



"And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life" (John 3: 14-15). The serpent is a type of the crucified Christ, who is the source of eternal life, not just physical life, to all who look at him with faith. "Lifted up" in the Gospel here has the double meaning of "crucified" and "exalted." Today's feast stresses the exaltation, the triumph of the cross of Jesus. To the casual bystander it appeared to be the instrument of Jesus' death, but to the person of faith it is the instrument of salvation.

Jesus insists that this work of salvation has the love of God as its source. "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son" (3:16). Given the emphasis in the Greek text, this sentence could be paraphrased, "God indeed loved the world so much that he actually sacrificed his only Son." He gave Jesus to everyone not only in the Incarnation, but especially in the Crucifixion.

In today's second reading Paul also gives wonderful testimony to the exaltation of the cross, using what may well have been a Christian hymn. The Christian is reminded of Jesus' humility by his "taking the form of a slave" (Philippians 2:7). Isaiah had written of the Servant (Slave) of Yahweh who "gives his life as an offering for sin" (Isaiah 53: 10). Jesus goes on to give up his life for all men and women. "He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross" (Philippians 2:8).

The exaltation of the cross is seen in the following verse. In the Greek text the author makes it clear that the cross led to Jesus' "super exaltation" and to his receiving the divine title "LORD," the translation of Yahweh in the Greek Old Testament. The sign of a true Christian and the way to salvation will be the confession "Jesus Christ is Lord" (2: 11). "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved" (Romans 10:9).

*Scripture Reflections and Commentaries by
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Readings for the Week of September 14, 2008

Sunday	Exaltation of the Holy Cross Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Monday	Our Lady of Sorrows 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 31; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Tuesday	St. Cornelius, pope, martyr, St. Cyprian, bishop, martyr 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100; Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday	St. Robert Bellarmine, bishop, doctor 1 Cor 12:31—13:13; Ps 33; Lk 7:31-35
Thursday	1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118; Lk 7:36-50
Friday	St. Januarius, bishop, martyr 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday	St. Andrew Kim Taegon, priest, martyr, St. Paul Chong Hasang, martyr, and their companions, martyrs 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56; Lk 8:4-15
Sunday	Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:6-9; Ps 145; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

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* Invite a friend.

ST. ANN CCD will begin this Sunday, September 14th with registration at 8:30 a.m. Classes begin that day at 9 a.m. Registration forms will be available that day or online at www.stanncc.org. For more information, please contact the Parish office at 863-4963.

PICNIC FOR ST. ANN EM'S AND LECTORS All of the Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors from St. Ann, along with all of their family and friends, are invited to a picnic at Joyce Park on Sunday, Sept. 14, at 2 p.m. If your last name begins with A-I, please bring a main dish to share. If your last name begins with J-R, please bring a side dish to share. If your last name begins with S-Z, please bring a dessert. We look forward to seeing you there!

SEPTEMBER 27 & 28, 2008 St. Ann Church will be hosting a Jesuit Priest. Born in Louisville, Kentucky, Father Matt Garr, SJ entered the Jesuits in 1963 and traveled to Peru as a novice in 1965. He was ordained in 1975. His ministry in Peru has centered on social justice. He was pastor of a rural parish in the central Andes Mountains for twelve years, and then he served as executive secretary for the Peruvian Catholic Bishops Social Action Commission for the past seventeen years. Fr. Garr is currently studying for a doctorate in ministry in Chicago and plans to return to Peru in 2009 upon completing the degree.

Remember When... by Pete Groh, Sr.

During the winter months of 1909 Father Santen took a census and found thirty six Catholic families who attended St. Ann Church.

The census book only had the names of 24 families recorded in 1909; it listed 7 more for 1910 and 1911. They are: Ferdinand Aker; William Albright; Joseph Bach; Joseph Brosey; Henry B. Brinker; John Conrad; Joseph Conrad; Louis W. Eckert; Joseph Fender; Henry Fischer; Paul Frechtling; Joseph Flynn; Robert Gebbs; Owen Golden; George Groh, Sr., George Groh, Jr.; Peter Groh; Ignatious Hamburger; Edward Hayden; William Hester; Thomas Hester; Lawrence Hinkel; Joseph Huber; Leonard Kollstedt; Bernard Kurleman; Peter Kremer; Charles Kouba; Peter Kort; William Ruhl; Joseph Schott; and Joseph Wessel.

ST. ANN GUIDEBOOK & DIRECTORY will be published again this year. Advertising dollars pay for the printing and mailing. If you would like to advertise in the directory, please call the Parish office. **NOTE:** If you **do not** want to have your name, address or phone number published please call or email the office at 863-4963 or sllmcabee@gmail.com.

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



This Week in our Parish

Sunday, September 14th
 7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
 8:30 a.m. CCD Registration
 9-10 a.m. CCD classes begin
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass
 2:00 p.m. EM & Lector picnic at Joyce Park

Monday, September 15th
 7:00 p.m. Pack 907

Wednesday, September 17th
 7:00 p.m. Scouts
 7:15 p.m. Choir
 7:30 p.m. R.C.I.A.
 8:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul

Thursday, September 18th
 6-8:00 p.m. Pack 907 Scouts

Saturday, September 20th
 3:30 -4:30 p.m. Confessions
 4:40 p.m. Rosary before Mass

Sunday, September 21st
 7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
 9-10 a.m. CCD classes
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP APPEAL Fr. Mondiek requests all St Ann parishioners consider coming out to discuss how we can strengthen St Ann's Parish through a robust Stewardship campaign. The purpose of the stewardship campaign is to guarantee future viability and growth of St Ann's Church and School using the existing time, talent and treasure of St Ann parishioners. The opportunities for St Ann's are endless and the time couldn't be better as we celebrate 100 years of Catholic tradition at St Ann's. The roll out meeting will take place on **Sept 23rd at 7:00PM in the school cafeteria.** Light refreshments and drinks will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there! Contact Bill Germann (988-6544) or Russ Curley (829-4342) for more information.

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS Baby Jesus Shower - During the month of September, the Rosary Society is collecting baby clothes for a Pregnancy Help Center. We would appreciate any new or gently used baby clothes for our project. If you can contribute to our collection, just call 863-1700 and we will pick them up. They also may be left at the Parish Center. Thanks for your help.

ST. ANN PARISHIONER BERNADINE TEGGE will be 100 years young on September 24, 2008. If you would like to send her a birthday card her address is: Bernadine Tegge, c/o Heartland of Woodridge Apt. A 309; 3801 Woodridge Blvd., Fairfield, OH 45014.

The newly formed teen youth group C.R.E.W. (Christ's Really Eager Workers) would like to invite all teens to take part in the upcoming events. Contact Jean Schaefer at 383-2735 for more information.
 Sept. 21, 2008 6:00 – 8:00 Youth Night and finalize plans for CREDO (Parish office).
 Sept. 26-28, 2008 - CREDO – A Eucharist centered youth conference. Go to www.credoibelieve.org.
 Oct. 5, 2008 – National Life Chain Sunday 2-3:00 p.m. downtown Hamilton. 3:30-6 p.m. St. Ann cafeteria.
 Oct. 19, 2008 – Youth night at St. Ann 6-8:00 p.m.



Saturday, September 13th Exaltation of the Holy Cross
 5:00 p.m. Thomas J. Brady – Birthday Remembrance (Rosalie Brady)

Sunday, September 14th Exaltation of the Holy Cross
 8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People
 10:30 a.m. Mike Palmieri – Birthday Remembrance (Mickey & family)

Monday, September 15th Our Lady of Sorrows
 7:15 a.m. Special Intention

Tuesday, September 16th Cornelius, pope, martyr
 7:15 a.m. Bernadine Kirchoff (Bill)

Wednesday, September 17th Weekday
 7:15 a.m. Deceased members of the Fontaine Family

Thursday, September 18th Weekday
 7:15 a.m. Communion Service
 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church in Hamilton

Friday, September 19th Weekday
 8:00 a.m. Wanda Arent – Birthday Remembrance (Arent Family)

Saturday, September 20th Twenty Fifth Ordinary Sunday
 7:30 a.m. Intentions of the Celebrant
 5:00 p.m. Paul Sherlock (Wife)

Sunday, September 21st Twenty Fifth Ordinary Sunday
 8:00 a.m. Katherine & Edward Fenzl (Paul)
 10:30 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People

Budgeted Weekly Offering	\$ 12,072.00
09/07/2008	\$ 12,559.36
Over Thank You!	\$ 487.36
Year to Date Budgeted Offering	\$ 120,720.00
Year to Date Actual Offering	\$ 95,703.38
Shortfall	\$ (25,016.62)

If you are interested in understanding more fully what we believe as Catholics, a sixteen lesson Basic Catholic Catechism Horne Study Course will be offered covering the essentials of the Catholic faith in a systematic and comprehensive way. Written by the late Jesuit Father John A. Hardon, this challenging home study course is open to everyone. It will help you grow to a deeper knowledge and love of Christ and His Church. Study is done independently then participants meet twice a month to review the questions and answers and engage in a lively discussion of the lesson. An informational meeting will be held at St. Ann Parish Center on Oct. 1, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. Course materials will be explained and will be available for purchase. For more information or to register, contact Viv Sullivan @ 868-9865 or Mary Eichhold @ 863-3345. **The Benefits:** Adult education at home; participation in the New Evangelization as requested by our late Holy Father Pope John Paul II; greater confidence in knowledge of your Catholic faith; deeper love for the Lord.

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.

We are looking for volunteers to help coordinate our Pictorial Directory project. We need people to help set appointments and to make phone calls. Please call the Parish office if you would like to help make this 100th anniversary pictorial directory a success at 863-4963.