



Thank you to all who voted on your preference concerning the backdrop of the sanctuary. I must say that I am a little disappointed that more people did not express their opinion. At any rate, the outcome was as follows: option one received 11 votes, # 2 received 35 votes, #3 received 42 votes, #4 received 31 votes, and leaving it pretty much as it is received 39 votes. The Art and Environment Committee and the Finance Council will look at the results and decide what exactly we are going to do. Your thoughts are very important and will be reflected on prayerfully. Whatever we do, I am sure it will be for the glory of God and a way for all of us to enhance our worship of Him. May God prosper the work of our hands.

A few months ago, I received the following letter which was in the bulletin at St. Mary's Parish in Wooster. Fr. Moran, the pastor there, received the letter from a priest friend of his in another diocese. So, even though it comes to us in a roundabout way, I think its contents are well worth sharing. I would think the gentleman who wrote the letter would be very happy to know that it has been shared with so many people.

"Dear Father,

"I was very moved by your homily on Sunday regarding Hell, Satan, and the response of faithful people to temptation. I am the father of an adult son and daughter, and it pains me to think of the mistakes my wife and I made in raising our children. We thought we had a clever, well thought out solution to the dangers and evils of the world. In so doing, we neglected the saving power and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the intercessory power of the Blessed Virgin Mary."

"Knowing the evils and temptations of our world, my wife and I sought to shield our children through endless activity. Like many other parents, we got our son involved in hockey, and our daughter in dance. Our goal was to keep our children busy and thus not give them a chance to get in trouble."

"However, I now realize that in engaging in a futile attempt to shield our children from battle with the Devil, we were instead merely failing to equip our children for their inevitable battles with Satan. We attempted a human solution to a spiritual problem, and our human limitations and inadequacies resulted in failure. We failed to fill our children with Christ, and instead left a vacuum too easily exploited by Satan."

"In focusing our children on endless activity, we created selfish, self-centered children. By failing to involve them in Catholic charitable works, we taught them to believe that they were the centers of their own universes. We replaced rosaries, devotions, adoration, and Bible study with ice time, recitals, and games. We missed Sunday Masses for tournaments and catechism for performances, and we rationalized it by asserting that it was 'for the best.' How wrong we were."

"Today, both of our children have left the Church. Our daughter is living with a man and has had an abortion; our son has experimented with drugs and regards the Church with contempt and cynicism. Our first priority should have been to pass on the faith and teach trust in the Lord. Instead, we relied on our human intellects and put our faith in the schemes of this world."

"If I could only go back in time I'd make every Sunday Mass as a family, lead my family in a weekly rosary, lead them in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, and help them volunteer at a soup kitchen. For, despite our best efforts and intentions, there were still times my children were alone and lonely, tired and weak, hungry and desirous. I failed to anticipate and prepare my children for those inevitable times of temptation, and the Devil had been patiently waiting."

In the midst of our busyness and trying to do the best for our children, we can easily miss the most important gifts we can give them and that is a strong Catholic Faith. We always want to give our children more than we may have received growing up. Shouldn't that also apply to our Catholic Faith? Why shouldn't we strive to give our children a stronger faith than we have? In doing so, we will grow in our faith as well.

As I said last week, you have now received your newsletter which includes your registration form for this year's Generations of Faith. Please think very prayerfully about signing up for you and your family. Remember, Generations of Faith is for everyone.



CELEBRATE YOUR LOVE OF MUSIC!

Do you enjoy expressing your faith in song? Is music an important part of your worship experience? Join our choirs and musicians for an hour of praise and fellowship! Refreshments will be served following the program.

Thursday, September 27, 2007

6:30 p.m.

East Nave



Everyone is welcome! Contact Amanda Porter at 330-334-6272, x109 or sah_porter@TCCSA.net to RSVP or with questions.



I MICHAEL WAGNER, Sacred Heart & TIFFANY BALTES, St. Christine

Saturday, September 22, Vigil: 25th Ordinary Sunday
5:00 p.m. Prosper Zito, Anniversary [James & Janice]
Sunday, September 23, Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. For Our Parish
9:30 a.m. Maryann Sindelar [Rosa Owens]
11:30 a.m. Mike Pustay [Margaret & Family]
Monday, September 24
8:00 a.m. Frances Tekaucic [Mary Zobeck]
Tuesday, September 25
8:00 a.m. John Christe [John & Clarlou Serbin]
Wednesday, September 26, Ss. Cosmos & Damian
8:00 a.m. Communion Service
5:30 p.m. Laverne Sobie [Len]
Thursday, September 27, St. Vincent de Paul
8:00 a.m. Communion Service
9:30 a.m. Jay Whitman [John & Claralou Serbin]
Friday, September 28, St. Wenceslaus; St. Lawrence Ruiz, & Companions
8:00 a.m. Peter McCormick [Nicole Gaffney]
Saturday, September 29, Ss. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael
8:00 a.m. Communion Service
5:00 p.m. Allan Robert Fisher [Helen Fisher]
Sunday, September 30, Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Jim Serfass [Elaine Daigle]
9:30 a.m. Bud Imber [M/M Joe Gaborsek]
11:30 a.m. For Our Parish

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Weekly Stewardship Report for September 16, Offertory (\$13,990.00), Support Our School (\$115.00), Capital Reserve Fund (\$40.00), and 406 envelopes used.

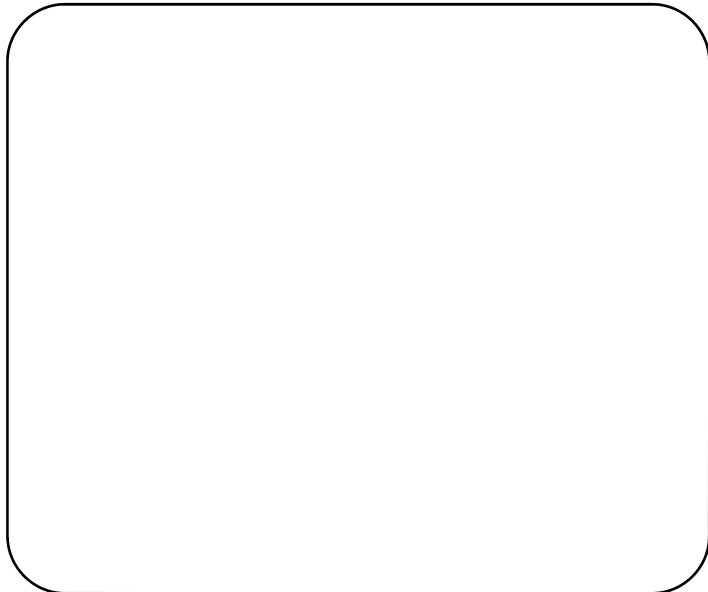
SCRIPTURE READING REFLECTIONS OF THE WEEK
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
[WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2007]

Question for Adults: Money is an important part of modern life. Suggest one or two ways you can keep the need for money in balance with your faith.

Question for Youth: The Gospel tells us that money can get in the way of serving God. As a young person, having money is important, but how can you make faith a priority and balance it with your need for money?

Question for Children: Clothes, food, toys, all cost money. How do you keep your faith more important than money?

THE LIVING ROSARY Please join the Altar & Rosary Society as we pray the Living Rosary on Monday, October 1, at 7:00 p.m., in the church. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate. Please call Rosa Owens, 336-6472, with any questions.



FUNERAL MEALS All parishioners have the opportunity for the Altar & Rosary Society to provide a meal for their family and friends when a loved one passes away. The meal is served in McMahan Hall. The food is donated. However, we need help in getting the food ready for serving. Please call Gert Tiffany, 334-1936, if you would like to be a part of this ministry.

LECTOR WORKSHOP Are you feeling a call to be a lector at the weekend liturgies? Would you like to know a little more information about this ministry? If so, please plan on attending the Lector Workshop, Wednesday, September 26, at 7:00 p.m., in the church. If you have any questions, please call Diane Bruce, 335-0029.

NEED HELP MAKING ENDS MEET? The Salvation Army is offering a workshop to assist families eligible for HEAP and benefits generated out of Job & Family Services, to fill out applications at the Salvation Army Office. Please come on October 1, from 12:00 Noon until 8:00 p.m.

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY IS IN NEED OF CLEAN, used box springs and mattresses as well as dressers. Please call Jim Whalen, 336-2183.



LITURGICAL + ROLES

MASS SERVERS SCHEDULE

Week of September 24

- 8:00 a.m. - **Monday - Wednesday**
- Jimmy Bott
- 5:30 p.m. - **Wednesday ONLY**
- Marla Iverson, Jake Pelini
- 8:00 a.m. - **Thursday - Saturday**
- Travis Askew, Jon Hawkins

Saturday, September 29

- 5:00 p.m. - Elizabeth Sablotny, Nick Santora
- Joe Sablotny, Steven Sablotny

Sunday, September 30

- 8:00 a.m. - Adam Petersen, Nick Petersen
- Eddie Duckworth, Kelly Flanigan
- 9:30 a.m. - Anthony Arnone, Maria Arnone
- David Kauffman, Anna Anderson
- 11:30 a.m. - Emilee Krunich, Hayley McQuate
- A. J. Hanna, Ben Hanna

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 29

- 5:00 p.m. - Chris Cotey, Kylene OR Todd Ferguson
- David & Lucy Meager, Kevin Dunn

Sunday, September 30

- 8:00 a.m. - Alan Beery, Bob & Helen Smith
- Linda & Jim Venner
- 9:30 a.m. - Jeff Witschey, Bob & Donna Johnson
- Tony & Carol Schmeing
- 11:30 a.m. - Lane Edwards, Lowell & Jan Knight
- Steve & Michelle Masica

Wadsworth Hospital - Venners

Altercare - Hunt/Jeglic

Liberty Residence II - Weber

Magnolia - Coopers/Venners

Sterling Oaks - Smith/Zen Porchowsky

The 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 28

- 5:00 p.m. - Sue Bielawski, Pete Schafer

Sunday, September 29

- 8:00 a.m. - Nick Reed, Mary Katzenmeyer
- 9:30 a.m. - David Kennedy, Tom Seeman
- 11:30 a.m. - Kathy Principe, Claralou Serbin



MUM SALE! The SHS 8th grade class is selling mums for their trip to Washington, D.C., on Saturday, September 29, and Sunday, September 30, after all the Masses. Cost is \$5.00.

MEDINA COUNTY LIFECHAIN 2007 FOR THE END OF ABORTION Please join us on October 7, 2007, Respect Life Sunday, in Medina for a prayerful witness to the sanctity of human life. We will join other Christians along N. Court Street, between 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Janet Gardner, 336-3906.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE God has used the period of 40 days throughout history to bring about major transformation. Join with thousands across America to pray and fast for 40 days, September 26-November 4, for the end to abortion.



DO YOU WANT TO SEE GOD? DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE in the life of others? Community Pregnancy Center needs you! We serve people from all over with all sorts of needs, from baby formula and diapers, baby needs, clothing, pantry food, referrals, and many other necessities. Now we need YOU, on a regular basis, or flexible times, to help serve Jesus' children. The duties vary, from working with clients, receptionist, sorting, and cleaning, all ways big and small. Please call Teri, 330-825-1900, or go to: communitypregnancycenter.org with your "yes" answer.



GIRL SCOUT TROOP 1423 WOULD LIKE TO INVITE any parish girls in grades 4-5 to join our troop. We are taking new registrations at this time. For more information, please call Christa Knight, 335-6243.

HELP SUPPORT OUR HIGH SCHOOL DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE!

Rent-A-Kid This fall we will once again be doing yard work and other household chores. Donation is \$8 per student per hour worked.



Flamingo Raids! Have a friend or relative's house "flamingoed" with 30 cute, pink flamingos for a \$35 donation. Afraid of friends or family picking you to be flamingoed? Insurance is only \$50!

Contact Pete for more information at 330-336-3049 or email osuodc@hotmail.com.



Youth Group Meeting! Sunday, October 7th from 7:00-8:15 P.M. in the Humbolt House! Mark your calendar now so you don't miss out!

Got Music? If you have God given-musical talent and want to share it with the Youth Group and the whole community, then join the **Youth Group Music Ministry Team**. There will be a workshop for those interested on **Sunday, September 30th from 3:00-5:00 P.M. @ St. Sebastian Parish**. Contact Pete if you would like to help.

For more information on the above activities, or if you have any comments or ideas, contact Pete Schafer, (330) 336-3049 or osuodc@hotmail.com.

FREE MONEY FOR OUR PARISH SCHOOL!

There are many companies that offer label redemption programs for schools. Our school participates in four programs:

Box Tops for Education General Mills will donate 10 cents for each label submitted. Labels are found on most General Mills, Pillsbury, Ziploc, Kimberly-Clark, Yoplait and Betty Crocker brands. The school earned \$1157 last year from General Mills.

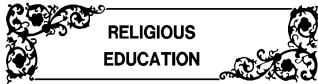
Tyson Project A+ Tyson pays 24 cents for each label submitted. Look for packages with the Support Your School 1-2-3 instructions in the frozen foods section.

Campbell's Labels for Education We receive one point or five points for labels submitted. Points are redeemed for school supplies. We banked 11,395 points last year. Send the UPC code and the Campbell's kid logo.

Our Family Our Family pays 5 cents for each label and UPC submitted. Our Family products are sold at Buehler's. The school earned \$25 last year from Our Family. Send the whole label.

There are collection carts in three entrances at the church. You may deposit Box Tops, Tyson Project A+, Campbell's and Our Family labels in these drawers, or send to the collection containers in the school cafeteria.

Contact Lisa Dunn at lisa@attykevindunn.com or 330-887-9082 with any questions on the label programs. Thanks for supporting our parish school.



CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this October 6 are reminded that there is a day of reflection for you and your sponsor on Sunday, September 30, from 2:30-5:00 p.m., in the church. This afternoon will be a spiritual preparation as well as a practice for Confirmation.

CHURCH SEARCH FOR ALL SECOND GRADERS preparing for First Sacraments, will be Sunday, September 30, at 10:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m., in the church. Each session will run for an hour. This is a great foundation for all second graders.

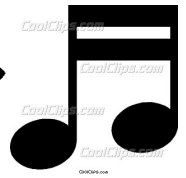
LIVING ROSARY CONFIRMATION DECADE All families of 9 & 10th graders preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to participate in the Altar & Rosary Society Living Rosary on Monday, October 1, at 7:00 p.m., in the church. Mrs. Bruce needs 10 families to form a decade. Your help is greatly appreciated.

VIRTUS WORKSHOP for all members of the parish who are participating in any area of the school or parish where children are involved will be Tuesday, October 2, from 6-9:00 p.m., in McMahon Hall. A light supper is included. RSVP Diane Bruce.

ALL SECOND GRADERS PARENT MEETING is Monday, October 8, at 7:00 p.m., in the Conry Room. Please know this is very important for all families with second graders preparing for the first sacraments. No baby-sitting unless you call the Religious Education Office ahead!

For all the above, please call Diane Bruce, 335-0029.

This Week...



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- 10:30 a.m. - Church Search, church
- 12:30 p.m. - Church Search, church
- 1:00 p.m. - Fund Raiser mtg., McMahon Hall
- 3:00 p.m. - Cub Scouts Orientation, McMahon Hall
- 7:00 p.m. - Youth Group, Humbolt House

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- 3:15 p.m. - Jr. Praesidium, Andes Room
- 7:00 p.m. - Liturgy mtg., Conry Room

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- 7:00 p.m. - Fund Raising mtg., McMahon Hall
- 7:30 p.m. - Men's Familia, Conry Room

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- 9:30 a.m. - Women's Familia, church lower level
- 3:00 p.m. - Girl Scouts, Conry Room
- 7:00 p.m. - Lector Training, church
- 7:30 p.m. - Women's Familia, Andes Room/McMahon Hall

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- 8:00 a.m. - Children's Choir, Andes Room
- 4:00 p.m. - Server Training, church
- 5:00 p.m. - 2nd grade PSR, Andes & Conry Rooms
- 6:30 p.m. - Praise & Worship, church & McMahon Hall
- 7:30 p.m. - Adult choir, church

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- 7:00 p.m. - Fund Raising mtg., McMahon Hall

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- 9:30 a.m. - 2nd grade PSR, Conry Room
- 11:00 a.m. - Confessions until Noon, church
- 3:30 p.m. - Confessions until 4:30 p.m., church

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

- 10:30 a.m. - Church Search, church
- 10:30 a.m. - Theology of the Body for High School, Andes & Conry Rooms
- 12:30 p.m. - Church Search, church
- 2:30 p.m. - Confirmation 2007 Reflection & practice, church & lower level

CYO BASKETBALL SIGN-UPS

All boys and girls in third through twelfth grades interested in playing CYO basketball need to sign up on **Sunday, September 30 from 10:30 to noon or Thursday, October 4 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** in the school cafeteria.



First-time players need to bring a copy of their birth certificates. All players should bring a copy of a current physical; there will not be a doctor available to give free physicals. We plan to schedule a physical date later in November if required. Note that third graders participating in the instructional league do not need a physical or a birth certificate. Call Julie Pero at 330-334-6014 or e-mail coachpero@neo.rr.com with any questions.