

I love you, Lord,  
my strength.

Jesus answers his interrogators in today's Gospel with a statement that would inspire and

challenge all his followers down through the ages. The lawyer, a Pharisee, "tested him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" " (Matthew 22:35-36). "Testing" in this Gospel has a negative connotation. The man is trying to trap Jesus. The rabbis realized that there were hundreds of Mosaic laws and also many interpretations of the law. To help cut through all that mass of material, teachers would try to find an adequate summary.

Jesus' answer provides the ideal summary by connecting two quotations from the Old Testament. The command to love God with all one's being is based on Deuteronomy 6:5: "Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength." The command to love one's neighbor is found in Leviticus 19: 18: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Today's first reading from Exodus gives practical examples of those who are in special need of love, namely, the alien, the widow, and the orphan.

Jesus' summary of the law gives an important teaching. The ideal that he proposes is that all God's creatures must love God with all their being and must have a similar love for all their neighbors. One cannot love God and not love God's children, God's daughters and sons.

Jesus adds, "The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments" (Matthew 22:40). Without love for God and neighbor the other commandments lose their meaning. Modern social justice teaching is based on this concept taught by Jesus. The themes of Catholic social justice, for instance, are based on the religious conviction that every human being is a child of God and must be treated with dignity and respect. Pope Benedict XVI in his first encyclical, *God Is Love*, makes this important point. "Building a just social and civil order, wherein each person receives what is his or her due, is an essential task which every generation must take up anew" (28).

*Scripture Reflections and Commentaries by  
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**Readings for the Week of October 26, 2008**

Sunday Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18; 1 Thes 1:5c-10;  
Mt 22:34-40

Monday Eph 4:32—5:8; Ps 1; Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday Sts. Simon and Jude, apostles  
Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19; Lk 6:12-16

Wednesday Eph 6:1-9; Ps 145; Lk 13:22-30

Thursday Eph 6:10-20; Ps 144; Lk 13:31-35

Friday Phil 1:1-11; Ps 111; Lk 14:1-6

Saturday All Saints  
Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Sunday All Souls  
Wis 3:1-9; Ps 27 or Ps 103; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40

**An Election Prayer to Mary**

*O most Blessed Virgin Mary*, Mother of Mercy, at this most critical time, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care. Most Holy Mother, we beg you to reclaim this land for the glory of your Son. Overwhelmed with the burden of the sins of our nation, we cry to you from the depths of our hearts and seek refuge in your motherly protection. Look down with mercy upon us and touch the hearts of our people. Open our minds to the great worth of human life and to the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Free us from the falsehoods that lead to the evil of abortion and threaten the sanctity of family life. Grant our country the wisdom to proclaim that God's law is the foundation on which this nation was founded, and that He alone is the True Source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. O Merciful Mother, give us the courage to reject the culture of death and the strength to build a new Culture of Life.

*Trusting in your most powerful intercession, we pray, Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary*, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, we fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, our Mother. To thee do we come, before thee we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer us. Amen

*Msgr. William J. Blacet  
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**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS for NOVEMBER**

**5:00 p.m.** Lee Conn, Lois Keller, Lori Lamb,  
Joyce McGrath, Cliff Poppel

**8:00 a.m.** Mark Doty, Harry Epp, Paul Fenzl, Buell Harris,  
Ron Schermer

**10:30 a.m.** Carol Mulcahey, Ellie Nartker, Mataia Von  
Stein, Ruth Ann Halpin, Marty Kugler

**LECTORS for NOVEMBER**

**5:00 p.m.**  
11/01 Russ Curley  
11/08 Lee Conn  
11/15 John Keller  
11/22 Mary Margerum  
11/29 Jerry McGrath

**8:00 a.m.**  
11/02 John Burkart  
11/09 Mike Wolf  
11/16 Ross Sherman  
11/23 Paul Fenzl  
11/30 Bill Germann

**10:30 a.m.**  
Steve Becker  
Sue Fahrner  
Matt Higgins  
Melody Richmond  
Carrie Rusche

**USHERS for NOVEMBER**

5:00 p.m. JoEllen Miller, Dave Kollstedt  
Tim Baker, Darlene Baker

8:00 a.m. Jim Saurber, Jim Schindler  
Ron Schermer, Joe Hazlett

10:30 a.m. Lynn de la Court, **NEED THREE**

**OFFERTORY SCHEDULE for NOVEMBER (partial)**

**November 1/2**  
5:00 p.m. Wanda Day Family  
8:00 a.m. Cepluch Family  
10:30 a.m. Madden Family

THIRTIETH ORDINARY SUNDAY



**This Week in our Parish**

**Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass  
 9-10 a.m. CCD classes  
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass  
**Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:00 p.m. Parish Pastoral Council  
**Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:15 p.m. Choir  
 7:30 p.m. R.C.I.A.  
 8:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul  
**Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**  
 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Confessions  
 4:40 p.m. Rosary before Mass  
**Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
 7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass  
 9-10 a.m. CCD classes  
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass

**ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS Remembrance Masses** – At all masses on Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> and Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, our parish will remember all those who have died during the past year. We have tried to contact a family member of each deceased member. We ask the family to come to one of the masses and light a candle in remembrance of their loved one. If you have not yet been contacted about a deceased member in your family, please call Marty Kugler at 896-5143 or Mary Jo Haizman at 863-1700. If we are unable to find a family member, a parishioner will light a candle for the deceased member of St Ann Parish.

**November Luncheon** – Our meeting will be held at Richards Pizza on Nilles Road on Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM. We will hold our drawing for the 50-50 Raffle at the luncheon. Come and bring a friend.

**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!

Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> the annual P.A.C. Turkey Festival will be held from 6-10:00 p.m. Great food and games. Raffle tickets available from Jim Saurber at 896-4024. Volunteers are also needed; please contact Jim with your availability.

Be sure to mark your calendar for *Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>* 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.

**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](http://www.badinhs.org).



**Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> Thirtieth Ordinary Sunday**  
 5:00 p.m. Danny Vitale (Elvira & Children)  
**Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> Thirtieth Ordinary Sunday**  
 8:00 a.m. George Stricker (Family)  
 10:30 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People  
**Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup> Weekday**  
 9:30 a.m. Elaine Eichhold (Notre Dame Tabernacle Society)  
**Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> Simon & Jude, apostles**  
 7:15 a.m. Alice Kollstedt (Family)  
**Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> Weekday**  
 7:15 a.m. Mildred Meyer (Paul & Rita Eifert)  
**Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup> Weekday**  
 7:15 a.m. Communion Service  
 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church in Hamilton  
**Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup> Weekday**  
 7:15 a.m. Rose Rosenberger – Birthday Remembrance (Family)  
**Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> All Saints**  
 7:30 a.m. Intentions of the Celebrant  
 5:00 p.m. The Rindler Family Intentions  
**Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> All Souls Day** (*daylight savings time ends*)  
 8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People  
 10:30 a.m. Earl & Ruth Herman (Robert & Sandy Hensler)

<b>Budgeted Weekly Offering</b>	\$ 12,072.00
<b>10/19/2008</b>	\$ 6,728.62
<b>Shortfall</b>	\$ 5,343.38
<b>Year to Date Budgeted Offering</b>	\$ 193,152.00
<b>Year to Date Actual Offering</b>	\$ 149,790.39
<b>Shortfall</b>	\$ (43,361.61)
<b>ABITIBI</b>	\$ 18.73
Landfill space saved in cubic yards:	11.70

NOVEMBER FIRST FRIDAY  
 NOVEMBER 7, 2008  
 Confessions 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.  
 Mass 7:00 p.m.

First Friday Devotions following Mass

"....it was a holy and pious thought. Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be freed from this sin."  
 2 Mac 12:45-46.

**ST. ANN PICTORIAL DIRECTORY** We are still 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](http://www.signup.olanmills.com). November 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> have been added due to the great response. This will be the last two days...don't delay!

**CENTENNIAL BLANKETS** we have just a few left. These make great Christmas gifts. Call the Parish office to get yours.

Visit St. Ann Church on the web at: [www.stanncc.org](http://www.stanncc.org).