

August 24, 2008

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday

Jesus asks his disciples to answer a critical question. *Who do people say I am?* How did the disciples understand him? Peter calls him the *Messiah*. Jesus blesses that insight. Peter and his answer are so important, Jesus will build his church there—a connection of heaven and earth will be rooted there. So why does Jesus tell them not to tell anyone he is the Messiah?

Christians are used to defining *Messiah* through our understanding of Jesus. In the first century, a variety of different expectations and definitions were available.

Zelots wanted to throw off Roman rule. Give us a messiah who will lead us against those destroying our country! Let's go to war like the Maccabees, who fought two centuries earlier. Is God any less on *our* side?

Priests and Sadducees kept the Temple running. Are we not meant to fulfill the law of Moses? The Romans have kept the Temple open. Do we *need* a Messiah? Would that not create real problems?

Pharisees were willing to interpret the Law in new

ways. They are open to new leadership. Notice this group in the Gospels. Jesus often argues with them.

They come to him with questions. He respects those who are arguing on the cutting edge of their tradition. He eats with them. Do they *want* a Messiah? Maybe...

Did the first century want a Messiah? These folks wanted a bunch of them. Depending whom you asked, the job description varied. If the disciples preached the "Messiah," would they understand who Jesus was?

Those who experienced the power of God in Jesus couldn't use any older categories. The sick, the poor, the illiterate who could not read the law, let alone follow it—they were not taken seriously by any of the groups. They were drawn to this preacher from Galilee.

Those who embraced him as the Risen One found a new sort of Messiah.



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Today's Readings

Is 22:19–23 • Rom 11:33–36
Mt 16:13–20

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PSR Teachers Meeting:

Sunday, August 24 at 11:00 a.m. in the Parish Multipurpose Room for all PSR catechists, catechists aides, and substitute catechists.

RCIA:

Are you or someone you know interested in learning about the Catholic Faith? Our parish RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) program for those who want to learn more about the Catholic faith, or interested in becoming Catholic, will begin Thursday, September 4, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Multipurpose Room. If you or anyone you know are curious, has questions about, or wants to learn more about what Catholics believe, teach and practice, or interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Rita Feige at the Religious Education Office. The first RCIA sessions are especially designed for inquiry and introductions to the Catholic faith and teachings. There is no obligation or charge. We walk by faith and take it one step at a time. For more information, please call Rita at 451-3876.

BIBLE STUDY:

The Great Adventure, A Journey Through the Bible is being offered again at St. Timothy on Wednesday evenings beginning October 1. This is an outstanding Catholic Bible Study that will guide participants through reading the 14 narrative books of the Bible in sequence; will help participants become familiar with the key people and events of the 12 periods of Bible History; and will increase participants' understanding and appreciation of the Holy Scripture. Watch for a Bulletin insert and sign-up form and posters in the coming weeks about this great Catholic Bible Study. In the meantime, for more information on this Bible Study, contact Rita Feige at 451-3867.

PRAYER AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

Remember in your prayers, JACK GORMAN, father of Diane Francescon, who died this past week. May he rest in peace.

St. Timothy Sunday Night Bible Study invites you to attend an interactive study titled: CONVERSATION PEACE: THE POWER OF TRANSFORMED SPEECH. Author: Mary Kassian. On an average day, you will speak 48,000 words! The words we choose can either nourish, cleanse and build up, or demean, devastate and destroy. To improve what we say, we need to improve what is in our hearts. This interactive study can help you change your speech habits by allowing God's word to transform your heart. Study begins on Sunday, August 24, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Timothy and will continue through mid-October. Please contact Kate Connors at 850-1454, or e-mail Kconnors713@aol.com, to obtain additional information. Books are available for \$11.95. We hope you can join us.

RESPECT LIFE

Fifth Month Baby Update size: about 12 inches

This month marks the halfway point to birth, and the baby is very active. Sleep habits develop and its mother can feel it move and stretch, particularly when it is resting. It is big and strong enough to kick hard against the outside uterine wall and dent it. Up to now, although it swam with ease in its watery world, it was too small for it to detect because the inside wall of the uterus has no feeling. Babies born at this age have survived.

Bible Study

Tuesday mornings at 9:30 in the Multipurpose Room.

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays, from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Prayer Line

If you have a prayer request, call Kitty Hoessly (451-2146) or Lea Guarasci (451-1281).

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Please join us for Divine Mercy Chaplet after the 9:00 a.m. Mass every Tuesday.

Crisis Pregnancy Hotline is 614-444-4411.

Birthright Crisis Hotline is 1-800-550-4900.

AROUND THE TOWN

Watterson High School alumni association and Alumni Council meeting will be held Monday, August 25th, at Panera Bread, 4519 N. High Street, at 6:30 p.m. Any graduates interested in attending or joining either will be welcome. Questions? Call 268-3041.



Birthright of Columbus, a pregnancy support service, will have their annual Luncheon featuring Pat Wynn Brown (Humorist/Performer) on Saturday, September 13th, at Clintonville Womans Club at 12:00 p.m. There will be a raffle and silent auction. Tickets are \$30.00. It is an opportunity to support the pro-life movement.

St. Peter's duplicate bridge group is seeking new/substitute members. For more information, please call Sue/Jim Bishel (792-6535).

Holy Name Church (154 E. Patterson Avenue) is having a yard sale on Friday, September 12, 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. and Saturday, September 13, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

The Bishop Watterson Mothers Club will hold their Fall Social on Wednesday, August 27th, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the School Cafeteria. See old acquaintances, make new friends, and enjoy great food. This is also a wonderful time to bring your calendars and sign up for many of our upcoming events. This evening's guest speaker will be Sr. Maxine Shonk, OP. She will inspire us to embrace this year's school theme, "Courage to Stand – Spirit to Soar."

Bethesda Healing Ministry

The pain and sorrow of past abortions need not endure for a lifetime. Call Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry for information and support. Confidential designated lines (614-309-0157 or 614-309-2651). Please join us for "an experience of hope" the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month for ministry support meetings. We are already praying for you. God's peace.

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MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday, August 25**
9:00 a.m. Patty Grady
- Tuesday, August 26**
9:00 a.m. Louis Viol
- Wednesday, August 27**
9:00 a.m. Daniel Modic
- Thursday, August 28**
9:00 a.m. Souls in Purgatory
- Friday, August 29**
9:00 a.m. Intentions of Jim and Mary Ann Reinmann
- Saturday, August 30**
5:00 p.m. Schwartz and Winkel Families
- Sunday, August 31**
8:00 a.m. St. Timothy Parishioners
10:00 a.m. Joe Morrone
12:00 p.m. A. J. and Dorothy Walker

LECTORS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER	
5:00 p.m.	Angela Parker and Norm Altman
8:00 a.m.	Kitty Quinn and Joe Briski
10:00 a.m.	Jim Connors and Vince Fabro
12:00 p.m.	Ed Geraghty and Rich Hutchison

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK		
Tuesday, August 26		
Bible Study	MPR	9:30 a.m.
Middle School Curriculum	School	7:00-9:00 p.m.
Wednesday, August 27		
First School Mass	Church	9:00 a.m.
Sunday, August 31		
Ladies Bible Study	MPR	7:00 p.m.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF AUGUST 31		
MASS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
5:00 p.m. Saturday	Brett Ballantyne, Joni Teetor, Mary Ballantyne	Christina Brahos, Julie France, Jenna Auber
8:00 a.m. Sunday	Jack & Laurie Jenny, Matt Cooper	Emma Foley, Emily Prebihalo
10:00 a.m. Sunday	Paul Boulware, Don & Kay Chalupa, Dave & Mary Pat Boulware	Jackie Hobson, Kate Lampe, Ben Lampe
12:00 p.m. Sunday	Jim & Sue Klun, Rich Hutchison	Danny Neary, Joe Neary, Joe Jeffers

A Word from Your Pastor

Dear Parishioners:

Little by little, I am learning my way around in the world of St. Timothy Parish. This week, we welcomed back our children to school. After a few more weeks, I should have a more or less complete picture of how things go "in our neighborhood." I thought it would be helpful to offer a few notes of what I am learning along the way. It may be that there are others new to the community who do not know some of the things I am learning. And perhaps some of our long-time parishioners may appreciate being reminded of who we are and what we are all about.

After the Vigil Mass of the Assumption, several of the Parish and School committee members gathered together for an informal meeting to meet the Pastor and to share discussion on the life of the family of St. Timothy Church. Introductions were made: Name, How long a member of St. Timothy Parish, Current responsibilities for parish or school, and One quality of St. Timothy Parish or School that you appreciate.

Discussion that followed was a real affirmation of the sense of family and welcome that characterize this community. I would like to invite you and your family to participate in this discussion. As your family shares food sometime, ask each member to comment on what they like about their experience of St. Timothy Church. Then, designate one member to let me know about what your family discussed. Send me an e-mail at tmhayes@core.com or write it out and drop it in the collection basket. Make it a point to find a member of the Parish Council or School Advisory Board and tell that person what you are telling me. Out of this effort, we can come up with an expression of who we are and where we want to go together.

Two "major" items on our agenda right now are the Music Ministry and Liturgy. You are invited to fill out a survey in anticipation of a search for a new Music Director (available on the information table in the vestibule) and to return it this week. In the near future, we will also be establishing a Liturgy Committee to oversee planning for Parish Liturgies. If you are interested in serving on this committee, call the office.

VOLUNTEERS FOR AUGUST	
Altar Care	Stephanie Benjamin and Linda Benjamin
Linens	Mary Zeehandelaar
Collection Counters	Mary Jo Leonard and Jack Gibney

Collections for August 3	\$13,184.00
August 10	\$ 5,313.00
August 17	\$ 8,700.00

Tuition Assistance Fund

Thanks to all those who were able to attend the Patty Grady Memorial Spaghetti Dinner held to raise money for the St. Timothy Tuition Assistance Fund. If anyone wants to contribute to this fund, send the contribution to the Principal, George Mosholder, or place an envelope designated for this fund in the collection.

Cookies for Kairos:

Please consider helping bake cookies for Kairos. 225 dozen cookies are needed by September 8th. Kairos is a prison ministry where volunteers present an introductory 3-day weekend, described as a short course in Christianity. During the weekend, every prisoner and staff member at the institution gets a bag of 2 dozen homemade cookies. This demonstrates caring to people who sincerely believe that NO ONE – not God, not us, cares. Cookies should be 2 inches in diameter and packed 2 dozen cookies per 1 gallon Ziploc plastic bag. This is for security purposes and all cookies are inspected. Questions? Please call George Cleary at 457-5851. Information will be handed out after Masses this weekend.



Music Ministry

Recently, Saint Timothy Parish lost the services of our Director of Music. For this reason, we are reviewing the status of the Music Ministry in our parish in order to determine best how to proceed. All input is welcome. A special committee composed of those who participate in the Ministry of Music and the Parish Council will be established to oversee a response to the suggestions that are received. All who wish to contribute ideas and suggestions are invited to participate in a survey that is available in the church vestibule. Please pick up a copy of the survey and return it to the Parish Office by August 25th.

Football Mania is back!!! Tickets will be available following each of the Masses throughout August. We are hoping that all parishioners could help by selling at least 10 tickets. The tickets need to be turned in by September 4th. We will have an explanation of the contest rules and instructions on how to sell the tickets when we they are handed out. For those of you who are unfamiliar with Football Mania, the contest is based upon the National Football League weekly scores.

Ladies Euchre Group will begin on Thursday, September 18th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria. For information, call Jan Della Flora (457-4981) or Robin Altman (389-3131).

REMINDER

All scheduling for meeting locations, please call the Church Office (451-2671). For the Parish Center/Gym, call Dave and Mary Pat Boulware (451-3605).

SCHOOL NEWS



CAFETERIA WORKERS

Monday, August 25	T. Davidson, Kellogg, Limes
Tuesday, August 26	Brahos, Koerner, Lorenz
Wednesday, August 27	Flanagan, Rogers, Chappellear
Thursday, August 28	Bigler, Cleary, Powell, Spees
Friday, August 29	O'Brien, C Rankin, Schnitkey

STOP!! Don't renew that magazine subscription yet. St. Timothy's magazine sale will begin September 4th. Support the students and The Home and School Association by renewal of your favorite magazine. The students had a record-breaking year last fall. Help them achieve their goals this year, too!! If you need further information, please contact Mary DiOrio (273-1455) or JoAnn O'Brien (326-2773).

Your Help Is Needed: We are looking for Volunteers in the School Nurse's Office. Please consider helping out, the time commitment is minimal (one day a month from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.), and the rewards GREAT!! No experience is needed, just a kind heart and the ability to put on a band-aid. Having Volunteers in the Nurse's Office really helps alleviate the workload of our school staff. Please consider helping out and e-mail Cathy Cleary to sign up at cbcleary@hotmail.com. Thanks for helping make our school such a great place!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

St. Timothy Parish School of Religion (PSR) Registration: Welcome letters, Calendars, and Registration forms have been sent out to all current PSR families. If you did not receive these in the mail, if you are new to St. Timothy, or if you will be enrolling a child for the first time, please call Rita Feige at the Religious Education Office at 451-3867. Additional registration forms can be found on the table in the church vestibule.

Currently, the St. Timothy PSR Program has classes for preschool three- and four-year-olds and Kindergarten through eighth grade. Preschool classes meet on Sundays, from 10:00-11:00 a.m. and K-8 on Sundays, from 11:00 a.m.-noon. Any children who are not enrolled in a Catholic grade school must be enrolled in the PSR Program. PSR classes will begin on Sunday, September 7. For further information concerning St. Timothy's PSR Program, please call Rita Feige at 451-3876.

PSR Teachers Needed:

Co-teacher for Preschool, 3-year-old class, teacher for Kindergarten class and teacher for First Grade class and Second Grade class. This includes preparation for the Sacraments of First Reconciliations and First Communion. Helping to pass on the faith to our young people is one of the most important undertakings of the Church. If you are interested in becoming part of this wonderful and rewarding ministry, please contact Rita Feige at 451-3867. There is no salary but the benefits are heavenly. Thank you!