

GRACE

By baptism we were made adopted sons of God, because Christ, in becoming God-Incarnate, made us his brothers. We, therefore, share in the divine life and receive the spirit of God. The first effect of this indwelling of the Spirit in us is what theologians call, sanctifying grace. As long as we retain this state of grace, we are living in union with the Blessed Trinity, and are moving daily closer to our eternal inheritance. This eternal inheritance is for all men, because Christ's Incarnation was decreed from all eternity so that all men could live forever after their life-span on this earth. People who, through no fault of their own, have not been able to receive baptism or to know of the Christian faith, will be provided for by God, whose power is infinite. St. Paul is writing to Christian converts in this letter and deals only with them.

The man who knowingly and willingly rejects Christ and his teaching, either by refusing to learn of it when he could, or by refusing to live up to his teaching once accepted, cannot expect and will not get, that eternal life of happiness. This is a truth that should make all of us stop and think. We are Christians by baptism, but are we living according to the Christian rule of life? Are we, at this moment, living in union with the Blessed Trinity, through the sanctifying grace of the Holy Spirit within us?

Though we may be struggling along with many minor lapses in our lives every day, if we are not conscious of any serious offense against God, the answer is yes, because we wipe out those minor lapses every time we make an act of love of God and beg his pardon for our mistakes and weaknesses. But if we have sinned seriously and have not yet repented of such serious offenses, then we have not the grace of the Holy Spirit in us and we shall have lost our inheritance in heaven if death finds us in this state.

Here it is well to call to mind the infinite mercy of God. St. Paul, as we said, is speaking of the ideal Christian, and therefore does not speak of repentance as he does elsewhere. Christ, our loving Savior, while asking us to carry our cross and follow him daily on the road of self-mortification, knew full well for he was God as well as man, that even the best could fail at times. He therefore left us a sacrament, which can wipe out even grave sins, provided we receive it with true repentance. This sacrament of God's mercy---the Sacrament of Penance---not only wipes out our sins but brings back, to dwell within us once more, the Holy Spirit with his sanctifying grace. And besides, as every instructed Christian knows, if because of circumstances we cannot receive this sacrament, a fervent act of contrition will produce the same effects.

A Christian who continues living a sinful life, without a thought for his eternal welfare, is living in a fool's paradise if he persuades himself that he will get "time yet" for confessing his sins to a priest or to say a fervent act of contrition, and thus put things right with God. Death is always sudden and unexpected, even for one who has spent months ill in hospital. In ninety-nine cases out of every hundred, the desire to live, which is innate in us because we were destined by God for an eternal life, will push the thought of death out of one's mind.

There is one way to remove all the worry as to how death will find us, and that is, to follow St. Paul's advice: to live always ready for death. This is not easy for many of us, but when we think of what is at stake---all eternity in happiness or in misery---it is a small premium to pay for so great a reward.



REGION ONE LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

[SA] = St. Augustine [SB] = St. Benedict [SM] = St. Mary
Fri. July 11 8am [SM] SM/SB Parishioners
Sat. July 12 4:30pm [SB] SB Parishioners
 4:30pm [SM] Charles & Carmelita Kinzeler
15th Sunday in Ordinary Times
Sun. July 13 8:15am [SA] Alma & Don Emrick, Sr.
 9:45am [SM] Lilly Fleischman, birthday
 11am [SB] SB Parishioners
 1:15pm [SM] Spanish Mass

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS PASTORAL REGION ONE:

[SA] St. Augustine [SB] = St. Benedict; [SM] = St. Mary
Mon 7/7 Prayer Mtg 11am [SB]
 Fellowship of Work 7pm [SM]
Wed 7/9 Movie - For the Greater Glory 6:30pm [SA]
 Bible Study 7pm [SB]
 Holy Name 7pm [SM]
Fri 7/11 Softball 6pm [SA]
Sat. 7/12 Regional Parish Council 9:30am [SA]
 Choir Practice 6pm [SB]

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS June 28/29

END OF FISCAL YEAR

St. Mary		Weekly Goal: \$4116.00
Weekly	\$2119	
Candles	\$74	
Roof Repair	\$310	YTD \$51,957.25
Peter's Pence	\$474	
Rent	\$500	
TOTAL:	\$3447	
YTD collection \$178, 896.76 Shortfall (\$42,968.81)		
St. Benedict		Weekly Goal \$5,200.00
June 28	\$421	
June 29	\$3597.05	
Total:	\$4018.05	
Maintenance	\$480.46	
St. Augustine		
Weekly Collection	\$746	
Capital Improvement	\$150	
St. Vincent	\$170.75	

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. MARY LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

July 12 - 4:30pm

[S] Julie Himes

[L] Phil & Bonnie Doepker

[E] Joe & Bobbie Dues, Barb Wallbrown, Mike Snyder

July 13 - 9:45am

[S] Steve Epps

[L] Robert Obach, Michelle Schindler

[E] Mark Bertolo, Lois DeShayes, Sandy Moritz, Rodie Brun, Mary Jo DuPree, Peggy Falkowski, Luella McQuality

PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED SICK of SB

In our prayers, let us remember those in need of the Lord's healing mercy, especially: Andrew Lewis, Jackie Bristow, Brenda Lewis, Mae Wilkerson, Kenneth Bronston, Zadie Buckner, Mary Helen Spanish, Ruby Hobbs, Chuck Dewitt, Valerie Smith, Phyllis Coley, Lora Singleton, Mary Craft, Mark Wells, Gloria Patton, Betty Jones, and Ms. Gist.

TAKE TEN & CONNECT

With God & With Others Your Faith & Daily Life
Spend 10 minutes reflecting on God's Word

Next Sunday's scripture: Isaiah 55: 10-11; Romans 8: 18-23
Matthew 13: 1-23

Why do you think God put you on this earth? What harvest is God bringing from your life?

What helps or hinders God's ways becoming rooted in your everyday life?

When, in the last month, have you felt encouragement and hope in your life?

In what way have you enriched God's kingdom?

When has personal suffering brought you closer to God?

ST. MARY ROOF REPAIR



Please use the envelope provided you for your contributions for the Roof Project. No donation is too small. Watch the thermometer in the back of church to see how close we are to reaching our target goal. We have now reached the **83%** mark, but we still need \$10,542.75 more!!

**DURING JULY THERE WILL
BE NO TUESDAY MORNING
MASS AT ST. MARY.**

IN THE NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING FROM ST. BENEDICT AND ST. MARY PARISHES

Eddie Weaver

Mary Scott

Lavonne Barker

Mary Scott

Mary Paschal

Livingston Care Center

Artie Oliver

Mercy Sienna

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KROGER REWARDS YEARLY UPDATE

It's time to re-enroll in the Kroger community rewards program. Go to the link below and enter your email address and password. Click on enroll and put in our organization number where prompted.

<https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards>

St. Mary organization # is 82604.

PRAY FOR OUR PARISH MILITARY MEMBERS



TSgt Timothy Scott Marcum, USAF; SSgt Justin Bentley, USAF; SrA Matthew Bauer, USAF; CPT Brian Hargis, US Army; SSG Lynn Jones, US Army; Saundra Ann Morrell, USN; Ronald Morrell Pruitt, US Army, Capt. Andrew J. Konicki, USMC.; SSgt Christopher DeWitt, USAF, Sgt Alex Zavakas, US Army, SSG Bill Himes US Army; PFC Michael V. Jackson, US Army, PVT Corey Taylor, US Army, Lt. Com. Ryan Jonathan Logan, USN, SGT Stephanie Lewis, US Army, PFC Solomon A. Smith, US Army, SrA Candice Smith, USAF, EOD3 Aaron R. Gorby, USN; Davion A. Redd, USCG, Pvt Jacob Deis, USMC, SSgt Jennifer Wagner, USAF, LCpl Jacob Deis, USMC.

**I will praise Your
name forever,
my King and my God.**

St. Augustine, St. Benedict the Moor & St. Mary Churches: Pastoral Region One July 6, 2014

WE NEED YOU!!

If there is anyone interested in becoming a sacristan at St. Augustine, please contact Sylvia at the church office 855-2289 or at her home 855-6649.



ST. ANN MEETING FOR JULY

There will be **NO** monthly meeting of the St. Mary St. Ann Society in July.

There will be a St. Ann gathering and prayer prior to the beginning of Sunday Mass on July 27. All women of the parish are invited to participate.

ST. AUGUSTINE RUMMAGE SALE



AUGUST 21, 22, & 23 2014

Thursday & Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Drop off dates: Sundays after 8:15 MASS July 20, August 3, 10 and 17. WEDNESDAYS 5:45 pm - 6:45 pm August 6 and 13. If you need to arrange a special drop off, please contact: Sylvia Hess 855-6649, Susie Stewart 687-4043, or Fran Delegato 696-1902

IF YOU ARE WILLING TO HELP THERE IS A SIGN UP SHEET IN THE VESTIBULE AT ST. AUGUSTINE.

SAINT A PRAYS IN GERMANTOWN

Please send your prayer requests to saintapraystingtown@gmail.com or call Carolyn Moore at (513) 217-6069. Information will be kept confidential

HOLY FATHER'S MISSION INTENTIONS

July 2014: Lay Missionaries. That the Holy Spirit may support the work of the laity who proclaim the Gospel in the poorest countries.



2014 REGIONAL PICNIC

This year's Regional Picnic (St. Benedict, St. Mary's and St. Augustine Parishes) will take place at the Possum Creek, It will start with Regional mass at 10am followed by the picnic. St. Mary parish will be our host for this year. We will be joined by St. Augustine for the first time. Please bring one of the items listed below or your favorite covered dish to the Church picnic on August 17

A thru E Desert; F thru H Dinner Rolls
I thru N Vegetable Dish O thru T Fruit Dish
U thru Z Salad

There will no mass said in all three churches on Sunday the 17th!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are in need of volunteers to help Mary Queen of Peace students next year with their reading and other school projects. Interested parishioners should please call the St. Benedict at 937-268-6697 or use the signed up sheet at the gathering space at St. Benedict.

ST. A'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE



All of Region One: Everyone is invited to play in the St. A's Softball League this summer. Anyone 16 and over is welcome to play in our local church softball league. Fields are located at the Farmersville-Jackson Township Park. Let's have fun EVERY Friday! For more information or to sign up please call or email Liz Miller at 937-776-3401 and lizmtile2242@gmail.com. **Let all of Father Francis' family get together and play!!!!**

**No Summer
Vacations
For Us**



Don't forget that while you are on vacation, your church offerings are still important. Our bills don't stop for vacations (don't we all wish!!)

Please remember your collection envelopes before you go or when you return. Thank you!

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

DRAGONS GAME

The St. Benedict Men's Ministry is again coordinating a parish outing to a Dayton Dragon's game. The game is scheduled for Saturday, August 16 at 7pm. The opponent is the Bowling Green Hot Rods. We have excellent seats again this year which are near home plate. We have 50 tickets to sell which are priced at \$13.00 each and this price includes a Dragons ball cap. For tickets or more information, see Jimmy Smith, Jerome Johnson or Marvin Ingram.

ST. BENEDICT WOMEN'S GROUP

The St. Benedict Women's Group meeting is scheduled for Saturday, July 19, at 9:30 am in St. Benedict's Meeting Room. A Continental Breakfast will be served. We will be discussing the upcoming Women's Retreat (St. Dominic's) in August and future activities for the year. For more information, please contact Annette Young @ 937.416.2459. Bring your ideas and a friend with you. Hope to see you there!

FR. MATTHEW

The celebration for Fr. Matthew last week was one of thanks and fellowship.

Members from all three parishes in our region gathered at St. Benedict to thank Fr. Matthew for his 4 years of service as our Associate Pastor and to wish him well as he begins his new position as a regional pastor.

For those who might not have been able to see the Chalice and Paten that St. Mary presented to him as a Thank You gift, here is a closer look.



MILITARY OUTREACH U.S.A.

Half of the citizens in the U.S. are military (active or veteran) or a family member or close friend of a person in the military and need the support of the faith community. Military Outreach provides awareness and simple steps for being a military-friendly parish.

Visit <http://www.militaryoutreachusa.org/> for information or contact Colleen Gerke at the Family and Respect Life Office for more information, cgerke@catholiccincinnati.org or 513.421.3131x2624

SUMMIT FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON

The University of Dayton is hosting a Summit for Catholic school education on July 14, 2014. At the Summit, speakers and researchers will present important information about Catholic schools.

The Summit is open to the public. For more information, and to register, please visit www.udayton.edu/education/cce/catholic_education_summit/index.php.

CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION

Loving Creator, Help us to take the time to learn what our Church teaches about the environment and the consequences of our choices on the poor and vulnerable in our own country and around the world. Give us the gift of balance and concern in our day-today lives, protecting our environment and our one Earth. Amen.

Quote from the Holy Father:

"Please, I would like to ask all those who have positions of responsibility in economic, political and social life, and all men and women of goodwill; let us be protectors of creation, protectors of God's plan inscribed in nature, protectors of one another, and of the environment." -- Pope Francis, Homily for the Solemnity of St. Joseph, March 19, 2013.

Pray!

Increasing your energy efficiency is like adding another clean energy source to our energy production that protects God's creation for ourselves and future generations. We should consciously do all our "greening" activities as a practice of our faith life. Pray always!

