



Today we hear Jesus' response to those who were upset about his explanation that the multiplication of the bread and fish signifies that he himself is the heavenly bread that gives eternal life. In this response we find that the acceptance of Jesus' message is facilitated or hindered by how people have appropriated the Old Testament.

Jesus' initial response to those who were "murmuring" against his words is to say no one is able to come to Jesus unless the Father brings them to Jesus (John 6:43-44). How the Father does so is immediately explained when Jesus, citing a prophetic verse, says that the one who listens and learns from the Father comes to Jesus (6:45). Then Jesus himself points to the scripture of the wilderness generation eating manna in the desert, as the people who were murmuring against Jesus had also done (6:31, 49). He does so in order to illustrate his claim that he is the true bread from heaven that enables eternal life (6:50-51).

The people Jesus is talking to wanted bread simply to satisfy their appetites. They have not learned from the scriptures that the manna from heaven was to sustain them on their journey to the Promised Land and not just to satisfy their hunger. They have not learned from the Exodus account that the purpose of the manna was sustenance toward a greater goal and not the goal itself. In John 5:45-47, too, we read that the reason that the people do not believe in Jesus is because they have not believed in Moses.

Understanding the Old Testament leads to belief in Jesus; failure to understand it leads to unbelief. The New Testament and its witness stand or fall for these people on the basis of their appreciation and understanding of the Old Testament witness that under girds it.

*Scripture Reflections and Commentaries by
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Readings for the Week of August 9, 2009

Sunday	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34; Eph 4:30—5:2; Jn 6:41-51
Monday	Saint Lawrence, deacon, martyr 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112; Jn 12:24-26
Tuesday	Saint Clare, virgin Dt 31:1-8; Dt 32:3-4, 7-9, 12; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday	Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, religious Dt 34:1-12; Ps 66; Mt 18:15-20
Thursday	Saints Pontian, pope, martyr; Hippolytus, priest, martyr Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114; Mt 18:21—19:1
Friday	Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest, martyr Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136; Mt 19:3-12 Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28
Saturday	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Sunday	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

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.

Sanctuary of Life "From within the heart of the world, the family has a decisive and determinative relationship with life. As a Sanctuary of life, the family must welcome it, defend it, accompany it during its development, especially during the whole process of its education...The family lovingly bears witness to the uniqueness of new life...The instruction of the Didache, "Thou shalt not kill the child in its mother's womb" (2, 1), incorporated into the living tradition of the Church, must resound even today from the heart of every household. Only God is the Lord of life!" (Cardinal Alfonso Lopez Trujillo, President, Pontifical Council for the Family, Homily to Pontifical Academy for Life, February, 1997). *Priests for Life Liturgical resources*

Looking for more Vendors/Crafters: The St. Ann Interest Group is hosting an "Under One Roof Shopping Event" on Friday, November 6th. We are looking for Vendors and Crafters to register. Only one vendor from each home party company will be able to sell, so space is limited. Please call Rhonda Feenstra at 844-6192 or email at rhondajh@hotmail.com for details.

OFFERTORY SCHEDULE for AUGUST

<i>AUG 8,9</i>	5:00 DAY FAM	<i>AUG 22,23</i>
8:00 MINDY JONES FAM		BILL & TONYA MORRIS
10:30 CONESE FAM		Need Volunteers
<i>AUG 15,16</i>		BARRETT FAM
5:00 MARK & JEANETTE STAARMANN		<i>AUG 29,30</i>
8:00 TED FONTAINE FAM		DAVE & PEGGY KOLLSTEDT
10:30 DUNAVENT FAM		KIEP / BAUMANN
		ELING FAM

RECYCLING CANS FOR SCHOOL CASH Recycling aluminum cans saves 95% of the energy used to make cans from virgin ore. Join us by collecting and bringing aluminum beverage cans to our school aluminum bin! The Recycle Challenge – Recycling for the next generation. Visit www.therecyclechallenge.com. *Proceeds benefit Roots & Wings.*

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



This Week in our Parish

Sunday, August 9th
 7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass

Monday, August 10th
 6:30 p.m. Church cleanup – *everyone welcome!*

Tuesday, August 11th
 6:30 p.m. Church cleanup – *everyone welcome!*

Wednesday, August 12th
 7:00 p.m. Basic Catechism Class
 8:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul
 8:00 p.m. P.A.C. meeting

Saturday, August 15th
 3:30-4:30 p.m. Confessions
 4:40 p.m. Rosary before Mass

Sunday, August 16th
 7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass

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.

August 2009 Schedule

5:00 Mass Lectors:

August 1 Lee Conn
 August 8 - Jeanine Hand
 August 15 - *Need a Volunteer!*
 August 22 - Jerry McGrath
 August 29 - Serena Conn

EMs:

Nancy Hazlett, Cliff Poppel, Jackie Lamb, Susan McAbee (except 8/15)
 Joyce McGrath (8/22 & 8/29 only), Lee Conn (8/1 and 8/15 only)
 John Keller - *EM at Large for dates we're short*

8:00 Mass Lectors:

August 2 - Sam Patrick
 August 9 - Kenneth Brown
 August 16 - Paul Fenzl
 August 23 - Carol Kiep
 August 30 - Hilda Meyer

EM's:

Mary Sue Patrick, Gil Schneider, Mary Lou Cox, Kathy Murphy
 Charlene Von Hagen

10:30 Mass Lectors:

August 2 - Carrie Rusche
 August 9 - Dick Simpkin
 August 16 - Neal Sackenheim
 August 23 - Chelsea Schindler
 August 30 - Matt Higgins - 1st reading and petitions
 Dick Simpkin - 2nd reading

EM's:

Stephen Becker, Melvin Pfirman, Andy Lampl (except for 8/9, need a sub), Eleanor Nartker, Mataia Von Stein

MINISTRY HELP WANTED Several ministries in the parish are in need of volunteers. There are openings at each Mass during weekend liturgies – (5 p.m., 8 a.m., and 10:30 a.m.). Openings include: Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, Ushers and families to bring up the Offertory. Please prayerfully consider getting involved in these vital ministries of the parish. Thank you!



Saturday, August 8th **Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 5:00 p.m. Amanda Schlabach - Birthday Remembrance (Mickey & Family)

Sunday, August 9th **Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 8:00 a.m. Marguerite Baynes (Patty & Betty)
 10:30 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People

Monday, August 10th **Weekday**
 7:15 a.m. Frank Bach – 10th Anniversary (Family)

Tuesday, August 11th **Clare, virgin**
 7:15 a.m. David Becker - Birthday Remembrance (Mother)

Wednesday, August 12th **Weekday**
 7:15 a.m. Don Hingsbergen (The Gibbemeyer Family)

Thursday, August 13th **Weekday**
 7:15 a.m. Dolores Bach (Dick & Joan Beer)

Friday, August 14th **Maximilian Kolbe, priest & martyr**
 7:15 a.m. Bill Kirchhoff (The Wilke Family)

Saturday, August 15th **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 7:30 a.m. Intentions of the Celebrant
 5:00 p.m. Frank Jost (Family)

Sunday, August 16th **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People
 10:30 a.m. Margherita Moretti (Mary Theobald)

ST. ANN FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Budgeted Weekly Offering	\$ 12,072.00
08/02/2009	\$ 8,854.30
Year to Date Budgeted Offering	\$ 60,360.00
Year to Date Actual Offering	\$ 43,460.89
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<i>Landfill space saved in cubic yards: 9.98</i>	

Please remember in your prayers the following members of St. Ann Parish who have been buried from our church.

Margaret Pater (March 29); Phyllis Irwin (April 16);
 Donald Hingsbergen (April 29); Theodore Schuster (May 4);
 Henrietta Nohrer (June 22); Dolores Bach (June 25);
 Thomas Eichhold (August 4).

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.

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.

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@gbgroup.com or call at 513-737-4500.