

October 5, 2008

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday

Is the world a good place?

It can be a painful place. We can get discouraged here. Yet we can get stuck here; it's strange that we can cling to our problems and fear leaving our ruts.

But the world can be a beautiful place too. That can lead to a different, even stranger problem: we are tempted to worship what is here. Some favorite, old standby temptations are still with us. Power and money can draw us in. But we have some modern ones too. Science and technology can be worshiped. We can be pulled by more subtle temptations. Is health not a great good? Family and love are certainly good.

What things can handle the job of being *worshiped*, of being at the center of life? Let's be careful here; we needn't reject good things as worthless. Wealth and power and knowledge and good health can make humans flourish. The question is, can they *complete* us?

It is especially when we are *successful* at achieving the goods of this world that we may become aware of something missing. Do we have what we wanted? Are we still asking for more? Why do we sense there's something we have not found?

Saint Augustine said we have a heart that is made for God and cannot find peace in anything else.

We are pulled to grow, to be more. We're like amphibians, living in good waters but carrying lungs that are meant to be filled with air—with the breath of God. We live here, but we are drawn to a richer world.

Our world is good. It is *sacramental*. We already see here how simple things—water, oil, bread, wine, forgiveness, responsibility, human love, even our weaknesses and death—can be taken up and changed.

So Saint Paul reminds us: whatever is true, honorable, just, pure, pleasing, commendable, excellent, and worthy of praise—*think about these*.



Today's Readings

Is 5:1-7
Phil 4:6-9
Mt 21:33-43

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Confirmation Parent and Candidate Meeting

There will be a mandatory meeting of all Confirmation Candidates and their parents/guardians – both those in St. Timothy School and those in the St. Timothy PSR Program – Tuesday, October 14th, at 7:00 p.m. in the church. This will include a Confirmation Commitment Ceremony. A letter about this meeting and a registration form has been mailed out to all St. Timothy Parish eighth grade families. Please bring the completed Registration Form with you to this meeting. Contact Rita Feige (451-3867) with any questions or concerns.

RCIA

The RCIA Process here at St. Timothy is in its **Precatechumenate or Inquiry Period**. It is the first stage of the RCIA process. It is the time for evangelization, hospitality and formation. "This period is best characterized as informational. The inquirer seeks information about the Church and the Church for its part uses this period to come to know the inquirers, to listen to their stories, to tell our own stories, to answer their questions and to help them ask better questions. This is often the period during which many of the "Catholic questions" are dealt with. For example: Why do Catholics pray to saints? Why do you believe that the Pope is infallible? What exactly does infallibility mean? Why do you worship Mary? What is the Rosary? What are indulgences? What is the Mass about?" (William Bruns: *Guiding Your Parish through the Christian Initiation Process*: 23). Those in the Precatechumenate Period are called Inquires. It is not too late to join the RCIA process. If you are interested, contact Rita Feige (451-3867).

PRAYER AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

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.

RESPECT LIFE

All are invited to take part in the ecumenical, national "40 Days for Life" effort from September 24 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 at 457-9129 or visit www.40daysforlife.com/Columbus. St. Timothy and St. Peter Churches are sharing coverage on Sunday, October 19.

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.

Eucharistic Adoration

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 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 Greater Columbus Post of the Catholic Veterans will meet Tuesday, October 7th, at 7:30 p.m. at the American Legion Post 239 located at 700 Morning Street in Worthington. Any Catholic person honorably discharged with 90 days either peace or wartime active duty U.S. military experience, or on active duty now, is eligible to join. Please call John Francis at 614-395-8529 for more information.

ARGOSY CASINO DAY TRIP

Lawrenceburg, Indiana
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH
Leave St. Andrew Bryce Eck Center
3880 Reed Road

8:00 a.m.-Return 7:30 p.m.
\$45.00 – price includes admission,
motorcoach, and lunch buffet

Join St. Andrew Seniors as we board the *Argosy VI*, the most popular riverboat casino in the world! This "superboat" accommodates close to 4,000 passengers and contains three decks of fun and excitement, each level larger than a football field. The Passport Buffet features a fresh and infinitely fantastic selection of traditional and international dishes, along with a decadent dessert station. Call Kathy (459-1402) for reservations.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 6

9:00 a.m. Bill Houston

Tuesday, October 7

9:00 a.m. Respect Life for the Unborn

2:00 p.m. Mass at Whetstone

Wednesday, October 8

9:00 a.m. James and Ruth Schroer

Thursday, October 9

9:00 a.m. Louis Jentgen

Friday, October 10

9:00 a.m. Theresa O'Connor

Saturday, October 11

5:00 p.m. Dan Grant

Sunday October 12

8:00 a.m. Helen Kearns

10:00 a.m. Patty Grady

12:00 noon St. Timothy Parishioners

VOLUNTEERS FOR OCTOBER	
Linens	Mary Fabro
Collection Counters	Bob Dorinsky and Ken Lutter
Altar Care	Helen Honeck

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 12		
MASS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
5:00 p.m. Saturday	Mary Ballantyne, Virginia Leidheiser, Brett Ballantyne	Jenna Auber, Christina Brahos, Kalin Benjamin
8:00 a.m. Sunday	Bob Dorinsky, Kitty Quinn, Joe Briski	Brayden Steller, Pete Holtz, Joseph Montgomery
10:00 a.m. Sunday	Dawn Ellis, Lou Fabro, Diane Hobson, Dave & Angela Parker	Ryan Brady, Katie Cattell, Joe Hamlett
12:00 p.m. Sunday	Claire Meeks, Mike McGroarty, Vince Fabro	Tom Cianflona, Madison Kerscher, Joe Jeffrey

A Word from Your Pastor

Dear Parishioners:

As I have mentioned before, St. Timothy Church is a Parish family that has a lot going on. I have a feeling that one of the “jobs” that will be mine as your Pastor is simply to do my best to keep you informed about what is happening.

At the moment, we have a number of things on our parish plate. I attended my first official Parish Council Meeting by ducking in and out (due to a Funeral Vigil Service), but I was able to note some details of the discussion. Let me highlight three areas that deal with the Parish at large.

Music and Liturgy are on the front burner. We are in the process of discovering who our *new Music Director* will be. Here’s what has happened so far: A survey was offered to all involved in the music program and to all parishioners who were interested. A search committee was formed. The committee has established a job description and advertised the position. Several resumes have been received. In the near future, those candidates who are promising will be interviewed by members of the committee. Once the committee feels it has a good candidate, I will review their recommendation and choose the new director.

The desire to establish a *Liturgy Committee* has been expressed for two reasons: 1. To facilitate communication among all who take part in the planning of the Liturgical life of our Parish; 2. To prepare for the catechesis required for implementation of the adaptations to the Mass that will be made in the next few years (a new translation of the Sacramentary and guidelines for selection of Music, for example).

I envision creating a Liturgy Committee by offering a “course” on Liturgy to all currently involved and any who are interested over a period of a few weeks. Out of those who take part in that course, some will no doubt choose to be members. Once the committee is formed, we will look at our weekly celebration of Mass and other matters associated with the Liturgy, and we will begin to plan for the Seasons of Advent-Christmas, and Lent-Easter.

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Proper Stewardship of our Parish includes ongoing attention to our Parish and School Facilities. Parish Council has discussed the need to set up a small committee to oversee *Maintenance of our Parish property*. We will need to establish a list of members of the Parish who have skills in this area. Rather than approach things from a “crisis response” perspective, we want to open our eyes to see what lies ahead. Do you have skills that would benefit your fellow parishioners and save parish expenses? Do you have a gift for seeing what needs to be done and planning how to do it? Our Parish resources are wonderful; we need to be good stewards for the generations ahead.

The Finance Committee, which met the same week as Parish Council, highlighted a few areas to address: communication of where we are in our Debt Retirement Campaign, increased participation in electronic transfer of contributions to Stewardship, and welcome of new members into involvement in the life of the parish through Stewardship and sharing of skills and talents.

Other areas that are starting to emerge are: *Evangelization, Service of the Wider Community, and a deepening of Spirituality*. There are impulses of the Spirit at work among us. We are called to listen and to respond. What do you hear?

Last week’s collection was \$12,914.00.

The sale of grocery certificates for the last fiscal year has generated an income of \$11,221.73 for the parish.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK		
Monday, October 6 St. Vincent de Paul Meeting Men’s Club Newcomers Meeting	MPR	7:00 p.m.
	Digger & Finch	8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 7 Bible Study School Advisory Meeting Den Leaders Meeting	MPR	9:30 a.m.
	Teacher’s Lounge	6:30 p.m.
	Cafeteria	7:45 p.m.
Wednesday, October 8 Folk Group Rehearsal Adult Choir Bible Study (Jeff Cavins)	Teacher’s Lounge	6:45 p.m.
	MPR	7:30 p.m.
	MPR	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 9 RCIA	MPR	7:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 12 Ladies Bible Study	MPR	7:00 p.m.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support in selling or purchasing FOOTBALL MANIA tickets. They are still available for one more week.

The St. Timothy Men’s Club will hold its annual new member meeting at 8:00 p.m., Monday, October 6, hosted by Digger & 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. 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 & Finch will provide range balls all evening, so feel free to come early.

PANTRY DONATIONS NEEDED... the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. James the Less Church has asked St. Timothy for help in stocking its food pantry. They need our help because of growing demands from more people. In addition to food, especially needed are soaps of all kinds, paper products and personal items. Please put all donations in the coatroom at the entrance of church. Any questions? Call Mary Fabro (451-0396).

Welcome, Newcomers

Alimo, John & Mary – Meaghan, John, Ryan, Chris; Anderson, Jerrod & Mary – Henry, Owen; Flinders, Nelson & Diane – Calvin, Lillian, Vincent; Gibbs, Marie; Lamb, James & MaryLynne – Matt, Marie, Michael; Lingnell, Josh & Hellen – Hellen, Noah; Muzilla, Catherine; Wagner, Rebecca; Chappellear, Michael & Susan – James, Jennifer; Fisher, Ryan & Theresa – Alex, Julie

Baptisms

Alexander Joseph DeVictor
Noah Thomas Lingnell

St. Timothy Knights of Columbus will be selling their Football Frenzy tickets that cover ten 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

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).

SCHOOL NEWS

CAFETERIA WORKERS	
Monday, October 6	Melillo, Romaker, Staley
Tuesday, October 7	Colasurd, Lutter, Stock
Wednesday, October 8	Politz, Ruppensburg, Sanese, Weber
Thursday, October 9	Six, Kirkpatrick
Friday, October 10	Benjamin, Brembeck, Gelhaus