

*Give thanks
to the Lord
for He is GOOD,
His love is EVERLASTING.*

The second reading today is from the First Letter of John. In it the writer speaks about how the overcoming of the world that was made possible through Jesus' resurrection becomes a daily reality in the lives of Christians.

The divine life has been given to us through Jesus Christ (1 John 5:1;1:3). The divine life is one of immense love. This is the love by which the Father sent the only-begotten Son "as expiation for our sins" (4:10). This great act of love is meant to be an inspiration for our love of others (4:11). In fact, one of the two tests of whether we are part of the divine family is whether we share the characteristic divine family life, which is love (4:7-8; 3:9). It is this type of life that brings light to the world (2:7-11). But First John is very specific about what a loving life entails. It means providing practical help to those who are in need (3:17-18). Love expresses itself in generosity where there is lack. Such love enables our continuation in and spreading of the divine life. The practical result in terms of prayer is that those who live in such a way can be confident in their prayer, which is heard and answered (3:22; 5: 13-15). The underlying image seems to be that of one who remains in the family by living the type of life the family lives and so is in position to receive the benefits of family life.

The second test of whether one is part of the divine family is a proper recognition of family members. Concretely, this entails an acknowledgment that Jesus came from God and took on a fleshly human existence (3:23; 4:2-3). It is this belief in the incarnation of Jesus that proclaims the extent of God's love for us as expressed through Jesus' death.

How, for First John, is resurrected life manifested in a daily conquering of the world? Through the belief and love that profess, continue, and spread the divine life that wishes to course through us toward resurrection.

*Scripture Reflections and Commentaries by
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Readings for the Week of April 19, 2009

Sunday	Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31
Monday	Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday	Saint Anselm, bishop, doctor Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday	Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday	Saints George, martyr; Adalbert, bishop, martyr Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34; Jn 3:31-36
Friday	Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, priest, martyr Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday	Saint Mark, evangelist 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89; Mk 16:15-20
Sunday	Third Sunday of Easter Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

SAVE THE DATE

**JOIN US for a EUCHARISTIC MISSION
May 25-28, 2009 here at St. Ann Catholic Church.**

The Mission Priest will be Father Chuck Zmudzinski, CPM. Confessions will be heard at 6:30-6:50 p.m. each night and after the conference each night. Conference talks each night at 7 p.m. May 25-28th. Please join us in prayer as we anticipate the Feast of the Body and Blood of the Lord.

News from St. Ann Interest Group!

Market Day Rep needed—Denise Morris is currently the SAS Market Day rep. Denise will be not be returning next school year in this position. Can you offer 2-3 hours(3p-5:30p) one day of the month? Contact Denise at 907-9378 for questions about this position. She is willing to work with you and train you in the upcoming month. Thank you Denise for your years of volunteering in this program. Market Day is a fundraiser for the Roots and Wings program. Only 1 month left for this school year's Market Day program.

Vendor's Night - Vendor's Night is being planned for next Fall. For those unaware of what a vendors night is, it is a night in which representatives from businesses gather to sell their items. Examples are Pampered Chef, Tastefully Simple, Tupperware, Avon, etc. Our group charges per table space or a % of sales that night. At our meeting we discussed including crafters as well. We are currently trying to rename this event and will take suggestions. The date tentatively is set for Friday, November 6th.

The Faculty Appreciation Lunch is scheduled for Tuesday April 28th. For new families, this lunch is to show our faculty how wonderful we think they are. In order for this to happen, we will need parents to come at lunch time to sit in classrooms and the office. Please think about volunteering if you can. Jennifer Hongell is coordinating this event.

THE CHAPLET Today's observance of Divine Mercy Sunday is a good time to renew our devotion to the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. There is a close link between this devotion and the pro-life movement. Fr. Seraphim Michalenko, MIC, who was a principal translator of St. Faustina's diary, and the postulator of her cause of canonization, writes the following:

"On at least three occasions, from 8:00-11:00 in the evening, she felt like her insides were being torn apart. She suffered so much that she thought she was going to die. The doctors couldn't figure out what was ailing her, and no medication was able to alleviate her sufferings. Later, she was given to understand that she was undergoing those pains for mothers who were aborting their children (Diary, 1276).

"On another occasion, she had a vision of an angel coming with thunderbolts to destroy one of the most beautiful cities of her country. And she felt powerless to do anything about it (Diary, 474). What antidote did the Lord give her? The Chaplet of Divine Mercy. [She explained] that the city was to be chastised for its sins, primarily the sin of abortion." ("Wombs of Mercy," Marian Helpers Bulletin, Summer 1995, p.13).

In 2003, Pope John Paul II issued an Apostolic Blessing to all who pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet "for mothers, that they not abort their offspring; for infants in danger of being put to death in the womb; for a change of heart of providers of abortions and of their collaborators; for human victims of stem cell research, genetic manipulation, cloning and euthanasia; and for all entrusted with the government of peoples, that they may promote the Culture of Life, so as to put an end to the culture of death."

Save the Date – Sunday, April 26th - Coffee Hour after the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses in the school cafeteria. This month's coffee hour is sponsored by the St. Ann Respect Life committee. Come and enjoy good food and good company.

Everyone is welcome!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



This Week in our Parish

Sunday, April 19th

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

Wednesday, April 22nd

8:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul

Thursday, April 23rd

6-8:00 p.m. Pack 907

Saturday, April 25th

8:30 a.m. St. Ann's Walking Group (parking lot)
 3:30-4:30 p.m. Confessions
 4:40 p.m. Rosary

Sunday, April 26th

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

THE FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY
 Sunday, April 19, 2009 St. Ann Church
 1:00 p.m. Exposition / Confessions
 Rosary / Prayers
 3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet

St. Ann's PAC Golf Outing at Hueston Woods

Saturday, May 9th 1:00 Shotgun start
 Cost: \$65.00 man / \$260 team \$5.00 skin optional
 Food, Drink and Prizes Come join the fun and help support the kids of St. Ann School. For more information or reservations, call Dick Cepluch 863-6319 or cell 616-4535.

Support The Catholic Relief Services Collection "Give Hope to Jesus in Disguise." When you donate to The Catholic Relief Services Collection, you are not giving just your money. You are giving hope. You are transferring faith and love over thousands of miles to Jesus in disguise.

Please support St. Ann's Interest Group's Wildtree fundraiser by trying some of Wildtree's 100% natural culinary blends for your family. Information and Order forms are included as an insert in this bulletin. You can turn completed order forms in to the collection basket, the parish office, or the school office by May 3rd. This fundraiser will be used to purchase much-needed technology items for the school. We thank you for your support! Call Maureen Everhart if you have questions (513) 939-0997.

St. Julie Billiart Parish invites you to a Parish Mission, April 19-23. Redemptorist Fathers John Kuehner and Gan Nguyen will conduct a week of spiritual renewal, "We Are Called...We Are Sent," at the church at 224 Dayton St., Hamilton, at 7:00 p.m. each evening. Fellowship and refreshments will follow in the parish's Fenmont Center. Childcare and transportation are available. For more information about the mission, call Mary Richter, 856-7327, or Frances Janz, 894-7426.

Earn a Certificate or Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry

The Athenaeum of Ohio Lay Pastoral Ministry Program is officially sponsored by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. We have over 700 LPMP graduates making a difference in the world. Maybe it's time for you to see how lay ministry formation can transform your life! Applications are now being accepted for Fall enrollment at Sidney, Ohio, and at the main campus in Cincinnati.

Join us for free information meetings outlining all aspects of the LPMP: April 25th, 10 AM The Athenaeum 6616 Beechmont Ave.
 May 7th, 7 PM The Athenaeum 6616 Beechmont Ave.
 Call 513-231-1200 for more information or visit our website at

www.athenaeum.edu.



Saturday, April 18th Divine Mercy Sunday

5:00 p.m. Clifford Poppel (Poppel Family)

Sunday, April 19th Divine Mercy Sunday

8:00 a.m. Robert Mergy (Julia)
 10:30 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People

Monday, April 20th Easter Weekday

7:15 a.m. Luella Wenzel (Karen)

Tuesday, April 21st Easter Weekday

7:15 a.m. Bill Kirchoff (Frank Fontaine)

Wednesday, April 22nd Easter Weekday

7:15 a.m. Thomas Pottenger (Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Hingsbergen)

Thursday, April 23rd Easter Weekday

7:15 a.m. Communion Service

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

Friday, April 24th Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. Helen Bendix (Family)

Saturday, April 25th Third Sunday of Easter

7:30 a.m. Intentions of the Celebrant

5:00 p.m. Edward, Mildred, Eddie Kunkel (Dolores)

Sunday, April 26th Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People

10:30 a.m. Florence Saurber (Mr. & Mrs. Conrad)

Budgeted Weekly Offering	\$ 12,072.00
04/12/2009	\$ 6,029.54
Shortfall	\$ (6,042.46)
Easter Collection	\$ 10,096.00
Year to Date Budgeted Offering	\$ 484,952.00
Year to Date Actual Offering	\$ 395,788.10
Shortfall	\$ (89,163.90)

ST. ANN'S FIESTA MERCHANT BOOTH is asking for donations. We are looking for brand new merchandise, gift cards, gift certificates and free food cards. Please consider asking the company you work for to make a donation. Please drop off items at the back of church or at the Parish offices. If you have questions, contact Rhonda Feenstra at 844-6192 or Ruth Madden at 898-2411. Thank you for your support!

2009 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL - Do Gratitude...Say Thanks by Giving. Many thanks to the households who have participated in the Catholic Ministries Appeal. As we celebrate the gift of the Spirit, may we all have the courage to make a substantial pledge so that many in our Archdiocese will be served in the Lord's name. God calls us to share what we have to help others. If you have not made your gift, please do so soon. For more information please visit www.CatholicAppeal.info. Thank you!

BADIN HIGH SCHOOL

<i>First Honors</i>	4.0 - 3.70 GPA:
Grade 9	Jessica Schellenbach, Katelyn Kreke
Grade 10	Erin Fontaine, Allison Crossley
Grade 11	Anna Bowling, Jacqueline Lamb
Grade 12	Mollie Smith
<i>Second Honors</i>	3.69 - 3.25 GPA:
Grade 9	Theresa Salerno, Jacob Spoerl, Martin Carter
Grade 11	Chelsea Schindler, Katelyn Moss, Maria Salerno, Brogan Morris
Grade 12	Lindsey Donges, Sarah Begley, Abigail Wolf, Shelby Becker, Allison Zettler, Stacie Weber, Colin Weeks
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	3.24 - 3.00 GPA:
Grade 10	Andrew Groh, Trenton Sackenheim, Jack Bucheit