

My soul is thirsting for you, O my LORD, my GOD.

"From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem" (Matthew 16:21). As he begins this final journey to Jerusalem, Jesus will concentrate on the preparation of his disciples. His first important point is that he "must" go to his death and resurrection. Mark (8:31) and Luke (9:22) also stress the "necessity" of the sufferings of Christ. Clearly the Passion is necessary because that is the Father's will for the Son. He is to mount the cross as savior of all, fulfilling the words of the angel at his birth, "Today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord" (Luke 2: 11).

Peter and most of his contemporaries were expecting a powerful messiah who would free Israel from Rome. When Peter insists that Jesus should not suffer, he responds by calling Peter Satan. In the temptations at the beginning of his ministry Satan encourages Jesus to be unfaithful to his role as the Suffering Servant of Isaiah (Matthew 4:1-11). Peter, too, is tempting Jesus to abandon his proper role; the Rock is becoming a stumbling block, an obstacle (16:23). Earlier Jesus had said, "Blessed is the one who takes no offense at me" (11:6).

Jesus insists that his followers must be willing to accept the cross. Their lives must be Christ-centered, not self-centered. In today's first reading the prophet Jeremiah bemoans the consequences of fidelity to his role: "The word of the LORD has brought me / derision and reproach all the day" (Jeremiah 20:8). But today's Gospel ends with the promise of reward at the Last Judgment for those who are faithful in their actions. "This practical Christianity with its emphasis on action was dear to Matthew's heart" (Daniel J. Harrington, S.J., "The Gospel of Matthew," *Sacra Pagina*, v. I, p. 249).

This emphasis on a living faith, manifesting itself in love for God and neighbor, is also an important point in the writings of Paul: "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil" (2 Corinthians 5: 10).

*Scripture Reflections and Commentaries by
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Readings for the Week of August 31, 2008

Sunday	Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63; Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27
Monday	Labor Day 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119; Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday	1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday	St. Gregory the Great, pope, doctor 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday	1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24; Lk 5:1-11
Friday	1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37; Lk 5:33-39
Saturday	1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145; Lk 6:1-5
Sunday	Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

WOMEN'S EVENT COMING TO ST. ANN PARISH

Saturday October 11, 2008 9am to 4pm. Mark your calendars women for a delightful time in the Lord! Come join others in celebrating our faith, be uplifted, enlightened, and immersed in the Spirit of Love.

Arise Woman! A New Day Dawns

Brochures will be made available next week after all the Masses. Invite a friend.

CENTENNIAL NEWS As you leave church, please stop to look at our Centennial bulletin board. Pictures donated by parishioners are displayed, and they will certainly bring back memories of your days at St. Ann. The bulletin board will be changes periodically so that many more memories can be displayed. If you have any pictures that you would like to share, just take them to the parish office. They will be returned to you. Don't forget that Centennial t-shirts are on sale for \$10.00 each, and quilts can be ordered for \$40.00.

ST. ANN PARISH CHOIR The Choir is looking for additional members. If you are interested in joining, please leave a message for Rick Crone at the Parish office or email: racro43@aol.com. Work on Christmas music will be beginning soon.

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults or "RCIA" is a program for those considering the possibility of joining the Catholic Church. Perhaps you are a Catholic, but were never confirmed? The RCIA is a great way to remember forgotten lessons. Perhaps you are a cradle Catholic who simply would like to relearn the basics?

Classes are now forming for R.C.I.A. here at St. Ann Church that will be held on Wednesday evening's beginning in September. If you are interested, please phone the parish office or email the secretary at slmcabee@gmail.com.

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.

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



This Week in our Parish

Sunday, August 31st

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

Monday, September 1st

Parish offices closed

Tuesday, September 2nd

7:00 p.m. Rosary Society meeting

Wednesday, September 3rd

7:15 p.m. Choir
 8:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul

Thursday, September 4th

7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Presentation

Saturday, September 6th

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

Sunday, September 7th

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

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

Rosary Society Meeting - The September meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 2nd at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center. Hope to see you there.

THANK YOU to all the neighbors of St. Ann Church who helped pick up the fallen tree branches off of Clinton Avenue and back onto our lot.

THANK YOU to St. Ann's Parish for all of the support of our 1st Vacation Bible School. It was a huge success and a Youth Group has been created due to it. Thank you for the use of the church, school and parish offices. May God Bless you abundantly!

Sincerely, Jean Schaefer and Carol Gibbemeyer

BADIN RAMS VOLLEYBALL

4th Annual Car Wash will take place Saturday, September 13, 2008 from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at 2646 Pleasant Avenue (Funeral Home). Donation \$5 (rain date September 14, 2008). Please come out and support our Badin girls.

It's the season to FALL in love again! Take your good marriage and make it GREAT with a Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next Marriage Encounter weekends in this area are September **12-14** at the Holy Spirit Center, October 10-12 at the Cliffview Retreat Center and November 7-9 at the Maria Stein Retreat Center. This is a great opportunity for you and your spouse to enjoy the serenity of a retreat center while growing closer to each other and God. Weekends fill up quickly, so a prompt response is encouraged to avoid the waiting list. For more details or reservations call: Keith & Lori Maurmeier at 1-800-547-1251 Code 00 -OR- on the web at www.esharing.org



Saturday, August 30th

5:00 p.m. **Twenty Second Ordinary Sunday**
 For the Intentions of Bill & Kathy Schneider
 On their 45th Wedding Anniversary (Children)

Sunday, August 31st

8:00 a.m. **Twenty Second Ordinary Sunday**
 For the Intentions of Harry & Mary Epp
 On their 45th Wedding Anniversary
 For the Intentions of St. Ann People

Monday, September 1st

9:00 a.m. **Labor Day**
 Victor Richter (St. Ann Choirs)

Tuesday, September 2nd

7:15 a.m. **Weekday**
 Poor Souls

Wednesday, September 3rd

7:15 a.m. **Gregory the Great, pope, doctor**
 For the Intentions of Bill & Jean Schaefer on their
 44th Wedding Anniversary

Thursday, September 4th

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

Friday, September 5th

8:00 a.m. **Weekday**
 Robert Mergy (Julia)

Saturday, September 6th

7:30 a.m. **Twenty Third Ordinary Sunday**
 Intentions of the Celebrant
 Joseph J. Keller - 9th Anniversary (Family)

Sunday, September 7th

8:00 a.m. **Twenty Third Ordinary Sunday**
 For the Intentions of St. Ann People
 10:30 a.m. Bob Newton & Florence Flaig-10th Anniversary
 (Debbie & Steve Mignery)

Budgeted Weekly Offering	\$ 12,072.00
08/24/2008	\$ 8,205.85
Shortfall	\$ (3,866.15)
Year to Date Budgeted Offering	\$ 96,576.00
Year to Date Actual Offering	\$ 74,034.40
Shortfall	\$ (22,541.60)

USHERS for SEPTEMBER

5:00 P.M. Neil Ferdelman, Mark Staarmann
Need two
 8:00 A.M. Don Wolf, Dick Cepluch
 Mindy Jones, Terry Faucett
 10:30 A.M. Don Arent, Cliff Poppel
 Pat Malone, Dave Beckett

OFFERTORY SCHEDULE for SEPTEMBER

September 6/7
 5:00 p.m. Groh Family
 8:00 a.m. Cepluch Family
 10:30 a.m. Barrett Family
September 13/14
 5:00 p.m. D. Conrad Family
 8:00 a.m. LoBuono Family
 10:30 a.m. Dan Vogt Family
September 20/21
 5:00 p.m. Mark & Jeanette Staarmann
 8:00 a.m. Ted Fontaine Family
 10:30 a.m. Bucheit Family
September 27/28
 5:00 p.m. Susan Schindler Family
 8:00 a.m. Kiep / Baumann
 10:30 a.m. de la Court Family