

## SEEDS FOR SOWING

"I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

There could be no more significant and wonderful words of Jesus than these, yet they seem to defy all rationality. It goes against all that we know in our lives. Maybe if you have gastric bypass surgery, you'll eat much smaller meals. But I don't know anything you can do or any diet supplements you can take so that you will never be hungry or thirsty again, do you? We also know that, in spite of Jesus' words and His presence with us, all Christians still hunger and thirst for many things, from physical needs and healings, to spiritual virtues.

So, what type of hunger is Jesus talking about? And, the deeper question: What exactly are we hungering *for*? We think we know what it means to be hungry. That is because we are so familiar with satisfying our hunger by what we feel like having, as in "I feel like a pizza" or "I'm craving a quarter-pounder." In fact, studies show that people think about food more than they think about sex! Food and drink are a huge source of our comfort and pleasure, especially when we share them with friends and family.

There is nothing wrong with our hungering for food and enjoying it immensely—we're made that way. But there is a different hunger that Jesus has come to fulfill. Jesus wants us to know and feel this hunger which is far beyond the hungers we know so well.

What is the hunger that Jesus comes to fulfill? He wants us to live with a hunger to know the ultimate meaning of our lives: that we are in a relationship of mutual love and passion with the God who created us. And Jesus is the way we are to live our lives to fulfill that hunger.

God has placed this longing in everyone's heart, but not everyone recognizes it. Some of us get preoccupied filling up the false hungers. Some of us stay "spiritual children" who never try to fulfill the deeper hunger. It is not a hunger we talk about very much.

But St. Paul says we must strive to come to spiritual maturity, "the full stature of Christ." (Ep. 4:13) We may feel we want to stay at our childhood level of relating to God because it is so comfortable, and it would be too threatening to risk thinking differently. "It was good enough for my parents; it's good enough for me."

So we come into adulthood still not knowing our real purpose. Our Christian task is to help each other discern the real hungers, and squash the "deceitful desires". We can help each other reach for the only thing that can satisfy those hungers--coming closer to Jesus. We help each other through the dry places so that we don't mistake the false hungers for the real hungers.

That's where the "old self" and the "new mind" comes in for St. Paul. Because it's often the mind that stimulates the false hungers. If you keep reading about new cars, your mind stimulates the desire for a new car. If you watch films and TV that show mostly people satisfying their unhealthy or anti-Christian desires, you may think it's harmless, but you are training your mind to laugh at things that aren't really funny.

Ask yourself: if you are a Christian, what does it mean to have the mind of Christ? It's not exactly like the saying, "WWJD--What Would Jesus Do?" but maybe "WWJT--What Would Jesus Think?" If you're a follower of Christ, there are certain thoughts that renew us and make us stronger in character, and other thoughts that weaken us and make it very easy to feed the wrong hungers: for example, some cable TV shows or movies that go straight to DVD. Does anyone pretend that these are being produced for their artistry? It is all about money, as even the youngest person knows.

And, kids, let's be clear about this: it's the advertisers who keep outrageous shows on the air, because they earn more when people are glued to watching Charlie Sheen going to bed with a different girl each week, or "Girls Behaving Badly" doing just that! Let's not be naïve, and pretend that our minds are stronger than they are. One of our "deceitful desires" is to think that we can look at anything, witness any kind of sex acts, any amount of violence, and that it won't phase us--we can still "do the right thing." I'm afraid that is what the little kids would call a big, fat lie.

When we hear in plain language, "put away the old self of your former way of life" and "put on the new self, created in God's way," maybe it is time to face our deeper hunger, and realize we may have been running from it for awhile now.

Let's face the hungers we choose to feed, and recognize them for what they are. And let us begin to search with others who believe in Jesus for the ways to recognize the fuller meaning our lives could have. That search can begin today, with honesty, prayer, and a new spirit of faith in Jesus' promise that whoever comes to Him will never hunger or thirst again.



III ELIZABETH COTEY, Sacred Heart & GARRETT FOLEY

I ASHELY RICE, Sacred Heart & JASON GREATHOUSE

**Saturday, August 1, St. Alphonsus**

5:00 p.m. ....Barbarp Petrinrez [M/M Albert Falkenshein]

**Sunday, August 2, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. .... Altar & Rosary Society

9:30 a.m. .... For Our Parish

11:30 a.m. ....Lawrence Beer [Muhl Families]

**Monday, August 3**

8:00 a.m. ....Arlene Mitman [Kathy Mitman]

**Tuesday, August 4, St. John Vianney**

8:00 a.m. ....Poor Souls

**Wednesday, August 5, Dedication of the Basilica of .....**

.....St. Mary Major in Rome

8:00 a.m. .... Communion Service

5:30 p.m. ....Mickey Cusma [Family]

**Thursday, August 6, The Transfiguration of the Lord**

8:00 a.m. .... Gladys McNeela [Barbara Salsberry]

**Friday, August 7, St. Sixtus II & companions; First Friday**

8:00 a.m. .... Charles Polomsky [Family]

**Saturday, August 8, St. Dominic**

8:00 a.m. .... Communion Service

5:00 p.m. .... Bob Kelly [Lou & Joan Perry]

**Sunday, August 9, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

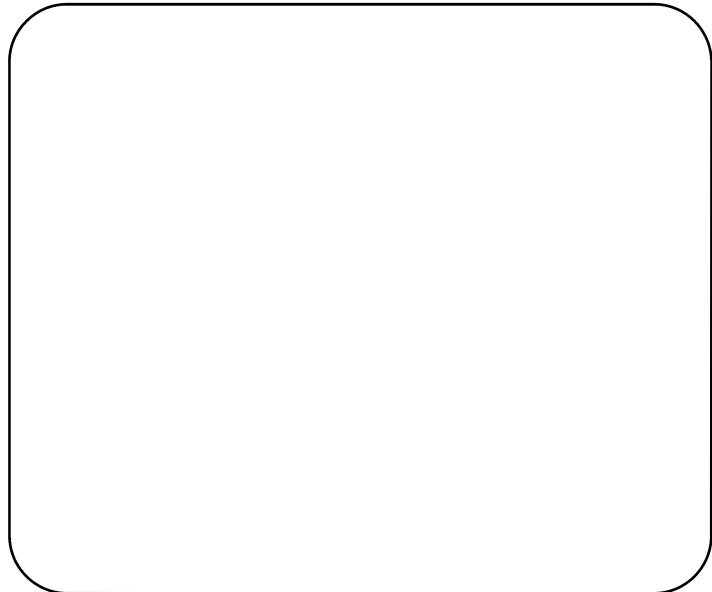
8:00 a.m. .... Agnes Mills, Anniversary [James Mills, Jr.]

9:30 a.m. .... Paul DeCello [Barbara DeCello & Family]

11:30 a.m. .... For Our Parish

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** the family and friends of *Irene Toth*, who died recently. May our Lord grant Irene eternal rest.

*In Deepest Sympathy*



WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT -- JULY 26	
[5% of our collection was given to the St. Vincent de Paul Society].	
Offertory.....	\$13,734.00
Support Our School.....	\$78.00
Capital Reserve Fund.....	\$190.00
Faith & Values.....	\$10.00
Assumption.....	\$10.00
Number of envelopes used:.....	338

**SCRIPTURE READING REFLECTIONS OF THE WEEK**  
**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 [WEEK OF AUGUST 2, 2009]

Question for Adults: When has your faith helped you believe without “seeing signs” from God?

Question for Children: Who helps you believe in things you cannot see?

Social Justice Opportunities  
 A Time to Give Thanks

**Project Learn** Thanks to those who have shown an interest in giving of their time to help others who need training to improve their reading and writing skills. This program has not gotten off the ground yet, but we will continue to work toward that end.

**Corner of Hope** Thank you for the lawn mower that was donated so quickly when the need arose.

**Peter Maurin Center** Thank you for all the hot meals that have been provided and for all the expressions of thanks that we receive each Friday from those who share in these meals. Thank you to those who are providing two extra meals in August so that Kevin and Tom can take some much needed vacation time. We will open the Center, provide the meal, serve, and clean up on Sunday, August 2 and 9 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you would like to help, the Peter Maurin Center is at 196 South Main St. in Akron, or call Dale at 330-417-1635.

**Mathew 8:20** We give great thanks for all God is providing through so many people and organizations that continue to come forward as the need continues to grow weekly. We are truly humbled by the response of God’s people for those most in need during these tough times.

**A TIME TO RESPOND!** As our country goes through a time of great change, it is important that we as Catholic Christians are aware and involved. It is imperative that we are letting our government know where we stand. Your Social Justice in Action team would like to become proactive in this process, but we cannot do this unless others with the desire and know-how come forward. Help us to be a voice here in the parish and beyond by attending our next meeting and helping us organize a Catholic Christian response. Our next meeting will be August 16 at 1:00 p.m. If we all do a little, great things will get done.

# LITURGICAL + ROLES

## MASS SERVERS SCHEDULE

### Week of August 3

- 8:00 a.m. - **Monday - Wednesday**  
- Danny Bott, Hannah Smith
- 5:30 p.m. - **Wednesday ONLY**  
- Alysse Illig, Amanda Witschey
- 8:00 a.m. - **Thursday - Saturday**  
- Anna Masica, Tracey Petersen

### Saturday, August 8

- 5:00 p.m. - Elizabeth Sablotny, Steven Sablotny  
- Joe Sablotny, Kody Welton

### Sunday, August 9

- 8:00 a.m. - Allie Beery, Caleb Busson  
- Elizabeth King, Christopher King
- 9:30 a.m. - Zachary Porter, Tommy Weber  
- Joey Weber, Meghan Weber
- 11:30 a.m. - Jordan Frevola, Maxwell Hirsch  
- Cody Lamielle, Michael Muzilla

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION SCHEDULE

### Saturday, August 8

- 5:00 p.m. - Greg Kornaker, Lou & Joan Perry  
- John Toth, Brenda Sablotny

### Sunday, August 9

- 8:00 a.m. - Bill & Cece Bees, Joe Buccitelli  
- Jim & Helen Conroy

### Cup Ministers

- Dennis Busson, Tom & Pam Eaton  
- Fran Hammerly, Irene Lionetti, Pat McNeill
- 9:30 a.m. - Lois Foster, Angela Madigan  
- Donna Sponsler, Joe & Candi Weber
- 11:30 a.m. - Tom & Karla Bellinger, Shawn Lupson  
- Tim & Donna Bishop

### Wadsworth Hospital - Hunt

Altercare - Schafers

Liberty Residence II - Witschey

Magnolia - Popes/Uhls

Wadsworth Pointe - Seifert

### The Rosary is prayed at:

- Wadsworth Pointe 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, August 8

- 5:00 p.m. - Kevin Murphy, Jake Pelini

### Sunday, August 9

- 8:00 a.m. - Rosa Owens, Jean Sega
- 9:30 a.m. - Michael Gahan, David Kennedy
- 11:30 a.m. - David & Michele Muzilla



**WOULD YOU CONSIDER A VERY SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR LORD?** The Sunday, 4:00 a.m. Holy Hour is in need of an adorer. Please call the Parish Office if you are that special person!

**COME VISIT ME!** Worldwide Children's Eucharistic Holy Hour, October 2, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. EST on EWTN. Parents are encouraged to record this special event for children in grades 2 through 8 for your use at home. A program will be provided online at [www.childrenofeucharist.org](http://www.childrenofeucharist.org) to assist in following along with the Holy Hour. Please contact Diane Bruce if you are unable to receive EWTN in your home or download the program, 330-335-0029.



**HEALTH CARE REFORM SHOULD NOT INCLUDE COVERAGE FOR ABORTION ON DEMAND!** Please communicate with Congress and join our National

Prayer Campaign. For details, see [www.PrayerCampaign.org](http://www.PrayerCampaign.org).

**THE FUTURE OF YOUTH MINISTRY AT SACRED HEART** Due to Fr. Joe's illness, we will not be able to hire a full time youth minister until Fr. Joe is back in the office. **We need your help to keep the Youth programs running!** All parents and interested adults are encouraged to attend a planning meeting on Sunday, August 16, at 7:00 p.m. in McMahon Hall to discuss the best way to proceed. There will also be training provided by the diocese later in August on how to support and aid youth ministry efforts. If we all use our gifts and talents that God has given us, together we can continue to serve the youth of the parish.

**<FEST 2009>** NEXT SUNDAY IS THE **FEST!** The Catholic Family Festival, THE FEST, is next **AUGUST 9<sup>TH</sup> - WICKLIFFE, OH** Sunday, August 9, from 12 Noon to 10:00 p.m., at the Center for Pastoral Leadership, Wickliffe. Join 27,000 teens, young adults, and families for a day of inspiration. The pinnacle of the day is the outdoor Mass and fireworks. THE FEST is free and open to all! For more information, call 440-943-7662, or log on to [www.theFEST.us](http://www.theFEST.us).



**Youth Group Trip to see the Akron Aeros! Wednesday, August 5.** We will leave at 6:30 p.m., and be back about 10:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10, or free if you donate a book to the Summit County Library at the game. **RSVP by Monday, August 3!** All students in grades 7-12 are invited to attend! Parents needed to help chaperone!

Are you on the Youth Group email list? If not, contact Pete at [osuode@hotmail.com](mailto:osuode@hotmail.com) to receive weekly updates on these and other Youth Group events.

## ROME, HERE WE COME!

For those who are still discerning their participation in the pilgrimage to Rome, the deadline for registration is Wednesday, August 5. In addition to the deadline, there will be an informational meeting on Thursday, August 13, 2009, in the St. Augustine School Cafeteria, at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see everyone there!



## This Week...



### SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

5:00 p.m. - Adorations for Vocations, church  
6:15 p.m. - Parish Family Prayer Group, church

### MONDAY, AUGUST 3

7:30 p.m. - Lay Apostle, Andes Room

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

7:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts, McMahon Hall

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

11:00 p.m. - Gethsemane Hour, chapel

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

5:30 p.m. - Cotey/Foley wedding rehearsal, church

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

11:00 a.m. - Confessions until Noon, church  
1:30 p.m. - Cotey/Foley wedding, church  
3:30 p.m. - Confessions until 4:30 p.m., church  
6:00 p.m. - Stockholder's Dinner, McMahon Hall

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

5:00 p.m. - Adoration for Vocations, church

**CYO CROSS-COUNTRY** starts in early August for boys and girls in grades 5-8 with the possibility of a team of 3rd and 4th graders also. Please call Michele Muzilla at 330-334-6994 for information.



**TIME FOR OUR ANNUAL YOUTH GROUP STOCKHOLDERS DINNER** for those who purchased stock in the mission trip, on **Saturday, August 8 at 6:00 p.m., in McMahon Hall.** Please contact Pete if you did not yet receive your invitation!



**Market Day**  
A fundraiser like no other™

**PLEASE HELP OUR YOUTH GROUP** raise money for their mission trips by ordering delicious food

from Market Day. **Our last sale date is August 11.** Order forms will be available at the entrances of the church. Order online (account # 27112) or return your order form to the Parish Office. Questions? Call Nancy, 334-4774. Thanks for your support!

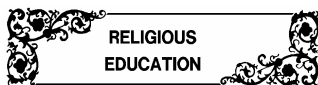
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY** The K of C will have an all-you-can-eat fish fry on Friday, August 7, from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m., at the K of C Hall. You can eat in or take it out. Come and enjoy the best fish in town!



**CATHOLIC EDUCATION** As Catholic parents, one of the most important decisions you will make is choosing an education for your children that will help them grow into mature, Christian adults. Sacred Heart School is a PreK-8 elementary school where students learn and grow spiritually, morally, academically, socially, and physically. In an attempt to truly meet each child's needs, we offer full-day and half-day kindergarten programs, as well as many enrichment and intervention opportunities. If you are interested in learning more about Sacred Heart School, we encourage you to check out our website at [www.shswadsworth.org](http://www.shswadsworth.org). If you wish to speak to our principal, Mrs. Arnone, you may call the Parish Office at 336-3049.



**1ST ANNUAL BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH** at CIS Thursday, August 6, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Free gift with your paid WHYS Membership! This is sponsored by WHYS United. Stuff the Bus with the Salvation Army with new school supplies for local families.



RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION

**CONFIRMATION PARENTS AND CANDIDATES WILL MEET ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, AT 12:30 P.M., FOR THE CANDIDATE PRE-INTERVIEW AND THE PARENT SUMMARY OF THEOLOGY OF THE BODY.**

**ALL DATES FOR CONFIRMATION ARE CURRENTLY ON THE WEBSITE. SCROLL DOWN TO CONFIRMATION CALENDAR.**

**CATHOLIC WEBSITE FOR KIDS:** [take a look!]

<http://www.catholic-kids.com/>

**FIRST SACRAMENT** dates are currently on the website for both the PSR classes/workshops and day school workshops.

**PSR/GOF CALENDAR & REGISTRATION** are easily accessible on our website; simply go to the first page and scroll down to **PSR/GOF.**

If you have any questions on any of the above, please call Diane Bruce, 335-0029.

