



I think our annual parish picnic was a wonderful success. We had great weather and a great turnout. Everyone seemed to have a good time. The food was very good and seeing everyone together as a parish family was certainly very inspiring.

Of course, such a great success did not happen all by itself. Many people gave a great deal of their time and effort to make it such a wonderful day for our parish family. I am very grateful to Sue Bielawski for chairing the picnic and I know she had a lot of help from her family and other members of our Parish Council. Thank you, also, to the Knights of Columbus members who cooked the meats, the Altar and Rosary Society who supplied the beverages, Jeff's Motor Cars of Wadsworth for donating hamburgers and hot dogs, No Alternative DJ Service (Joe & Bree McNeill), Mr. Milici who played his accordion for us, Josh Watson with wife Beth and daughter Mary who entertained us with some very skillful juggling, the parish "Familia" group who sent invitations to our new parish families and organized the children's games, Bill Leahy, Jim Davies, and the other men who put up the tables, Jan Finneran who organized the bingo games, Laura Figliomeni and Jim Davies who bought supplies, Bidinger's Ice Cream, Marathan gas station on Broad Street, A & B R tent rental, and Dolores Bielawski who grew the plants that were used as centerpieces and prizes, and all who made our parish picnic such a success and a good time for all of us. May God bless you for all your kindness and generosity. Let us especially thank the good Lord for the beautiful weather and for blessing us with one another and all our gifts and talents that we so willingly and lovingly share with everyone. May God continue to bless us and give us such generous hearts as we strive to witness to His self-giving love. May we always be a community of faith and continue to realize that all we have is God's gift to us, and so we need to make a return to the Lord for all the love He has shown us.

Last Saturday, August 19, we had our first session on the Theology of the Body. There were about twenty couples that attended and it seemed that everyone enjoyed the evening and went home with much to think about and share with others. Our next session will be on Saturday, November 11, from 7 to 9 PM, in McMahon Hall, so mark your calendars. If you were not able to attend the first session, you are welcome to come to the next ones. Please call the office and let us know if you plan to attend so we can make the needed preparations. Thank you to Sunny and Luke Carlisle and Yvette and Joe Commodore for all their help in making these sessions possible. God bless you for your help and kindness.

Today we welcome Fr. Randy Vergara, SSS. Father is here to preach our annual mission appeal. Father has worked in the missions and we are very grateful to him for taking the time to be with us and share his experiences with us. It is very important that we have knowledge of how the Catholic Faith is growing throughout the world and the many people who are dedicated to preaching the Gospel to all the world. Thank you, Fr. Vergara, for being with us and sharing with us so that we can better appreciate the work of the missions and the very important part that we can play in spreading the Gospel. May God bless you and all missionaries for all your hard work and devotion to Him and His Church.

SERVER TRAINING for public school children, homeschooled, and dayschoolers, boys and girls in the 5th grade and older, will start on Thursday, September 7, and continue September 14, 21, and 28, from 4-5:00 p.m., in the church. Please call Fr. Joe at the parish office to register.



"The angels rejoice and celebrate with Christ over the return of the Lord's sheep...He sought us on earth; let us seek Him in heaven."

—St. Peter Chrysologus

MISSION APPEAL THIS WEEKEND This weekend at all of our Masses, we have the pleasure of welcoming Rev. Randy Vergara, SSS, of the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament to our parish. He will share with us the story of how he became involved in helping Catholics who are in missionary countries and much less fortunate than we are. The Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament does evangelization work in much of Asia, especially Sri Lanka, India, Vietnam, and the Philippines, as well as in the Congo and Uganda in Africa. Your generosity in the special collection this weekend will help the efforts of the Blessed Sacrament Fathers and Brothers around the world. You will be assured of their prayers for you and your family as a small "thank you" for your generosity.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 26, Vigil: 21st Ordinary Sunday
 5:00 p.m. Tony Carretta [Bob Byers/Liz O'Grady]

Sunday, August 27, Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 a.m. Jennie Recny [John & family]
 9:30 a.m. For Our Parish
 11:30 a.m. Special Intentions of Dan Smisko
 [Joe & Ruth Smisko]

Monday, August 28, St. Augustine
 8:00 a.m. Maribeth Haller [Ken & Ginny Hampton]

Tuesday, August 29, Martyrdom of John the Baptist
 8:00 a.m. Dorothy Middleton [family]

Wednesday, August 30
 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 5:30 p.m. Jerry Whitman [Bob & MaryAnn Schultz]

Thursday, August 31
 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 9:30 a.m. Catherine Sarclone [M/M E. Matzules]

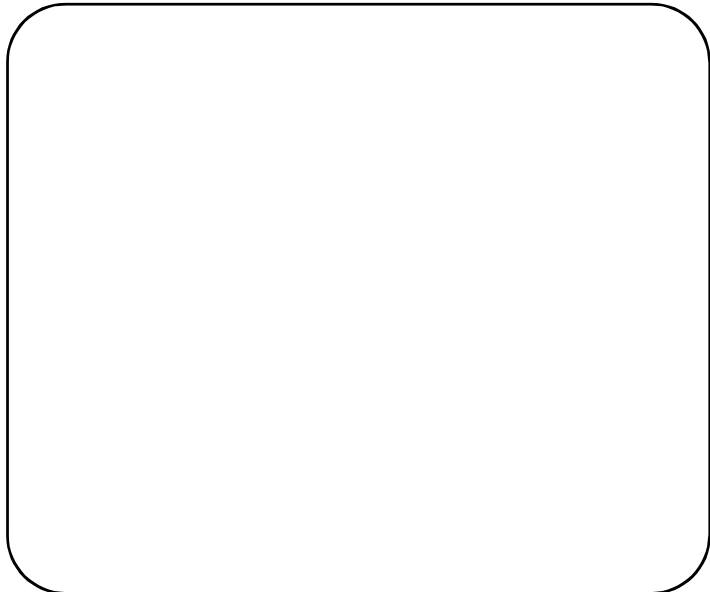
Friday, September 1, First Friday
 8:00 a.m. Jerry Crowley [family]

**Saturday, September 2, First Saturday,
 Vigil: 22nd Ordinary Sunday**
 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 5:00 p.m. Graham Penders, Sr. [Elaine Daigle]

**Sunday, September 3, Twenty-second Sunday
 in Ordinary Time**
 8:00 a.m. Anna Katalinic [Fritz & Rose Kungl]
 9:30 a.m. Andrew Nedoh [Florence Fongheiser]
 11:30 a.m. For Our Parish



ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND are in loving memory of Maribeth Haller.



WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT -- AUGUST 20
 [5% of our collection was given to the St. Vincent de Paul Society].

Offertory.....	\$13,732.00
Support Our School	\$383.00
Capital Reserve Fund.....	\$159.00
Catholic Universities	\$207.00
Assumption of Mary.....	\$2,129.00
Number of envelopes used:.....	383

MANY THANKS for your generous offerings.

LECTOR WORKSHOP If you were unable to attend the first Lector Workshop for new lectors and are being "called" to be a lector, please plan to attend the Monday, September 11, workshop, at 7:00 p.m., in the Conry Room. Possibly, you would just like to have more information about this ministry. If that is your thought, then you too are most welcome. It will be an evening of fellowship as well as one of information, questions, and answers. Please contact Diane Bruce, 335-0029, or Don Drouhard, 330-345-5688 if you would like additional information.



- **PLEASE JOIN US FOR FIRST FRIDAY MASS**, September 1, at 8:00 a.m., when we pray the Litany of the Sacred Heart.
- **THERE WILL NOT BE FIRST SATURDAY MASS THIS MONTH.** [There WILL be a Communion Service.]
- **THE PARISH FAMILY PRAYER GROUP** meets Sunday, September 3, in the church, to pray the Rosary and consecrate their lives to our Blessed Mother Mary. Please join us!



SCRIPTURE READING REFLECTIONS OF THE WEEK
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

[Week of August 27, 2006]
Question for Adults: To whom do you go when you are looking for meaning or answers to life's questions?
Question for Children: Who and what helps you believe in Jesus?

JR. PRAESIDIUM [Jr. Legion of Mary] will be meeting Mondays, 3:15-4:30 p.m., in the Andes Room, beginning August 28 and Mondays when school is in session.

THERE'S GOING TO BE A BABY SHOWER for the Barberton Pregnancy Center! See next week's bulletin for details.



LITURGICAL + ROLES

MASS SERVERS SCHEDULE

Week of August 28

- 8:00 a.m. - **Monday - Wednesday**
- Anthony Arnone, Maria Arnone
- Travis Askew, Jake Pelini
- 5:30 p.m. - **Wednesday ONLY**
- Nick White, Caleb Busson
- Alysse Illig, Samuel Illig
- 8:00 a.m. - **Thursday - Saturday**
- Luke Zvada, Eddie Duckworth
- Nathan Greczanik, Jon Hawkins

Saturday, September 2

- 5:00 p.m. - Marie Choate, Olivia Petrey
- Kayla Petey, Cassie Petey

Sunday, September 3

- 8:00 a.m. - Isaac Yetzer, Samuel Yetzer
- Eric Yetzer, Timothy Reed
- 9:30 a.m. - Joe Ozbolt, Will Ozbolt
- Rose Ozbolt, Maria Adams
- 11:30 a.m. - Sarah Knight, Steven Sablotny
- Elizabeth Sablotny, Stephanie Gilbert

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 2

- 5:00 p.m. - Chris Cotey, Kevin Dunn, Madeline Kelly
- Tom Witschey, Bob Cotey

Cup Ministers

- John Toth, Ginny Hampton
- Chuck & Vera McEvoy, Todd Zeiger

Sunday, September 3

- 8:00 a.m. - Jim & Helen Conroy, Jim Venner
- Phil Gerace, Fran Hammerly
- 9:30 a.m. - Lisa & Rick Tomko, Tammy Seifert
- Tom & Pam Eaton
- 11:30 a.m. - Jim & Joan Clark, Alice Henry
- Lane Edwards, Bobbe Evans

Wadsworth Hospital

- Venners

Altercare

- Bees

Liberty Residence II

- Weber

Magnolia

- Clarks/Dunn

Sterling Oaks

- Lionetti/Seifert

The Rosary is prayed at Sterling Oaks on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, at 2:00 p.m., and 10:00 a.m. at Altercare.

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 2

- 5:00 p.m. - Claralou Serbin, Tracey Arnone

Sunday, September 3

- 8:00 a.m. - Linda Venner, Joe Buccitelli
- 9:30 a.m. - Nancy Houck, Mike Krietemeyer
- 11:30 a.m. - Dan Bellinger, Jay Edurese



PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED on Monday, September 4, in observance of Labor Day.

Who Do You Say That I Am?

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY 2006

This year's Catechetical Sunday theme is "Who Do You Say That I Am?" It comes from Mark 8:27-35, the Gospel reading for Sunday, September 17, 2006. The question that Jesus asked His disciples so long ago is one that each Christian must answer for her or himself even today. How we respond to this question affects how we live, pray, make decisions, and form relationships. It is a question that goes to the very heart of Christian discipleship.



CYO ATHLETICS administers sports programs for boys and girls in grades 1-12. Programs include cross country, track & field, soccer, football, chess, basketball and volleyball throughout the school year. Students who attend public schools are invited to participate. The overarching goal of CYO Athletics is to provide as many young people as possible the opportunity to experience spiritual, physical, mental, and emotional growth through participation in a variety of sports. When done with effective leadership, no other learning experience allows young people to build character and acquire so much information about themselves and others. If your son or daughter is interested in playing sports, they may sign up through our athletic director, Julie Pero, 334-6014, or by calling CYO, 330-374-8326. *Please note: eligibility requirements for participating in CYO sports state you must be enrolled in Religious Education studies through Generations of Faith, Catholic day school, or a religious home-schooling program.*

THE ALTAR & ROSARY RUMMAGE SALE IS COMING



on October 13 & 14. Please start saving your "treasures" to bring for our sale [no encyclopedias or exercise equipment, please!]. If you have any questions, please call Florence, 336-2598, or Becky, 335-9902.

NAZARETH ACADEMY ALUMNAE LUNCHEON On Sunday, September 10, the Nazareth Academy Alumnae will host an international food luncheon from 1-5:00 p.m. at German Central, 7863 York Road, Parma. Cost is \$25 per person and all proceeds will benefit Nazareth Scholarships to St. Joseph Academy. If you would like to make a reservation or a donation, please contact Betty Hjort, 216-251-6788, ext. 245.



**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS
[RCIA]**

There are many people who are searching for a way to help them meet their spiritual need and identify with a community of faith.



People who feel the desire to know more about the Catholic Church and to explore its life may simply need a friendly invitation. The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults [RCIA] is the Church's way of extending such an invitation.

Perhaps you wonder, at times, why we do what we do as Catholics. Or perhaps you, or a family member, have considered becoming a Catholic but just don't know how.

In either case, we invite you to enrich yourself and learn more about Catholics. Our next series of sessions will begin on Wednesday, September 27, at 7:00 p.m., in McMahon Hall. Please call Deacon Roger, 336-3049.

This Week...

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

- 11:30 a.m. - Red Cross mtg., Andes Room
- 1:00 a.m. - Bible Study, Andes Room
- 3:15 p.m. - Jr. Legion of Mary, Andes Room

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

- 7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts, McMahon Hall

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

- 7:30 p.m. - Adult Choir, church

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

- 11:00 a.m. - Confessions until Noon, church
- 3:30 p.m. - Confessions until 4:30 p.m., church

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

- 6:15 p.m. - Parish Family Prayer Group, church

ATTENTION CAREGIVERS OF OLDER ADULTS

CYO Adult Day Services provides a daytime care option for older adults. Round-the-clock caregiving can become a source of stress for anyone trying to balance the needs of a loved one as well as their own. CYO can assist with meeting these needs by offering:

- Daytime care Monday through Friday
- A social interactive program addressing the physical, mental, social, and spiritual needs of participants.
- Daily nutrition, fitness, and medical monitoring
- Daily transportation, if desired
- Engaging activities, companionship, and supervision
- Peace of mind for older adults and their caregivers

The program is located at the Akron Catholic Center. For more information, call 330-762-2000.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY

The K of C will have an all-you-can-eat fish fry on Friday, September 1, from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m., at the K of C Hall. You can eat in or take it out. Come and enjoy the best fish in town!



DO YOU LIKE HELPING THE ELDERLY IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

Would you like to take them to medical appointments, make friendly visits, help with small maintenance needs, or serve them in other neighborly ways? Faith in Action Medina County Caregivers will give you the opportunity to serve in this way. The need is really great as our population ages and medical miracles help us live longer with various diseases. Volunteers are covered by insurance. The next training session is September 16, at 10:00 a.m., at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Litchfield. RSVP: Doris, 330-725-3926.

[GOF Logo]

By now, you should have received your GOF-Carpenter Shop brochure for the coming year. We are really excited about the upcoming Parish Retreat, Sunday, September 17, beginning with lunch at 12:30 p.m., in McMahon Hall. It would be very helpful to our planning committee if you would fill out the bottom portion of this notice and indicate how many will be participating in the retreat. As with all the faith festivals, we will have an age appropriate breakout time during the retreat as well as all generational activities. Fr. Bernier of the Blessed Sacrament Fathers will be presenting that afternoon on "Who Do You Say That I Am?" and the grace of the Eucharist in helping us answer that question for each of us.

Family Name _____ Phone _____

How many adults _____

Children: Senior High 9-12 _____ Jr. High _____

Elementary 1-4 _____ Babysitting 1yr-5yr _____