

My friends, today we will hear the last of the parables of the kingdom. With each parable Jesus reveals a little more of what God is like, how God sees, what God values. Today we are told that the kingdom is like a person who finds a treasure in a field and with joy—with *joy!*—sells all and buys that field. Or like a merchant in search of fine pearls. Or like a net cast into the sea whose catch must then be sorted to find what is of value. Each image is an invitation to us to enter more deeply into the mystery of God's love.

**Today's Readings:** 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52.

**To Prepare for Next Week:** Isaiah 55:1-3; Romans 8:35, 37-39; Matthew 14:13-21.



*These people have recently died. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and friends.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF:**

**FREDERICK EHRENSBERGER**, parishioner and husband of Kathleen. His Mass of Christian Burial from St. Charles was Thursday, July 21.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF ST. CHARLES:** Margie Hoxie, Diane Butler-Hughes, and Pilar Weiss.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE ON ACTIVE DUTY SERVING IN THE MILITARY.**

**Please call the Parish Office at 434-6081 when anyone is sick or confined so the parish may provide for his or her spiritual needs.**



**Monday, July 25**

**Tuesday, July 26**

7-8:30 pm	RCIA	CBR
7:15-9:00 pm	Catholic Men's Fellowship	PL
7:30-9:00 pm	Recovery	WHCR

**Wednesday, July 27**

**Thursday, July 28**

**Friday, July 29**

9:30-11:00 am	Recovery	PL
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**Saturday, July 30**

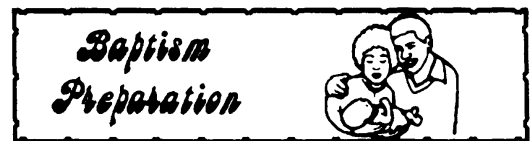
**Sunday, July 31** No RCIA

9:00 Mass	Children's Lit of Word	C
10:45 Mass	Children's Lit of Word	C

**WEDDING BANNERS**

For the **THIRD TIME** between Ashley Wilke and Gregory Donahue.

For the **FIRST TIME** between Christina Haley and John Garrity.



**BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS:** Are you expecting a baby soon or have a child under the age of seven that you would like to receive the Sacrament of Baptism? If so, you are invited to attend our next Baptism Preparation Class, taking place on Monday, August 8 at 7:00 pm in the Church. Please call or e-mail Erin Fanning (434-9272 or [efanning@stcharles-kettering.org](mailto:efanning@stcharles-kettering.org)), if you would like to attend or have any questions about scheduling a baptism. Are you unable to attend this class? Our next class will be on Monday, November 14 at 7:00 pm, so mark your calendar! We hope to see you there!

**The Parish Activity Calendar** is updated with all liturgical items and is open for all other activities. Please submit your item(s) online at the Parish website (preferred). If you have a long list, please submit them to the parish office. Thank you!

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

Monday, July 25

6:15 am Douglas Powell – Mary Miller  
8:30 am Richard Maierhofer – Don & Nancy Paul

Tuesday, July 26

6:15 am Pat Saum - Family  
8:30 am Mary Brown – Jim & Mary Ann Schoen

Wednesday, July 27

6:15 am 1<sup>st</sup> Class Petty Officer Scott Wollenhaupt (living)  
—Bonnie Miller

8:30 am Judith A. (Fuchs) Elfien – Hartman Family

Thursday, July 28

6:15 am Patricia Huber – Mary Dashewich  
8:30 am John Stueve - Family

Friday, July 29

6:15 am Ben Roberts - Family  
8:30 am Viola Tobe – Marilyn & Jim O'Brien

Saturday, July 30

8:30 am Cindy Beyerle - Family  
5:00 pm Angerer, Frazier, Weisnor Families (all living  
and deceased members)

SUNDAY OFFERING INFORMATION

<b>Budget goal for each Sunday</b>	<b>\$33,317</b>
<b>Total Contribution for 07/17/11</b>	<b>\$26,600</b>
<b>2010-2011 Sunday Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 96,782</b>
<i>Sunday contribution budget</i>	<i>\$ 99,951.</i>
<b>We are UNDER budget by:</b>	<b>\$3,169</b>

*Thank you for your generosity!*



**DIAKONIA/ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION** will be taken at the door after all Masses next weekend. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PLAYGROUND CONSTRUCTION!** On July 25 we will begin the installation of the playground tile using volunteers. If you are interested in helping with this project please sign-up online at the Parish website (preferred) or complete a volunteer form found in the Atrium on the oak table.

**THE NURSERY IS BEING “SPRUCED UP”!** After 18 years, it was time for painting and some new furnishings. When evaluating the toys, we found too many of some and others that could be hazardous. To keep the nursery safe and clean, **BEFORE YOU DONATE ANY TOYS, BOOKS OR SUPPLIES PLEASE CHECK WITH THE OFFICE STAFF FIRST.** As always, donations of gently used items are appreciated as long as they are needed in the nursery.

**A STANDING INVITATION**

If you would like to take part in the procession bringing the gifts to the altar, please look for the black binder on the ushers table just inside the doors of our worship space. Sign-up forms are inside the binder. Simply choose the Mass time and date that you wish to bring up the gifts and fill in that form. On the date and time that you have selected, please check in with an usher before Mass. The usher will let you know when to come to the back of the worship space to begin the procession.



**LITURGICAL MINISTRY**

July 30/31 2011

**5:00 pm Saturday Mass**

Presider: Fr. Haemmerle  
Lectors: E. Long, T. Golba  
Servers: R. Priest, M. White, A. Peace  
Nursery: D. Mayse, C. Grunenwald

**7:30 am Sunday Mass**

Presider: Fr. Haemmerle  
Lectors: B. Hengehold  
Servers: M. Kenney, V. Nyhan, G. Romer

**9:00 am Sunday Mass**

Presider: Fr. Haemmerle  
Deacon: Rev. Mr. Collins  
Lectors: J. Cengia, M. Cengia  
Servers: S. McAleer, J. Nichwitz, M. Schlegel, C. Van Oss  
Nursery: M. Snyder, S. or J. Brooks

**10:45 am Sunday Mass**

Presider: Fr. Ralston  
Deacon: Rev. Mr. Moore  
Lectors: L. McCall, B. Johnston  
Servers: A. & D. Gochenaur, M. & S. Fehringer  
Nursery: T. Lewis, C. or B. Browne

**12:15 pm Sunday Mass**

Presider: Fr. Ralston  
Lectors: Sr. Trampiets, B. Davis  
Servers: J. Bailey, J. & L. Ledford

## Last opportunity

### ARE YOU AN ADULT CATHOLIC WHO HAS NEVER BEEN CONFIRMED?

A half-day retreat for practicing Catholic adults, nineteen years of age and older, is being offered on Saturday, August 6, from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm here at St. Charles. This retreat will be in preparation for celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 5:00 pm Mass the same day. The retreat will include reflection, discussion, and the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



Prior to attending the retreat, it is necessary to schedule an interview with Fr. Gerald Haemmerle or Tim Clarke, Director of Faith Formation. Please call 434-9272 by July 29 to make this appointment or make inquiries.

## CCD News

### 2011 – 2012 CCD UPDATE

CCD Registration Forms have been mailed to those enrolled in the CCD Program this past year. Please read the cover letter carefully. We have made some significant changes to our enrollment, parent meeting format, and tuition. Registration Deadline for CCD is September 7. There will be no registration on the first day of class. This applies to both Grades 1-5 and Jr. High. If you have questions or have not received your registration in the mail, please call the Office of Faith Formation at 434-9272.

### CCD CATECHISTS NEEDED

Have you ever considered being a catechist? We are looking for catechists in Grades 1 & 3 for our Tuesday afternoon program that meets from 4:00–5:15 pm, and in Grades 7 & 8 for our Sunday evening program that meets from 6:30–8:00 pm. If you would like to explore being a catechist without the pressure to commit, please call Tim Clarke (grade school), or Heather Dunn (Jr. High) at 434-9272.

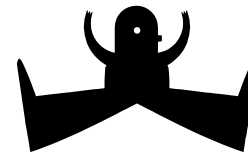
**Signboard Wisdom:** "The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail and not his tongue."

## Homebound

Do you have someone at home who cannot come to Mass? OR, do you know someone who cannot come to Mass? We would like to bring Holy Communion and the love of the parish to them – either for a short while, or long term. Please call the parish office at 434-6081 with contact information so that we may visit and bring the Eucharist to them. Our homebound are part of the parish and are very important.



"yours is the hand..."



What makes us happy?

Most people have no problem coming up with a few answers—a higher salary, losing weight, a lottery win, etc. Answers usually have a similar theme—that our happiness depends on external circumstances (psychcentral.com). Materialistic things, however, rarely determine long term happiness.

In "This Emotional life", Don Gilbert says one key finding on the science of happiness is we can't be happy alone. Humans are social creatures. We need strong relationships. Study after study shows that relationships with other people are what make us happiest. And, interestingly, not just happiest but also healthiest. Research suggests that these bonds lengthen life, boost immunity, and cut the risk of depression. So, what can you do to strengthen these bonds and improve health and happiness? Reach out to others. Make the effort. Make it a goal to connect with friends and family regularly. Make a new friend. Join or start a group. Look for every opportunity to build strong healthy relationships. You will likely find that your answer to "What makes us happy?" has changed!

### Sister Pat's Tattoo Parlor (Or...Be who you are)

I have told you about my sister, Sister Pat. Pat seems to find God and goodness everywhere. She is happy; she is filled with gratitude; she is confident; she is free. She has found and is living her vocation. She probably began discerning when we were in St. Clare School in Santa Clara, California. We would have been sixth and eighth graders then. We had to ride the Greyhound bus from Mountain View, where we lived, about 10 miles to Santa Clara, the nearest town with a Catholic School. In those days, in the late 40's and early 50's, Greyhound ran a commuter line down El Camino Real from San Francisco to San Jose, a distance of about 50 miles, roughly.

I have many fond memories of those Greyhound commutes with my two siblings and our friends. There were about eight of us from our town and the next town south, Sunnyvale. One day on our bus coming home from school she stabbed me in my right forearm with a number two Ticonderoga pencil. I still have the tattoo, although it has faded somewhat over the decades. I don't recall all the details and the circumstances precisely, but I recall that it seems to have had something to do with my teasing her and she said something about getting even with the devil. So as she saw it, I guess, it had something to do with protecting the other kids from Satan. She was doing God's work – her vocation!

Now, I don't recommend taking God's role in everything, but doing His work, our vocation, is another matter.

Vocation does not mean a calling to the religious life, specifically, although many of us may have been led to believe that way. No, our vocation is simply and literally our calling. (It comes from the Latin "vocare"—"to call".) Each of us is beckoned to a unique vocation in life, based upon the desires God has placed within us, as well as our talents, skills, and personalities. These are gifts from God for our own happiness and for the good of others as they are shared. And vocation can be about more than just work, a job, or career. Our deepest vocation is to become who we are, to become the persons God created you and me to be.

When we accept that God loves us from the beginning, without conditions, without reservations, then we know that He loves us as we are, the persons he created. It is not necessary to become a great saint or a brilliant scientist, or an astronaut or the Pope—whatever. For each of us, our own vocation—not someone else's—is the path to happiness. We needn't follow or copy anyone else's roadmap because God has placed within each of our souls our own Garmin which contains all the directions each of us needs.

So it is not necessary to become holy, to find favor with God in a manner as my sister, Sister Pat has. None of us could likely ever become quite the teacher, social worker, caregiver, lover of all God's children precisely like her. None of us should ever want to drive a car like she does, for certain. None of us should ever desire to become the single point impromptu tattoo artist that she once was. It is only necessary to be who we are.

Thomas Merton, in his book, *No Man is an Island*, says it so much better than, and in a manner much better than I could ever hope to write:

*"We know when we are following our vocation, when our soul is set free from preoccupation with itself and is able to seek God and even to find Him, even though it may not appear to find Him. Gratitude and confidence and freedom from ourselves: these are signs that we have found our vocation and are living up to it even though everything else may seem to have gone wrong. They give us peace in any suffering. They teach us to laugh at despair."*

But it is not my vocation to be a Thomas Merton.

It is my vocation to be the Bill God created and to be the best Bill I can be.

Deacon Bill

### LIBRARY NEWS:

#### Book for Borrowing

**"Heaven is for Real":** – *A Little Boy's Astounding Story of His Trip to Heaven and Back* by Todd Burpo.

With disarming innocence and the plainspoken boldness of a child, Colton tells of meeting long-departed family members. He describes Jesus, the angels, how "really, really big" God is, and how much God loves us. Retold by his father, but using Colton's uniquely simple words. *Heaven is for Real* will forever change the way you think of eternity, offering the chance to see, and believe, like a child.

**"Good News for Today"** by Joseph R. Veneroso, M.M. These reflections, drawn from Fr. Veneroso's popular columns and editorials in *Maryknoll Magazine*, deal with everyday situations familiar to every family, as well as larger themes of justice, equality, war and peace. In each piece he shows that with the eyes of faith we can find God not just in some "religious" place but in our daily lives, in the needs of our neighbors, and the challenges of our world.



**SOCIAL JUSTICE:**

*“We cannot be called truly ‘Catholic’ unless we hear and heed the Church’s call to serve those in need and work for justice and peace.”*

*(U.S. Catholic Bishops: “Communities of Salt & Light”)*

**Dare to put your faith into action:**

**Advocacy Alert:**

**Contact Ohio Governor John Kasich now and urge him to sign HR Bill 78 which restricts abortions after 20 weeks (614-466-3555).**

**Pray for St. Augustine Indian Mission** in Winnebago, Nebraska, as our parish considers twinning with them. Ask God to give the children of the Omaha and Winnebago tribes continued hope and a renewed outlook as the Mission School strives to build strong, faithful children who are learning to walk more closely with God.

**Remember the hungry poor** by bringing non-perishable food and basic household supplies to our Food Barrels. No gift is too small!

**OPPORTUNITIES TO PROMOTE SOCIAL JUSTICE: Save the Dates.**

**Saturday, Sep. 24:** All Faith Conference on non-violence, 8:30 am-12 noon at UD Law School. *Bringing a message of peace to Greater Dayton neighborhoods.*

**Saturday, Oct. 29:** Restoration, Recovery, and Re-entry Conference, 8:30 am-3:00 pm at Union Theological Seminary. *Dealing with the successful re-entry of men and women from prison.*

**Tuesday, Nov. 15:** Distinguished Speaker Program – Father Greg Boyle, S.J. *Sharing lessons of non-violence as an advocate for at-risk and gang-involved youth of Los Angeles, CA.* Hosted by St. Benedict the Moor Parish.

For more information about these upcoming programs, call Pam Long, Regional Director, Catholic Social Action Office at 224-3026.

**“ If you want peace, work for justice.”**

**SCHOOL UNIFORM SALE:**



Educational Apparel will be at St. Charles school on Tuesday, August 2, from 12:00-6:00 pm in the school cafeteria. They will be offering a 10% discount on all merchandise purchased at this sale.

**WHAT’S HAPPENING AT THE DOCK?**



**This Sunday, July 24,** our second cookout of the summer is **6:30-8:30 pm** in Walsh Hall! I’ll bring the grill and meat, you bring the sides! Rising freshman to graduated seniors are invited to join us! Bring a friend! Wear shoes you can run in because we’ll probably play some fun outdoor games! If you have questions, contact Heather [hdunn@stcharles-kettering.org](mailto:hdunn@stcharles-kettering.org)!

**REDS VS. GIANTS, SUNDAY, JULY 31,**



**@ 1:10 pm** (we will be leaving Incarnation at 11:15 am). Cost: \$15 per person (includes game ticket, transportation, and parking). We will be traveling to Cincinnati to watch the Reds play the San Francisco Giants for the 2011 Faith Day at the ball park. After the game Mercy Me will be performing a concert. Please consider joining us! We only have a limited amount of tickets so its first come first served. If you would like to come, here’s what to do: To reserve your spot we will need your money and your permission form (available online). **Parents:** We will need some drivers. If you would be interested in joining us and driving, please let me know and tell me how many seatbelts you have available. Thank you so much!!! For more information contact Heather Dunn at 434-4460 or [hdunn@stcharles-kettering.org](mailto:hdunn@stcharles-kettering.org)

**OUT OF PARISH NEWS**



**The Cincinnaticatholicwomen** are accepting applications for their \$3,000 Continue with Confidence Scholarship to be awarded by Sep. 5. The deadline for application is Aug. 5. Active, practicing Catholic women, age 21 or older, who are beginning or continuing an undergraduate degree at any Greater Cincinnati area accredited college, university, or vocational school, are eligible to apply. The recipients must be currently enrolled in classes or registered to start classes by September 2011. This scholarship is awarded based on financial need and parish or community volunteer service. For information or to receive an application packet, call Janet Buening at 513-871-9294. Application documents may also be downloaded from the website <http://www.cincinnaticatholicwomen.org/>

**Corner Cupboard Thrift Store**, 34 Pierce St, Dayton, OH needs volunteers and donations! We are the only “all volunteer” store in Dayton. For pickup or information call 252-5491. Proceeds benefit Dayton charities.