



The Gospel reading for today is part of John 17, which itself is part of the prolonged final discourse of Jesus to his disciples before his death. In the part of the discourse that we hear today Jesus prays on behalf of his disciples for the courage and protection they will need to bear joyful, steadfast witness in a hostile world.

One of the greatest stressors that any of us can face is the experience of hostility. Antagonism abrades our thoroughly social natures. We need each other. This we feel deeply even if we may not admit it or idealize the one who goes it alone. Jesus knows this when he first prays that the Father "keep them in your name that you have given me so that they may be one just as we are one" (17: 11b). The disciples are promised a community. This is important because the world will "hate" the Johannine Christians (17:14). Their faith places them in opposition to the views of their larger society. That they might be reassured by Jesus' prayer for the Father's protection of them, Jesus reminds them of how he himself protected them during his ministry (17:12). Assurance is grounded in past experience.

Finally, Jesus enables the disciples to see value in their painful separation from the larger society. In the Old Testament consecration implied setting someone or something apart for holy service. The Father consecrated Jesus and sent Jesus into the world (10:36). Jesus now asks the Father to consecrate the disciples (17:17). In other words, their separation from the world is a sign that they perform holy service. Since their consecration is "in the truth" (v. 17), this service is speaking the truth in a world that often wishes to follow other paths. Their separation is a sign that they are saying what needs to be said for those who do not wish but need to hear it.

Scripture Reflections and Commentaries by

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Readings for the Week of May 24, 2009

Sunday	Seventh Sunday of Easter Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Ps 103; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19
Monday	Saints Bede the Venerable, priest, doctor; Gregory VII, pope; Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, virgin Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday	Saint Philip Neri, priest Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68; Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday	Saint Augustine of Canterbury, bishop Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16; Jn 17:20-26
Friday	Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday	Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11; Jn 21:20-25 Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Sunday	Pentecost Sunday Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

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 25-28th. 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.

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!

Are You Registered to Vote? The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, "Submission to authority and co-responsibility for the common good make it morally obligatory ... to exercise the right to vote" (2240). Pope John Paul II wrote in 2003, "Certainly the Christian vision leads to the expectation of "new heavens" and "a new earth" (Rev 21:1), but this increases, rather than lessens, our sense of responsibility for the world today. I wish to reaffirm this forcefully at the beginning of the new millennium, so that Christians will feel more obliged than ever not to neglect their duties as citizens in this world" (Ecclesia de Eucharistia, n. 20). Please make sure you are ready to exercise this Christian responsibility by registering and voting in the primaries and the General Election.

College age men, dads, and grandpas... please consider sharing your time and talent for 1 or more days at VBS the week of July 7-10. The kids need to know that REAL men love Jesus! You must have completed or be willing to participate in the Child Protection Decree Class and Fingerprinting. Call Erin Hingsbergen at 856-8945 to volunteer, PLEASE! Also, remember the deadline to register for VBS is JUNE 1st!!!!

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



This Week in our Parish

Sunday, May 24th

7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass

Monday, May 25th

Parish offices closed in observance of Memorial Day
7:00 p.m. *The Eucharist Mission of Faith*

Tuesday, May 26th

7:00 p.m. *Holy Communion*

Wednesday, May 27th

7:00 p.m. *Eucharistic Adoration*
8:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul

Thursday, May 28th

7:00 p.m. *Our Lady of the Eucharist*
7:00 p.m. Pack 907

Saturday, May 30th

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

Sunday, May 31st

7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

1. *June Meeting* – It will be held on the June 9th and not June 2nd. It will be a covered dish and we will have members of the MRDD Job Club as guests. So mark this date. More info later.
2. *Outdoor Shrine*- It has a new look. It was funded by the Flower Fund. The Rosary Society used accumulated funds from the past collections to do this. We appreciate your contributions to this fund.

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!

Reminder: Badin High School will be offering a Laffalot Summer Camp for boys and girls ages 6-12 years old the week of July 6th. Openings are still available. For more information please visit the Laffalot website at www.laffalotcamps.com, or call Pat at 313-2076.

100th Anniversary

Our Family Fun Day was a great success. The 5KRace/Walk drew 54 participants and all seemed to enjoy themselves. The rain stopped just in time for Father Mondiek to bless everyone and send them on their way. The Family Day festivities continued in the cafeteria with food, drinks and lots of fun. The kids really enjoyed making birdhouses provided by Home Depot, painting the houses and themselves, decorating cookies and listening to music provided by Neal Sackenheim. Thanks to Angela Goldschmidt, 5K chair, and Heidi Keller, Fun Day chair, for all their hard work planning the various activities. They did a great job!

Our 100th Anniversary Historical Booklet has arrived and will soon be sold after the weekend Masses. The cost is \$10.00. These make a great keepsake and a wonderful Christmas present for anyone who has ever been a part of the St. Ann family.



Saturday, May 23rd

5:00 p.m. Elizabeth Vidourek (Dick & Claire)

Sunday, May 24th

8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People
10:30 a.m. Leroy Renners - 3rd Anniversary (Family)

Monday, May 25th

9:00 a.m. Florence Saurber (St. Ann Rosary Society)

Tuesday, May 26th

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

Wednesday, May 27th

7:15 a.m. Betty Malone

Thursday, May 28th

7:15 a.m. Communion Service
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church in Hamilton

Friday, May 29th

8:00 a.m. Alice Fiehrer

Saturday, May 30th

7:30 a.m. Intentions of the Celebrant
5:00 p.m. Barb Settle-Anniversary (Sam, Mary Sue, Nate Patrick)

Sunday, May 31st

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

Budgeted Weekly Offering	\$ 12,072.00
05/17/2009	\$ 7,517.91
Year to Date Budgeted Offering	\$ 545,312.00
Year to Date Actual Offering	\$ 438,747.11

June First Friday

June 5, 2009

Confessions 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Mass 7:00 p.m.

First Friday Devotions following Mass

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.

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.

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.

DONATE YOUR INACTIVE CELL PHONES

(No chargers, accessories, etc.). You will be helping the St. Ann Respect Life committee. Boxes are located in church; place your used cell phones there. Thanks for your help in this easy fund raiser.