



Today is Catechetical Sunday. Each year the Church sets aside this third Sunday of September to pray and reflect on the role of catechesis in our lives of faith. The word “catechesis” comes from the Greek, which means to echo. The role of catechesis in our lives is to echo the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

As we all know, an echo is something that we hear over and over again. After awhile, the sound seems to die out, but does it really? Do the words we speak and the sound that they make ever really die out? There are some who say that all the words ever spoken and the sound that they have made are still floating around in space. I once heard how amazing it would be if one could recapture those sound waves and sort them out to be able to hear firsthand the words of so many great people that have gone before us.

Fortunately, we do not need that kind of scientific discovery to hear the words of Jesus Christ. His Word echoes throughout the ages because of the faith of the people who have heard them and who pass them on to others. We are grateful to parents and grandparents, priests and religious, teachers and theologians who have faithfully passed on the Gospel of Jesus Christ to us.

As we celebrate Catechetical Sunday, we need to remember that we are all called to be catechists, that is, people who echo the faith through our words and actions. We are called to teach others, especially our children, what it means to follow Jesus Christ. If we are going to teach our children well, then we must continue to learn ourselves. We can do this by taking advantage of the opportunities given to us to grow in our faith.

Today, we have our Parish Retreat. I hope many of you will be able to attend with your families. This is a great time for us to learn about our faith and who Jesus is for each of us. **WHO DO YOU SAY THAT JESUS IS?** What do you tell others about Jesus by the way you speak and act? Our Parish Retreat Day is a wonderful way to begin a new and deeper way of sharing your faith with your family and the members of your parish community. If you have not participated in Generations of Faith over the past two years, then this is a great way to begin to share in this very important experience of sharing and growing in your faith. If you have participated in Generations of Faith, then this is a great way to start off our new year of sharing and growing in our Catholic Faith with all the generations of our parish family.

Let us all pray that God will continue to bless all of our efforts to be good and faithful catechists who truly echo His Word and His love to those around us. May we all come to know the truth more deeply and grow in our love for God, who has given us all that we have. Let us pray for one another and be good examples to one another, especially to our children and young people, so that we can give them the most precious gift that we have been given, our FAITH in Jesus Christ.

I am very grateful to Fr. Bernier, SSS, who spoke to us last week and who is with us again today to share with us and help us to grow in our faith and in our love for God, especially through the gift of the Most Holy Eucharist. Thanks also, to Diane Bruce and everyone who helped to make this Parish Retreat possible. I know it will be a blessing for those who participate and for our whole parish family.

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CATECHETICAL SUNDAY 2006

Mass Intentions



III CHRISTINE BURG, Sacred Heart & DAVID NAUGHTON
 II COURTNEY GRUBB, Sacred Heart & TREVOR GILE

Saturday, September 16, Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian
 5:00 p.m. Deceased members of Joseph Kaltenbach Family
 [Joe & Ruth Smisko]

Sunday, September 17, Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 a.m. Marie Kungl [Fritz & Rose Kungl]
 9:30 a.m. For Our Parish
 11:30 a.m. Roger McDonald [A Friend]

Monday, September 18
 8:00 a.m. Poor Souls

Tuesday, September 19, St. Januarius
 8:00 a.m. Deceased Family Members [Liz Schumaker]

Wednesday, September 20, Ss. Andrew Kim Taegon,
 Paul Chong Hasang & Companions
 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 5:30 p.m. Thomas Poder [Charlie & Dorothy Poder]

Thursday, September 21, St. Matthew the Apostle
 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 9:30 a.m. Bianca Borselino [Ginny Hampton]

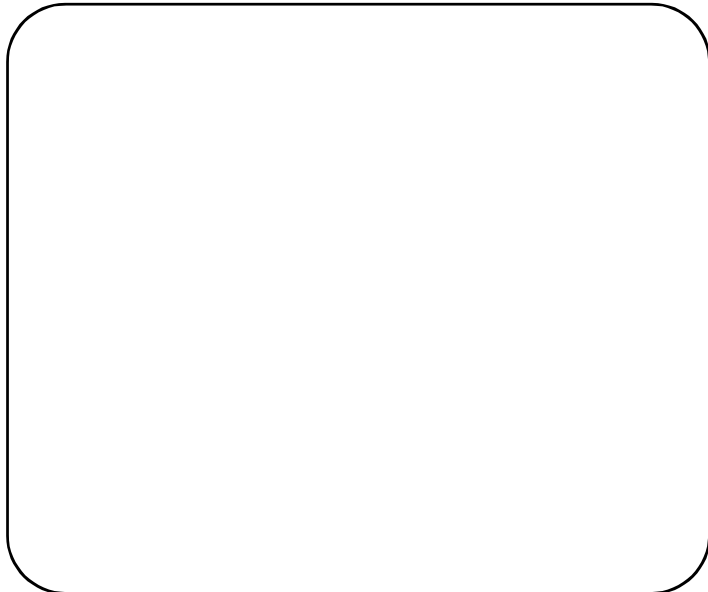
Friday, September 22
 8:00 a.m. Prosper Zito, Anniversary [Caroline Zito]

Saturday, September 23, St. Pio Pietreclina
 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 1:30 p.m. Naughton/Burg Wedding
 5:00 p.m. Ralph Carrino [Carrino Family]

Sunday, September 24, Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 a.m. Catherine Sardone [Mike & Irene Lionetti]
 9:30 a.m. LaVerne Sobie [Len Sobie]
 11:30 a.m. For Our Parish



SPEND A QUIET HOUR WITH OUR LORD IN ADORATION Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. and Thursdays at 12:00 noon. This is a very special way to return His love! Sign up by calling the parish office. *Please note: these are new hours needing coverage.*



WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT -- SEPTEMBER 10
[5% of our collection was given to the Community Pregnancy of Barberton].

Offertory.....	\$14,497.70
Support Our School.....	\$190.00
Capital Reserve Fund.....	\$235.00
Catholic Communications.....	\$50.00
Number of envelopes used:.....	391

MANY THANKS for your generous offerings.

Next week's second collection supports the CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN. You gift helps our diocese to provide television, radio, and print materials that spread the Good News of Christ's abiding love for each and every one of us. Please be generous! Please visit:
www.catholiccommunicationcampaign.org

THE FIRST FRIDAY LUNCHEON SPEAKER for October 6, 2006 is The Most Reverend Richard G. Lennon, Bishop of Cleveland. Tickets are \$14.00 each and include a luncheon at the Tangier Restaurant located at 532 W. Market Street. Please call 535-7668 for information or send a check payable to First Friday Club of Greater Akron (FFC of GA) to 795 Russell Ave., Akron, OH 44307.

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS Bishop Amos will be Confirming at Sacred Heart on Saturday, October 21, at the 5:00 p.m. Mass. If you are an adult wishing to be confirmed, plan on attending the adult Confirmation class, Tuesday, September 26, at 7:00 p.m., in the Conry Room. Please bring your Baptismal certificate to the meeting. Any questions, call Deacon Roger, 336-3049.

SCRIPTURE READING REFLECTIONS OF THE WEEK
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
[Week of September 17, 2006]

Question for Adults: What is the cross that you carry today? How do you follow Jesus in the workplace and at home?
Question for Children: What do you think it means to follow in Jesus' footsteps?

SACRED HEART CHURCH
Edinburg, Texas

Dear Cooky,
 Your generosity knows no end. I received the large shipment of stamps and I must thank you and your cohorts for saving them for us. Please be most sure I am deeply grateful to you and all involved in the collection of the stamps. I sent all of you my prayers and remembrance in my Masses. May God bless each and everyone of you for being so kind and generous in all you do for us.

Fr. Fred

LITURGICAL + ROLES

MASS SERVERS SCHEDULE

Week of September 18

- 8:00 a.m. - **Monday - Wednesday**
- Anna Davies, Paul Davies
- Ryan Cole, Alexandra Matejczyk
- 5:30 p.m. - **Wednesday ONLY**
- Connor Cain, David Smith, Jr.
- Alysse Illig, Samuel Illig
- 8:00 a.m. - **Thursday - Saturday**
- A. J. Hanna, Ben Hanna
- Luke Zvada, Hannah Smith

Saturday, September 23

- 5:00 p.m. - Matthew Doyle, Emily Gaborcik
- Matt Gaborcik, Lauren Dannemiller

Sunday, September 24

- 8:00 a.m. - Alex Pero, Joseph Dean
- Samantha Serfass, Alex Serfass
- 9:30 a.m. - Joey Easton, Jonathan Chamier
- Meghan Weber, Joey Weber
- 11:30 a.m. - Tricia Bartram, Nick Flanigan
- Kelly Flanigan, Rochelle Rodrigo

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 23

- 5:00 p.m. - Ginny Hampton, Lou & Joan Perry
- Chris Bott, David King

Sunday, September 24

- 8:00 a.m. - Dennis Busson, Bill Schapel, John Baker
- JoAnn Riddell, Dave Heskamp
- 9:30 a.m. - Donna Sponsler, Chris & Tricia Easton
- Frank Witschey, Rita Strickler
- 11:30 a.m. - Betty Ruppel, Mary Witschey
- Tim & Donna Bishop, Molly Michney

Cup Ministers - *Matt & Jan Finneran, Oscar & Judy Mifsud*
- *Tony & Diane Agnesi*

Wadsworth Hospital - Mary Ciofani

Altercare - Schafers

Liberty Residence II - Ruppel/Komjati

Magnolia - Coopers/Venners

Sterling Oaks - McNeills

Rosary is prayed at:

- Sterling Oaks on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, at 2:00 p.m.
- Magnolia on the 3rd Wednesday, at 10:00 a.m.
- Altercare on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, at 10:00 a.m.

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 23

- 5:00 p.m. - Bob Cotey, Tom Witschey

Sunday, September 24

- 8:00 a.m. - Char Kasner, Fritz Kungl
- 9:30 a.m. - David Kennedy, Tim Reed
- 11:30 a.m. - Rich Michney, Lane Edwards

IRISH SINGER DANA will perform September 28, at Queen of Heaven Church, Green, in observance of Respect Life Month. Call 330-762-2785 for reservations.

OUR LADY OF THE ELMS HIGH SCHOOL will host Open Houses on October 11, 6-8:00 p.m., and Sunday, November 5, 1-3:00 p.m. No RSVP is necessary. Also, Scholarship/Placement Exams [advance registration IS necessary] will be 9/30, 10/21, 11/18, and 12/2. Please call 330-867-0918 to register.

NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL is a support group for adult family members who suffer from a mental illness. They will be having meetings the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month at Medina Hospital. Please call Don & Paula Banks, 330-723-3150.

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.

RCIC: Perhaps you have a child or children/grandchildren who are past the second grade and have not celebrated the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. If you are interested in preparing a child for first sacraments, our next gathering for the Children's Catechumenate will begin with an information meeting on Wednesday, September 27, at 7:00 p.m., in the Andes Room.

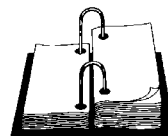
POLKA MASS AND SAUSAGE/KRAUT DINNER & DANCE will be held at St. Martin of Tours, Valley City, Saturday, October 21, beginning at 5:00 p.m., \$15 per person. Limited seating; advanced registrations starting September 23! For reservations and information call Eleanore, 330-722-6442.

HELP AN ELDERLY NEIGHBOR IN NEED IN SUMMIT COUNTY CYO and Community Services of Summit County is linking caring individuals with elderly neighbors in your parish community who are in need. We do not require a large time commitment and offer flexible scheduling. We are looking for individuals willing to help in one or more of the following areas: **Yard work, painting, carpentry, light indoor cleaning.** Training will be provided. Get outside, enjoy the weather, and make a difference in the life of a neighbor! Please call Kate Nicholls at CYO: (330)762-2000 Ext. 222 or knicholls@akroncyo.org

SACRED HEART SCHOOL NEEDS SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS; PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL, 334-6272.



ANNUAL BLESSING OF PETS AND ANIMALS IN HONOR OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI will be held on Saturday, October 7. Deacon Roger Klaas will bless pets and animals at Noon. Please bring your pet or animal, securely leashed or contained, to the parking lot behind the church.



The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

- **Parish Retreat, 12:30-6:00 p.m. church lower level**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

- 1:00 p.m. - Bible Study, Andes Room
- 3:15 p.m. - Jr. Praesidium, Andes Room

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

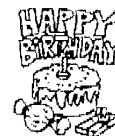
- 9:30 a.m. - Familia, Andes & Conry Rooms
- Blood Drive, Conry Room & McMahon Hall 1-6:00 p.m.
- 7:30 p.m. - Familia, Andes Room

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- 4:00 p.m. - New Server Training, church
- 5:00 p.m. - First Reconciliation class, Conry Room

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- **Deacon Roger's Birthday!**
- 5:30 p.m. - Burg Rehearsal, church



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- 9:30 a.m. - First Reconciliation class, Conry Room
- 11:00 a.m. - Confessions until Noon, church
- 1:30 p.m. - Burg/Naughton wedding, church
- 3:30 p.m. - Confessions until 4:30 p.m., church

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- 10:30 a.m. - Church Search, church
- 10:30 a.m. - Chastity Program, McMahon Hall
- 11:30 a.m. - 2007 Confirmation Rite of Enrollment, church
- 12:30 p.m. - Church Search, church
- 7:00 p.m. - Youth Group meeting, Humbolt House

SACRED HEART PARISH RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE will be Wednesday, September 20, from 1-6:00 p.m., in the Conry Room. Receive your FREE vintage-style, collectable American Red Cross t-shirt when you come to donate blood at this drive! This Blood Drive is particularly targeted for type O blood, but all types are needed and appreciated. Please bring a driver's license or two forms of identification.

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.

CYO NEWS Basketball registration will take place on Sunday, October 1, from 10:30 AM to noon and Wednesday, October 4, from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM in the school cafeteria. CYO basketball is offered for boys and girls in grades 4 to 12. The basketball fee is \$40 plus the annual CYO registration fee of \$40. You must bring a copy of a current physical in order to register or get a physical at the registration. We will again have third grade instructional basketball at Sacred Heart. It will last eight to ten weeks and the cost will be \$35. No physical is required to participate. Anyone interested in coaching a team or the instructional league, please contact Julie Pero @ 330-334-6014 or e-mail coachpero@neo.rr.com. If you plan to coach a team this year, you must attend Virtus Training if you haven't already done so.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS are available through K of C by calling Joe Pape, 334-9232, for the great price of \$30 per book.

GET YOUR PETIT'S CAR WASH COUPONS & MUMS! The 8th grade class of Sacred Heart School will be selling Car Wash coupons for Petit's "The Works" car washes after all Masses this weekend. Coupons are \$14. Mums will be sold after all Masses September 30 & October 1, for \$5 each. These are the final fundraisers for their October trip to Washington, DC. **THANK YOU** to all of our generous parishioners for your support!

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REMINDER If you have a bulletin article, please submit it in written form through the offertory, dropping it at the parish office, or email: debbie@shofjesus **NO LATER** than 11:00 a.m., Monday before the upcoming weekends' bulletin.



Religious Education Notes

CHASTITY PROGRAM STARTS NEXT SUNDAY, September 24, at 10:30 a.m., in McMahon Hall.

GOF REGISTRATION FORMS The registration database for GOF requires us to fill the various fields or the material will not be accepted. When filling out your form, please include the children's name, age, and grade. It is most helpful for communication purposes that you include all of the household information that you have available. Thank you, in advance, for completing this process.

GOF VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We need a person or persons as a team who would volunteer to put the tables back in order for the next gathering, so we need someone to help on Thursday or Friday and someone to help on Saturday around 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. to ready the space for Saturday evening gathering.