

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

09/30/2007

Readings for October 7, 2007

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

In times of trial or tiredness, humanity fails to see the hand of God at work. God asks for faithfulness.

2 Timothy 1:6-8. 13-14

St Paul reminds the community that they should never be ashamed to be witnesses of the Lord Jesus.

Luke 17:5-10

The disciples recognize their need for an increase in faith.



Mass Intentions Of The Week

Monday 8:30 AM	October 1 Edward Wolterman/Harry & Mary Rumpke
Tuesday 8:30 AM	October 2 - Northgate Ollie Blust/The Blust Family
Wednesday 8:30 AM	October 3 Charlene Bosse/Dale Bosse & Family
Thursday 8:30 AM	October 4 Vicki Boutell/Richard Boutell & Family
Friday 8:30 AM	October 5 Donald F Peter/Ruth Peter
Saturday 4:30 PM 6:00 PM	October 6 Mass for the People Suzanne Klei & James Bischoff Wedding
Sunday 8:30 AM 11:00 AM	October 7 Mass for the People Nilsa Kuchera/Brad & Jean Foster



III Suzanne Klei & James Bischoff

II Keri Guminey & William Thoman

SCHEDULE FOR SERVERS-LECTORS-EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, October 6, 4:30 PM Mass

Servers: K. Bismeyer, A. Eyers, & J. Eyers

Lectors: Bev Krabacher & Steve Bismeyer

Eucharistic Ministers: Heather Marshall, Ben Huey, Linda Moeller, Nancy Schuster, Lynn Cracchiolo, Jordan Ramos, & Jonathan Ramos

Sunday, October 7, 8:30 AM Mass

Servers: A. Ball, K. Burkhart, & Lucy Braun

Lectors: John Stehlin & Rick Vandeneynnden

Eucharistic Ministers: Steve Hatke, Bob Hudepohl, Joan Hudepohl, Chris Osterhues, Frank Maue, Jerry Koehne, & Bob Carle

Sunday, September 30, 11:00 AM Mass

Servers: B. Fuhrman, C. Greene, & S. Hillman

Lectors: Heather Harlow & Mary Ellen Moeller

Eucharistic Ministers: Pat Beckman, Shannon Meyer, Kelsi Silber, Janet Lees, Peter Lees, Timothy Lees, Dawn Miller, Sarah Miller, Connie Conrad, Mary Workman, & Susan Kreimer

Parish Census Update

Process to update the parish database



Just over 850 families have updated their information for the current census process. If you have not done so already, please complete a "Family Census Form" to help us update our records. It has been almost ten years since the last parish census was taken. Census Forms are available at the Parish Office and online at:

www.stjohns-dr.org/census_form.pdf

Family information may also be updated online at
www.stjohns-dr.org/census.htm

For more information or for questions, please contact David Kissell at 385 – 8010 ext. 119 or via e-mail at development@stjohns-dr.org

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This Week in Our Parish

Monday October 1
 8:00 AM Martha's Group – C, GS, CHPL, CH
 8:30 AM Mass – Grade 5 - CHPL
 9:00 AM Adoration – CHPL
 1:15 PM Dance Class-DR
 2:15 PM G.S. Tr. # 8103 - CAFT
 7:00 PM Rosary
 7:00 PM Saints & Sinners - PRC

Tuesday October 2
 1:15 PM Dance Class - DR
 2:15 PM G.S. Troop # 9288 - CAFT
 6:15 PM School Skating Party – Skating Rink
 7:00 PM Boy Scouts - Boy Scout Garage

Wednesday October 3
 8:30 AM Mass – Grades 3 & 4
 1:15 PM Dance Class – DR
 2:15 PM Choir – Grades 7 & 8 – C2:15 PM
 2:15 PM G.S. Tr. # 6954 - CAFT
 7:00 PM Beyond Just Faith – POCR
 7:00 PM Ministry Fair – Exhibit Mtg. – GS
 8:30 PM CYO Mtg. - CAFT

Thursday October 4
 8:30 AM Joseph's Group
 9:00 AM Shopping Cents - POMR #1
 9:30 AM Animal Blessing – Athletic Field
 2:15 PM Performing Arts – PC
 2:15 PM G.S. Tr. # 8102 - CAFT
 3:45 PM Martha's Group - CHPL, GS, CH
 5:00 PM Cheerleading Practice – CAFT
 6:00 PM Conquest Boys Club - PC & Activity Room
 7:00 PM Boy Scout Committee/POCR
 7:00 PM Youth Ministry – POMR 1,2,3
 7:00 PM Just Faith – POCR
 8:30 PM Men's Familia – POMR # 3

Friday October 5
 8:30 AM Mass – Grades 6, 7, & 8
 4:00 PM Challenge Ministry - Jr. High Class Rooms

Saturday October
 7:00 AM Regnum Christi – PRC
 7:15 AM Men's Fellowship-GS & CHPL
 8:00 AM Girl's Basketball Game – PC
 9:00 AM St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Sunday-PL
 4:00 PM Shopping Cent\$ - BT

Sunday October 7
 8:00 AM Shopping Cent\$ - BT

9:30 AM RCIA - POCR & LIB
 9:45 AM Sunday school - CAFT
 10:30 AM Shopping Cent\$ - BT
 11:00 AM Early Childhood – CAFT & TLR

Stewardship of Finance

September 23, 2007 Collection Report

Adult Collection	\$	10,286.35
Electronic Contributions	\$	770.00
Children Collection	\$	19.65
Debt Reduction	\$	378.00
St. Vincent DePaul	\$	23.00
*Year to Date	\$	172,836.58
*Last Year to Date	\$	169,536.78

Thank you!

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Resource Development

SHOPPING CENT\$ NEWS

Shopping Cent\$ carries several clothing stores for your fall/winter shopping needs including Gap/Old Navy, Dillard's, JC Penney, Kohl's, and Macy's. We can also special order many other retail stores including The Children's Place, American Eagle Outfitters, Sears, and Payless Shoes. These retailers want to give us money for shopping at their stores. All you need to do is purchase gift certificates from Shopping Cent\$ ahead of time. **All profits from this program go directly to lower St. John's school tuition.** Contact the Shopping Cent\$ hotline for questions or to place an order (699-6960 ext. 240).

Visit Shopping Cent\$ on the web at:
www.stjohns-dr.org/shopping_cents.html

Parish News & Notes

MEMORIES OF ELVIS RETURNS

Memories of Elvis starring the award-winning Paul Halverstadt – TICKETS ON SALE NOW! \$10 each. Saturday, November 17, 2007, in St. John's Parish Center. Show time at 8 p.m. Snacks & soft drinks included. Cash bar. Sandwiches & side dishes available from Stehlin's Meat Market. Call Mark or Terri at 353-2836 for info/tickets. Bring your friends; relive the memories!

CYO BOARD MEETING

The CYO Board would like to remind everyone that all parents and coaches are strongly encouraged to attend our monthly meetings, which are held in the school cafeteria on the first Wednesday of every month at 8:30pm. The next meeting is Wednesday, October 3. We welcome your participation.

Athletic News

BASKETBALL SIGN-UP

Sign-ups for the Instructional and Northwest Basketball programs will be held September 29 & 30 and October 6 and 7 in the Athletic Association complex across the street from the church. The Instructional Basketball program is for girls and boys in grades K – 2. Northwest Basketball is for girls and boys in grades 3 – 12. Additional details for the Instructional Basketball program can be found at www.stjohnaa.com/sports/instructional_basketball.htm or by calling Bob Threm, 478-6665. Please contact Mike Gehner (GehnerGang@aol.com) for details concerning the Northwest Basketball program.

INSTRUCTIONAL VOLLEYBALL

Sign-ups for Girls First and Second grade Instructional Volleyball will be this weekend after the Masses at the Athletic Complex.

Instruction will be on Sundays at 6:30 in the gym starting October 7. Cost is \$20.00. Contact Dennis Siemer at 741-9745 for more information.

Are You Aware

By Donna Sunderhaus, Business Manager

ARE YOU AWARE that we have had our parking lots striped? Steve Spence, a parishioner has graciously been striping our lots whenever he had any free time. They look so much better and thanks to Steve, we only paid for material. Thank you, Steve, for donating your time and talent to your parish.

ARE YOU AWARE that our Jr. High math teacher, Sarah Ferrier, is leaving us due to personal/family obligations? This would have been her third year with us. She is a very talented young lady and will sorely be missed. Her replacement has been hired. Mr. Adam Sayer joins our faculty this week. He is a 2005 graduate of Mount St. Joseph. He also coaches the football team at Purcell Marian. Welcome, Adam.

ARE YOU AWARE that this calendar year we have collected \$28,682.13 for our Debt Reduction Fund? \$10,099.40 has been collected for the Brick Program that is designated to Debt Reduction. \$10,435.00 we have received in the weekly collection and \$8,147.73 has been collected through the Annual Fund Drive. We have paid \$100,000 towards our debt this calendar year. Your donations have helped us stay on track with our designated payment of \$5,000 every two weeks. Thank you so much!

I HAVE LEARNED that our background and circumstances may have influenced who we are, but we are responsible for who we become.

www.stjohns-dr.org

Parish Website

www.stjohnbluejays.org

School Website

Church Happenings

FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

It is fitting that we gather together on the feast of St. Francis of Assisi to thank God for the pets we have and to ask God's blessing on them. You are invited to bring your pet and join the St. John's school children in this special prayer service. We will gather at the athletic field at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 4. In case of inclement weather the service will be cancelled.

SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please consider sharing your time and talents during the 2007-2008 school year serving the youth of our parish in the Sunday School Program. Classes will be held between the Masses from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. on Sundays. Sessions will begin on Sunday, September 30, 2007 and run until Sunday, May 11, 2008. We are open to your availability and are grateful for any help you can offer. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Pat Crowder at 385-6239. Thank you.

FINGERPRINTING

Please note the change in fingerprinting hours at St. James, White Oak: Monday – 10 am to Noon, Thursday – 3 pm to 7 pm, & Friday – 1pm to 3pm.

Parish Community E-Newsletter



Want to receive parish announcements via e-mail? Sign-up for our weekly E-Newsletter by sending an e-mail to our Parish Development Director at development@stjohns-dr.org.

Remembering your parish family...

Have you considered remembering St. John's in your will? Just as you remember loved ones in your will, provisions can be made to leave a charitable bequest to your parish family.

To learn more about planned giving, contact our Development Director, David Kissell, at 385 – 8010 or via e-mail at: development@stjohns-dr.org.

Around the Town News

EXCHANGE STUDENT PROGRAM

Host a high school exchange student and experience the world at its best. Students are fully insured and bring their own spending money. Host families provide room, board, and a caring environment. We are presently looking for host families for students that are attending McAuley and Roger Bacon High schools. For more information, please call Sherrie Bjurstrom (513) 550-0618, or Clyde Brown, MD (513) 550-0617.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

In an effort to help increase Breast Cancer Awareness in the community and to help raise funds for Breast Cancer research, Badin High School will host "Volley for the Cure" at their home volleyball games on Thursday, October Fourth. Please call Theresa Hammerle at 892-0166 for more information or to purchase a T-shirt (\$5.00)

SUNDAY VESPERS

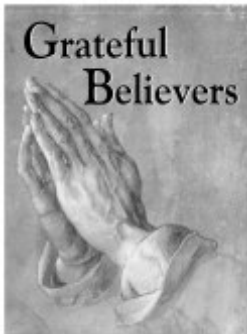
Sunday Vespers (Evening Prayer) will be sung on Sunday, October 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel of Mount St. Mary's Seminary, 6616 Beechmont Avenue, Cincinnati

AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA:

Please join with other cities in America on Saturday, October 13, 2007, for the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, to pray for the victims of violence in our cities, born and unborn. Meet at 9:30 am at the bottom of Immaculata steps and proceed to Fountain Square for Rosary and Consecration to Our Lady of Fatima. At 12:00 (Noon) there will be Benediction at the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood.

Sponsor of the Week

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Grateful Believers

A Stewardship Enhancement Initiative

Background & Introduction

As you may have read in last week's bulletin, our parish is currently involved in a stewardship enhancement initiative called *Grateful Believers*. The initiative is sponsored by the Archdiocese and is being facilitated by a consulting group. We are one of 13 parishes taking part in the first wave of the process. It is very important to note that this initiative is being provided to our parish at **NO COST**.

There are three main components to the process: *Parish Action Plan*, *Ministry Fair*, and *Stewardship Education*. With the third component, *Stewardship Education*, we will be publishing a series of bulletin announcements to help bring the parish community to a better understanding of true stewardship. If you should have any questions about the process, please feel free to contact Fr. Tim or David Kissell in the Parish Office at 385 - 8010.

A STARTING POINT: WHAT IS *STEWARDSHIP*?

Stewardship can be a confusing term for Catholics. For many years, "stewardship" has been seen as a predominately Protestant term that was synonymous with raising money. When the United States Conference of Catholic Bishop's Pastoral Letter, *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response* was published in 1992, a new concept was introduced to most Catholics. Stewardship was no longer simply a way to raise money. Stewardship is now understood *as a way of life*, the faithful response of a Christian disciple to the Lord's invitation to follow Him "without counting the cost."

In *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops offers four essential characteristics of a Christian steward:

Who is a Christian Steward? One who receives God's gifts gratefully, cultivates them responsibly, shares them lovingly in justice with others, and returns them with increase to the Lord.

If one is to grow as a steward, one must give attention to these four areas. Stewardship is not a program. It is a way of life, an *attitude of the mind and heart that is expressed in action*. Christian stewards are women and men who acknowledge God as the owner and giver of all things. We are called to be stewards of all God's blessings – both material and spiritual.

Generous sharing is one of the concrete actions that results from a stewardship attitude that affects the way we think and the way we live. When we think like stewards we want to share *all* the blessings that God has given us. The Church provides many opportunities for Christian disciples to develop and share God's gifts as we give to God through the parish, diocesan ministries, and through the Church's missionary outreach – at home and in far away lands.