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Are They Who Hope In The Lord.

We are more accustomed to Matthew's version of the Beatitudes. Luke's version, however, has its own beauty and significance in relation to the context in which it is placed.

Matthew's Beatitudes may initially seem richer and more spiritually significant. There are nine Matthean Beatitudes compared to only four Lukan ones (Matthew 5:3-11; Luke 6:20-23). Moreover, two of the Beatitudes that Matthew and Luke share seem decidedly richer in their Matthean version. While Luke talks about the poor and the hungry being blessed, Matthew qualifies these groups as "the poor in spirit" and those "who hunger and thirst for righteousness" (Matthew 5:3, 6; Luke 6:20-21).

Luke's version of the Beatitudes encourages the disciples to continue to be generous stewards of the divine gifts in the face of their own present material and emotional needs. Thus, while the Matthean Beatitudes are addressed to disciples and crowds alike, Luke's are directed solely to the disciples, responding to their present situation. So Luke has no Beatitudes about the meek and the peacemakers because the Lukan disciples are not presently exercising that quality and function. Luke speaks of the poor and the hungry, those who are sorrowful and have been insulted, excluded, and denounced because of Jesus. All these experiences are what has just happened to them in Luke's Gospel. The disciples have been hungry and eaten grain that they picked on the Sabbath (6:1). This has incurred the displeasure of the Pharisees (6:2). They have also been criticized by the Pharisees for their dietary practices in general (5:33). Finally, they have accepted the risk of poverty in order to follow Jesus: whereas in Matthew and Mark's Gospels the first disciples leave their father and their nets to follow Jesus, Luke writes that they left everything (Luke 5:11).

The Beatitudes inform the disciples that divine bounty comes in what looks like human depletion. Their own self-gift and the needy state it places them in are the elements of their commitment through which the Godly gift comes to others.

*Commentaries by Dennis D. Sylva and Rev. James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R*

**Readings for the Week of February 14, 2010**

Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20;  
Lk 6:17, 20-26

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday  
Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent  
Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL**

The weekend of March 6-7 will be Catholic Ministries Appeal Commitment Weekend here at St. Ann's. God calls each of us to share our gifts with others for the building up of His Kingdom. The theme for the 2010 CMA is "Always and Everywhere, Give Thanks." Archbishop Schnurr is asking every Catholic household to participate in this year's 2010 Catholic Ministries Appeal, which funds six vital ministries of our Archdiocese. The 2010 Catholic Ministries Appeal is to the ministries funded by the Archdiocese as the weekly offertory is to our parish. – so your participation and support is critical! February 27-28 is the 2010 Catholic Ministries Appeal Announcement Weekend. We will be asking every Catholic household to make a pledge. Please begin to consider prayerfully how you will participate. Every gift matters. For more information, please visit [CatholicAppeal.Info](http://CatholicAppeal.Info).

**SAVE THE DATE**

The next St. Ann Church Applebee's fund raiser will be *Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>* at the **Applebee's in Fairfield**. Please mark your calendars and enjoy a meal at Applebee's with proceeds from this fund raiser benefiting the church. Flyers are available this weekend in the bulletin. They will also be available at [www.stanncc.org](http://www.stanncc.org).

**NOTRE DAME ALUMNAE** Be sure to watch for the applications for the \$500 Notre Dame Alumnae Scholarship given out to eighth grade girls in January. The scholarship of \$500 will be paid directly to Badin High School in the recipient's name. If interested in applying, please ask your daughter if she has received an application. If you have any questions, please call Lillian Pater at 513-860-9676.

**The response** to my request for a second collection to support the suffering people of Haiti in the wake of the massive earthquake last month has been overwhelming. Catholics from throughout the Archdiocese have donated more than \$875,000 so far. Contributions are still welcome and needed. The money will be used to support Catholic Relief Services' humanitarian assistance as well as the U.S. and Latin American Church's longer-term efforts to rebuild the churches, schools and social services that have been destroyed. The Archdiocese has not retained any of this money as administrative overhead. I encourage you to visit [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) to learn details about CRS's ongoing response in Haiti. May God bless you for your abundant generosity! *Sincerely yours in Christ, Most Reverend Dennis M. Schnurr Archbishop of Cincinnati*

**ST. ANN ALUMNI** Join us in planning our 100<sup>th</sup> year celebration as St. Ann School. An organizational meeting will take place Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> after the 7p.m. Mass in the school. Hope you can join us!

**Phil Rawlins** representing **Diocesan Publications** (our Bulletin Publisher) will be at the parish soon. He will be renewing present advertisements and seeking new ones. If interested, please call the parish office. We feel this is an excellent service and that the sponsors get good coverage with their ads. THANKS TO YOU and DIOCESAN PUBLICATIONS, the bulletin is published weekly at no cost to the parish.

**St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish** is hosting a **Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner** on *Tuesday, February 16 from 5-8 p.m.* Pancakes, Indulgence Bar, Bacon or Sausage, assorted fruit and king cake, bake sale, pancake eating contest. \$5 Adults/\$3 children/\$20 family. Bring a non perishable item for REACH OUT LAKOTA and receive \$1 off your meal. RSVP online: [www.saint-max.org](http://www.saint-max.org) or call the parish office at 777-4322.

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### This Week in our Parish

**Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass  
 9:00 a.m. CCD Classes  
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass  
**Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:00 p.m. Respect Life Committee meeting in parish offices.  
**Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**  
 8:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul  
**Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**  
 6-8:00 p.m. Cub Scouts  
**Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**  
 5:30 p.m. Soup & Bread in the parish offices  
 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross in Church  
**Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**  
 3:30-4:30 p.m. Confessions  
 4:40 p.m. Rosary before Mass  
**Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**  
 7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass  
 9:00 a.m. CCD Classes  
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass



**Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup> Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 5:00 p.m. Helen Keller (St. Ann Rosary Society)  
**Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup> Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 a.m. Deceased members of the Jacquemin & Murphy Families (Lou Jacquemin Family)  
 10:30 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People  
 2:30 p.m. Intentions of the Confirmandi  
**Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup> Weekday**  
 7:15 a.m. Norbert Schmidt – 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Margie & Tom)  
**Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> Weekday**  
 7:15 a.m. For the Intentions of Rosemary Hingsbergen  
**Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday**  
 8:00 a.m. Robert Toerner – Anniversary (Family)  
 7:00 p.m. Fred & Nettie Schneider – Anniversary (Family)  
**Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup> Lenten Weekday**  
 7:15 a.m. Communion Service  
 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church in Hamilton  
**Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup> Lenten Weekday**  
 7:15 a.m. Sylvia Williman (Betty Ulm)  
**Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> First Sunday of Lent**  
 7:30 a.m. Tess Fontaine (Bob & Carolyn Wynn)  
 5:00 p.m. Bill Kirchoff (Dean Peters & Nancy Pfirman)  
**Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> First Sunday of Lent**  
 8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People  
 10:30 a.m. Therese Reumann (Dick & Sharon Sorg)

<b>St. Ann Financial Stewardship</b> <i>Thank you!</i>	
<b>Budgeted Weekly Offering</b>	<b>\$ 12,072.00</b>
<b>02/07/2010</b>	<b>\$ 9,073.56</b>
<b>Year to Date Budgeted Offering</b>	<b>\$ 374,232.00</b>
<b>Year to Date Actual Offering</b>	<b>\$ 309,368.86</b>

**SAVE THE DATE:** The annual P.A.C. Fish Fry will be held in the St. Ann School cafeteria on Friday, March 12, 2010. Look for upcoming details.

**We are making progress...** “The American people are becoming more pro-life. According to a very significant poll last year, general support for Roe v. Wade fell under fifty percent for the first time since 1973. Most Americans do not support Roe v. Wade, and are against allowing most of the abortions the Court has made legal. We can, moreover, take heart in knowing that spiritual, educational and legislative efforts are making a big difference in the hearts and minds of so many people of good will. More and more citizens are coming to question abortion and to recognize—as a starting point for deeper conversion—that there is something radically wrong with abortion and the support given it by our laws. There is a growing realization that human life and human dignity cannot be suppressed without immense damage to the entire fabric of our nation and numerous consequences. In the midst of the enormous challenge posed by threats to life, there are new reasons to hope that the truth of God’s law will prevail as a great light in our nation as our people move increasingly toward valuing human life from its earliest and most vulnerable stages onward. This is indeed cause for rejoicing in the Lord!” – *From the homily of Cardinal Justin Rigali, Mass for Life, January 21, 2007.*

**Queen of Peace Athletics Club** QPAC will be holding a Fish Fry on Friday February 19<sup>th</sup> from 4-9pm in the cafeteria. The cost is \$8 for adults \$5 for children and those 5 and under eats free. If you have any questions please call the parish office at 863-4344.