



**Lord your love
is eternal;
do not forsake
the work of your hands.**

All three Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) contain the confession of Peter that Jesus is

the Messiah. But in today's Gospel Matthew makes significant additions to the other Synoptics. He adds Jeremiah to the list of persons that popular opinion identified with Jesus. "I, like a trusting lamb led to the slaughter, had not realized that they were hatching plots against me" (Jeremiah 12: 19).

More importantly, Matthew adds reflections concerning Jesus' reaction to Peter's confession, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16). Jesus blesses Simon son of Jonah, stressing that flesh and blood, human nature in its weakness, had not revealed this knowledge, but the heavenly Father. In Aramaic the words of Jesus that followed would have been, "You are Rock, and upon this rock I will build my church" (16:18). Change of name can indicate one's role in salvation history. Being the rock, the church's foundation, is Peter's key role in the kingdom of heaven.

In the Old Testament it is God who is referred to as the Rock. "LORD, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer" (Psalm 18:3). As God is the source of support for the Israelites, Peter will be the strength for the church, the future followers of Jesus. The "gates of the netherworld" (16:18), symbolizing the power of death and the forces of evil, cannot prevail against the church of Christ.

In today's first reading from Isaiah, Eliakim is given "the key of the House of David" (Isaiah 22:22) with authority to open or to shut. Peter alone receives the keys of the kingdom from Jesus as a symbol of universal power. Peter is also able to bind and to loose. This formula can have various meanings. Here it can be understood as the power to teach with authority, to forgive or retain sins, to admit or excommunicate members of the church. Later Jesus will give this power to bind and to loose to the local church (see Matthew 18:18).

Peter receives the keys of the kingdom and is the foundation of the church. This suggests that while the church is not identical with the kingdom, it is the kingdom's best expression.

*Scripture Reflections and Commentaries by
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Readings for the Week of August 24, 2008

Sunday	Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 22:19-23; Ps 138; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20
Monday	St. Louis of France; St. Joseph Calasanz, priest 2 Th 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday	2 Th 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday	St. Monica 2 Th 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday	St. Augustine, bishop, doctor 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145; Mt 24:42-51
Friday	Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 71; Mk 6:17-29
Saturday	1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday	Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

100th Anniversary

SAVE THE DATE

OPENING MASS OF ST. ANN
CENTENNIAL YEAR

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30 at 5 p.m.

Reception to follow
In school cafeteria

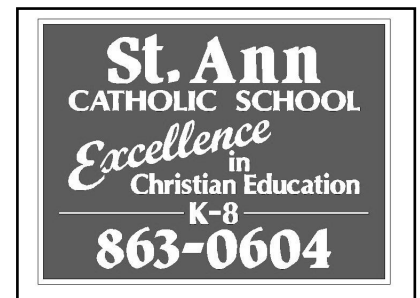
The rosary society will host a reception after the opening centennial mass on Saturday, August 30th. If you would like to help set up, serve refreshments or provide finger food it would be greatly appreciated. We plan to serve cheese balls, dips, small sandwiches, vegetables, fruit, cookies, punch and coffee. If you can help, please call MARY JO HAIZMAN AT 863-1700.

ST. ANN CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2008 11:30 – 1:00

Please celebrate with us at the 10:30 Mass. After Mass, please join us at the school. Come in to meet and greet the teachers, catch up with friends, and to see all the improvements that have taken place over the summer! Parents, if you are unable to attend the Open House, please call the school office @ 863-0604, and let us know. Thank You!! Looking forward to seeing you!!!

YARD SIGNS

It is that time of the year again; school is about to begin. We would like to ask everyone who has a yard sign to please display it proudly.
Thank You!!!



TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



This Week in our Parish

Sunday, August 24th

7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass
 11:30 -1 p.m. St. Ann School Open House

Tuesday, August 26th

7:00 p.m. Parish Pastoral Council meeting

Wednesday, August 27th

7:00 p.m. Basic Catechism Course
Lesson 13 Sacrament of Penance
 St. Vincent de Paul

8:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 30th

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

Sunday, August 31st

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

EMBRACE the CHILDREN, which is a Private Association of the Faithful in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, are in need of a Web Master who could donate their gifts and talents to develop our website. If interested, please contact Carol Gibbemeyer at praisehim1@fuse.net or call 893-9131. Thank you and May God Bless you.

LECTORS for SEPTEMBER

September 6/7

5:00 p.m. Russ Curley
 8:00 a.m. John Burkart and Elizabeth Miller
 10:30 a.m. Melody Richmond

September 13/14

5:00 p.m. Gerald McGrath
 8:00 a.m. Mike Wolf and Sam Patrick
 10:30 a.m. Matthew Higgins

September 20/21

5:00 p.m. Mary Margerum
 8:00 a.m. Cathie Doty and Ken Brown
 10:30 a.m. Sue Fahrner

September 27/28

5:00 p.m. Jeanine Hand
 8:00 a.m. Carol Kiep and Ross Sherman
 10:30 a.m. Stephen Becker

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS for SEPTEMBER

5:00 p.m. Lee Conn, Lori Lamb, Lori Spinelli,
 Joyce McGrath, Clifford Poppel
 8:00 a.m. Paul Fenzl, Mark Doty, Harry Epp, Mary Epp,
 Ronald Schermer
 10:30 a.m. Mary Jo Haizman, Martha Kugler,
 Ruth Ann Halpin, Andrew Lampl, Ellie Nartker

BASILICA and NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY of CONSOLATION, CAREY, OHIO, will be hosting a Family Day on Sunday, September 28th. We welcome families to come and pray together. Mass at noon followed with lunch and games for the family. The day concludes with Devotions at 2:30 p.m. and individual family blessings: www.olcshrine.com.



Saturday, August 23rd

5:00 p.m. Paul Verdin – 9th Anniversary and Liss Verdin – 23rd Anniversary (Mike & Heidi Keller)

Sunday, August 24th

8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People
 10:30 a.m. Shirley Poppel – Birthday Remembrance (Family)

Monday, August 25th

7:15 a.m. Danny Vitale – 8th Anniversary (Elivira & Children)

Tuesday, August 26th

7:15 a.m. Barbara Settle (Pat & Ben Richardson)

Wednesday, August 27th

7:15 a.m. Linda Robbins (Lucille & Rusty Rawlings)

Thursday, August 28th

7:15 a.m. Communion Service
 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church in Hamilton

Friday, August 29th

No 7:15 a.m. Mass
 8:00 a.m. Alice Fiehrer (St. Ann Rosary Society)

Saturday, August 30th

7:30 a.m. Intentions of the Celebrant
 5:00 p.m. For the Intentions of Bill & Kathy Schneider
 On their 45th Wedding Anniversary (Children)

Sunday, August 31st

8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of Harry & Mary Epp
 On their 45th Wedding Anniversary
 10:30 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People

Budgeted Weekly Offering	\$ 12,072.00
08/17/2008	\$ 7,572.30
Shortfall	\$ (4,499.70)
<i>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	\$ 1,541.07
Year to Date Budgeted Offering	\$ 84,504.00
Year to Date Actual Offering	\$ 65,558.55
Shortfall	\$ (18,945.45)
ABITIBI	\$ 89.14
<i>Landfill space saved in cubic yards: 18.53</i>	

ST. ANN SCHOOL NEWS

Summer vacation is ending soon because another school year will begin on Tuesday, August 26th. We welcome many new students and 4 new teachers this year, and hope that everyone is ready to have a successful school year. Our Open House is Sunday, August 24th after the 10:30AM Mass. Come visit the school and see all the improvements that have taken place over the summer. Scott and Todd have been very busy. If you have a St. Ann School yard sign, please display it for the next several weeks. Thanks.

Mark your calendar for Monday, **November 3rd** and Tuesday **November 4th** of 2008. *Olan Mills* will be here at St. Ann Church to photograph parishioners for a Pictorial Directory to celebrate our 100 year anniversary. Pictures will be back in time for Christmas.