

The third major discourse of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew is usually called "the day of parables." In chapter 13 Matthew presents seven parables concerning the kingdom of heaven. Since Matthew's community is mostly Jewish Christian, he uses "kingdom of heaven" rather than "kingdom of God." This shows respect for the great Jewish reverence for the sacred name "Yahweh."

The parables of Jesus are essentially stories based on true-to life situations. They offer a challenge to the listeners to find a deeper meaning in each teaching about the kingdom. Today's parable of the sower makes clear that God offers the kingdom to all-the seed is scattered throughout the area! When the seed, the word of God, finds good soil there is an incredible harvest, "a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold" (Matthew 13:8). The early activity of the disciples who spread the gospel so far and wide in such a short time certainly reflects that wonderful harvest.

Unfortunately, the seed does not always find good soil. Both the prophet Isaiah whom Matthew quotes (13: 14-15) and Jesus realize that there will be hardening of hearts. There will be refusal to search out the meaning of the parables or to accept the meaning with understanding and faith. The obstacles to understanding are the intervention of the devil (seed on the path), lack of adequate commitment (seed on rocky ground), and too much concern about this world and its wealth (seed among thorns). But both Jesus and Isaiah truly want all, with God's help, to "understand with their hearts and be converted" (Matthew 13: 15).

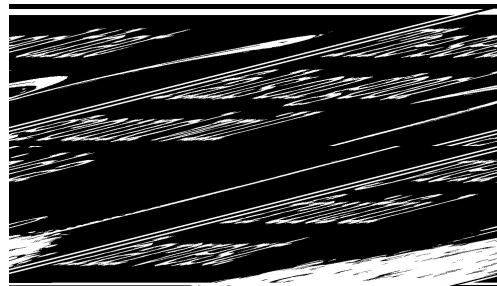
Today's first reading (Isaiah 55: 10-11) is a magnificent tribute to the effectiveness of God's word when a person is ready to be "good soil." The prophet tells how the rain and snow give "seed to the one who sows / and bread to the one who eats" (55: 10). God then adds, "So shall my word be ... (it) shall do my will, / achieving the end for which I sent it." (55:11). The Church applies this concept of "word" to the gospel and especially to Jesus, the Word of God.

*Scripture Reflections and Commentaries by  
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#### Readings for the Week of July 13, 2008

Sunday	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:10-11; Ps 65; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9
Monday	Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, virgin Is 1:10-17; Ps 50; Mt 10:34—11:1
Tuesday	St. Bonaventure, bishop, doctor Is 7:1-9; Ps 48; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday	Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102; Mt 11:28-30
Friday	St. Camillus de Lellis, priest Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10, 11, 12, 16; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday	Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10; Mt 12:14-21
Sunday	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30



**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.

#### 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 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 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 100<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:morgan45015@yahoo.com).

*Please remember St. Ann Catholic Church in your will.*



**This Week in our Parish**

**Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup>**

7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass  
10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass

**Wednesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul

**Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup>**

3:30 -4:30 p.m. Confessions  
4:40 p.m. Rosary before Mass

**Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup>**

7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass  
10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass

**Dear St. Ann Parishioners:**

My wife and I would like to express our sincere thanks and gratitude for all who have prayed for my recovery. Thank you. Sincerely, *George & Dorothy Bernier.*

**Early Bird Drawing for Big Raffle Tickets:** Joe & Nancy Hazlett and Elizabeth Fontaine. Thanks to everyone for their early returns. Be sure to get your Fiesta Big Raffle tickets for your chance to win!

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

**BADIN CHEERLEADING** – Annual Cheer Clinic, open to girls in grades 3 – 8. Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Instruction fee is \$30, includes lunch and T-shirt. For more information please visit [www.badinhs.org](http://www.badinhs.org) and follow the link to the cheer clinic, or contact Jane Schlichter at 894-6035 or [jschlichter@mail.badinhs.org](mailto:jschlichter@mail.badinhs.org).

**FRIENDS OF BADIN GOLF SCRAMBLE-** Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup> – 1:00 shotgun start at Walden Ponds Golf Course. \$95 per golfer includes driving range, 18 holes of excellent golf, drink tickets, dinner and prizes. Sponsors needed! Registration and sponsor information available online at [www.badinhs.org](http://www.badinhs.org) (under alumni) or contact Kris Verdin at 285-2186 or [badin golfouting@cinci.rr.com](mailto:badin golfouting@cinci.rr.com). Hole in one contest wins a 2 year lease on a Chevy Malibu, compliments of Rose Chevrolet. Register your foursome today!

**LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR** First Annual BBQ Cook – Off and Family Movie Night on Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup> 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!



**Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Robert Middendorf (daughter, Linda)

**Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m. Evelyn Williams (Paul Schutte Family)  
10:30 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People

**Monday, July 14<sup>th</sup>**

7:15 a.m. Mary Ross (St. Ann Rosary Society)

**Tuesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>**

7:15 a.m. For the Intentions of Barbara Schmidt

**Wednesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>**

7:15 a.m. Daniel Hetterich (Anthony & Kimberly Melchion)

**Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup>**

7:15 a.m. Special Intention

**Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup>**

7:15 a.m. Antoinette Schneider (Family)

**Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 a.m. Intentions of the Celebrant  
5:00 p.m. Joseph J. Keller – Birthday Remembrance (Family)

**Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People  
10:30 a.m. Maurice "Mo" Willams (Family)

**Fifteenth Ordinary Sunday**

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<b>Budgeted Weekly Offering</b>	\$ 12,072.00
<b>06/29/2008</b>	\$ 8,343.62
<b>Shortfall</b>	\$ (3,728.38)

<b>Year to Date Budgeted Offering</b>	\$ 627,744.00
<b>Year to Date Actual Offering</b>	\$ 541,327.74
<b>Shortfall</b>	\$ (86,416.26)

Peter's Pence Collection \$ 775.00

<b>Budgeted Weekly Offering</b>	\$ 12,072.00
<b>07/06/2008</b>	\$ 10,786.55
<b>Shortfall</b>	\$ (1,285.45)

<b>Year to Date Budgeted Offering</b>	\$ 12,072.00
<b>Year to Date Actual Offering</b>	\$ 10,786.55
<b>Shortfall</b>	\$ (1,285.45)

**RIB NIGHT & THEATRE** Mercy Franciscan at Schroder presents Rib Night & Theatre in the Great Room at Schroder. Join us for a delicious meal and stay for a fabulous show, Grandmother's Cedar Chest, presented by J.B. Encore Productions. The two – person play is sure to touch your heart and become a family favorite!

Please R.S.V.P. by July 25 to Schroder at 513-867-4100. Tickets are \$8 and include dinner, dessert & the play. For more information on Mercy Franciscan at Schroder, visit us on the web at [e-mercy.com/seniorliving](http://e-mercy.com/seniorliving).

**SCHOENSTATT Pilgrimage and Retreat**

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

For more information: [www.transfigurationcenter.com](http://www.transfigurationcenter.com)