdowns Blvd, Toledo.

If you are interested and want more information, contact Rita Hoff, 419-724-4675 or rita.hoff@toledostpats.org

SEMINAR - Come and hear Matthew Kelly, a world renowned author speak about today's culture and Christian ideals at a seminar hosted by St. Mary and St. John Parishes, Defiance at the Defiance K of C Hall, on Tues. and Wed., Sept. 18 and 19 at 7:00 pm. For more info call 419-782-2776. Free to the public but free will donations will be accepted.

TEEING OFF FOR EDUCATION

The annual Justin F. Coressel Golf Outing for Defiance Catholic School will be held on Fri., Sept. 21. Lunch is at 11:00 a.m. with golf beginning at 12:00 noon. Golf registration is \$80.00 per golfer. Sponsorships are also available. If one cannot golf or sponsor, all donations for the school are accepted. For further info, contact Bryan Keller at 419-785-3219 or Joe Tumeo at 419-784-5035.

AREA FESTIVALS

St. John Parish, Payne - Sun., Sept. 9
11 am-5 pm.

St. Mary Parish, Defiance - Sat., Sept. 15
and Sun., Sept. 16

Theology on Tap on Thurs., Sept. 13
from 6-8 pm at Red Pig Inn, Ottawa.
Speakers Tim and Jamie Klausing will discuss
“Theology of the Body: I’ve Heard
Those Words But What Is It?” Contacts:
Lori Recker 419-532-6730, e-mail
cn_recker@cn.noacsc.org or Connie Cleemput
419-532-3494, ext. 104, e-mail ccleemput@bright.net

**Holy Spirit Retreat for Young Adults and
Adults** will be held at St. Michael Parish,
Hicksville, on Sat., Sept. 29. It will be an en-
counter with the Holy Spirit including Mass,
talks, Q & A session, and prayer ministry for
healing and empowerment of the Holy Spirit.
A continental breakfast, lunch and dinner will
be provided, all for a free will offering. Reg-
ister by Sept. 24 by calling 419-542-6500 or
419-258-8335.

**Annual Young Adult Retreat - “21st Cen-
tury Faith”** How do you live in a society that
may not support your values? How do you
make life decisions? Join young adults from
around the Toledo Diocese to share experi-
ences and faith at the annual young adult re-
treat. The day will close with a dinner thea-
tre! Young adults, ages 18-39 (married & sin-
gle). St. Alphonsus Parish, Peru, OH, 1360
Settlement Rd. off S.R. 61 S. On Sat., Oct. 6,
1-9 pm. Cost—\$15/person. Registration
deadline is Fri., Sept. 28. Send name and pay-
ment (checks made out to YYACM) to:
YYACM Office, 1933 Spielbusch, Toledo,
OH 43604-5360. For more info, contact Sr.
Rita Marie Schroeder at 419-244-6711, ext.
332 or e-mail rschroeder@toledodiocese.org

Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary

Looking for a way to get involved or just a
night out for fellowship? Consider the
Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary. We
meet on the same night as the men and our
meetings generally last about an hour. We
have done many service projects in the past
and are always looking for new and exciting
ideas. Proceeds from any of our fundraising
activities generally are returned in some way
to the parish. Several examples include - pro-
viding the funds for the new mulch around
the church, school and offices, donation to
the newly formed Scholarship Fund headed
up by the Knights of Columbus, donation for
the purchase of the new lightweight tables
used at our fish fries, and numerous donations
to the PRP and School programs. Our next
meeting is Sept. 19 at 7:00 pm - we would
love to see you there!

Calling All Cooks!

Have a good recipe or two that you would
like to share? The committee in charge of the
125th anniversary celebration of the church
would like to put together a cookbook. The
Lady Knights are willing to help but we are
looking for a chairperson to oversee this pro-
ject. If you are willing to chair this project,
please give Mary Steingass or Jodi Stover a
call. We have names of several people who
are willing to help and have two kits with all
of the planning materials and sample cook-
books to make this job easy. We will be hav-
ing forms available soon in the back of
church and at the festival for you to submit
your favorite recipes. What a great keepsake
or gift for this celebration of St. Augustine.

REMINDER - Please keep wires from Tur-
tlefest signs and return them to the back of
church after the festival.