



The Gospel today is the second part of the vine and branches discourse, the first part of which we heard last Sunday. Then we learned that remaining in the word of Jesus is necessary in order to play an integral role in the transmission of divine life for others. The image for such a transmission is fruitfulness (15:8). Fruitfulness is also the point of today's reading, which concludes with Jesus' command "to go and bear fruit that will remain" (John 15: 16).

Today we are provided with the key to understanding the word of God in which we are to remain in order to be pruned and fruitful. The word "remain" leads us to this key. Last week we were exhorted to "remain" in Jesus' word (15:3-4, 7). This week we are encouraged to "remain" in Jesus' love (15:9). Immediately we are provided with instructions on how to do so: by keeping Jesus' commandments (15: 10).

Then Jesus simplifies all the commandments into one: "love one another as I love you" (15:12). The key to interpreting Jesus' words in the Gospel of John is what they show us about how to love as Jesus loves. And to sharpen the perspective for us, Jesus immediately clarifies this type of love: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (15: 13). Thus, remaining in the word prunes us and nourishes others through us. This happens when the word about self-giving love takes root in us.

When we approach the word from the perspective of love, God's life flows through us so freely that "whatever you ask the Father in my name" the Father will give you (15: 16). The lesson of John's Gospel about self-giving love is that we are to align our hearts with the attitude of Jesus, through whom God worked to such great effect.

*Scripture Reflections and Commentaries by  
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#### Readings for the Week of May 17, 2009

Sunday	Sixth Sunday of Easter Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17
Monday	Saint John I, pope, martyr Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149; Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tuesday	Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday	Saint Bernardine of Siena, priest Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Ps 148; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday	The Ascension of the Lord Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47; Eph 1:17-23 or 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13; Mk 16:15-20
Friday	Saint Rita of Cascia, religious Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47; Jn 16:20-23
Saturday	Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47; Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday	Seventh Sunday of Easter Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Ps 103; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19

#### BOOTH CHAIRPERSONS NEEDED

Kids Games- Need several people to organize this.

Beer Tickets – Responsibilities: arranging trustworthy and age-appropriate workers (a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 4 workers for the 6-8:00 shift on both nights and a minimum of 4 and maximum of 6 workers for the 8-10:30 -(this booth closes before the close of the fiesta) shift on both nights) for the fiesta weekend, making sure the cash box, tickets, and bracelets are in the booth at the beginning of each night and returning them at the end of each night. We do have some people that have already given their names to help at this booth.

.50 Poker (Friday night only) Responsibilities: arranging trustworthy and age-appropriate workers (dealers, shufflers, and money collectors) for the fiesta weekend, making sure the cash box, cards, and aprons are in the booth at the beginning of each night and returning them at the end of each night

Dice Wheel (Saturday night only) Responsibilities: arranging trustworthy and age-appropriate workers (spinner and money collectors) for the fiesta weekend.

Set-up - Responsibilities: Organizing a crew that will set up the orange fencing, chairs/tables set up, tables and chairs needed in booths, the applicable apparatus put in the specific booths: dice wheel in that booth, fish pond thing in that booth, and so on. Etc.

Tear-down – Responsibilities: Organizing a crew that will tear down the orange fencing, chairs/tables folded up, St. Ann owned booths taken down, etc.

Night Crew/Security – starting at the end of the fiesta, this crew will clean the grounds, empty the trash, spray down grounds with hose, and walk a perimeter of about 1 block in each direction to pick up any debris from the Fiesta, etc. They will be relieved around 6:00 am on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

*If interested in any of these areas, please call Mari/Ted Schellenbach or Debbie/Steve Mignery at 856-9634. Thank you in advance for all your help!*

**The St. Ann Youth Group** Thank you to all of the parishioners who generously donated shoeboxes to the St. Ann Youth Group and Vacation Bible School! We collected 107 shoeboxes! Please remember that the registration deadline for VBS is JUNE 1st!!!

**ATTENTION ST. ANN PARISHIONERS:** During the month of May the Rosary will be led each evening at 7:00 p.m. in front of the shrine outside church by a parishioner. Prayer leaders are needed for each of these sessions. There is a sign up calendar posted by the front doors which lists all the days available for those who would like to lead the Rosary. We hope everyone will join us! Thank you.

#### Theology on Tap Special Opportunity

Young Adults who Lead Theology on Tap or other faith based initiatives (or are interested in helping to lead) in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati are meeting Most Reverend Dennis M. Schnurr, Coadjutor, on Tuesday, May 19, 2009. "Bring Theology on Tap to West Chester" will meet immediately following the gathering with Archbishop Schnurr. Contact Colleen Gerke for details and to RSVP at 777-4322 ext. 106 or [cgerke@saint-max.org](mailto:cgerke@saint-max.org), or [yam@saint-max.org](mailto:yam@saint-max.org) or check out "Bring Theology on Tap to West Chest" at [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) or [http://www.totcincinnati.org/TOT\\_Cincinnati.html](http://www.totcincinnati.org/TOT_Cincinnati.html)

**Moeller H.S.** is sponsoring a summer band camp for students entering grades 5-8 who play a band instrument. This camp is open to boys and girls, and all ability levels are welcome. The camp will be held June 22 through 25 at Moeller from 9:00 AM to Noon. Fee is \$85, and there are scholarships available. Contact Moeller Band Director Bob Browning at 792-3350 for more information.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



**This Week in our Parish**

**Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass  
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass  
**Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:00 p.m. Respect Life Committee meeting – *join us!*  
**Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:00 p.m. Advanced Catechism class  
 8:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul  
**Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**  
 7:00 p.m. Pack 907  
**Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
 3:30-4:30 p.m. Confessions  
 4:40 p.m. Rosary  
**Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass  
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass

**ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS** **Mary Altar** –Many of you have beautiful flowers in your yard, please feel free to place them or purchased flowers on the Mary Altar. Mark your vases and they will be returned to you. Hope many of you will share your flowers with Mary.  
**Spring Raffle**- The ticket for the raffle were mailed out the past week. If you need more just call 863-1700.

**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!

**God makes no Distinctions**

On February 27, 2006, Pope Benedict XVI said the following in a talk to the Pontifical Academy for Life:  
 "The sacred books, in fact, set out to show God's love for every human being even before he has been formed in his mother's womb.  
 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you" (Jer 1: 5), God said to the Prophet Jeremiah. And the Psalmist recognizes with gratitude: "You did form my inward parts, you did knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for you are fearful and wonderful. Wonderful are your works! You know me right well" (Ps 139[138]: 13-14).  
 These words acquire their full, rich meaning when one thinks that God intervenes directly in the creation of the soul of every new human being. God's love does not differentiate between the newly conceived infant still in his or her mother's womb and the child or young person, or the adult and the elderly person. God does not distinguish between them because he sees an impression of his own image and likeness (Gn 1: 26) in each one. He makes no distinctions because he perceives in all of them a reflection of the face of his Only-begotten Son, whom "he chose... before the foundation of the world... He destined us in love to be his sons... according to the purpose of his will" (Eph 1: 4-6)."

**THE STERLING SILVERS** invite you to join them on Thursday, May 28 to tour Wick's Pies, Inc. and Silver Towne, one of the largest and most prestigious coin companies in the country and maker of sterling silver jewelry. Lunch between tours at Mrs. Wick's Restaurant. Transportation \$25, lunch on own. Leaving K of C 7:15 a.m. return around 4:00 p.m. For more information or to make reservations, call Chris Engler at 939-2268.



**Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>** **Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
 5:00 p.m. William Wolpert (Rick)  
**Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>** **Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
 8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People  
 10:30 a.m. Tom Pottenger (Betty Ulm)  
**Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>** **Easter Weekday**  
 7:15 a.m. Danny Bair  
**Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>** **Easter Weekday**  
 8:00 a.m. Joe Kleiman (Mazie Kleiman)  
**Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>** **Easter Weekday**  
 7:15 a.m. Kyle Barth-(Nate, Mary Sue, Sam Patrick)  
**Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>** **Easter Weekday**  
 7:15 a.m. Communion Service  
 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church in Hamilton  
**Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>** **Easter Weekday**  
 7:15 a.m. Rita Ulm (Family)  
**Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>** **The Ascension of the Lord**  
 7:30 a.m. Intentions of the Celebrant  
 5:00 p.m. Elizabeth Vidourek (Dick & Claire)  
**Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>** **The Ascension of the Lord**  
 8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People  
 10:30 a.m. Leroy Renners - 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary (Family)

Budgeted Weekly Offering	\$ 12,072.00
05/10/2009	\$ 8,168.60
Year to Date Budgeted Offering	\$ 533,240.00
Year to Date Actual Offering	\$ 430,584.20

STEWARDSHIP SURVEY

In an effort to update parish records, members of St. Ann's Stewardship Education Committee and select parish volunteers will be conducting a telephone census survey over the next several weeks. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

**JOIN US for a EUCHARISTIC MISSION** **May 25-28, 2009 here at St. Ann Catholic Church.** The Mission will be presented by Father Chuck Zmudzinski, CPM Fathers of Mercy. 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 25-28<sup>th</sup>. Please join us in prayer as we anticipate the Feast of the Body and Blood of the Lord. For more information on the Fathers of Mercy visit them on the web at : [www.fathersofmercy.com](http://www.fathersofmercy.com).

Fr. Chuck Zmudzinski, C.P.M. is a native of South Bend, Indiana. He graduated from the University of Notre Dame with the Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering, and from the University of Illinois with a Master's and Doctorate in electrical engineering. He conducted various engineering research projects at TRW when he entered the Fathers of Mercy in South Union, Kentucky. He earned an M.A. in theology from Holy Apostles Seminary and was ordained to the priesthood in 2002. He served for two years as associate pastor of St. Helen parish in Glasgow, Kentucky and subsequently earned a licentiate in canon law from the Catholic University of America.

**Deacon Anthony G. Tozzi will be ordained into the Priesthood on Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. 2009.**  
*Please keep him in your prayers!*