



In today's Gospel Jesus continues to teach about his kingdom by speaking in parables. In the

parable of the weeds and wheat he explains that there will always be a mixture of good and evil in the church and in the world. The main point is that Jesus requires patience and tolerance from his followers. The wheat and poisonous weeds grow together. Pulling out the weeds could destroy the wheat. God will make the separation at the end of time, the time of the harvest (Matthew 13:30). This use of "harvest" as a symbol of God's final judgment is found frequently in the Bible; see, for example, Hosea 6:11: "For you also, O Judah, / a harvest has been appointed."

In the explanation of the parable of the weeds and wheat the emphasis is on the fearful and certain judgment by the Son of Man "at the end of the age" (Matthew 13:39). Jesus promises the righteous that they "will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father" (13:43). Those who "cause others to sin and all evildoers" (13:41) are warned by the parable to change their lives while there is still time. Fortunately, Jesus is willing to forgive as long as one lives. Today's first reading gives wonderful encouragement. "And you [Wisdom] gave your children good ground for hope / that you would permit repentance for their sins" (Wisdom 12: 19). Repentance, reforming one's life, is the road to salvation for all in the church and in the world.

The Gospel reading's two short parables about a mustard seed and about yeast have the same important teaching. The kingdom of Jesus will have humble beginnings, but will attain wonderful expansion. Hyperbole is used here as it often is in Semitic speech to emphasize a point. To indicate the universality of the kingdom, the mustard seed becomes "a large bush, and the 'birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches' " (Matthew 13:41). An excellent Jewish insight would see the action of the yeast as coming from God, a miracle-something to be wondered at, not something to be taken for granted.

*Scripture Reflections and Commentaries by
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Readings for the Week of July 20, 2008

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
Monday	St. Lawrence of Brindisi, priest, doctor Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday	St. Mary Magdalene Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 63; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Wednesday	St. Bridget of Sweden, religious Jer 1:1, 4-10; Ps 71; Mt 13:1-9
Thursday	St. Sharbel Makhluf, priest Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 36; Mt 13:10-17
Friday	St. James, apostle 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126; Mt 20:20-28
Saturday	Sts. Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary Jer 7:1-11; Ps 132; Mt 13:24-30
Sunday	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

100th Anniversary

St. Ann Church will celebrate its Centennial on August 30, 2009. In anticipation of this monumental event, the Centennial Committee, the Rosary Society, the Worship Committee, and many other parishioners have been busy making plans for this year-long celebration. ***Our Opening Celebration will take place on Saturday, August 30, 2008 at the 5:00PM Mass.*** There will be a reception following the Mass, and we are hoping that many of you will come to both and share your memories.

During the Fiesta, please visit our Parish booth to learn more about these plans. You can also see the Centennial Blanket and will be able to place your order for one. Events are planned throughout the year as we remember our wonderful history. Please mark your calendars so that you can join in the festivities.

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

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.

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.

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

FRIENDS OF BADIN GOLF SCRAMBLE- Sunday, August 17th – 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 (under alumni) or contact Kris Verdin at 285-2186 or badinalgolfouting@cinci.rr.com. Hole in one contest wins a 2 year lease on a Chevy Malibu, compliments of Rose Chevrolet. Register your foursome today!

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



This Week in our Parish

Sunday, July 20th

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

Wednesday, July 23rd

7:00 p.m. Basic Catechism Course
Lesson 11 Baptism & Confirmation
St. Vincent de Paul

8:00 p.m.

Friday, July 25th

6-11:30 p.m. St. Ann Annual Fiesta

Saturday, July 26th

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

6-11:30 p.m. St. Ann Annual Fiesta

Sunday, July 27th

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

LECTORS for AUGUST

August 2/3

5:00 p.m. Michelle Wolke and Mary Margerum
8:00 a.m. Elizabeth Miller and John Burkart
10:30 a.m. Dick Simpkin and Neal Sackenheim

August 9/10

5:00 p.m. John Keller and Lois Keller
8:00 a.m. Samuel Patrick and Mary Epp
10:30 a.m. Carrie Rusche and Stephen Becker

August 14

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 p.m. John Keller and Lois Keller

August 15

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30 a.m. Cathie Doty and Paul Fenzl

10:00 a.m. Dick Simpkin

August 16/17

5:00 p.m. Michelle Wolke and Lee Conn

8:00 a.m. Hilda Meyer and Ross Sherman

10:30 a.m. Matt Higgins and Sue Fahrner

August 23/24

5:00 p.m. Russ Curley

8:00 a.m. Ken Brown and Carol Kiep

10:30 a.m. Dick Simpkin and Carrie Rusche

August 30/31

5:00 p.m. Lee Conn

8:00 a.m. Mike Wolf and Bill Germann

10:30 a.m. Neal Sackenheim and Carrie Rusche

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS for AUGUST

5:00 p.m. Nancy Hazlett, Wanda Day, Monica Brown, Joyce McGrath, Susan McAbee
8:00 a.m. Joyce Cepluch, Mary Lou Cox, Buell Harris, Mary Sue Patrick, Charlene Von Hagen
10:30 a.m. Carol Mulcahey, Stephen Becker, Mel Pfirman, *need two.*

August 14 6:30 p.m. Cliff Poppel and Joyce McGrath

August 15 7:30 a.m. Mark Doty, *need one.*

10:00 a.m. Lee Conn, *need one.*



Saturday, July 19th

5:00 p.m. Joseph J. Keller – Birthday Remembrance (Family)

Sunday, July 20th

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

Monday, July 21st

7:15 a.m. Rita Chaney (Don & Janet)

Tuesday, July 22nd

7:15 a.m. Marion Lewandowski (Kathryn Gruber)

Wednesday, July 23rd

7:15 a.m. Joseph Fisher (Bridge Club)

Thursday, July 24th

7:15 a.m. William Wolpert (Children)

Friday, July 25th

7:15 a.m. Richard Keller – Birthday Remembrance (Helen & Family)

Saturday, July 26th

7:30 a.m. Intentions of the Celebrant

5:00 p.m. Wilbert “Red” Lehmann – 5th Anniversary (Family)

Sunday, July 27th

8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People
10:30 a.m. Mary Ross (Blair & Allen)

Sixteenth Ordinary Sunday

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Budgeted Weekly Offering	\$ 12,072.00
07/13/2008	\$ 8,431.63
Shortfall	\$ (3,640.37)
Year to Date Budgeted Offering	\$ 24,144.00
Year to Date Actual Offering	\$ 20,593.18
Shortfall	\$ (3,550.82)

ST. ANN'S 38th ANNUAL FIESTA

Our parish festival will take place here Friday, July 25th and Saturday July 26th, 2008. Second Wind will be playing Friday night and Red Idle will be here Saturday night. Good food, games and great company! Don't forget to turn in your Big Raffle tickets for a chance to win CASH.

RIB NIGHT & THEATRE Mercy Franciscan at Schroder presents Rib Night & Theatre in the Great Room at Schroder Wednesday, July 30. Dinner 5 p.m., Show 7 p.m. 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.

ST. JULIE BILLIART CRAFT SHOW will be held on October 4, 2008 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the Fenmont at 229 North Third Street, Hamilton. For booth information call Ann at 868-7502 or email at annelam@fuse.net.