

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

AUGUST 2, 2009

"The secret of life" - love that manages to trump every problem, heal every hurt, bridge every division. In today's Gospel, Jesus makes clear that our lives are not about amassing fortunes or achieving great celebrity; God has not given this precious time to fill our barns with "more" of the latest, the best, the biggest - things that will be gone in an instant. "The secret of life" is the selfless and affirming love that is and of God that creates and embraces, affirms and consoles, enriches and lifts up. It is that unique, simple but profound love that is centered in gratitude to its Author and seeks to be shared with those with whom we are privileged to experience this life. In Christ, God has revealed to us "the secret of life." Pass it on.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, August 3 - Weekday

5:15 PM Michael Prusak

Tuesday, August 4 - John Mary Vianney, priest

8:00 AM

Wednesday, August 5 - Weekday

5:15 PM

Thursday, August 6 - Transfiguration of the Lord

8:00 AM

Friday, August 7 - Sixtus II, pope

5:15 PM Kathleen Lamparyk

Saturday, August 8 - Dominic, priest

8:00 AM Ralph Hesland

5:15 PM Gus Boland

Unexpected changes in the schedule may cause Masses to be cancelled and Mass intentions to be moved to the first available date open. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Pray for the Deceased

Victor J. Melaragno

Please Note!

There will be no weekday Masses from Monday, August 10th, thru Saturday, August 15th, 8 AM Mass. Listed below are the Mass times for our cluster churches: SS. Cyril & Methodius - Mon., Wed. & Fri. 9AM & 4PM; St. James - Mon. thru Fri. 6:45AM & 9AM in their Chapel; St. Luke - Mon. thru Fri. 8:30 AM & 5:30PM ; St. Rose of Lima - Daily Mass 8 AM

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday: Nm 11: 4-15; Mt 14: 13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12: 1-13; Mt 14: 22-36

Wednesday: Nm 13: 1-2, 25 - 14: 1, 26-29, 34-35
Mt 15: 21-28

Thursday: Dn 7: 9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1: 16-19;
Mk 9: 2-10

Friday: Dt 4: 32-40; Mt 16: 24-28

Saturday: Dt 6: 4-13; Mt 17: 14-20

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19: 4-8; Eph 4: 30 - 5: 2;
Jn 6: 41-51

Pot of Gold Winners

(\$25) Linda Muscatello, Elliot Lockshire, Celia Polomsky, Joan Stark; (\$100) Mildred Kerg (\$25) Jack Curtis



Coffee and Donuts - Cancelled

NO coffee and donuts today! The doughnut shop has taken a vacation break.

St. Vincent de Paul Society News

The St. Vincent de Paul door collection after Masses last weekend netted \$1,836.00!! This is over three times our normal door collection. We thank the parish for their generosity. This will go a long way in helping the poor and needy in our community.

"Tidbits"

A hearty "thank you" to Mary Grauel, our Community Life liaison to the Parish Council, for organizing and putting on the picnic, open to all within our cluster, on July 18th. The weather cooperated, the food grilled to perfection, pasta salads in abundance, and the good company of our parish family and her friends brought the evening to its perfection. "Thank you" to all who helped Mary make this a truly enjoyable event!

A belated "thank you" to Marie Birsic and her committee in publishing our Parish Cookbook. Many delicious home recipes are there for our enjoyment and consumption. The cookbook is still available for purchase at the rectory.

The Missionary Community of Missionhurst-CICM will make their appeal to us on August 8th & 9th. Rev. Tim Atkin, CICM will speak to us of his community's missionary efforts at bringing Christ to the areas that they serve. We hope that his visit will maintain and perhaps even increase missionary awareness in our parish.

And finally, "thank you" to all of you in responding to the emergency appeal of the St. Vincent de Paul Society last weekend. Additional donations of food and monies are always needed to help those in our parish and surrounding neighborhoods. God bless all of you for your continuing generosity and response to the call of the Gospel!
Fr. John

2nd Annual Woo Who

From Tricia Back to School Bash

Come join friends and fellow parishioners at Wagner's Country Inn from 6 PM - 1 AM on Friday, August 14th, at an annual end-of-summer party in memory of Tricia Riley. All donations and proceeds from the event will benefit the family of Magnificat High School Assistant Principal Colleen Neville, who is battling breast cancer. Tickets are \$50 and include an open bar, dinner and entertainment. There will also be a cornhole tournament, silent auction and raffle. For more information, or to purchase tickets, please email woowho4tricia@gmail.com or call Lisa Karnatz at 440-930-5950.

Senior Hot Dog Cookout

The Lakewood Department of Human Services Division of Aging will be holding a hot dog cookout on Tuesday, August 18th from 10 AM - 1 PM in the Woman's Club Pavilion at Lakewood Park. Believe it or not, summer is winding down, and we are getting ready for our last hurrah of the season. Don't let summer slip away without one more trip down to beautiful Lakewood Park. We will have music, and card bingo. Cost is \$4. Make your reservation by August 12th. For more information, call 529-5005.

Finance Corner:

Collection for weekend of July 26 - \$5,323.42

Envelopes used - 173

Collection budgeted to meet July 2009 expenses -

\$7,577.00

Thank you for your continued support and generosity for the parish.

Did you know.....

The Diocesan assessment for churches with schools is 11.5% and 16.5% for a parish without a school. It is based upon offertory collections and set annually. Can you guess what St. Clement's assessment is? Read next week's column for the answer!

Senior Clementines & Friends

All older adults are invited to join the Senior Clementines and Friends on Thursday, August 13th from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM for our 3rd Annual Ice Cream Social in the church hall. We are planning an Hawaiian theme, so you are asked to wear something Hawaiian! To complete the island experience we will have music by the always entertaining Johnny Pastirik. All are welcome to come for the ice cream, music and good company. If this will be your first gathering, please call Fran Bellomo at 221-1301.



The Liturgy Committee would like to thank the 12 wonderful people who showed up to help clean our beautiful church. Facing the altar, we cleaned all the pews on the left side of the church. We also washed some windows and frames in the gathering area. We don't know all your names, but God Bless you and many thanks!
The Liturgy Committee

Thank Our Troops With Archbishop Broglio

Join the Cleveland Catholic Forum and Archbishop Timothy Broglio, Archbishop of United States Military Services, for our annual Saints Dinner and Silent Auction. You won't want to miss this evening of fine food, beverage and inspiration as we honor the men and women of the United States Armed Forces and present the Cleveland Catholic Forum Award of Service & Valor to a local military hero. The event takes place August 22nd at the Center for Pastoral Leadership, 28700 Euclid Ave. and starts at 6:30 PM with an open bar, and dinner at 7 PM. Tickets are \$50. Call Joe Soltis at 440-623-9183, or order tickets from www.ClevelandCatholicForum.com

Poor Clares' Prayer Line

Do you need prayer today? Are your loved ones, co-workers or neighbors in need of God's loving guidance? Call the Poor Clares' Prayer Line at 216-361-0783.