

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Friends,

Two ladies were walking through the forest one day when they suddenly heard a voice coming from under a fallen tree. As they approached the log, the women discovered that the voice was actually coming from a frog.

"Help me!" cried the frog. "I'm a stock broker who was cursed by an evil witch, and now I'm this frog. If one of you young ladies will kiss me, I'll be returned to my former state!"

The first gal opened the pouch she was carrying, picked up the frog, and stuffed it inside her small bag.

The second woman incredulously looked at the first and said, "What are you doing? Didn't you hear the frog? If you kiss him, he'll turn back into a stock broker."

The second lady replied, "I heard him all right. But these days a talking frog is worth more than any stock broker!"

I was listening to the news last evening and heard of just how many folks have lost their jobs since the downturn of the economy. In the story, the reporter was telling of how inventive some have had to be in order to make a living. I noticed, though, that not one of the persons interviewed was out looking for a talking frog, or, for that matter, a simple way to solve their dilemma.

The word "clever" can have different connotations. On the one hand it can mean amusing or pleasing because of wit or originality." Then again it means "astute but lacking in ethics or principles." Or again, "exhibiting or possessing skill and ease in performance." Finally, it can mean "mentally quick and original." Each definition attributes mental alacrity to those who are clever, but one, in particular, notes a cunning or even sinister demeanor possessed by the person.

The temptation to succumb to less than noble techniques to make ends meet is not something that can be experienced just in tough times. But when we are forced to cut back or live in a lesser manner than that to which we have become accustomed, the lure to fudge a bit on moral principles may be stronger. Justifying such behavior can be an additional enticement. But the well-informed conscience knows better. The really clever Christian knows just how much support faith can be in those times.

Love,

Fr. Dave

SCAT DRIVERS for September 12 are Ken and Ann Jones.

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.*

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA will be having the national collection next weekend. Envelopes for this collection can be found in your collection envelope packet.

BOY SCOUT ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION will be next weekend before all Masses. Proceeds help pay troop expenses. Thank you for all your help.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS to the family and friends of *Mara Ann Lange, (73)*. We pray the bereaved may find comfort as the soul of their loved one enters into the eternal realm of our Almighty God.

Schedule of Liturgies

September 4 - September 12

SATURDAY , September 4, Vigil: 23rd Ordinary Sunday	
4:30 PM	St. Mary Parish Family
6:30 PM	Marie Hartzell; David & Hilda Tiell; Evelyn Ward
SUNDAY , September 5, Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8:00 AM	Weinandy & Donjoan Families; Donald Reinhart; Joseph J. Keefe; Flavius Steinhauer & Eugene J. Elchert; Michaelina Paulus; Charles & Corrine Thom; Jr. Home Alumni; John Wilhelm; Mary Schroeder; Michael Gaietto
10:00 AM	Arthur & Margaret Steinmetz
11:30 AM	Arthur & Margaret Steinmetz
MONDAY , September 6, Weekday	
7:00 AM	Mass at St. Francis Convent
8:30 AM	Hubert & Dorothy Elchert; Paul & Anna Thome
TUESDAY , September 7, Weekday	
6:30 AM	Communion Service
8:30 AM	Joe Weisenberger; Ed & Pauline Boehler
4:30 PM	Mass at St. Francis Convent
WEDNESDAY , September 8, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
7:00 AM	Mass at St. Francis Convent
8:30 AM	All School Mass Eugene Elchert; John & Hazel Engeman
THURSDAY , September 9, Peter Claver, priest	
6:30 AM	Communion Service
8:30 AM	Ed & Pauline Boehler
4:30 PM	Mass at St. Francis Convent
FRIDAY , September 10, Weekday	
7:00 AM	Mass at St. Francis Convent
8:30 AM	Ron Brisendine; Dick Theis
SATURDAY , September 11, Vigil: 24th Ordinary Sunday	
1:30 PM	Gosche/ Everhart Wedding
4:30 PM	Mary Hossler; Ed Smith; Michaelina Paulus; Lillian Rose Streacker; Bob Schleter; Ann Poignon; Anna Cecilia Rochester; Anthony & Frances Latona
6:30 PM	Irma M. Gaietto; Mark Bell; Nancy Leaser
SUNDAY , September 12, Twenty - fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8:00 AM	St. Mary Parish Family
10:00 AM	Harold Shaver; Franklyn Ambrose; Marie Hartzell; Francis Ruffing; Joyce Ferstler
11:30 AM	Rose Ann (Gaietto) Lewis; Richard Swartz Jr. Living and Dec'd Members of the Eugene & Arlene Gaietto Family

ENGAGED COUPLE CONFERENCE NEEDS volunteers to help with this experience. The purpose of the conference is to help couples contemplating marriage to explore their relationship and prepare for marriage. There are three conferences per year that you will need to attend. These positions need to be filled soon. If you would like to help with this rewarding ministry, please call the rectory office for more information, 447-2087.

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.



BINGO WORKERS for today, September 5: Coordinator, Mike Lucius; Gate, Mike Lucius, Mary Huffman; Instants, Leroy Coleman, Carolyn Price; Floor, Berta Alvarado Poland, Dave Huss, Beth Mullen; Concessions, Theresa Keefe.

GOD SQUAD YOUTH GROUP UPCOMING EVENTS
Steubenville's Jim Cowan is coming to St. Mary Church, September 19, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. A free will offering will be accepted. *Eucharistic Adoration* is at 8:00 p.m. on August 22.

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.

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.

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.

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.

WELCOME HOME JR. HOME KIDS! St. Mary Parishioners extend a warm welcome to the Jr. Home Alumni that are visiting this Labor Day weekend for their annual homecoming. The Jr. Home closed exactly 60 years ago this month.

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
Deposit	\$ 10,338.46	
Tuition Assistance	\$ 1.00	1
High School Offering	\$ 4.00	4
Children's Offering	\$ 38.65	50
Total Sunday	\$ 10,382.11	

"52" Club Winners
1. Rose Ludwig
2. Marie Brodman
3. TPC Foodservice
4. Eugene C. Heyman
5. Philomena Mathias

PATCHWORKS HOUSE offers parent and community education programs in addition to supervised exchanges, supervised visitation & family mediation.

Upcoming Classes:
Positive Parenting: Responsibility, September 8, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Parents will learn techniques to help develop responsibility in children.
Shaking, Hitting, Spanking, - What To Do Instead, September 15 & 22, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Dad's Only, September 21, 6:00 -7:30 p.m. This course is designed for Dad's who are raising children alone or trying to parent from a distance.

STEYER SEEDS

Lawn Seed & Seeder Rental
 1.7 mi. east of Fr. Seneca (Twp Rd 152)
 (419)992-4570

Thank You To Our Sponsor Of The Week!

CRAFTERS/VENDORS are needed for the St. Francis Health Care Centre, Green Springs. Craft show dates are October 8 & 9. For more information, contact Janet Dickman, 639-6214.

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.
St. Casimir's Famous Golabki (cabbage rolls) Dinner will be held September 16. Serving starts at 5p.m. in the parish hall on Lake St.
St. Boniface, New Riegel garage sale and auction at the parish hall, September 17, 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Proceeds to benefit the parish school renovation fund.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK!

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

