



On November 9, 324, Pope Sylvester I dedicated the Lateran Basilica, the cathedral church of Rome. It is honored as the mother church of Christendom. Today the Catholic world celebrates the 1,684th anniversary of its dedication.

At the time of Jesus the Temple was sacred to the Jewish people because the presence of God was revealed there and their sins were forgiven. It was also the only place to offer sacrifices.

In today's Gospel, Jesus is aware that the Temple has also become a marketplace. Oxen, sheep, and doves were sold for sacrifices. "Every one of twenty years or more who enters the registered group must give this contribution (a half-shekel] to the LORD" (Exodus 30: 14). The moneychangers exchanged coins that bore images that were unacceptable for paying the Temple tax for Tyrian half-shekels, which were acceptable.

With a truly prophetic action Jesus cleanses the Temple by driving out those engaging in commercial activity. This deed had roots in the Old Testament: "On that day there shall no longer be any merchant in the house of the LORD of hosts" (Zechariah 14:21). The rebuilding of the Temple is also a definite theme. "[T]hey shall rebuild Jerusalem with splendor. In her the temple of God shall also be rebuilt" (Tobit 14:5).

Today's Gospel presents a most important teaching of Jesus. While there will always be places of worship, he will become the true center of all Christian worship. "The glorious presence of God, once confined to the Temple, has now become flesh in Jesus" (Raymond E. Brown, *The Gospel and Epistles of John: a Concise Commentary*, p. 30). He is truly the Son of God who remains with his followers in the real presence of the Eucharist.

The Gospel contains a very helpful chronological reference. The statement that the Temple has been under construction for forty-six years places the event in today's Gospel at the Passover of AD 28.

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Readings for the Week of November 9, 2008

- Sunday Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome
Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 84;
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
- Monday St. Leo the Great, pope, doctor
Ti 1:1-9; Ps 24; Lk 17:1-6
- Tuesday St. Martin of Tours, bishop
Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37; Lk 17:7-10
- Wednesday St. Josaphat, bishop, martyr
Ti 3:1-7; Ps 23; Lk 17:11-19
- Thursday St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, virgin
Phlm 7-20; Ps 146; Lk 17:20-25
- Friday 2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119; Lk 17:26-37
- Saturday St. Albert the Great, bishop, doctor
3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112; Lk 18:1-8
- Sunday Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128;
1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Women's Prayer Evening
"Come Jesus Be King of Our Hearts"
Wednesday Evening November 19th
7:00 to 8:30pm in the Church.
Special Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe
will be present.
Join us for uplifting prayer, praise and worship.
Let us prepare our Hearts, our Families
and our Church for Jesus' coming as
"King of All Hearts."
Feast of Christ the King is November 23rd.



October 27 & 28, 2008 St. Ann Church and School welcomed Dominican nuns from the Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist located in Michigan.

THE GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree will go up on November 15th. We will once again be helping the needy children at Harrison and Jefferson Elementary schools. With these tough economic times, many parishioners may find the holidays to be especially difficult this year. If you or your family needs help, please call the parish office so that we may include your needs on the Giving Tree. *Your request if completely confidential.*

Anyone willing to volunteer to fill out tags for the Giving Tree please join us in the school cafeteria on Monday, November 10th at 7:00 p.m.

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. November 12th and 13th have been added due to the great response. You receive one complimentary 8 x 10 and a free directory for participating. Be a part of St. Ann history!

DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA IN ROME



This Week in our Parish

Sunday, November 9th

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

Monday, November 10th

7:00 p.m. First Reconciliation for Grade 2

Tuesday, November 11th

7:00 p.m. Education Commission meeting

Wednesday, November 12th

7:00 p.m. Basic Catechism Class - *Apostle's Creed*
 7:15 p.m. Choir
 7:30 p.m. R.C.I.A.
 8:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul

Thursday, November 13th

6-8:00 p.m. Pack 907

Saturday, November 15th

3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Confessions
 4:40 p.m. Rosary before Mass

Sunday, November 16th

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

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 22nd 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.

The St. Ann P.A.C. New Year's Eve Dance will be Wednesday December 31st. The dance will be held in the school cafeteria from 7:00 pm to 1:00am. Happy hour will be from 7:00-8:00. Tickets will be \$40.00 a person which includes appetizers, beer, party favors, and champagne at midnight. For tickets and information call Jim Kreke at 910-0857 or Phil Kreke at 887-0146.

GETTING SUPPORT FOR GRIEF AND LOSS DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Celebrating the holidays following a loss can present unique challenges for people who have experienced a loss. This workshop will assist people in honoring their grief and getting support during the holiday season. This free program will be held November 18 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. and December 3 from 10:30 a.m. until noon at InnerVisions Books, 8556 Beechmont Avenue. Another program will be held December 17 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier Church, 607 Sycamore Street. To register or obtain additional information, call Sandy Keiser at Catholic Charities, 241-7745.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTHWESTERN OHIO

Do you know someone who enjoys working with seniors? Catholic Charities is in need of home care workers (paid positions) to assist the elderly with daily living needs. The program helps seniors with a wide range of duties including household chores and transportation. If you are interested in this type of work, please contact Rod Huber, Director of Family Services at (513) 241-7745 ext. 2530.



Saturday, November 8th Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome
 5:00 p.m. Barbara Settle - Birthday Remembrance (Catherine Alfors)

Sunday, November 9th Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People
 10:30 a.m. Marlene Walsh (Family)

Monday, November 10th Leo the Great

7:15 a.m. Rose Toerner (St. Ann Rosary Society)

Tuesday, November 11th Martin of Tours and Veterans Day

7:15 a.m. Elaine Eichhold (St. Ann Rosary Society)

Wednesday, November 12th Josaphat

7:15 a.m. Garnet & Julius Sprandel - Birthday Remembrance (Delores)

Thursday, November 13th Francis Xavier Cabrini

7:15 a.m. Communion Service

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

Friday, November 14th Weekday

8:00 a.m. Ruth Huentelman (Max & Carol Kiep)

Saturday, November 15th Thirty Third Ordinary Sunday

7:30 a.m. Intentions of the Celebrant

5:00 p.m. Mark "Don" Collins - 28th Anniversary

Sunday, November 16th Thirty Third Ordinary Sunday

8:00 a.m. Dorothy Hunley (Ruth Jost)

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

Budgeted Weekly Offering	\$ 12,072.00
11/02/2008	\$ 10,354.60
Shortfall	\$ 1,717.40
Year to Date Budgeted Offering	\$ 217,296.00
Year to Date Actual Offering	\$ 170,374.14
Shortfall	\$ (46,921.86)

Mercy Franciscan at St. Raphael's in Hamilton is experiencing a critical level of need in our food pantry. We would greatly appreciate any efforts you can make in order to get the message out to your church community. We will be happy to assist you in an effort to coordinate a collection at your church by providing barrels and a pickup of the items. Please call me with any questions. Thank you very much! *Laurie Johansen* 894-9465

November is National Adoption Awareness Month. It has been celebrated annually since 1990 to draw national attention to the growing number of children in America's foster care system that are available for adoption and wait for permanent families. More than 114,000 children in foster care are available for adoption. Their birth parents' legal rights have been permanently terminated and they are left without a family. More than half of these children are nine years of age or older. For more information about adoption from foster care, contact Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio (513) 241-7745.

ST. XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL will sponsor its annual Open House for the parents and their sons interested in attending St. Xavier. The Open House will be held at the school on Sunday, November 16, 2008 from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. The entrance exam for the Class of 2013 will be held at the school on Saturday, November 22 from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 a.m. Four academic scholarships will be awarded. For more information please call 761-7815 ext 107 or visit the website at www.stxavier.org.