

LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS FOR FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,
JULY 18/19, 2009



MINISTERS

(Follow this schedule only)

	Ministers of the Word	Ministers of Holy Communion
3:30 p.m.	Pat Hays	Debbie Kennedy
		Joyce Napolz
12:00 p.m.	Pam Rudisill	Debbie Neu
		Jim Merkowitz
		Rose Merkowitz
2:00 p.m.	Hispanic Mass	

FR. MIKE'S SERMON FOR JULY 12
(do not read before Mass)

It was one of the hottest days of the dry season. We had not seen rain in almost a month. The crops were dying. Cows had stopped giving milk. The creeks and streams were long gone back into the earth. It was a dry season that would bankrupt several farmers before it was through. Every day, my husband and his brothers would go about the arduous process of trying to get water to the fields. Lately, this process had involved taking a truck to the local water rendering plant and filling it up with water. But severe rationing had cut everyone off. If we didn't see some rain soon...we would lose everything.

It was on this day that I learned the true lesson of sharing. I was in the kitchen making lunch for my husband and his brothers when I saw my six-year-old son, Billy, walking toward the woods. He wasn't walking with the usual carefree abandon of a youth, but with a serious purpose. I could only see his back. He was obviously walking with a great effort...trying to be as still as possible. Minutes after he disappeared into the woods, he came running out again, toward the house. I went back to making sandwiches, thinking that whatever task he had been doing was completed.

Moments later, however, he was once again walking in that slow purposeful stride toward the woods. This activity went on for over an hour: walking carefully to the woods, then running back to the house. Finally, my curiosity got the best of me. I crept out of the house and secretly followed him on his journey.

He was cupping both hands in front of him as he walked; being very careful not to spill the water he held in them... maybe two or three tablespoons were held in his tiny hands. I sneaked closer as he went into the woods. Branches and thorns slapped his little face, but he did not try to avoid them. He had a much greater purpose. As I leaned in to spy on him, I saw the most amazing site.

Several large deer loomed in front of him. Billy walked right up to them. I almost screamed for him to get away. A huge buck with elaborate antlers was dangerously close. But the buck did not threaten him...he didn't even move as Billy knelt down. And I saw a tiny fawn lying on the ground, obviously suffering from dehydration and heat exhaustion, lift its head with great effort to lap up the water cupped in my beautiful boy's hand.

When the water was gone, Billy jumped up to run back to the house and I hid behind a tree. I followed him back to the house, to a spigot that we had shut off the water to. Billy opened it all the way up and a small trickle of water began to creep out. He knelt there, letting each drip of water slowly fill up his makeshift "cup," as the sun beat down on his little back. It was just last week he was punished for playing with the garden hose, and received a stern lecture on the importance of not wasting water. So, I'm sure that is why he didn't ask me to help him.

It took almost twenty minutes for the drops to fill his hands. When he stood up and began the trek back, I was there in front of him. His little eyes just filled with fear. "I'm not wasting," was all he said. As he began his walk, I joined him...with a small pot of water from the kitchen. I let him tend to the fawn. I stayed away...it was his job. I stood on the edge of the woods watching the most beautiful heart I have ever known working so hard to save a life.

Jesus sent out the Twelve to lay curing hands on the sick, to save lives from evil, and bring God's favor to those thirsting for it. As a follower of Jesus, He sends you out also. The very word "Mass" means "to be sent". God has chosen to fill you with every spiritual blessing from Heaven. He now sends you forth so others may drink God's Love cupped in the goodness of your heart.



MASS SCHEDULE

- Sunday, July 12**
12:00 noon Sherri Wilson for Health (Pat Moore)
2:00 p.m. Hispanic Mass
- Monday, July 13**
8:00 a.m. Bernie Zoldac (Mary Lou Zoldac)
- Tuesday, July 14**
7:00 p.m. Communion Service
- Wednesday, July 15**
12:00 noon Margaret Klamet (Dr. Frank Klamet)
- Thursday, July 16**
7:00 p.m. Communion Service
- Friday, July 17**
8:00 a.m. Eva Woods (Evelyn Silva)
- Saturday, July 18**
3:30 p.m. Peggy Lisle (Evelyn Silva)
- Sunday, July 19**
12:00 noon Ada and Ab Collins (Bill Collins)
2:00 p.m. Hispanic Mass



BENEDICTION every Wednesday morning
at 11:30 a.m.



STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Weekly Need\$ 2,100.00

Collection Week of July 5th
Envelopes and Loose\$ 1,647.29
Variance-\$ 452.71
(5 unhappy ☹☹☹☹☹)

YTD NEED\$ 2,100.00
YTD OFFERINGS (starting July 5, 2009).....\$ 1,647.28
VARIANCE.....-\$ 452.71
(5☹☹☹☹☹) We've improved over last week!

Happy Birthday



- July 14 Eileen Corwin
- July 15 Debbie Kennedy
- July 17 Jim Block
- July 18 Mark Bihl



IN OUR PARISH

July 14	6:45 p.m.	.....	ROSARY
July 15	6:30 p.m.	.....	SPANISH CLASS
July 16	6:45 p.m.	.....	ROSARY
July 18	9:00 a.m.	.....	ROSARY
	4:30 p.m.	.....	CONTINUING EDUCATION WITH FELLOWSHIP



The St. Benignus Knights of Columbus meet the 1st Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Contact Grand Knight John Baal (981-3102 or e-mail squarerootman@roadrunner.com) for information.



St. Vincent de Paul Society is open for business at these times:

1st and 3rd Thursday, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

2nd and 4th Thursday, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

If an emergency, call Fr. Mike at 937-403-2510.

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

- Ladies Auxiliary will be setting up a booth at the Wheels of Progress Festival in Greenfield on July 17th.** Plans now are for the kids to have a duck pond and a wheel to spin for prizes. Workers are needed. If you can spare a few hours, please volunteer. We need prizes such as gift cards for various services (gas, food, restaurants, hair and nail services, etc.). Any other larger gift items would also be good – things that we could give older kids and/or adults. We already have items for kids. They can call me or drop the items off to me. My phone number is 937-981-5301. Contact Kristy Bockrath at kbockrath4088@scpwildblue.com.
- These four parishioners have expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council. I appoint all four: Katie Knowles, Tony Wood, Amy Baldwin, and Amy Buttlemeyer. Thank you for serving the *best* Catholic Church in Greenfield, Ohio.
- The Wedding for Mr. and Mrs. Mark & Paige Bihl on July 4th was a wonderful gala event. The Church was overflowing with attendants. The men dressed in really cool black tuxes with patent leather shoes. The women wore green gowns highlighted by hand-held pink orchids. The priest gave a wonderful wedding homily that kept the people smiling. The mood of the service was one of joy and love. Janet and David Bihl expressed their pleasure at how well Mark and Paige's special day was celebrated.

4. **The next Kids Night will be August 12th, from 5:00-7:00 p.m., with a Bible story, craft, games and a cookout (for grades K-6).**

- Movie Night for the youth (grades 7-12) will be July 22nd beginning at 5:00 p.m.** We will watch a movie and eat pizza (at the Religious Education Building).
- If you would like to donate any seating, such as futons, beanbag chairs, etc., please let me know. We would like to make the junior high classroom a little more comfy!
- If your child is eligible for Confirmation, please let Katie Paugh know ASAP!!!** The Archdiocese needs to know how many will be celebrating this Sacrament. So far, I have only heard from three people. If we don't have any more than that, the Archbishop may not come perform the ceremony. Grades 7-12 are eligible. Please call or e-mail me with your child's name and grade. Thanks!!!

5. **ANYONE who would like to volunteer for ANY Religious Education Class or activity MUST be fingerprinted through the Archdiocese.** This includes summer activities, PSR teachers, PSR substitute teachers, RCIA teachers, RCIA helpers, or any other activity where you are around children under the age of 18. Please go to the Archdiocese web site for fingerprinting information at www.catholiccincinnati.org, then click on Child Protection, or contact myself, Katie Paugh, for fingerprinting site information.

TODAY IN HISTORY

50 YEARS AGO, JULY 12th...On July 20th, the Ladies Auxiliary would hold a Dinner and White Elephant Sale. Mrs. Loren Hays and Miss Mary Uhl would host. Fr. Lawler would leave for vacation after the Sunday Mass on July 12th and not come back till July 25th.

25 YEARS AGO, JULY 8th...Bingo took a break for the summer. Games would resume in September. Masses this week were said for the deceased of the Joseph Flynn Family, Edmund and Alma Chandler, Louise Schinner, Edward Uhl, Ruby Connerton, and Lena Rieder.

10 YEARS AGO, JULY 11th... St. Michael and St. Benignus would join together for their Parish Picnic on August 22, 1999, to celebrate the 100 years of these two parishes being associated together. In 1899, Fr. Feeney was named first full-time in residence Pastor of St. Benignus and given St. Michael as a Mission Church. From 1858 to 1899, both churches were Mission Churches of St. Mary in Hillsboro. One hundred and ten years later in 2009, both St. Mary and St. Benignus are joined together again by one common Pastor. The way I see it, I am having double the fun. I am very proud that the same number of weekend Masses have remained for both Parishes. I firmly believe that once you start canceling Masses, you lose parishioners. Once you lose parishioners, you lose money. Once you lose money, the Parish loses the effectiveness to minister. As long as I am Pastor, I am firmly committed to keeping three weekend Masses at St. Mary and three weekend Masses at St. Benignus.



LAW OF THE GARBAGE TRUCK

One day, I hopped in a taxi and we took off for the airport. We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a black car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed on his brakes, skidded, and missed the other car by just inches! The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us.

My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. And I mean he was really friendly. So I asked, "Why did you just do that? This guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital!"

This is when my taxi driver taught me what I now call, "The Law of the Garbage Truck." He explained that many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, full of anger, and full of disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it and sometimes they'll dump it on you. Don't take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. Don't take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home, or on the streets.

The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day. Life's too short to wake up in the morning with regrets, so... love the people who treat you right. Pray for the ones who don't.

Life is fifty percent what you make it and fifty percent how you take it!

Have a garbage-free day!



A guy goes into the Confessional box. He notices on one side a fully-equipped bar with Guinness on tap. On the other wall is a dazzling array of the finest Cuban cigars. Then the priest comes in.

The man says, "Father, forgive me, for it's been a very long time since I've been to Confession, but I must first admit that the Confessional box is much more inviting these days."

The priest replies, "Get out. You're sitting on my side."

TOP TWELVE INDICATORS THE ECONOMY IS BAD

- 12. CEOs are now playing miniature golf.
- 11. I got a predeclined credit card in the mail.
- 10. I went to buy a toaster oven, and they gave me a bank.
- 9. Hot Wheels and Match Box car companies are now trading higher than GM in the stock market.
- 8. Obama met with very small businesses – GE, Pfizer, Chrysler, Citigroup and GM – to discuss the Stimulus Package.
- 7. McDonald's is selling the 1/4 ounce.
- 6. People in Beverly Hills fired their nannies and are learning their children's names.
- 5. The most highly paid job is now jury duty.
- 4. People in Africa are donating money to Americans.
- 3. Motel 6 won't leave the lights on.
- 2. The Mafia is laying off judges.
- ...And the Number 1 indicator:
- 1. If the bank returns your check marked as "insufficient funds," you have to call them and ask if they meant you or them.