



100th Anniversary

Today's Gospel concludes the day of parables, Jesus' teaching about the kingdom of heaven. The first two parables today stress the great value of God's kingdom. It is worth any sacrifice. It is so rewarding for the follower of Jesus that the commitment should be a joyful acceptance of the reign of God. That is the message of the parable of the treasure and the parable of the pearl.

Historians tell us that it was common for persons to hide their valuable property in the ground. The man in the parable comes across such a hoard, the symbol of God's kingdom, by accident. He joyfully sells everything to acquire that field and its treasure. The merchant also is willing to give up everything to get possession of "the pearl of great price," also a symbol of the kingdom of heaven. Matthew himself is an example of such total commitment to the kingdom. When Jesus called him, "leaving everything behind, he got up and followed him" (Luke 5:27).

The parable of the net concludes the series. Its teaching is the same as the explanation of the parable of the weeds among the wheat. The kingdom will have both good and evil until the end of time, when the final sorting will take place.

*Scripture Reflections and Commentaries by
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Readings for the Week of July 27, 2008

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
Monday	Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21; Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday	St. Martha Jer 14:17-22; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday	St. Peter Chrysologus, bishop, doctor Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59; Mt 13:44-46
Thursday	St. Ignatius of Loyola, priest Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146; Mt 13:47-53
Friday	St. Alphonsus Liguori, bishop, doctor Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday	St. Eusebius of Vercelli, bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, priest Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:1-3; Ps 145; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21

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.

ST. ANN SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is an organization whose members dedicate their time to serve the community. We visit shut ins, take Communion to those who cannot get to church, and give financial assistance to those in need. Types of assistance include help with food, prescriptions, utilities, etc. All this is made possible through the generous donations of the People of St. Ann Parrish.

Currently, the SVDP society is looking for men or women 18 and older to join us in serving our community. We need new members with new ideas to help us better serve those in need. Any member of St. Ann parish that would like to get involved please call 737-0444 and leave your name and number on the voicemail or contact Susan McAbee through the parish offices. And always thank you to all, whose donations allow us to continue to serve the Community.

ST. ANN P.A.C. is looking for interested players for football grades 3-8 and volleyball grades 4-8. Any student interested in playing, please contact Jim Kreke at 910-0857. The P.A.C. is also in need of a volleyball coordinator and volleyball coaches for the upcoming season. Please consider volunteering - if you are interested please contact Jim Kreke at 910-0857.

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 (doungdi@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 badingolfouting@cinci.rr.com. Hole in one contest wins a 2 year lease on a Chevy Malibu, compliments of Rose Chevrolet. Register your foursome today!

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



This Week in our Parish

Sunday, July 27th

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

Wednesday, July 30th

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

Saturday, August 2nd

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

Sunday, August 3rd

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

USHERS for AUGUST

5:00 p.m. JoEllen Miller, Dave Kollstedt
John Thompson, Phil Poppel
8:00 a.m. Jim Saurber, Jim Schindler
Ron Schermer, Joe Hazlett
10:30 a.m. Lynn de la Court, *need three*

OFFERTORY SCHEDULE for AUGUST

August 2/3

5:00 p.m. Williams Family
8:00 a.m. Dean & Mary Sue Wright
10:30 a.m. Kelley Family

August 9/10

5:00 p.m. Donges Family
8:00 a.m. Sander Family
10:30 a.m. Maurits Family

August 16/17

5:00 p.m. Ortt Family
8:00 a.m. Slaven Family
10:30 a.m. C. Morris Family

August 23/24

5:00 p.m. Phil Kreke Family
8:00 a.m. Ted Fontaine Family
10:30 a.m. P. Hayes Family

August 30/31

5:00 p.m. C. Brown Family
8:00 a.m. M. Sanders Family
10:30 a.m. Hare Family

PARENTING EDUCATION CLASSES

Where: CATHOLIC CHARITIES
Southwestern Ohio, Hamilton Service Center
140 N. Fifth Street, Hamilton, OH 45011

Classes for families with little ones birth to 5 years of age and classes for families with school age children 6-12 years of age. No fee for classes if you are a Butler County resident. Registration is required, though. For more information please contact Pam Mortensen at 863-6129 Ext. 27.



Saturday, July 26th

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)

Monday, July 28th

7:15 a.m. Vicki Brandenburg – Birthday Remembrance (Family)

Tuesday, July 29th

7:15 a.m. Victor Richter (Tom & Peggy Chaney)

Wednesday, July 30th

7:15 a.m. Lois Ventre (Francis Isgro)

Thursday, July 31st

7:15 a.m. Mary Streicher (Patricia & Charles Groh)

Friday, August 1st

7:15 a.m. George Baker (Carol & Barry Leistner)

Saturday, August 2nd

7:30 a.m. Intentions of the Celebrant

5:00 p.m. Barbara Settle (Jeff & Ellen Pohlman)

Sunday, August 3rd

8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of Bill & Marianne Germann & Family (Carolyn Marth)
10:30 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People

Budgeted Weekly Offering	\$ 12,072.00
07/20/2008	\$ 6,948.25
Shortfall	\$ (5,123.75)
Year to Date Budgeted Offering	\$ 36,216.00
Year to Date Actual Offering	\$ 28,056.43
Shortfall	\$ (8,159.57)
ABITIBI	\$ 69.64



Happy 90th Birthday to John Held, a member of St. Ann Church for 57 years. Family and friends will be celebrating with him on August 9th. Cards and inquiries can be sent c/o Anna Gideon, 54 Lindy, Middletown, OH 45044.

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.

"Taste of St. Julie's" Parish Festival

224 Dayton Street, Hamilton, Ohio

Aug. 1 & 2, 2008 from 5:30-11:00pm

Bring your family and friends to the "Taste of St. Julie's" festival with homemade German, Italian, & Mexican cuisine that showcases the parish's rich cultural heritage. The festival will also feature adult games of chance, children's games, bid & buy auction, and \$5000 grand prize raffle. Entertainment is available for the whole family including a juggler with interactive music for children on Friday starting at 5:30pm followed by a live DJ. Saturday night entertainment starts at 5:30 with balloon artist and the band *The Soulbreakers* will take the stage at 7:30pm. For more information, check out the festival website <http://www.stjulie.net/festival.html>.