

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY JULY 11 - St. Benedict

6:45 AM Hermina Christopher - Petti Family

TUESDAY JULY 12

8:15 AM Andrew Bliscik - Family

WEDNESDAY JULY 13 - St. Henry

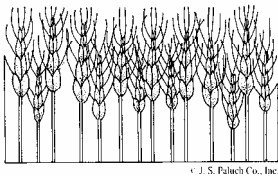
6:45 AM Mary Hawkins - Al Blazek, Brother

THURSDAY JULY 14**- Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha**

5:45 PM Joseph Reinartz - Family

FRIDAY JULY 15 - St. Bonaventure8:15 AM Mary Catherine Krakowiak
- Jean McGrath**SATURDAY JULY 16****- Vigil: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:30 PM Pauline Verbiak - Family

SUNDAY JULY 17**- Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**7:00 AM St. Mel Parishioners
9:30 AM Alex Blusiewicz - Hank Koziol
11:30 AM Pat & Chuck Gasper - Family


*You have crowned the year
with your bounty, and your
paths overflow with a rich
harvest. Psalm 65:12*

PLEASE PRAY for our parishioners who are in the hospital: Irene Stamper, George Kantura, Kathy Leneghan, and John Evans.

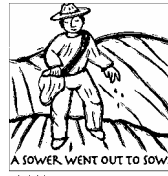
READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Mt 10:34 — 11:1
Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Ex 11:10 — 12:14; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Ex 12:37-42; Mt 12:14-21
Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86; Rom 8:26-27;
Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Our Weekly Offering		2005: Regular	\$5546
		Monthly	\$390
		Capital Improvement	\$421
		2004: Regular	\$4809
		Monthly	\$409
		Capital Improvement	\$743

In July 890 packets of envelopes were mailed out. Last week, 258 (23%) of the envelopes were returned. Thank you.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's gospel is about choices. We have the choice to sow or not to sow the seeds of religious values in our homes. Our children have the choice of accepting or rejecting these values.

The gospel is clear: parents must actively sow the seeds of faith in their homes knowing that someday they may be rejected. This is the risk – but aren't our children worth it?

BAPTISMS We welcome into God's family, Mackenzie Rose Kozell, who was baptized on July 3, 2005.

MOVING? Please call the rectory with any change of address and phone number as soon as you are aware of one. In addition to helping us keep our records up to date, you will save us on return postage and envelopes.

SERVERS THIS WEEK

6:45 AM Monday & Wednesday July 11 & 13:

Adam North, Matthew Rodriguez

8:15 AM Tuesday & Friday July 12 & 15:

Juliah Feliciano, Rachele Adamczyk

5:45 PM Thursday July 14:

Joseph Cavin, Aaron Thompson, Jr.

4:30 PM Saturday July 16:

Julie & Megan Seman

7:00 AM Sunday July 17:

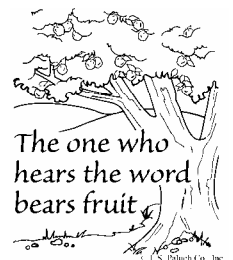
Rebecca Gooding, Katie Schmitz

9:30 AM Sunday July 17:

Beth McCann, Michael Stanton

11:30 AM Sunday July 17:

Steve Gannon, Nicholas Barber



PARISH CALENDAR

- TUES. 12 ROSARY: 11:00 AM in the church.
- WED. 13 CLOSED AA WOMEN'S BIG BOOK STUDY: 7:45 PM in the rectory meeting room. Contact Jennifer at 216-221-5690 for more information.
- THURS. 14 CONFESSIONS: 5:00-5:30 PM.
- SAT. 16 CONFESSIONS: 3:00-4:00 PM.
- SUN. 17 COFFEE & DONUT SHOP: Between the 9:30 and 11:30 AM Mass in the church hall.
SCHOOL FEES FOR 2005-2006 SCHOOL YEAR: Collected by the Parent Board in the school after the 9:30 AM Mass. *See School News.*
UNIFORM BANK: Open after the 9:30 AM Mass in the school. *See School News*
FOOD COLLECTION: Place non-perishable food, soaps, paper goods, money and grocery store gift cards in the containers found in the gathering area.



SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL FEES (*) for the 2005-2006 school year will be collected in the school on the following days:

Sundays July 17 & August 7 after 9:30 Mass

(*) Fees include lunch room, technology, milk, Parent Board, etc.

UNIFORM BANK will also be open at the above times. For more information call Debbie Kuzma at 216-476-0486.

SUPPORT ST. MEL SCHOOL GREEN/YELLOW RECYCLING CONTAINER

St. Mel Parking Lot

Recycle: newspaper/magazines/
catalogs/mail/paper

Remember: NO plastic bags, cardboard, hardbound books, glass, metal, trash



**OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL
79TH ANNUAL ITALIAN FESTIVAL
6928 Detroit Avenue - 216-651-5043
July 13-17**

*Delicious Home-made Italian Dinners - Rides
Raffles - Air-conditioned Casino*

*Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: Open at 7:00 PM
Saturday, Sunday: Open at 3:00 PM*

The Solemn Procession through the neighborhood streets in honor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel will be held on Sunday, July 17th following the 10:30 AM Mass.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY NEEDS YOU!

Make a difference, meet other people, and do things you love. Habitat is looking for a few good men and women to help build homes with partner families and volunteers.

Need Skilled House and Crew Leaders: Supervise construction work on a specific project once or more a week; coordinate building activities with Habitat Supervisors. Need general construction knowledge and willingness to work with skilled and unskilled volunteers.

Contact us at: 216-429-1299, x 226 or 227

Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity
6920 Union Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44105

Web page: www.gchfh.org

Email: volunteer@gchfh.org

KIDS N CHURCH

Jesus' Dad's Name

A Sunday school teacher asked her class, "What was Jesus' mother's name? One child answered, "Mary." The teacher then asked, "Who knows what Jesus' father's name was?" A little kid said, "Verge." Confused, the teacher asked, "Where did you get that?" The kid said, "Well, you know they are always talking about Verge n' Mary."

Six-year old Angie and her four-year old brother Joel were sitting together in church. Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had had enough. "You're not supposed to talk out loud in church." "Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked. Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, "See those two men standing by the door? They're the hushers."



Growing in **FAITH**

Discovering *hope* and *joy* in the Catholic faith

FEASTS AND CELEBRATIONS

July 11 – St. Benedict. While pursuing an education in Rome, Benedict became disgusted with the life of privilege and retired to a cave outside of Rome for three years. Others who recognized his holiness followed him. In 529 he built Monte Cassino – his first monastery – and wrote the rule of the Benedictines, “Ora et Labora,” which means “Pray and Work.”

July 14 – Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha (1680). A smallpox epidemic struck her Native American village and left Kateri orphaned, disfigured, and half-blind. Introduced to Catholicism by missionaries, she was baptized at the age of 19 and moved to a Christian village where she lived in holiness and self-denial.

July 16 – Our Lady of Mount Carmel. A holy place to ancient Jews, people went to Mt. Carmel to pray and live closely with God. Carmelite tradition holds that that Mary appeared to St. Simon there in 1251 and gave him a scapular. Wearing one has become a popular way to honor the Blessed Mother.

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Why is it necessary for me to pray for other people?

If Jesus contacted you personally, and asked if there was anything you needed, wouldn't you give him a list that included favors for your friends and family? It would make you feel great to spread the wealth of Jesus' generosity.

In fact, Jesus promised his faithful followers that, “*whatever you ask in my name, I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything of me in my name, I will do it*” (John 14:13-14). The Creator of the Universe promised that, when we are united with his will, he will come to our aid whenever we ask.

Intercessory prayer – asking God for favors for other people – helps us to spread the wealth of Jesus' generosity. It is a wonderful way to declare our love for one another. “*The fervent prayer of a righteous person is very powerful*” (James 5:16). Plus, when we ask for God's intercession for others, we become more aware of their needs. That is what Jesus wants.