

*Taste And See The Goodness
Of The LORD.*

The reading from the Old Testament today is part of the culmination of the first nine chapters of the book of Proverbs. This summation describes life as a journey in which conflicting voices beckon to us.

In order to appreciate today's reading it is necessary to understand its original primary audience. Proverbs is a compilation of the wisdom of Israel that had been formulated to function as a guide to young males who are coming of age. This is why so much of the counsel is addressed to "my son." Two major problems that these young men face are newly developed physical strength and raging hormones, and so at the very beginning of the book the author inveighs against gang violence for robbery and the lure of the prostitute (Proverbs 1 :10-14; 2:1619; 5:1-23; 6:20-35; 7:6-27).

In our reading today Wisdom has a house and calls to people to eat and drink of her nourishment and to "forsake foolishness" (9:1, 3, 5-6). The banquet that Wisdom prepares leads to understanding and life (9:4, 6). These activities of Wisdom are presented as alternatives to the activities by which the prostitute lures men. Thus, in 2:16-19 the wanton lures with "smooth words" (2:16; 6:24; 7:5, 21)); her lips "drip with honey" and her words are "smoother than oil" (5:3). So, too, the prostitute offers the man a drink of love (6:18). Finally, whereas going to Wisdom leads to life (9:6), going to the prostitute leads to death (2:18-19; 5:5, 11 ; 7:22-23, 26-27).

*Scripture Reflections and Commentaries by
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Readings for the Week of August 16, 2009

Sunday	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58
Monday	Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday	Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday	Saint John Eudes, priest Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday	Saint Bernard, abbot, doctor Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40; Mt 22:1-14
Friday	Saint Pius X, pope Ru 1:1,3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday	Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34; Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32; Jn 6:60-69

THANK YOU Now that our lives have gotten back to some semblance of normalcy, we (Steve & Debbie Mignery & Ted & Mari Schellenbach) wanted to take this time to thank everyone who in some way helped us put on a GREAT festival. You really don't know how much it is appreciated when the booths are manned and run smoothly. Please pray very hard for some guidance to let you get involved with this endeavor next year. You meet some really great people along the way that come into your lives and help in anyway they can. If it weren't for all those people, the festival is not possible. I would love to list each individual, but there is not enough space in the bulletin this week. Again, a big **THANK YOU!**

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.

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.

RECYCLING CANS FOR SCHOOL CASH Using recycled aluminum beverage cans to produce new cans make it possible to manufacture 20 times more cans for the same amount of energy. The Recycle Challenge – Recycling for the next generation. Visit www.therecyclechallenge.com. *Proceeds benefit Roots & Wings.*

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



This Week in our Parish

Sunday, August 16th
 7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass
Monday, August 17th
 6:30 p.m. Outdoor Church cleanup – *everyone welcome!*
 7:00 p.m. Respect Life committee meeting
Tuesday, August 18th
 6:30 p.m. Outdoor Church cleanup – *everyone welcome!*
Wednesday, August 19th
 7:00 p.m. Advanced Catechism Class
 8:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul
Saturday, August 22nd
 3:30-4:30 p.m. Confessions
 4:40 p.m. Rosary before Mass
Sunday, August 23rd
 7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass

OPEN HOUSE - SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2009 - 11:30-1:00 P.M.

Open House will begin with the 10:30 AM Mass celebrating the opening of the new school year.

All parents, students, and faculty are invited to attend. The school will be open from 11:30-1:00 following the Mass.

Packets of information concerning the school year will be given out at this time.

The Eucharist and the Pro-Life Movement "I am the Bread of Life. He who eats this bread will live forever. I will raise Him up on the last day." (See Jn.6:47-58) The Eucharistic sacrifice is the very action of Christ by which He destroyed our death and restored our life. Whenever we gather for this sacrifice we are celebrating the victory of life over death, and therefore over abortion. The pro-life movement is not simply working "for" victory; we are working "from" victory. As the Holy Father said in Denver in 1993, "Have no fear. The outcome of the battle for life is already decided." Our work is to apply the already established victory to every facet of our society. Celebrating the Eucharist is the source and summit of such work. *.Priests for Life Liturgical resources*

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. Thank you!

Experience Franciscan Values as Practiced at Michaela Farm
 A Come and See Weekend for single, Catholic women ages 18 - 45 interested in learning more about Franciscan religious life on Saturday and Sunday, October 3 – 4 at the convent and farm of the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, IN. The convent is located 3 mi. off I-74E at exit 149 half way between Indianapolis and Cincinnati. Come meet the sisters and celebrate St. Francis Day with the Franciscans; no charge; For more info or to register, contact Sr. Joan Miller, PO Box 100 Oldenburg, IN 47036; phone: 812-455-9348; email joanm@oldenburgosf.com



Saturday, August 15th Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 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)
Monday, August 17th Weekday
 7:15 a.m. St. Ann (Jose Apollon)
Tuesday, August 18th Weekday
 7:15 a.m. Alberta Groh (The Ed Wagner Family)
Wednesday, August 19th John Eudes, priest
 7:15 a.m. Harry & Rose Rosenberger (Family)
Thursday, August 20th Bernard, abbot & doctor
 7:15 a.m. Janet Gray (Mark, Matia & Jennifer)
Friday, August 21st Pius X, pope
 7:15 a.m. Elaine Straus (Mark & Jeanette Staarmann)
Saturday, August 22nd Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 7:30 a.m. Intentions of the Celebrant
 5:00 p.m. Marilyn Cassano – 1st Anniversary (Family)
Sunday, August 23rd Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 a.m. Liss & Paul Verdin - Anniversary
 10:30 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People

ST. ANN FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Budgeted Weekly Offering	\$ 12,072.00
08/09/2009	\$ 8,527.28
Year to Date Budgeted Offering	\$ 72,432.00
Year to Date Actual Offering	\$ 53,358.17

100th Anniversary

As our Centennial celebration nears, we have several ways that you can help us prepare.

- ✓ We will be cleaning the parish grounds on Monday, August 17th and Tuesday August 18th at 6:30PM. Bring your garden tools and help make everything look great.
- ✓ Items are still needed for our reception decorations. These include: grape vine baskets, old lace that can be cut, old crucifixes and statues under 10". You can bring these to the Parish Center during business hours or put them in the back of church. Questions, please call Heidi Keller at 863-6121.
- ✓ We need food for our reception. Donation requested include: coffee cakes, bagels, muffins, donuts, fruit and vegetable trays, cheese and crackers. Questions, call Mary Jo Haizman at 863-1700.

Thanks for all your help!