



Today's Gospel miracle of the feeding of the five thousand shows both the

compassion and the power of Jesus. Yahweh had also fed the chosen people in the desert with manna, a gift preserving natural life. "God rained manna upon them for food; / bread from heaven he gave them" (Psalm 78:24). But Jesus sees this miracle also as a sign of the bread of the Eucharist, which will preserve eternal life for his followers. In the Gospel of John Jesus says, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day" (John 6:54).

Jesus clearly has the Eucharist in mind as he performs today's miracle. The phrases that are used by Matthew—namely taking the five loaves, saying the blessing, breaking the loaves, and giving them to the disciples—are repeated in the account of the institution of the Eucharist. "Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said, 'Take and eat; this is my body' " (Matthew 26:26). The compassion of the Lord leads him to make eternal life possible for all Christians through the Eucharist.

Today's first reading from Isaiah adds the point that God gives freely to the people. "You who have no money, / come, receive grain and eat; / Come, without paying and without cost, / drink wine and milk" (Isaiah 55: 1). Jesus feeds the crowd in today's Gospel and especially feeds all in the Eucharist without any cost. However, it did cost him the sufferings of his passion, "becoming obedient to death, / even death on a cross" (Philippians 2:8).

The miracle of the feeding of the five thousand also looks forward to the eschatological banquet in the kingdom of heaven. "On this mountain (Zion) the LORD of hosts / will provide for all peoples / A feast of rich food and choice wines, / juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines" (Isaiah 25:6). Jesus also teaches, "many will come from the east and the west, and will recline with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob at the banquet in the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 8:11).

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Readings for the Week of August 3, 2008

Sunday	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:1-3; Ps 145; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21
Monday	St. John Mary Vianney, priest Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119; Mt 14:22-36
Tuesday	Dedication of Basilica of Saint Mary Major in Rome Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday	The Transfiguration of the Lord Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9
Thursday	St. Sixtus II, pope, martyr, and companions, martyrs; St. Cajetan, priest Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51; Mt 16:13-23
Friday	St. Dominic, priest Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35-36, 39, 41; Mt 16:24-28
Saturday	St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, virgin, martyr Hb 1:12—2:4; Ps 9; Mt 17:14-20
Sunday	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

100th Anniversary

Many people visited the parish booth at our festival and were able to see the Centennial Quilt. The cost of the quilt is \$40.00. A kelly green centennial t-shirt with St. Ann Church in black on the back is also available. The shirt comes in child sizes of small, medium, and large, and adult sizes of small, medium, large, 1X, and 2X and cost \$10.00. The quilt can be ordered, and the t-shirt is now available. Contact Susan McAbee at the parish center if you are interested in purchasing either one. They will also be sold at the reception following our Opening Centennial Mass on Saturday, August 30 at 5:00PM.

ST. ANN CCD is in need of two teachers for classes beginning in the fall of 2008: First and Second grade openings. Please consider this very important ministry.

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 (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 HOSTING FISH FRY/DRAWDOWN SET: Badin High School's annual fish fry/drawdown will be held Saturday, Aug. 16, at the school. Tickets are \$50, which includes prize registration, dinner and drinks. There will be a \$10,000 grand prize. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the drawdown will begin at approximately 7:30. Guests (with no prize eligibility) will be charged \$10. For more information, call Badin at (513) 863-3993 or e-mail Lori Toerner at lltjct@fuse.net.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



This Week in our Parish

Sunday, August 3rd
 7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass

Monday, August 4th
 7:00 p.m. Finance committee meeting

Tuesday, August 5th
 11:30 a.m. Rosary Society meeting at the O.G.

Wednesday, August 6th
 8:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul

Saturday, August 9th
 3:30 -4:30 p.m. Confessions
 4:40 p.m. Rosary before Mass

Sunday, August 10th
 7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

August Luncheon - The Rosary Society will meet for lunch on Tuesday, August 5th at 11:30 AM at the Olive Garden on Dixie Highway in Fairfield. If you need a ride, call Mary Jo at 863-1700. Olive Garden certificates will be available at the luncheon. We would like to see some new faces enjoying lunch with us. Feel free to join us. See you then.

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.

CYO NEWS

There will be a Coaches and Coordinators Meeting on Thursday, August 7th at 7:00pm at the Fenmont in Hamilton to discuss the upcoming CYO Volleyball season. We encourage everyone to attend, we really need to have at least one representative from every school that can provide preliminary team counts and coach contact information.

Referees, we hope you can also attend. If you can't please reply and let us know if you plan to ref again this year and what your availability is.

If you have any questions, please contact Barb Pate bpate@cinci.rr.com or 896-4237 or Krista Schuler kschuler@fuse.net or 887-1180.

FATIMA USA – 2008

We will be celebrating the Fatima, USA Event. It will take place on Friday, August 8th at 7:30 p.m. at the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein. Celebrant for the Mass is Reverend James Reutter, former associate pastor of Holy Angels Catholic Church in Sidney, Ohio. Fr. Reutter has worked with Fr. Frank Pavone in Priests for Life, a pro-life apostolate of seminarians, clergy, and laypersons. Fr. Reutter was ordained in 2004 and presently serves as pastor of Our Lady of Victory parish in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Join us for Mass, a Living Rosary and candle light procession on August 8th at 7:30 p.m. at the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein, Ohio. Bring lawn chairs, flashlight and warm clothing.



Saturday, August 2nd **Eighteenth Ordinary Sunday**
 5:00 p.m. Barbara Settle (Jeff & Ellen Pohlman)

Sunday, August 3rd **Eighteenth Ordinary Sunday**
 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

Monday, August 4th **John Mary Vianney, priest**
 7:15 a.m. Dan Hetterich (Bertha & John Vilkoski)

Tuesday August 5th **Weekday**
 7:15 a.m. Alice Pfirman – Anniversary (Husband)

Wednesday, August 6th **Transfiguration of the Lord**
 7:15 a.m. Greg Vaughn & Megan Filipeck – 2nd Anniversary (Vaughn Family)

Thursday, August 7th **Weekday**
 7:15 a.m. Thelma Faucett (Jim & Monica Palmieri)

Friday, August 8th **Dominic, priest**
 7:15 a.m. Iva Judge

Saturday, August 9th **Nineteenth Ordinary Sunday**
 7:30 a.m. Intentions of the Celebrant
 5:00 p.m. Marguerite Baynes (Betty & Patty)

Sunday, August 10th **Nineteenth Ordinary Sunday**
 8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People
 10:30 a.m. Amanda Schlabach – Birthday Remembrance (Mickey & Family)

Budgeted Weekly Offering	\$ 12,072.00
07/27/2008	\$ 7,457.65
Shortfall	\$ (4,614.35)
Year to Date Budgeted Offering	\$ 48,288.00
Year to Date Actual Offering	\$ 35,659.08
Shortfall	\$ (12,628.92)

ST. ANN FIESTA

Winners of the Big Raffle include:
 Marty Kugler \$5000.00
 Rick Shimon \$1000.00
 Schaefer Family \$500.00

Many thanks to all of the wonderful volunteers who helped make our parish Fiesta a huge success. Countless hours of donated time and talent went into set up, actual working booths and clean up of our annual festival. The list is too long to name, but please know that everyone involved is greatly appreciated. Thanks also to all who sponsored and donated items to this event. Without all of the generous people associated with St. Ann's and our greater community, our Fiesta couldn't happen.

With sincere appreciation please accept thanks from St. Ann Parish.

ST. ALOYSIUS, SHANDON

Festival Sunday, August 3rd
 Dinners from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m.
 Festival until dark.

SACRED HEART FESTIVAL

August 8th, 9th, & 10th
 Grand Prize \$10,000.00