

Remember Your mercies O LORD.

Today's Gospel, the parable of the two sons, develops several key themes of Matthew. First is the necessity of doing and not just saying. The first son at first rejects his father's order, but then changes his mind and does it. The second son says he will do what his father wants, but does nothing. In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus stressed the need for action-speech alone is not enough! "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord: will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of the Father in heaven' (Matthew 7:21).

Another key theme of Matthew is the need for repentance. Neither son acts as he should, but the first son repents, changes his mind, and fulfills the father's order. In today's first reading, God rewards repentance. "But if [someone] turns from the wickedness he has committed, and does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life" (Ezekiel 18:27). Jesus has appeared as an important figure in salvation history, but the chief priests and elders confront him rather than believe in him.

Jesus reminds them that they had rejected John the Baptist, too. The tax collectors and prostitutes accepted the Baptist, but the leaders did not. The Jewish historian Josephus describes the enthusiasm of many of the Jews for the Baptist. The leaders feared that John's influence could cost them their special political and religious positions. Jesus often praises his cousin. Here he speaks of John's coming "in the way of righteousness" (Matthew 21:31). The Baptist himself was righteous and proclaimed righteousness to all.

Jesus uses the parable to tell the leaders that there is still time for repentance. As with the first son in the parable, they have refused Jesus' invitation, but they can still repent. If they do not, they are warned, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you" (21:31). The solemnity of this declaration suggests the possibility that the sinners who repent will enter, but the leaders will not.

*Scripture Reflections and Commentaries by
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Readings for the Week of September 28, 2008

Sunday	Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25; Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32
Monday	Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, archangels Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138; Jn 1:47-51
Tuesday	St. Jerome, priest, doctor Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Ps 88; Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday	St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88; Lk 9:57-62
Thursday	The Guardian Angels Jb 19:21-27; Ps 91; Mt 18:1-5, 10
Friday	Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139; Lk 10:13-16
Saturday	St. Francis of Assisi, religious Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119; Lk 10:17-24
Sunday	Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 5:1-7; Ps 80; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

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.

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.

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY The Archdiocese of Cincinnati will celebrate Respect Life Sunday on October 4 and October 5, 2008. We do so in unison with all Catholic Dioceses throughout the United States. This year's Theme is "HOPE AND TRUST IN LIFE." "By letting the love of Jesus Christ permeate our lives and actions in defense of our vulnerable brothers and sisters, we can transform our nation, building a culture where all people can again hope and trust in LIFE!"

POPE BENEDICT XVI reminded us during his recent visit to the United States that "America's quest for freedom has been guided by the conviction that the principles governing political and social life are intimately linked to a moral order based on the dominion of God the Creator." This conviction is at the heart of our democracy. It allows us to recognize the self-evident truth that all men and women are created equal and that the source of our human rights is not the government but the Creator. The Declaration of Independence sketches these rights as "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness," at the heart of which is the human person, created in the image of God and endowed with inviolable dignity. The moral order protects and fosters human dignity. In turn, human freedom is given us so we may choose what is true and good.

Taken from Conscience and the Catholic Voter: Hope and Trust in Life! Respect Life by the Most Reverend William E. Lori. Bishop Lori is Bishop of the Diocese of Bridgeport (Connecticut) and Chair of the USCCB Committee on Doctrine.

ST. ANN SCHOOL NEWS Each First Friday of the month at the end of our weekly school Mass Father Mondiek leads the school children in a Eucharistic Adoration Celebration. Each class then spends 20 minutes praying before the Eucharist, asking for God's intercession on our parish and school. This Friday, October 3rd, the 6th Annual Worldwide Children's Eucharistic Holy Hour will take place in Washington, D. C. The theme of this year's event is "I Want to Console Jesus," in honor of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Blessed Francisco, the "Little Shepherd" of Fatima, who always desired to console Jesus in the most Blessed Sacrament. Our children will join with children around the world by participating in our Eucharistic Adoration.

TWENTY SIXTH ORDINARY SUNDAY



This Week in our Parish

Sunday, September 28th

7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
 9-10 a.m. CCD classes
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass

Wednesday, October 1st

7:00 p.m. Informational meeting on Basic Catechism Class
 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
 7:15 p.m. Choir
 7:30 p.m. R.C.I.A.
 8:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul

Thursday, October 2nd

6-8:00 p.m. Pack 907 Scouts

Saturday, October 4th

No Confessions

4:40 p.m. Rosary before Mass

Sunday, October 5th

7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
 9-10 a.m. CCD classes
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass

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.

2008 BUTLER COUNTY LIFE CHAIN Sunday, October 5th at High Street in Hamilton: 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. For more information call Deacon Mike Mignery at 867-1832. Sponsored by the Butler County Right to Life.

ST. ANN PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

We are now accepting appointments to have your picture taken for our Centennial addition of the pictorial directory. You may sign up after masses this weekend, you may call the parish office or you may sign up online. Days are Monday, November 3rd from 3-9:30 p.m.; Tuesday, November 4th from 3-9:30 p.m.

Online signup directions:

Log on at www.signup.olanmills.com

Click on Schedule new appointment

Enter church phone # **513-8634963**

Enter your personal contact information

Click on **SAVE**

Click on Arrow>Pick a Date>Month and Times

Click on any date highlighted in **RED** to view open slots

Click on the time slot of choice and click **SUBMIT**

A confirmation screen will appear and your appointment is now set.

Click on **OK** to continue.

You will receive an email shortly confirming your appointment. Should you need to change your appointment and/or update your family information you can do this through the website.

Problems or questions contact Susan at the Parish office at **863-4963** or email: slmcabee@gmail.com



Saturday, September 27th Twenty Sixth Ordinary Sunday
 5:00 p.m. Judge David Niehaus

Sunday, September 28th Twenty Sixth Ordinary Sunday
 8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People

10:30 a.m. Evelyn Williams (St. Ann Rosary Society)

Monday, September 29th Weekday

7:15 a.m. Vickie Young (The Harris Family)

Tuesday, September 30th Weekday

7:15 a.m. Barbara Settle (Nancy Schwegman)

Wednesday, October 1st Weekday

7:15 a.m. Theodore Kroeger

Thursday, October 2nd Weekday

7:15 a.m. Communion Service

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church in Hamilton

Friday, October 3rd Weekday

8:00 a.m. Marcel Burchfield (Max & Carol Kiep)

Saturday, October 4th Twenty Seventh Ordinary Sunday

7:30 a.m. Intentions of the Celebrant

5:00 p.m. Fairce Woods

Sunday, October 5th Twenty Seventh Ordinary Sunday

8:00 a.m. Alice Fiehrer (Dick & Joyce Cepluch)

10:30 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People

Budgeted Weekly Offering	\$ 12,072.00
09/21/2008	\$ 8,281.00
Shortfall	\$ (3,791.00)
Year to Date Budgeted Offering	\$ 144,864.00
Year to Date Actual Offering	\$ 112,807.13
Shortfall	\$ (32,056.87)
ABITIBI	\$ 70.69

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.

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 slmcabee@gmail.com.