

## TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Friends,

One night a police officer was staking out a rather rowdy bar for possible DUI violations. At about two o'clock in the morning he saw a guy come out of the bar, swerve back and forth and trip on the curb. He pulled his keys out of his pocket and tried the locks of three different cars before he got his own. When he finally got in, he dropped his keys on the floor and then, after taking a full minute to pick them up, he fumbled with them for another few minutes trying to put the key into the ignition.

Since it was closing time, everyone else left the bar and drove off. Finally the guy started his engine and began to pull out into the street. The police officer was waiting for him. He turned on his flashers, pulled the guy over, read him his rights and gave the fellow a breathalyzer test. To his surprise, the results showed a reading of 0.0. The puzzled officer couldn't believe his eyes and asked the driver how this could be. The driver replied, "Tonight I'm the designated decoy!"

Did you ever notice how good we can be at developing strategies that will enable us to avoid the responsible things we should be doing in life? We can even convince ourselves that our actions are noble. I've heard folks brag that they can make a journey from home to their destination in record time. When I compare the distance they have to go with their speed, I'm sure that they must be engaged in NASCAR time trials. I have observed that some who consider themselves to be quite the law-abiding citizens and who are rather critical of others who fail to be, can be the ones who themselves easily twist the spirit and letter of the law for their own benefit.

Laws are normally made in response to an abuse. My sense is that those who choose not to respect them do so either because they are unaware of the circumstances that prompted their promulgation in the first place, or simply wish to remain ignorant of the reason.

It seems to me that when Jesus criticized the Pharisees, he did so in many cases because they had developed ingenious ways to circumvent the very religious laws they criticized him of not following. Their hypocrisy angered him. Furthermore, the laws, in a number of cases, no longer served a purpose but to burden people. While Jesus encouraged his hearers to follow those laws, he wanted them to do so for the right reason: namely, as an aid to growth in faith or for the good of the community. Perhaps it may be helpful for us to ponder not only the laws of our land but those of the church as well to ascertain not only the degree of our fidelity to them but the reasons we may or may not follow them in the first place. It can be challenging, but helpful to our spirit.

Love,



Fr. Dave

**2004 FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:** The woman in today's gospel was "bent over, completely incapable of standing up." We need to be careful that our expectations do not overburden others. By lessening our demands, we help others to "stand up straight".

**FUNERAL LUNCH** Captain for September is Irma Hill. Co-captain is Margaret Schletter.

**SCAT DRIVERS** for September 5 are Joseph Buckley & Barb Kuhn.

**BLOOD PRESSURES** will be taken before and after all Sunday Masses on September 5.

### Schedule of Liturgies

**August 28 - September 5**

<b>SATURDAY</b> , August 28, Vigil: 22nd Ordinary Sunday	
4:30 PM	Frederick J. Schmitz
6:30 PM	Frank Vargo; Candelario & Consuelo Booc
<b>SUNDAY</b> , August 29, Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8:00 AM	Ellen Kapelka; O.J. & Thomas Schilling; Martha Fleck
10:00 AM	Clyde H. Roszman; Arthur & Alma Steyer; Adam Perna; Tim Proctor; Verna Mae Souder Liv. & Dec'd Alex & Bertha Clouse Family; John & Christine Gaietto; Gary Potteiger
11:30 AM	St. Mary Parish Family
<b>MONDAY</b> , August 30, Weekday	
8:30 AM	Hubert & Dorothy Elchert;
<b>TUESDAY</b> , August 31, Weekday	
6:30 AM	Communion Service
8:30 AM	Liv. & Dec'd. of Albert & Elizabeth Ranker Family; Erwin H. Ulm
<b>4:30 PM</b>	<b>Mass at St. Francis Convent</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> , September 1, Weekday	
8:30 AM	Maurice Lupica; John & Mike Zablocki
<b>THURSDAY</b> , September 2, Weekday	
6:30 AM	Communion Service
8:30 AM	Pauline Boehler
<b>4:30 PM</b>	<b>Mass at St. Francis Convent</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> , September 3, Gregory The Great, pope, doctor	
<b>7:00 AM</b>	<b>Mass at St. Francis Convent</b>
8:30 AM	Ed & Pauline Boehler; Special Intention;
4:30 PM	Mark Ewald & Andrea Perry Wedding
<b>SATURDAY</b> , September 4, Vigil: 23rd Ordinary Sunday	
1:30 PM	James Bighouse & Jana Michele Pinto Wedding
4:30 PM	St. Mary Parish Family
6:30 PM	Marie Hartzell; David & Hilda Tiell; Evelyn Ward
<b>SUNDAY</b> , September 5, Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8:00 AM	Weinandy & Donjoian Families; Donald Reinhart; Joseph J. Keefe; Flavius Steinhauer & Eugene J. Elchert;
10:00 AM	Michaelina Paulus; Charles & Corrine Thom; John Wilhelm; Mary Schroeder
11:30 AM	Arthur & Margaret Steinmetz

**THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL** and the parish office will be closed September 6 to honor Labor Day.

**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS** to the family and friends of *Sr. Therese Maas, OSF/T (97)*. We pray the bereaved may find comfort as the soul of their loved one enters into the eternal realm of our Almighty God.

**CCD REGISTRATIONS** are still being accepted. Please drop them in the collection basket or send them to Rose Gaietto at the parish office. Additional registration forms are available at the entrances to church. **Classes will begin September 8.**

**ATTENTION ALL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** that visit the homebound & nursing homes: we are updating our records in the parish office and would like you to give us an updated list of the parishioners you visit and how often. You may drop it in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Homebound" on it, or you may call the parish office at 447-2087. Thank you for all you do for this very important ministry.

**BINGO WORKERS** for today, Aug. 29 Coordinator, Jan Betz; Gate, Jan Betz; Instants, Dan Traxler, Susan Wade; Floor, Julie Brickner, Lorraine Weinger, Sharon Weber, Regina Runion; Concessions, Laura Kommick.

**YOUNG ADULT WEEKEND RETREAT** is being held for adults between 18 & 35ish at Our Lady of Consolation Retreat House. This weekend is set up to help young people explore their faith and religion. This retreat will begin September 3 at 7:00 PM and concludes September 5 at noon. The fee is \$90 and includes a room, sessions, and the best meals in town. For more information, contact Brother Randy, 396-7970.

**TEENS & YOUNG ADULTS NEEDED:** Interested in a Sunday evening mass for teens and young adults? We need your help. Musicians, lectors, singers, Eucharistic ministers, ushers and mass coordinators needed. Please call Dr. Jack & Kathy Felton, 447-2717 for more information.



**PRAYER GROUP FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION** will be August 29 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church.

**IF YOU HAVE CELEBRATED**, or are celebrating your 25th, 50th, 60th year or more wedding anniversary in 2004, the Respect Life Office of Catholic Charities invites you to a special Mass offered in your honor by Bishop Leonard P. Blair on Sunday, October 10, 2004 at 3:00 p.m. at Rosary Cathedral in Toledo. Celebrating couples will have reserved seats, and a reception in their honor sponsored by the Toledo Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. Call Tiffany at 447-2087 by September 1.

**TO THE MEMBERS OF ST. MARY PARISH:**

On behalf of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, Deacon Bistak expresses prayerful thanks for the donation of \$3,623.25 to support the missionary efforts of the Catholic Church. By your sharing, you truly give witness of your faith and help fulfill the command of Jesus to take the gospel to all nations.

**A DAY WITH MARY** will be held at the Sorrowful Mother Shrine at Marywood on September 7. It will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Shrine Café and proceed to the chapel for confessions & Mass. Lunch will be at noon and the day will conclude with the Stations of the Cross and a Rosary Procession and Benediction.



**HIGH SCHOOL ENVELOPES** are in the vestibule of church. Please start with the September envelope and save August envelopes for next year. If you do not find your name, please call Wanda at 447-2087, ext. 12.

**WELCOMING COMMITTEE** will meet every 3rd Tuesday 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. in room 22 beginning September 21.

**“52” Club Winners**

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| 1. Joe Sterbis     | 4. Carol Chapman    |
| 2. Elise Gillespie | 5. Rosalie Schetter |
| 3. Joe DeRose      |                     |

**HIGH SCHOOL CCE** classes begin September 15, 7:00 p.m. in Room 22. Cost is \$30.00 and registration will be that evening. Checks should be made out to High School CCE. We hope to see all in-coming freshmen and upper classmen there.

**CATHOLIC MOTHERS STUDY CLUB** joint meeting will be September 2 following 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph in the rectory basement. Contact Clarann Wise, 447-1685 for more info.

**ADVANCED LIMO**

“Come Cruise with Us”



*Thank You To Our Sponsor Of The Week!*

**SENECA COUNTY CHURCH WOMEN UNITED** will meet September 2 at 1:00 p.m. in room 22 of St. Mary School. All the women of St. Mary Church are invited to attend.

**ST. FRANCIS SPIRITUALITY CENTER EVENTS:**

- “*Womens Night*” begins September 9 and continues every second Thursday of the month.
- “*The Journey*”, September 9, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
- Fall BBQ/ Raffle /Campus Tour* will be September 12, noon - 3:00 p.m. Tickets for the raffle are \$1.00 each/6 for \$5.00. \$500 grand prize, \$250 second prize, \$100 third prize, retreat package or \$50 fourth prize. Drawing will be held September 13.
- ABC’s of Parenting*, September 30, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Cost \$10.00/person. Please register by September 23.

**UPCOMING AREA EVENTS:**

- Attica K of C Fish Fry*, September 3, from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Carry outs will be available.
- S.S. Peter & Paul Church*, Attica, will be having their 3rd annual Golf Scramble on September 12 at Seneca Hills Golf Course, with a shotgun start at 8:00 a.m.. Contact Nan Schumacher at 426-7131 for more information.
- St. Aloysius*, Republic, is having their Chicken BBQ & Ham dinner September 5, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Cost is \$6 per meal and drive - thru carry outs will be available.

**DIVORCED & SEPARATED SEMINAR/SUPPORT** Group; New Life Journey will begin meeting Sundays, September 12 - November 28 from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. at St. Michael Parish, Findlay.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK!

**One summer evening during a thunderstorm, a mother was tucking her small boy into bed. She was about to turn off the light when he asked with a tremor in his voice, “Mommy, will you sleep with me tonight?” The mother smiled and gave him a reassuring hug. “ I can’t dear,” she said. “I have to sleep in Daddy’s room.” A long si-**

Sacrificial Giving — August 22, 2004		
Description	Amt.	Env.
Amt. Needed Each Sunday	\$ 13,000.00	436
Sunday Offering	\$ 10,248.46	
(Includes loose money & checks )	\$ 960.21	
Difference	-\$ 2,751.54	
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 20.00	1
Initial Offering	\$ 5.00	1
Assumption	\$ 65.00	14
<b>Deposit</b>	<b>\$ 10,338.46</b>	
Tuition Assistance	\$ 1.00	1
High School Offering	\$ 4.00	4
Children’s Offering	\$ 38.65	50
<b>Total Sunday</b>	<b>\$ 10,382.11</b>	

**ST. MARY SCHOOL BOOSTER CLUB**  
**Sunday Night BINGO**  
 ...in the Recreation Room of St. Mary School  
 Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Early birds at 6:30 p.m.  
 Two Specials Two Jackpots  
**Handicapped Accessible \* Snacks Available**

