

Give the LORD GLORY AND HONOR.

Early in Mark's Gospel the Pharisees and Herodians were planning to kill Jesus (Mark 3:6). In today's Gospel from Matthew, they appear together in an effort to trap him. It is a strange combination. The Pharisees resented the rule of Rome. The Herodians were connected with Herod Antipas, who owed his role as tetrarch of Galilee and Perea to the power of Rome.

With hypocritical flattery they present Jesus with a dilemma. "Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" (22: 17). They are asking if the law of God permitted that payment. The Romans had imposed this tax, equivalent to a day's work, on the adult men, women, and slaves of the Jewish people. Roman coinage must be used. At that time the coin would have the image of the emperor Tiberius Caesar (AD 14-37). The wording on the coin was "Tiberius Caesar, august son of the divine Augustus, high priest." The coin itself, a bitter reminder of Rome's rule, was distasteful to most Jews. The Herodians, on the other hand, would have had no problem with the coin or the tax.

The response of Jesus, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God" (22:21), not only avoids the trap, but also makes an important religious point. Repaying to God must always be the first priority for every person, a payment manifested by justice, by good works. For Matthew's readers down through the centuries Jesus is saying, as he said in the parable of the tenants, that he wants followers "who will give him the produce [good works] at the proper times" (21:41).

As to the role of Caesar, Jesus' words to Pilate are helpful: "You would have no power over me if it had not been given to you from above" (John 19:11). There is, therefore, a place for government, but the ultimate source of any power is God. Paul expresses the attitude of the early church: "Let every person be subordinate to the higher authorities, for there is no authority except from God" (Romans 13:1).

*Scripture Reflections and Commentaries by
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Readings for the Week of October 19, 2008

Sunday	Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21
Monday	St. Paul of the Cross, priest Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100; Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday	Eph 2:12-22; Ps 85; Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday	Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Lk 12:39-48
Thursday	St. John of Capistrano, priest Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33; Lk 12:49-53
Friday	St. Anthony Mary Claret, bishop Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24; Lk 12:54-59
Saturday	Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122; Lk 13:1-9
Sunday	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

ONE SUNDAY FOR THE WHOLE WORLD This weekend, 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.

The Bishops of the United States have issued a statement on the importance of bringing the values of our faith to the decisions made in our public life. In their statement, *Faithful Citizenship*, the bishops call for "a different kind of political engagement: one shaped by the moral convictions of well-formed consciences and focused on the dignity of every human being, the pursuit of the common good, and the protection of the weak and the vulnerable." As you prepare for the upcoming election, please consider how the values of your faith can help you make your decisions. *United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, No. 14.* For information on *Faithful Citizenship*, go to www.faithfulcitizenship.org.

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.

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

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

ST. ANN SCHOOL NEWS For the past several years, the students have been involved in the Pebbles of Faith program, a program which enriches their Catholic beliefs and strengthens their character development. This year the focus is on Saints of the Month and how these saints displayed various character traits. In September, the 8th grade told the students about the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Vincent de Paul, and Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. This month the 2nd grade students have talked about St. Francis of Assisi and his love for animals. They will also tell everyone about St. Theresa of the Little Flower, St. Luke the Evangelist and Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles. Both classes talked about how these saints displayed the character traits of faith, courage, kindness and helpfulness in their lives. The students also stressed how everyone can be like these saints by working hard to also have these character traits.

Don't forget about the Fall Funfest on Friday, October 24, 6-9PM. There will be fun for the whole family.



This Week in our Parish

Sunday, October 19th
 7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
 9-10 a.m. CCD classes
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass
Monday, October 20th
 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Pack 907
Tuesday, October 21st
 7:00 p.m. Interest Group meeting
Wednesday, October 22nd
 7:15 p.m. Choir
 7:30 p.m. R.C.I.A.
 8:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul
Thursday, October 23rd
 6-8:00 p.m. Pack 907 Scouts
Friday, October 24th
 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Fall Fun Fest
Saturday, October 25th
 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Confessions
 4:40 p.m. Rosary before Mass
Sunday, October 26th
 7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
 9-10 a.m. CCD classes
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

50/50 Raffle –Our fall raffle ticket have been mailed out. 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 P.A.C. NEWS P.A.C. is selling 200 tickets for \$5.00 each toward a \$500 Kroger gift card. The drawing is when all 200 tickets are sold (usually monthly). We have tickets available in the school office. You can send in your money (checks make payable to St. Ann P.A.C.). We will send home the stub after filling out the ticket. Thank you in advance for your support!

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.

Treat Yourself to a Marriage Encounter Weekend!

This is your last chance in 2008 to take your good marriage and make it GREAT with a Marriage Encounter Weekend! Get a jump start on 2009 resolutions! Take your good marriage and make it GREAT with a Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next Marriage Encounter weekend in this area is 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, October 18th Twenty Ninth Ordinary Sunday
 5:00 p.m. Donna Middendorf (Linda Middendorf, sister)
Sunday, October 19th Twenty Ninth Ordinary Sunday
 8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People
 10:30 a.m. David Becker -2nd Anniversary (Mother)
Monday, October 20th Weekday
 7:15 a.m. Dorothy Brinker (Jayne Huffman)
Tuesday, October 21st Weekday
 7:15 a.m. Vickie Young (The Harris Family)
Wednesday, October 22nd Weekday
 7:15 a.m. Evelyn Williams (St. Ann Rosary Society)
Thursday, October 23rd Weekday
 7:15 a.m. Communion Service
 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church in Hamilton
Friday, October 24th Weekday
 8:00 a.m. Melentine Heermann (Roberta)
Saturday, October 25th Thirtieth Ordinary Sunday
 7:30 a.m. Intentions of the Celebrant
 5:00 p.m. Danny Vitale (Elvira & Children)
Sunday, October 26th Thirtieth Ordinary Sunday
 8:00 a.m. George Stricker (Family)
 10:30 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People

Budgeted Weekly Offering	\$ 12,072.00
10/12/2008	\$ 7,916.05
Shortfall	\$ 4,155.95
Year to Date Budgeted Offering	\$ 181,080.00
Year to Date Actual Offering	\$ 142,461.77
Shortfall	\$ (38,618.23)

BADIN HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE Prospective ninth graders, members of the Class of 2013 and their parents are invited to Badin High School’s annual Open House on Sunday, November 2 from 1:00 until 4:00 p.m. The Open House will be held at the school, 571 New London Road in Hamilton. Potential students are then invited to take the Placement Test at Badin on Saturday, November 22, from 8:00 a.m. until Noon. For more information please contact Badin High School at 863-3993 or visit www.badinhs.org.

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. 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.

URSULINE ACADEMY’S ANNUAL RUN FOR THE LIONS 5k Walk / Run and Breakfast. Sunday, November 16, 2008. Race beginning at 8:30 a.m. Mass available at 7:30 a.m. Race benefits Ursuline Academy Scholarship Fund. For more information call 513-791-5794 or visit: www.ursulineacademy.org.