

Today's Gospel centers on a royal feast prepared for the king's son. A banquet is often the symbol for eschatological joy. Isaiah in today's first reading offers a wonderful example of that symbol. "On this mountain 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).

The key point of this parable of the royal wedding feast is the response of the invited guests. Two invitations are extended, but some of the invitees refuse to come. Others abuse and even kill the servants. The servants represent the prophets of the Old Testament, who often were persecuted, and also the early Christian missionaries. Later, Jesus predicts, "[B]ehold, I send to you prophets and wise men and scribes; some of them you will kill and crucify, some of them you will scourge in your synagogues and pursue from town to town" (Matthew 23:34). In today's parable, the king even "burned their city" (22:7). This is a clear reference to the burning of Jerusalem in AD 70 by the Romans.

Frustrated with the reaction of the first group that had been invited (representing the Jewish leaders), the king reaches out to the poor and marginalized. In Luke's version of this parable, the master says, "Bring in here the poor and the crippled, the blind and the lame" (Luke 14:21). Matthew adds the important point that both "bad and good" (22:10) were brought into the feast. This prepares for the additional parable about the man without a wedding garment (22:10-14). Jesus insists that coming into the kingdom of heaven is not a guarantee of salvation. All, both bad and good, must respond to the call by a faith-filled life, marked by good deeds.

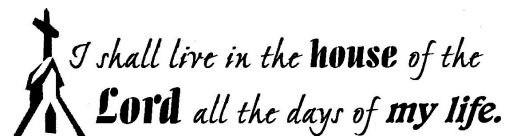
This parable serves as a warning to Matthew's community and to all Christians down through the ages. Everyone is to appear before the Father with the "wedding garment" of a Christ-like life, marked by love of God and loving concern for all one's neighbors. To be among the few who are chosen (22:14) demands a change of mind and heart, a constant turning to Christ and his values.

Scripture Reflections and Commentaries by

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Readings for the Week of October 12, 2008

Sunday	Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10
Monday	Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1; Ps 113; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday	St. Callistus I, pope, martyr Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday	St. Teresa of Jesus, virgin, doctor Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1; Lk 11:42-46
Thursday	St. Hedwig, religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin Eph 1:1-10; Ps 98; Lk 11:47-54
Friday	St. Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday	St. Luke, evangelist 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145; Lk 10:1-9
Sunday	Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21



ONE SUNDAY FOR THE WHOLE WORLD Next Sunday, Pope Benedict XVI calls every Catholic in the world to celebrate our vocation to be missionary. *It's World Mission Sunday!*

As Catholics around the world- here at home and in Missions –gather at the Eucharist around the table of the Lord, we are to pray for the Church's worldwide missionary work. We pray for those awaiting the "Good News" of our Lord's great love for us and for the missionaries who offer the poor and suffering the light of Christ. And we are to offer financial help through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for more than 1,150 dioceses in Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands.

ST. ANN PICTORIAL DIRECTORY We are now accepting appointments to have your picture taken for our Centennial addition of the pictorial directory. You may call the parish office at 863-4963 or you may sign up online at: www.signup.olanmills.com. Days are Monday, November 3rd from 3-9:30 p.m.; Tuesday, November 4th from 3-9:30 p.m.

Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors wanted for all three weekend Masses. If you are interested in pursuing either or both of these ministries, please contact Lee or Serena Conn at 275-3973 or at serenahoward@yahoo.com. Thank you for your consideration

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION If you spend an hour with the Lord as a Eucharistic Adorer and have not yet received your Holy Spirit guide from the church, please contact the parish office at 863-4963 or complete the sign in sheet in church with your name and address.



In Memoriam

Please remember in your prayers the following members of St. Ann Parish who were recently buried from our church:

Kathleen Turner, Joseph Peters, Janice Fangman,

Elaine Eichhold and Rose Toerner.

Rose Toerner turned 100 years young on March 31, 2008 and was a charter member of St. Ann Parish.

CONGRATULATIONS

Recently baptized at St. Ann Church

Maximillian Kolbe Bigham: child of Eric & Angela Bigham

Kendall Caroline Broermann: child of Kyle & Beth Ann Broermann

Keegan McDonald: child of Brian & Shannon McDonald

Rosalyn Janae Stahley: child of Robert & Rita Jo Stahley

Elijah Miles Wolpert: child of Brian & Kerri Wolpert

Ella Suzanne Cephuch: child of Scott & Rebecca Cephuch

TWENTY EIGHTH ORDINARY SUNDAY



This Week in our Parish

Sunday, October 12th

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

Tuesday, October 14th

7:00 p.m. Education Commission meeting

Wednesday, October 15th

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 16th

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

Saturday, October 18th

1:30 p.m. Brandon Saurber & Kristie Hayes
 [Wedding]
 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Confessions

4:40 p.m. Rosary before Mass

Sunday, October 19th

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

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

Thanks – We appreciate all those who contributed baby clothes for our Baby Jesus Shower. If you still have any to contribute we will gladly come and get them. Just call 863-1700

Fall flowers in planters in front of church – These were bought from the Flower Fund that is collected at Easter and Christmas. Thanks to all those who contribute, we have flowers year round.

50/50 Raffle –Our fall raffle ticket were mailed out last week. I hope all members received theirs and will support our organization. If you need more call 863-1700.

Church Cleaning Help – Help is needed to dust, vacuum, and mop on Fridays after mass. Our faithful members are dwindling because of health and age. Please consider giving an hour a week for this project. Just come after the 8:00 AM mass and they will find something for you to do. Thanks.

ST. ANN SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to our principal, Donna Weber and parishioner Wanda Day, who teaches at Harrison Elementary School, for being chosen as two of the five finalists for “Teacher of the Year” sponsored by Hamilton Celebrates Education. *Congratulations to both of you.* The winner will be announced on Thursday, October 16th at the Hamilton Celebrates Education banquet. Our annual Fun Fest will be held on Friday, October 24th from 6:00PM to 9:00PM. Save the date and come to enjoy the fun and festivities. The 8th grade is sponsoring a Bake Sale for the Fun Fest. If anyone would like to donate items for the bake sale, just call school at 863-0604 or bring your items to school on October 24th. Thanks.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Be sure to mark your calendar for *Wednesday, December 31st* for the Annual St. Ann P.A.C. New Year’s Eve Dance. It will be held again in the school cafeteria. Details to follow in upcoming bulletins.



Saturday, October 11th

5:00 p.m. Rose Ann Reumann (Helen Keller)

Sunday, October 12th

8:00 a.m. Rita McLaughlin Miller (Roberta Heermann)
 10:30 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People

Monday, October 13th

7:15 a.m. Generoso Conese (Family)

Tuesday, October 14th

7:15 a.m. Antoinette Lauer (Peggy James)

Wednesday, October 15th

8:00 a.m. Deceased members of the Buelter & Harris families

Thursday, October 16th

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

Friday, October 17th

7:15 a.m. Special Intention

Saturday, October 18th

7:30 a.m. Intentions of the Celebrant
 5:00 p.m. Donna Middendorf (Linda Middendorf, sister)

Sunday, October 19th

8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People
 10:30 a.m. David Becker -2nd Anniversary (Mother)

Budgeted Weekly Offering	\$ 12,072.00
10/05/2008	\$ 12,509.74
Thank you!	\$ 437.74
Year to Date Budgeted Offering	\$ 169,008.00
Year to Date Actual Offering	\$ 134,485.72
Shortfall	\$ (34,522.28)

THE NEW AND IMPROVED Sympto-Thermal method of Natural Family Planning is being taught at St. Susanna in the Rectory Basement located on Fourth Avenue next to the St. Susanna School, beginning October 12th at 2:00 p.m. This monthly course teaches a natural method of family planning that is safe, effective, and morally acceptable. The method has been simplified and the course now only requires three monthly sessions instead of four. For more information or to register, call Tom & Colleen O’Rourke at 398-3116 or visit the Couple to Couple League at: www.ccli.org.

SACRED HEART PARISH will offer a six week series entitled “Catholic Returning Home” beginning October 2, 2008 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the Church undercroft. The sessions are for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the Church. If you know of someone who has left the church, please invite them to join us. For more information call Marianne at 858-4213.

OFFERTORY SCHEDULE for OCTOBER (continued)

October 18/19

5:00 p.m. C. Brown Family
 8:00 a.m. Dean & Mary Sue Wright
 10:30 a.m. Hare Family

October 25/26

5:00 p.m. Lothes / Nolte
 8:00 a.m. Mark Sanders Family
 10:30 a.m. Conese Family