

September 28, 2008

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday



In today's passage from the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus asks his audience to pick the correct fictional role model.

Two sons are sent to work. One fellow talks a good game ("Sure, I'll do it!") but doesn't follow through. The other son doesn't want to go to work and *says* he doesn't want to go to work. But then he changes his mind.

The audience seems to pick the right man (the second one). I wish we knew his name. He could be not only the disciple who actually did his father's will in the story, but also the patron saint of second-guessing ourselves. (Should we admire his honesty too?)



A few verses earlier, we discover Jesus teaching in the temple to an audience filled with chief priests and elders. He is in their faces because these guys saw the repentance of real sinners when John was baptizing, but it didn't shake their own way of doing things or their own view of themselves. Whom do we want to identify with in that part of the story?

Do you ever go around and around, trying to decide what to do? Sometimes the decision isn't clear; sometimes it's just hard to follow through.

Today we also have Saint Paul's words about what

will bring us a sense of peace, a sense of consolation. The Philippians are told, "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit" and to "regard others as better than yourselves" (2:3). How did Paul know the Philippians needed to work on that? Well, because we all do.

Deep in Jesus' story, we are getting at the paradox of what he requires of his disciples. We must *lose* ourselves to *find* ourselves. What does it take to do that—to *really* change our minds?

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Today's Readings

Ez 18:25-28

Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5

Mt 21:28-32

PRAYER AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS, NATALIE CANNON, WHO DIED THIS PAST WEEK. MAY SHE REST IN PEACE.

St. Timothy Sunday Night Bible Study meets at 7:00 p.m. in the MPR. Please contact Kate Connors at 850-1454 or e-mail Kconnors713@aol.com for information. We hope you can join us.

RESPECT LIFE

All are invited to take part in the ecumenical, national "40 Days for Life" effort through November 2. It's 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion in America. Please consider volunteering to pray outside of "Complete Healthcare for Women," 5888 Cleveland Avenue, for one or more hours during the 40 days and spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort. To get more information, contact Pam Grady (457-9129) or visit <http://www.40daysforlife.com/Columbus>. St. Timothy and St. Peter Churches are sharing coverage on Sunday, October 19th.

Seventh Month – Size: about 15 inches

Beginning this month, the baby uses all four senses. The eyelids open and close and the eyes look around. The baby can taste, touch, cough, yawn and hiccup. It recognizes its mother's voice. Its grip is even stronger now than it will be after its birth. The hair on its head is growing longer and the downy covering on the rest of its body is disappearing. During this time, the baby will receive antibodies from its mother, providing its immunity to a wide variety of diseases.

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).

Bible Study: Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room.

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

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

Immaculate Conception Bible Study For Teens To Start Up October 12th

IC is happy to announce a Bible Study for teens this year titled, "The Teen Timeline or T3," with Jeff Cavins and Mark Hart. The Teen Timeline – or T3 – is the teen version of the revolutionary Great Adventure Bible Timeline learning system that hundreds of thousands of Catholic adults have used to learn the Bible. Dynamic teen presenter Mark Hart makes the Bible come alive for Catholic teens by unpacking God's Word in a way they can relate to. *T3* teaches teens the Bible by showing them the "big picture" of salvation history. The net result: teens begin to wrap their minds and hearts around the Scriptures. They come to see the Bible as a relevant part of their lives. This program will begin Sunday, October 12th, at 7:00-8:30 p.m., in Marian Hall. The program is free. All junior high and high school students are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served. To sign up or get more details, contact Bill Hinger at 262-9332.

The **St. Joan of Arc Women's Club** will host its 17th Annual Harvest Bouquet Craft Show on Saturday, October 4th, at the church 10700 Liberty Road, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. There will be over 100 crafters, great food and "buckeyes." Admission is free. For information, call 746-9650.

An eight-week workshop for persons going through the process of a divorce will begin Thursday evening, October 2, from 7:00-9:00 p.m., at the Catholic Center, 197 E. Gay Street. This workshop, offered by the Columbus Marriage and Family Life, will offer its participants coping skills and an understanding of emotional responses in order to assist them in moving beyond the pain of divorce. The two-hour confidential sessions are held weekly for eight consecutive weeks. The fee is \$40.00 and grants are available. For information, call 241-2560.

Bishop Watterson Mothers of Alums welcome past, present and current mothers to attend our annual Fall Dinner at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 5th, at LaScala Restaurant. Tickets are available for \$28.00 per person. Reservation forms can be downloaded at www.bishopwatterson.com. For more information, contact Chris Hilty, BWHS Advancement/Alumni Office at 614-268-8671, ext. 243, or 614-459-5667 (home).

There will be a blood drive on October 2nd at Bishop Watterson High School. Please stop by the Bishop Watterson High School gym, from 2:00-8:00 p.m. To schedule an appointment, please go to www.givelife.org, code BWHS, or call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE. This is the 2nd of three blood drive for BWHS. Having three drives, averaging 50 units, enables the American Red Cross to give \$500.00 to a Watterson Senior. Our goal for this drive is 70 units, come support your Bishop Watterson family! If you gave on or before August 6th, you're eligible to donate.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 29

9:00 a.m. Mary Kanakkanatt

Tuesday, September 30

9:00 a.m. Joanamma Angelo

Wednesday, October 1

9:00 a.m. Jack Gorman

Thursday, October 2

9:00 a.m. Marc A Fiorini

2:45 p.m. Mass at The Forum –

St. Timothy Parishioners

Friday, October 3

9:00 a.m. John and Margaret Flesher

Saturday, October 4

5:00 p.m. Brian Casey

Sunday, October 5

8:00 a.m. Louis Viol

10:00 a.m. Carmela Tiberi

12:00 p.m. Henry and Mary Beenu

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, September 30 Bible Study	MPR	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, October 1 Folk Group Rehearsal	Teacher's Lounge	6:45 p.m.
Adult Choir		7:30 p.m.
Bible Study (Jeff Cavins)	MPR	7:00 p.m.
Girl Scout Leader Meeting	Library	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 2 Market Day Pick-up RCIA	Cafeteria MPR	4:00-5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 5 Ladies Bible Study	MPR	7:00 p.m.

A Word from Your Pastor

Dear Parishioners:

As you can imagine, most days my head is spinning with all the new information that comes my way. When people ask what my typical day is like, I really have no answer, because every day is different. As we come to the end of another month, I thought I would try to summarize a few aspects of life at St. Timothy that I am observing as I go along.

Funerals come along and enter into the schedule with no rhyme or reason. A couple of weeks ago, I had three funerals in which I had a part. Another was celebrated this past Friday. It is impressive how many folks come together to ensure a gracious send off to our loved ones and to console those left behind. From the Parish Office Staff, who work to let everyone know what is going on, to the Sacristans and Musicians and Funeral Choir, to the Servers and all the members of the Parish who assist with Bereavement Meals, all have a part that reveals our share in the hope of the Resurrection.

Meetings occur every day or so, sometimes two or three or four at the same time. Gatherings that take lots of planning and spontaneous gatherings keep our buildings hopping. Thanks to those who set the calendars and arrange it so that there is room enough for all! Thanks, too, to all involved who show flexibility, to go with the flow.

As I have visited the different groups, there is one "cry" that seems to be consistent: all are looking for more members and, especially, for those who are willing to take on roles of leadership. If you have not entered in or not been in the position of leadership so far, perhaps now is your moment. What is the Spirit stirring up in you?

In the midst of it all, there is also a desire to grow in Faith and in a deeper understanding of God and His ways. The best way to start that journey is through

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prayer. Wednesday Exposition and Adoration, from the morning Mass until 6:30 p.m., provides time for silence in the Lord's Presence. Daily Mass at 9:00 a.m. (Wednesday with our schoolchildren) is a way of coming to know the Lord in Word and Sacrament. Bible Studies at various times of the week, R.C.I.A. and participation in Music Ministry are all opportunities to deepen your involvement with the Liturgy and with Scripture. In the near future, we will be seeking to establish a formal Liturgy Committee to assist in the planning of the celebrations that bring us all together. There is a place for you. Are you hearing an invitation to grow?

VOLUNTEERS FOR OCTOBER

Linens	Fran Doyle
Collection Counters	Chris and Joan Lorenz
Altar Care	Elaine James and Marilyn Campbell

LECTORS FOR OCTOBER

5:00 p.m.	Gail Wenger and Walt Swider
8:00 a.m.	Lou and Joyce Nobile
10:00 a.m.	Jim Foley and Debbie Lackey
12:00 p.m.	Linda Gelhaus and Ann DeVoe

St. Vincent de Paul members will be at the doors of the church this weekend to accept your donations.

Last week's collection was \$6,620.00.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support in selling or purchasing FOOTBALL MANIA tickets. To date, St. Timothy has profited \$7,700.00. Tickets are still available for two more weeks.

Kairos Cookies

A huge thank you to St. Timothy parishioners. The recent Kairos NCCI #1 retreat in Marion was a huge success. The cookies meant more to the inmates than you could ever imagine. The outflow of love by so many outsiders overwhelmed them. If interested in Kairos, please check out www.kairosohio.org.

St. Timothy Knights of Columbus will be selling their Football Frenzy tickets that cover 10 NFL weekends, starting with Sunday, October 26th, and finishing on Sunday, December 28th. Each week, you can win up to \$400.00 for the four teams with the highest total you have on your ticket. Second highest is \$200.00, third highest is \$100.00, fourth highest is \$80.00, fifth highest is \$60.00, sixth highest is \$40.00, seventh is \$20.00. The lowest four-team total gets \$80.00 and the second lowest gets \$20.00.

Friends of Fr. Tim:

All St. Timothy parishioners are invited to join the "Friends of Fr. Tim's" online community. This wonderful web site was created to assist coordinate community activities. To start, we thought it would be nice to provide some simple meals for Fr. Tim. Even if you can't help now, please sign up so you can receive community updates, view the photo gallery and access the message board. Note that this web site is SECURE and only approved members may join. Your information will NOT be distributed or shared.

To register:

1. Visit <http://www.lotsahelpinghands.com/c/607122/>
2. Enter your e-mail address under "Interested in becoming a member of this community???" and click on Continue
3. Complete the rest of the info and select "Send e-mail"

St. Timothy Parishioners will be approved upon receipt of their login e-mail. You will receive an e-mail confirmation once you are approved. Future logins will simply require your e-mail address and password. See you online! Coordinators are Colleen Spees (cbspees@columbus.rr.com) and Annette Kanakkanatt (akanakka@columbus.rr.com).

The St. Timothy Men's Club will hold its annual new member meeting at 8:00 p.m., Monday, October 6, hosted by Digger and Finch, 6270 Riverside Drive. This is a fun gathering and a chance for new parishioners to get acquainted and learn more about Men's Club activities. By charter, all men of the parish are automatically members of the Men's Club and members pay dues of \$10.00 annually for voting privileges or \$100.00 lifetime. If you have never been to a meeting, or haven't been in a while, please try to attend and bring a friend. We will have refreshments after the brief business portion of the meeting and Digger and Finch will provide range balls all evening, so feel free to come early.

REMINDER

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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 5

MASS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
5:00 p.m. Saturday	Joni Teetor, Peg Lind, Mary K. Rainey	Chad Marchese, Brad Marchese, Dustin Obergfell
8:00 a.m. Sunday	Ken & Kathy Lutter, JoAnn O'Brien	Mike Lutter, Steven Steigelman
10:00 a.m. Sunday	Dave & Mary Pat Boulware, Don Fracasso, John Stechschulte, Brad Spees	Spencer Powell, Remy Powell, Tim Silleck
12:00 p.m. Sunday	Rick & Colleen Ziemba, George Cleary	Danny Neary, George Cleary, Joe Neary

SCHOOL NEWS

CAFETERIA WORKERS

Monday, September 29	Murphy, Neary, Obergfell
Tuesday, September 30	Cianflona, King, Oddi, Rice
Wednesday, October 1	Cattell, Cooper, Freeman, Thomas
Thursday, October 2	Feige, Reinmann, Weaver
Friday, October 3	Frank, Petman, Steigelman, Frank