

LET MY TONGUE BE SILENCED,  
IF I EVER FORGET YOU!

Today's Gospel reading, the conclusion of the dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus in John's Gospel, becomes a monologue in which Jesus speaks about the purpose of his coming and what is expected of the believer.

In the Prologue to the Gospel of John we read that the coming of Jesus is a coming "to his own" (John 1: 11). The tragedy was that not all received Jesus. God's response, however, was to empower those who did receive Jesus through belief "to become children of God" (1: 12). Thus, the offer of salvation is a divine attempt to find and bring back lost children. When in today's reading we find the familiar words, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that every one who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life" (3: 16). We are reading about the divine Father and Son going to the extremes of love to bring back those close to them.

Now let us consider the belief that welcomes the Father and Son and agrees to come home. For John belief is an active state. It involves the courage to come out of the crowd and return home with Jesus. This is why right after speaking about those who believe as being saved, John writes about the actions of God and people in terms of light and darkness. God comes as light into the darkness. People, however, prefer darkness to the light because of their evil deeds, and so they do not come to the light (3: 18-20). Only the one who acts in truth comes to the light (3:21). These sayings remind us that Nicodemus has just come to Jesus at night (3:2). Belief as a coming to the light means announcing by one's Christian affiliation to whose family one belongs, even if it is safer to remain in the dark and not be so known.

*Scripture Reflections and Commentaries by  
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#### Readings for the Week of March 22, 2009

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| Sunday    | Fourth Sunday of Lent<br>2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137; Eph 2:4-10;<br>Jn 3:14-21   |
| Monday    | Saint Toribio de Mogrovejo, bishop<br>Is 65:17-21; Ps 30; Jn 4:43-54                |
| Tuesday   | Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46; Jn 5:1-16   |
| Wednesday | The Annunciation of the Lord<br>Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40; Heb 10:4-10;<br>Lk 1:26-38 |
| Thursday  | Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106; Jn 5:31-47  |
| Friday    | Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30   |
| Saturday  | Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7; Jn 7:40-53  |
| Sunday    | Fifth Sunday of Lent<br>Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33                 |

**St. Ann Finance Committee** is looking for new members. Please prayerfully consider joining this important Church ministry. If you are interested, please let Fr. Mondiek know.

**Soup and Bread-** Please join us in the cafeteria on Fridays during Lent for soup and bread at 5:30 followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. Do you have a favorite meatless soup or bread you would like to share? Please call Connie Jacquemin at 860-2653. Date for Soup and Bread is March 27.

**Stations of the Cross** will be held every Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m. On the First Friday, April 3, they will be held after the 7:00 p.m. Mass.

**St. Raphael's needs our help!** St. Ann's will be collecting food and personal care and household items every weekend during Lent.

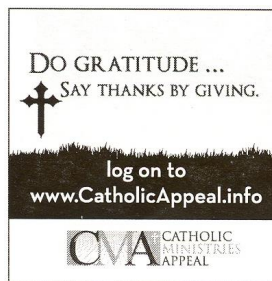
**The C.R.E.W.** Youth Group will be selling reasonably priced crucifixes throughout Lent as a fundraiser for Vacation Bible School this year. We will be located at the main entrance of church after Mass or in the parking lot if the weather is nice. Also look for us at the Lenten Soup and Bread Dinners, First Friday Masses, and the Fish Fry. We are also looking for donations of large shoeboxes for VBS. There will be a basket in the main entrance of church to collect these. Thank you so much for your support. For more information, contact Erin Hingsbergen at 513-856-8945.

#### EDUCATION STEWARDSHIP SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

This subcommittee will hold its first meeting on Tuesday, March 24, 2009 in the school cafeteria at 7 p.m. This initial organizational meeting will focus on setting our goals and priorities. This is an open meeting, so everyone is invited. Even if you did not sign up for this subcommittee, but you would now like to join us, please come to the meeting. We look forward to seeing you at this meeting.

*Amy Nusky, Chairperson, Fr. Mondiek, Pastor, Donna Weber, Principal.*

**THE MOST BASIC RIGHT** "The common outcry, which is justly made on behalf of human rights -- for example, the right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture -- is false and illusory if the right to life, the most basic and fundamental right and the condition for all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination." -- Pope John Paul II, *Christifideles Laici*, n. 38



God calls us to share what we have to help others. How much we share is a sign of our love: when we love unconditionally, we share the same way. The Catholic Ministries Appeal is an opportunity to show our love for the Lord by sharing our treasure to help neighbors near and far throughout the 19 counties of our Archdiocese. Please plan to participate. Every registered parish family should have received a letter from Archbishop Pilarczyk. Please bring your completed pledge card and pledge envelopes to St. Ann or mail them to the Archdiocese in the envelope provided. Thank you! *If you did not receive a letter in the mail we invite you to pick up a pledge information packet in Church.*

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**



**This Week in our Parish**

**Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
 7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass  
 9-10 a.m. CCD classes  
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass  
**Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:00 p.m. Education Stewardship Committee meeting  
**Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**  
 8:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul  
**Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**  
 7-8:30 p.m. Deacon Mike Mignery Presentation  
**Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**  
 5:30 p.m. Soup and Bread dinner in the cafeteria  
 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross  
**Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**  
 8:30 a.m. St. Ann's Walking Group (parking lot)  
 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Confessions  
 4:40 p.m. Rosary before Mass  
**Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass  
*Coffee hour after the 8 a.m. mass in the school cafeteria*  
 9-10 a.m. CCD classes  
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass  
*Coffee hour after the 10:30 a.m. mass in the school cafeteria*

*Stop by "Coffee Hour" after the 8 & 10:30 am masses in the school cafeteria Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. This Sunday's get together will be sponsored by the St. Ann Music Ministry. Everyone is welcome! We'll be serving coffee, juice, Irish Soda Bread.*



**Spruce up your Catholic Faith** this Lent by participating in an adult faith formation program with Deacon Mike Mignery. Deacon Mike will be teaching and moderating a Dr. Stephen Ray and Defending the Faith Series. How do we speak about our Faith when someone asks us? The meeting will be March 26th, from 7pm to 8:30pm, in the school cafeteria.

**Morning of Reflection presented by St. Ann Rosary Society.** Wednesday, April 1, 2009; 9:30 a.m. until noon at St. Ann Church. A spiritual talk will be given by Fr. Michael Pucke, Pastor, St. Julie Billiart Church. Also, the Rosary, Sacrament of Reconciliation and Mass. Everyone is invited, both men and women. For more information, please contact Mary Jo Haizman at 863-1700 or Carol Meister at 868-8624.

**Attention St. Ann Alumni** We need your help! We are in the process of contacting St. Ann Alumni to keep everyone updated about our Centennial celebrations and other current events at St. Ann's. Please contact us at [StAnnAlumni2009@yahoo.com](mailto:StAnnAlumni2009@yahoo.com) or call Holly Moran (896-7360) or Ruth Madden (288-2385). As part of our celebration, we are collecting photos of each graduating class. If you have a copy of the following years, please let us know: 1979, 1980, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1996, 2002, 2007, and 2008. Also, we need all graduation class photos prior to 1979. Thank you for your help!

**Fairfield Knights of Columbus Fish Fry** March 27<sup>th</sup> and April 10<sup>th</sup>. Dine in hours are 5:30-8 p.m. Carry out also available. Call 858-4218 to place an order. This is held at Sacred Heart School cafeteria, Nilles and River Roads in Fairfield.



**Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>** **Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
 5:00 p.m. George Baker - 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary (Family)  
**Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>** **Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
 8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People  
 10:30 a.m. David Vinson -16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Family)  
**Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>** **Lenten Weekday**  
 7:15 a.m. John "Joe" Rumlper (Family)  
**Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>** **Lenten Weekday**  
 7:15 a.m. Tess Fontaine (Mary Lou Cox)  
**Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>** **Annunciation of the Lord**  
 7:15 a.m. Cathy Hance (Wednesday Prayer Group)  
**Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>** **Lenten Weekday**  
 7:15 a.m. Communion Service  
 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church in Hamilton  
**Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>** **Lenten Weekday**  
 8:00 a.m. Art Fiehrer  
**Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>** **Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
 7:30 a.m. Intentions of the Celebrant  
 5:00 p.m. Frank Bach - Birthday Remembrance (Family)  
**Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>** **Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
 8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People  
 10:30 a.m. For the Intentions of Faith & Ayden Hingsbergen

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| Budgeted Weekly Offering             | \$ 12,072.00   |
| 03/15/2009                           | \$ 8,817.81    |
| Shortfall                            | \$ (3,254.19)  |
| Year to Date Budgeted Offering       | \$ 446,664.00  |
| Year to Date Actual Offering         | \$ 352,126.36  |
| Shortfall                            | \$ (94,537.64) |
| ABITIBI                              | \$ 18.86       |
| Landfill space saved in cubic yards: | 11.79          |

Please keep these St. Ann children in your prayers as they prepare to make their First Holy Communion.

- Blake Adelsperger
- Alexandria Bigham
- Jack Bionda
- Andrew Bushman
- Maria Carter
- Dionys Del Rosario
- Andrew Enderle
- Max Ficker
- Tyler Gambrell
- Emily Hare
- Sydney Hauser
- Stephanie Jackson
- Amanda Maurits
- Abigail Middendorf
- Eric Nascimento
- Hannah Nugent
- Elizabeth Reif
- Angela Richmond
- Colleen Schindler
- Elizabeth Skillen
- Charles Smith