

**I will praise Your
name forever,
my King and my God.**

Today's Gospel contains wonderful teaching about Jesus and also encouragement for his followers. First and most important, Jesus is identified as the Son of God, equal to the Father. The Father and Son share the same knowledge, the same revelation, "No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him" (Matthew 11:27).

Christ, the final and definitive revelation of God, praises the Father in typical Jewish prayer form for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to the "childlike" while concealing them from "the wise and the learned" (II :25). The childlike here can include the poor, the *anawim* of the Old Testament, the disciples of Jesus, the tax collectors, the sinners. The wise and the learned in this context are the arrogant scribes and Pharisees.

In addition to being the revelation of the Father, the Son of God is also presented as Wisdom personified. "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened" (II:28) reflects many wisdom texts in the Hebrew scriptures. As an example, "Come aside to me, you untutored ... submit your neck to [wisdom's] yoke" (Sirach 51 :23, 26). "Yoke" at that time referred to the Mosaic Law, which was very burdensome. There were six hundred thirteen precepts plus complicated interpretations by the scribes and Pharisees. Jesus says about the scribes and Pharisees, "They tie up heavy burdens [hard to carry] and lay them on people's shoulders, but they will not lift a finger to move them" (Matthew 23:4).

Christ, true Wisdom, meek and humble of heart, invites everyone to learn from him, "for my yoke is easy and my burden light" (11:30). "Meek" suggests today's first reading from Zechariah. There the Messiah is portrayed as meek, just, and peaceful in contrast to many of the kings of Israel who were aggressive warriors. Jesus' law is demanding; for example, "Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you" (5:44). His law is easy and his burden light because he remains with and supports Christians with his continuing presence "until the end of the age" (28:20).

*Scripture Reflections and Commentaries by
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Readings for the Week of July 6, 2008

Sunday	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30
Monday	Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Ps 145; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday	Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday	St. Augustine Zhao Rong, priest, martyr, and his companions, martyrs Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday	Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9; Ps 80; Mt 10:7-15
Friday	St. Benedict, abbot Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday	Is 6:1-8; Ps 93; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:10-11; Ps 65; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

ST. ANN CCD PROGRAM is looking for several teachers for the 2008-2009 school year. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested. Thank you.

Centennial Update

The Centennial Committee has been working hard gathering ideas and finding information for our 100 year celebration. We have been working on a design for a St. Ann Church centennial blanket, and are gathering memorabilia for a centennial display in the back of church. The Worship Committee will help plan an opening Mass and celebration that will take place on August 30, 2008, which begins our hundredth year. We have many other ideas and welcome you to share yours. Please join us at our next meeting on Tuesday, July 8th, 7:00PM in the Parish Center.

Memorial Bricks

Don't forget to send in your order for a memorial brick. We will be placing our order soon. Order forms are in the back of church, or you can print one from the church website.

ST. ANN ANNUAL FIESTA

The Annual St. Ann Fiesta is gearing up for another great weekend of fun, family and friends. The date is July 25th and 26th, 2008. We have two terrific bands scheduled. But we still need your help. We still need a couple of booth chairs; volunteer workers for booths and for set up and clean up. Your stewardship of time is very important to the success of this Fiesta and in turn profits St. Ann Church. This year's Fiesta will mark the beginning of our 100th Anniversary. Let's continue the strong St. Ann tradition. For more information or to get involved please contact Dick & Joyce Cepluch (863-0604) or Joe & Susan McAbee (863-4963).

THE BAKED GOODS BOOTH is looking for all of your culinary creations to sell during the Fiesta. Our best selling items are the Cream Puffs, Brownies and cookies. Please let me know if you would like to make something. Thank you for your kindness and support: Donna Morgan at 894-9109 or email: morgan45015@yahoo.com.

THE NEW AND IMPROVED sympto-thermal method of Natural Family Planning is being taught at St. Susanna in the Rectory Basement located on Fourth Avenue next to the St. Susanna School, beginning July 13th at 2:00 p.m.

This monthly course teaches a natural method of family planning that is safe, effective, and morally acceptable. The method has been simplified, and the course now only requires three monthly sessions instead of four.

For more information or to register, call Tom & Colleen O'Rourke at 398-3116 or visit the Couple to Couple League at: www.ccli.org.

Visit St. Ann Church on the web at: www.stanncc.org.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



This Week in our Parish

Sunday, July 6th
 7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass
Monday, July 7th
 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee meeting
Tuesday, July 8th
 11:30 a.m. Rosary Society meeting (see below)
 7:00 p.m. Centennial meeting in parish offices
Wednesday, July 9th
 8:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul
Saturday, July 12th
 3:30 -4:30 p.m. Confessions
 4:40 p.m. Rosary before Mass
Sunday, July 13th
 7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS July Rosary Society Meeting – Tuesday, July 8th at 11:30 at 898 Corwin Ave (NEW DATE). Bring all of your memories of St Ann through the years. Find those pictures or memorabilia; include pictures of your children, etc. in celebrations such as First Communion and bring them for the committee to use. We will reminisce with the members of the centennial committee while having a little lunch.

TIME FOR A MID – YEAR RESOLUTION?
 The year is half over. Would you like to make the second half even more fulfilling than the first half? Schedule a weekend away to make your marriage closer than you ever imagined. Make your good marriage a GREAT one with a Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next Marriage Encounter Weekend in this area is July 13-15. For more details or reservations call: Keith & Lori Maurmeier at 1-800-547-1251 Code 00 – or on the web at www.esharing.org.

CROSS COUNTRY: Any student, girl or boy, that will be entering the 6th, 7th or 8th grade in the fall that is interested in running cross country may contact Doug Schneider @ 829-7615 (dougndi@cinci.rr.com) or Kevin Getz @ 895-1382 (kgetz@cinci.rr.com) This includes anyone in the REP program. We will be conditioning in July and starting the season in August.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR First Annual BBQ Cook – Off and Family Movie Night on Saturday, July 19th at Little Sisters, 476 Riddle Road, Clifton 45220. 6:00 p.m. – BBQ begins. 8:30 p.m. – Movie on patio. Enjoy delicious BBQ, games (including wii), raffles and live music. **Free Will Offering.** Bring lawn chairs and blankets. Please RSVP. Contact Little Sisters at 513-281-8001 x 180. Let us know how many family and friends you'll be bringing!

SCHOENSTATT Pilgrimage and Retreat
 Schoenstatt Shrines of Wisconsin
 Thursday, November 13 to Sunday, November 16, 2008
 Cost: \$225.00

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Saturday, July 5th **Fourteenth Ordinary Sunday**
 5:00 p.m. Frank Jost – 25th Anniversary (Family)
Sunday, July 6th **Fourteenth Ordinary Sunday**
 8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People
 10:30 a.m. Mom & Dad (Debbie)
Monday, July 7th **Weekday**
 7:15 a.m. George Baker (Carol & Barry Leistner)
Tuesday, July 8th **Weekday**
 7:15 a.m. Kevin C. Walker (Dixie Golden)
Wednesday, July 9th **Weekday**
 7:15 a.m. Thelma Faucett (Bill & Mary Fehring)
Thursday, July 10th **Weekday**
 7:15 a.m. John Boyle, Jr. (Family)
Friday, July 11th **Benedict, abbot**
 7:15 a.m. Florence Brockman (George)
Saturday, July 12th **Fifteenth Ordinary Sunday**
 7:30 a.m. Intentions of the Celebrant
 5:00 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Robert Middendorf (daughter, Linda)
Sunday, July 13th **Fifteenth Ordinary Sunday**
 8:00 a.m. Evelyn Williams (Paul Schutte Family)
 10:30 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People

Budgeted Weekly Offering	\$ 12,072.00
06/29/2008	\$
Shortfall	\$ ()
Year to Date Budgeted Offering	\$
Year to Date Actual Offering	\$
Shortfall	\$ ()
Peter's Pence Collection	\$
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Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility. On Saturday, July 12, 2008, all are invited to participate in "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility" from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at St. Andrew Church in Milford, Ohio (552 Main St., Milford). Joan Rosenhauer, Associate Director of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development, will articulate the message of the U.S. bishops' landmark document, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*. To RSVP or for further information, please contact the Catholic Social Action Office at (513) 421-3131, ext. 2660 or csa@catholiccincinnati.org. To read the bishops' statement in full and to access related resources, please visit www.faithfulcitizenship.org. The event is sponsored by the Archdiocesan Catholic Social Action Office, Social Action Commission, and the Greater Cincinnati Parish Collaborative and hosted by Fr. Rob Waller and the St. Andrew/St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Social Action Leadership Team.