

The Lord gave them bread ⊕ from heaven. ⊕

Today's
reading
from the

Gospel of John shows how easily faith in Jesus can be based on the wrong thing. The crowd that eats its fill of the bread and fish that Jesus has miraculously provided for them is ready to believe in the one who can and will take care of their physical needs.

Thus, their first reaction to this event is to declare Jesus "the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world" and to seek to make him king (John 6:14-15). When Jesus escapes from them, they get into boats, cross the Sea of Galilee, and find him on the other side (6:22-25). Physical satisfaction is a powerful drive that can even be a means by which people interpret the value of their faith.

What follows is a dialogue in which Jesus seeks to help them seek something else and the people seek to make Jesus conform to their own wishes. Jesus tells them that they should be working for the food that lasts for eternal life rather than "the food that perishes" (6:26-27). The people seem to begin on a promising note by asking how they can do this work of God.

Following Jesus' response that they do so by believing in him, however, we begin to see that the people are intent on squeezing belief into the matrix of their own appetites. They ask Jesus what sign he can show them as a basis for their belief (6:30). Have they forgotten the previous day's multiplication of the loaves and fishes? No, this is a gambit to procure an endless supply for their hungers. They subtly suggest, by noting that their ancestors were given manna, that always providing satisfaction for their appetites would be an appropriate sign (6:31). Their response to Jesus' next comment makes clear their intentions: 'Sir, give us this bread always' (6:34).

How often do people bargain with God for God's work to be directed to their convenience?

*Scripture Reflections and Commentaries by
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Readings for the Week of August 2, 2009

Sunday	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35
Monday	Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81; Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday	Saint John Mary Vianney, priest Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51; Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday	The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major in Rome Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Ps 106; Mt 15:21-28
Thursday	The Transfiguration of the Lord Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10
Friday	Saint Sixtus II, pope, martyr, and his companions, martyrs; Saint Cajetan, priest Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77; Mt 16:24-28
Saturday	Saint Dominic, priest Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18; Mt 17:14-20
Sunday	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34; Eph 4:30—5:2; Jn 6:41-51



On behalf of Fr. Mondiek and the entire parish, a huge **Thank you** goes out to our 2009 Fiesta Chairpersons Steve and Debbie Mignery and Ted and Mari Schellenbach. Of course, many thanks

to each and everyone who helped to make this year's Fiesta a huge success. From start to finish, it was a terrific team effort with enthusiastic leaders in the Mignery's and Schellenbachs. A report to the parish will be forthcoming when all the bills are paid.

Congratulations to our Raffle winners: 2009 Honda Fit – *Cindy Spoerl*. \$5000 Big Raffle – *Linda Middendorf*; \$1000 in Grocery certificates – *Mike and Heidi Keller*; \$500 in Grocery certificates – *Mark Doty*.

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC? The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults or "R.C.I.A." is a program for those considering the possibility of joining the Catholic Church. Perhaps you are a Catholic, but were never confirmed. The R.C.I.A. is a great way to remember forgotten lessons. Perhaps you are a cradle Catholic who simply would like to relearn the basics.

Classes are now forming for R.C.I.A. here at St. Ann Church that will be held Wednesday evening's beginning in September. If you are interested, please phone the Parish office or email the secretary at slmcabee@gmail.com.

Join us Saturday, August 29th at 6:30 PM for a contemporary Catholic music concert presented by **ROMANS** in the church parking lot after the 5:00 Mass. As part of the St. Ann Centennial celebration, this concert is being provided free of charge. Grilled items and soft drinks will be available to purchase, and donations will be accepted.

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, August 30, 2009; 10:30 a.m. Mass. This will be the closing Mass for St. Ann's Centennial year. The Most Reverend Archbishop Dennis Schnurr will be the main celebrant. There will be a reception to follow in the school cafeteria. Look for more information in upcoming bulletins.

Hearing the Knock In his June 2009 encyclical *Caritas in Veritate*, Pope Benedict XVI reminds the world that poverty will not be eradicated unless we rediscover and protect the sanctity of life at every level. Dismissing the unborn as less than human and allowing abortion impedes the work of social justice. He points out with urgency, "While the poor of the world continue knocking on the doors of the rich, the world of affluence runs the risk of no longer hearing those knocks, on account of a conscience that can no longer distinguish what is human" (n. 75). *Priests for Life Liturgical resources*

Cub Scout Pack 907 from St. Ann Parish will be holding a yard sale on Aug 8th from 8a-4p in front of St. Ann School. All proceeds from this sale will go to the cub scout pack to purchase a new Pinewood Derby track. Anyone wishing to donate items to our sale may contact Jennifer Hongell at 860-5134 or Laurie Adelsperger at 939-6252. You may also bring them to the school Saturday Aug 8th before 8am. Items such as baby and kids clothing, toys, furniture, household items, back to school items, are needed. We will also sell hot dogs and drinks throughout the day.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



This Week in our Parish

Sunday, August 2nd

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

Wednesday, August 5th

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

Friday, August 7th

5:30 – 6:30 p.m. First Friday Confessions

Saturday, August 8th

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

Sunday, August 9th

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

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS Rosary Society Luncheon- The August luncheon will be held on Tuesday, August 4th at 11:30 AM at the Olive Garden on Dixie Highway. Be sure and get your Olive Garden Gift card.

Rosary Society Board Meeting - A meeting of the officers and board members will be held on Tuesday, August 11th at 7:00 PM at 898 Corwin Ave.

ROSARY SOCIETY 500 TOURNAMENT The Rosary Society 500 Tournament has an opening for 1 couple. Games are played on the 4th Monday of the month. For more information please call Daria Mitchell at 870-9134.

The Dick Schmidt Memorial Scholarship Fund at Badin High School enables a grant in aid to a member of St. Ann's Parish, enrolled at Badin, who displays a good character and a team spirit of cooperation and leadership. We are proud to announce that Danny Wolf, son of Jim and Sue Wolf is the recipient for the 2009-10 school year. Please continue to support Badin's Financial Aide Program.

Stephen T. Badin Class of 1974 35th Class Reunion: Saturday, August 29, 2009, from 7 p.m. - ?at Ryan's Tavern, 241 High St., Hamilton, OH. \$20 per person, appetizers and cash bar. Send check payable to Badin High School Class of 1974 to: The GBR Group, 1220 Eaton Ave., Hamilton, OH 45013. Any questions, e-mail Mary Reimer at mreimer@gbrgroup.com or call at 513-737-4500.

Got Stuff? Want Stuff?

Badin Music Department Yard Sale August 8, 9am - 3 pm Rain or Shine at Badin. If you have items to donate, drop off to Badin August 5, 6, or 7 10am -3pm

FOR THE LIFE OF ME – Thursday, August 27 at 7:00 p.m. Mercy Franciscan at Schroder, 1302 Millville Avenue in Hamilton. A discussion of Living Wills and Durable Powers of Attorney to better prepare you before a crisis.

RUMPKE RECYCLING Please take notice of our new blue Rumpke CAN Recycling Container in the parking lot. This is for **aluminum cans only**. Proceeds benefit the St. Ann Roots and Wings (formerly Grant in Aid) School Tuition Assistance program. Rumpke is partnering with Busch Gardens / Sea World and this is free to our School / Parish. With your support we will be eligible for quarterly rewards along with proceeds from the aluminum cans.



Saturday, August 1st

5:00 p.m. Don Hingsbergen (M/M Michael Hingsbergen)

Sunday, August 2nd

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

10:30 a.m. Tom Pottenger (Family)

Monday, August 3rd

7:15 a.m. Dolores Bach (Barb & Ron Mergy)

Tuesday, August 4th

7:15 a.m. Special Intention

Wednesday, August 5th

7:15 a.m. To End the Assault on all Innocent Human Life (St. Ann Respect Life committee)

Thursday, August 6th

7:15 a.m. For the Intentions of Jim Wimmers

Friday, August 7th

7:15 a.m. Mary Streicher – Birthday Remembrance (Roberta)
7:00 p.m. Sylvia & Joe Williman (Bruce & Barbara Dallas)
Benediction and Enrollment in the Brown Scapular to follow First Friday Mass

Saturday, August 8th

7:30 a.m. Intentions of the Celebrant
5:00 p.m. Amanda Schlabach – Birthday Remembrance (Mickey & Family)

Sunday, August 9th

8:00 a.m. Marguerite Baynes (Patty & Betty)
10:30 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People

ST. ANN FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP	
Budgeted Weekly Offering	\$ 12,072.00
07/26/2009	\$ 5,575.25
Year to Date Budgeted Offering	\$ 48,288.00
Year to Date Actual Offering	\$ 34,196.59

The St. Ann Alumni group is selling LaRosa Buddy Cards for \$10.00. This fund raiser will help in the purchasing of new frames for our Alumni graduation pictures as well as our upcoming newsletter. Now who couldn't use a pizza card this summer for those quick or last minute dinner plans! They will be sold after each Mass on August 1 & 2.

You can also contact Ruth Madden by phone at 288-2385 or by email at fightinirish@cinci.rr.com to purchase or help with sales. Thank you!

Come join ACES (Active Christian Enthusiastic Seniors) of St. Julie's on Thursday, August 20. We are carpooling from St. Julie parking lot at 9:30 a.m. Group rate to exhibit "Women & Spirit- Catholic Sisters in America," is \$13.50 includes many exhibits and lunch. Call Diane Miller at 896-4125 for more information. Check out the web site www.womenandspirit.org.

ST. ANN GROCERY FUND REPORT as of JUNE 30, 2009

INVENTORY	\$13,787
BANK BALANCE	\$20,927
3 KITS	\$4,550
TOTAL PROFIT SINCE 1993	\$247,649

Thank you to everyone who supports the St. Ann Gift Card fund raiser. It is important financial help for our parish.

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