

Saint Mary's Parish

A Welcoming Oasis of Love, Peace, and Outreach

The Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

July 31, 2005



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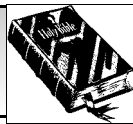
Jim Gallagher

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Scripture REFLECTIONS

JESUS FEEDS THE 5000

At the parish picnic, parents were always on the lookout for their kids, making sure they were safe, fed, clean, and well-behaved. Even in a crowd, parents seemed to know exactly where their children were. Without a second thought or any effort, they could anticipate to the moment when their kids would be hungry or tired or ready to go home. Parents loved their children and knew them well.



Jesus' concern for the people was like that of a parent. He himself was tired and he went to a deserted place, but the people followed him. He took pity on them and began to give them what they needed: His message of God's love. He knew they were tired and hungry and he wanted to give them food and rest. Like a good parent, he took care of them and gave them all he could give.

God will never abandon us. He will never forget us. His love is so great that he gives us himself for food, his life for our sins and his blood for our salvation. Without a second thought, God empties himself so that we are filled with all that is good and holy. God's love conquers all sin and doubt and raises us up to him. He knows us and loves us well.

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Fr. Frank Erb

PARISH PLANS AUGUST 7 RECEPTION FOR FR. ERB

Even though he's served St. Mary's for many years, it was not until only recently that Fr. Frank Erb was officially appointed by Bishop Matthew Clark as our parish priest and Sacramental Minister. It is fitting then that the parish celebrate Fr. Erb's appointment with a reception in his honor on Sunday, August 7 following the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

Please join us for coffee, juice and donuts and "officially" welcome this delightful priest to our parish community.

PLEASE RESPOND BY AUGUST 15



Please read carefully the letter and Twelve Ways brochure that you received from your parish and return your Sacrificial Giving form by August 15. Consider also the designated giving options listed in the accompanying brochure. We need all parishioners to register their support for our parish ministries.

SUMMERTIME SECOND COLLECTIONS

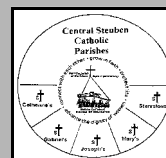
Thanks to all who contributed to last week's Second Collection to help defray our monthly air conditioning and electric bill of \$460. Gifts to this collection totaled \$192.31

This week's Second Collection will help us defray our monthly building maintenance costs of about \$675. Please be generous.

Mass/Reconciliation Schedule

Parish Celebrations of the Lord's Day
Saturday - 4:00 p.m. ♦ Sunday - 9:30 a.m.
Weekday Masses
♦ Tuesday and Thursday - 5:00 p.m.

Scripture/Communion Services
Monday, Wednesday, Friday—9:00 a.m.
The Sacrament of Reconciliation
1st and 3rd Saturdays at 3:30 p.m.



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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

- SUNDAY** July 31, 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time
9:30 a.m. In Memory, Margaret Abraham James
By Karen Grimmer and family
- MONDAY** August 1, Alphonsus Ligori bp., doctor
9:00 a.m. Communion Service
- TUESDAY** August 2, Weekday
10:00 a.m. Memorial Mass for Bernice Melnyk
5:00 p.m. In Memory, Bill Bashford
By Fran
- WEDNESDAY** August 3, Weekday
9:00 a.m. Communion Service
- THURSDAY** August 4, John Mary Vianney, priest
5:00 p.m. In Memory, John and Mary Jozefick
by Veronica Cummings
- FRIDAY** August 5, Weekday
9—10:30 a.m. Prayer Service and Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
11:00 a.m. Memorial Mass for George Vogel
12 noon Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
4:00 p.m. Benediction
- SATURDAY** August 6,
3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:00 p.m. In Memory, Barbara Farrell
By Marcia Shaver
- SUNDAY** August 7,
9:30 a.m. In Memory, Barbara Farrell
By Mr. and Mrs. Al Gaudino and family



The Sanctuary Light above the Tabernacle is burning in memory of Petra N. and William Schwartz, requested by Carmen Rola



Assembly Schedule

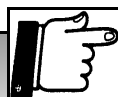
August 6- Saturday 4:00 p.m. - Willing Hearts
August 7- Sunday- 9:30 a.m. - Holy Patrol
To form or join an assembly, call 776-3327



SAINT MARY'S PARISH
"Where Giving Is An Investment
In Our Faith and Our Future."

Thank you for... Making Parish a Priority!

July 23/24, 2005
Sacrificial Gifts totaled: \$2,879.50
Catholic Courier offering totaled \$137.00
Collection for Air Conditioning totaled: \$192.31
373 People worshiped God at St. Mary's this weekend.



PARISH LIFE CALENDAR

- SUNDAY** July 31,
10:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast hosted by the Gaudino family
7:00 p.m. AA, pavilion
- THURSDAY** August 4,
7:30 p.m. Charismatic Prayer Group, Dick Perry Room
- FRIDAY** August 5,
7:00 p.m. Bingo, member in charge, Freida Fiordo
7:30 p.m. NA, Room 101
- SATURDAY** August 6,
1:00 p.m. NA, Room 101
- SUNDAY** August 7,
10:30 a.m. Welcome Reception for Father Erb, O'Malley Hall
7:00 p.m. AA, Pavilion



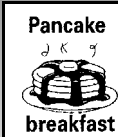
Happy Birthday To You

7/31 Camden Quick	8/4	Matthew Baroody
7/31 Katherine Alger	8/5	Ian DiDomeneck
8/1 Jane Rohrbach	8/5	Kimberly Makitra
8/1 Joseph Sheehan	8/5	Danielle Hults
8/1 Patricia Finnerty	8/5	Deborah Brinkhus
8/1 Michael Beyler	8/5	Pamela Colomaio
8/3 Helen Kish	8/6	Therese Dudden
8/3 Susan Parulski	8/6	Arthur Moran
8/3 Verona Kish	8/6	Donna Pruner



YOUTH GROUP RUMMAGE SALE Labor Day Weekend

St. Mary's Youth Group are preparing for their annual rummage sale to be held on the first weekend of September in the pavilion. Please make your donations early so that the volunteers will have time to prepare. They will accept donations of clothing, toys, baby items, books, puzzles, appliances in working condition, furniture, Christmas decorations, knick knacks, dishes, pictures, glassware, pots, pans, silverware, CD's/tapes, lamps, mirrors, collectibles, rugs/carpets, fans/heaters/humidifiers. If we forgot something, bring it! Please remember, if its broken, we can't sell it. Donations may be dropped off at the rectory garage weekdays from 8:30 to 2 p.m.



Pancake Breakfast In O'Malley Hall

TODAY (Sunday, July 31)
following 9 :30 a.m. Mass

Special thanks to the Gaudino Family for sponsoring and hosting this Pancake Breakfast.



Sent to Serve

Notes from Deacon Ray Defendorf

Stories of Wine and Water and a Young Boy's Lunch

A certain king was to visit a village under his rule and the villagers decided that each would contribute a jar of wine, for the royal feast. All the wine was to be poured into a big barrel from which it would be served.

One man thought to himself: With all the people in the village each pouring a jar of wine into the barrel, what difference would it make if I poured in a jar of water and save my wine for myself. A jar of water among so much wine would hardly make any difference. So instead of contributing his share of wine, he put only water into the barrel.

Unfortunately, he was not the only person in the village who thought that way. When the king arrived and the barrel of wine was ready to be served, it was discovered to be full of water and very little wine. Many others in the village had also contributed water instead of wine, thinking that it did not matter, since other people's contributions would make up for their not contributing.

It did matter. It does matter.

What a contrast to the young boy in today's Gospel. He contributes his entire lunch of bread and fish without hesitation. Jesus accepts the modest gift of a young boy and multiplies the gift to feed 5000.

Fortunately we have many parishioners who never cut corners by substituting water for wine, When the collection basket is passed - they do their fair share to fund our parish's ministries. And, like the young boy who gave what he had - their generosity brings forth an even more generous response from Jesus - who provides all they need.

ACHING BACK UPDATE

My MRI showed at least two herniated discs and another that the doctor described as "bulging". Much of my pain has subsided thanks to medication and Dr. Rick. I'll meet with a neurosurgeon in Sayre on August 10 to discuss my options.

Fortunately, I been able to spend a few days each week at Chautauqua with the rest of my nights at the rectory. Thank God for TV Dinners.

Hope your Summer is going well. Have a good week. Serve one another well.

Deacon Ray

Catholic Charities of Steuben Announces 1 in 20 WINNERS Drawing

The odds are in your favor! Only 400 tickets will be sold, with prizes as follows::

1-\$5,000 + 1-\$2,500 + 3-\$1,000 + 5-\$500

Drawing will take place Labor Day (9/5/05)

Tickets will be available until the last week of August or until all 400 tickets are sold. To purchase tickets or for more information contact Jim Bassage @ 776-6441 or Mike Slovak @ 769-4900. Tickets are \$100 each.

All proceeds will be used to continue to support local programs of Catholic Charities.

Turning Point

Mentoring + Food/Pantry + Homeless/Housing Programs
Emergency Services + Nutrition Outreach + Education

Prevention Services

Prevention Counseling + Prevention Education

Bath Community Child Day Care

Justice and Peace/Parish Ministries



Building Peace with Justice

Fr. Brian Cool - Justice and Peace Commission

Since the beginning of civilization, meals have signified a time of social interaction. Do you think food and social justice belong on the same plate? What turns a simple meal into a social justice event, something that people talk about for years afterwards? Jesus created such an event when he took food for two and fed over five thousand people.

Reflection: Feeding the hungry starts when one person helps another person. Take an inventory of the skills God gave you, however few they may seem. Thank God for blessing you with those skills. How can you best apply your skills to the needs of your community?

First Friday Devotions



We can learn to know God better by spending time with Him. St. Mary's Church will be open for quiet prayer and adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and from noon - 4:30 p.m. on Friday, August 5. Jesus will be there and you are invited to visit. For more information, call Kathy Donnelly 566-2617.

Note: A Memorial Mass for George Vogel will take place at 11:00 a.m. and conclude at about noon.



Catholic Pamphlets

Are now available at the Center Church Entrance