

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!

Mass Schedule and Intentions

**Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sunday, July 27 ♦ Seventeenth Sunday of
Ordinary Time**

9:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of
Baumert Family (Eugene Baumert)
11:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross
1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Monday, July 28 ♦ NO MASS

Tuesday, July 29 ♦ St. Martha

11:30 a.m. Intentions of Rosetta White
Jer 14:17-22; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday, July 30 ♦ Weekday

11:30 a.m. John & Della McDevitt
(Harold & Julie Tucker)
Jer 15:10, 16-21; Mt 13:44-46

Thursday, July 31 ♦ St. Ignatius of Loyola

11:30 a.m. William O'Reilly (Kay & Pat Fallon)
Jer 18:1-6; Mt 13:47-53

Friday, August 1 ♦ St. Alphonsus Liguori

11:30 a.m. Grace Montell [deceased]
(Mary Montell)
Jer 26:1-9; Mt 13:54-58

12:00 p.m. Novena to Our Sorrowful Mother
7:30 p.m. All-Night Eucharistic Vigil
(Intention of Presider)

Saturday, August 2 ♦ Weekday

7:30 a.m. *All-Night Eucharistic Vigil closes with
Benediction (Revision)*
11:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of Cullinan Family
(Jeanne Cullinan Brown)

Jer 26:11-16; Mt 14:1-12

**Sunday, August 3 ♦ Eighteenth Sunday of
Ordinary Time**

9:00 a.m. Msgr. James M. Berendt (His Family)
11:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross
Is 55:1-3; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21

Mass Scheduling Policy: In order to accommodate as many requests for specific dates as possible, we cannot schedule more than five at one time. Requests without a specific date are scheduled as openings permit. Please include the suggested offering of \$10.00 (for each Mass) when the request is made. Thank You!

THANKS!	
JULY 20, 2008 OFFERINGS	
Designated Collections	Offering..... \$1,844.75
	Votives..... 41.25
	Novena (1st Friday) ... 0.00
Mass Attendance	Repair 147.00
9:00 a.m. = 77	Less Tax 101.65
11:00 a.m. = 87	Net to Parish \$1,931.35

+ Please remember in your prayers our homebound parishioners and those who are ill: Hilda Barrett, Mary Cordesco, Robert Domigan, Sara Fingerlin, Marianne Garrison, Elsie Haninger, Theresa Hyle, Chris Igel, Jestina Jones, Mary Kay Keefer, Mary Knapp, Edith Kowalsky, Ellen McMillen, Mary McNellis, Vicki Meyer, Cathy Miller, Rita Neff, Bob Scholl, Mary Scholl, Marilyn Scott, Sheila Shirey, Margaret Trainor, Helen Violet, Elizabeth Wanamaker.

Congratulations!!

Prayerful best wishes to Ryan Robinson and Kristina Tuttle, who will be married in our Parish Church on Saturday, August 2nd.

**Choir Practice at
Holy Cross**

Holy Cross Church Choir will be singing for our annual patronal homecoming celebration, the EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS, on September 14, 2008, 10:00 a.m. Mass. Rehearsals will be on Sundays, starting on August 17th following the 11:00 a.m. Mass in the church. Daniel DiSanto will be leading our choir again this year.

Planning Ahead – RCIA

Fr. Jerry and Sister Pat would like to meet with anyone wanting to know more about our Catholic Faith and the R.C.I.A. formation program. Please come to the Rectory on Thursday, August 7, 7:00 p.m.

Religious Training

Religion classes will be offered for children in kindergarten to 5th grade beginning in September. Parents please register your children by contacting Sister Pat.

Catechist or Classroom Aide

We are looking for additional catechists and aides to support our Sunday morning religious education program. If interested in this very important ministry, please contact Fr. Stluka or Sister Pat.

Special Prayer Time

Sr. Pat will be on retreat this week. Let us pray for her as she prays for us.

Parish Self-Study Update

The parish leadership group did meet last Sunday following 11:00 a.m. Mass. Several recommendations were made in the area of Sacramental, Strategic and Sustaining Areas of the Parish which will be sent to the Center City Deanery (Holy Cross, St. Joseph Cathedral, St. Patrick, Holy Rosary/St. John, St. Dominic, St. Thomas and Ss. Augustine & Gabriel). More information to follow.

THE WORD

Today's Gospel concludes the day of parables, Jesus' teaching about the kingdom of heaven. The first two parables today stress the great value of God's kingdom. It is worth any sacrifice. It is so rewarding for the follower of Jesus that the commitment should be a joyful acceptance of the reign of God. That is the message of the parable of the treasure and the parable of the pearl.

Historians tell us that it was common for persons to hide their valuable property in the ground. The man in the parable comes across such a hoard, the symbol of God's kingdom, by accident. He joyfully sells everything to acquire that field and its treasure. The merchant also is willing to give up everything to get possession of "the pearl of great price," also a symbol of the kingdom of heaven. Matthew himself is an example of such total commitment to the kingdom. When Jesus called him, "leaving everything behind, he got up and followed him" (Luke 5:27).

The parable of the net concludes the series. Its teaching is the same as the explanation of the parable of the weeds among the wheat. The kingdom will have both good and evil until the end of time, when the final sorting will take place.

From "Living the Word."

Sharing Time, Talent and Treasure

We are in need of generous volunteers to assist:

- 1) Claire Miller and her team with church cleaning on the first and third Monday of each month starting at 9:30 a.m. Please give Claire a call at 268-2094.
- 2) Ann Seren with the flower and garden work around the church. Please call Ann at 237-1379.
- 3) Sister Pat with putting together the cart for the TV DVD/VHS player. This combination was obtained by a grant from The Catholic Foundation for our religious education classes.

Cell Phones

Please remember to silence your cell phone upon entering the church before the start of Mass during the week and on Sundays.

Latin America Collection – August 3rd

The second collection next week is for the Church in Latin America. It is an important way for the faithful in this country to express solidarity with their brothers and sisters to the south whose pastoral and material needs are great. Donations to this collection fund projects throughout Mexico, Central and South America, and the Caribbean that bring people more fully into the life of the Catholic Church.

Retrouvaille

If your marriage is troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring; if you have grown cold and distant; if you are separated, or are thinking about it, don't give up. **Retrouvaille** (Rediscovery) is a program to help heal and support married couples experiencing difficulties, loneliness or pain. It is also for separated or divorced couples wanting to try again. The next program is August 1-3, 2008. For more information, call 614-296-9704 or visit www.retrouvaille.org.

Retreat for Men

September 12-14, 2008: **Silent Weekend Retreat for Men.** Father Glenn Sudano will be the Retreat Director and the theme will be: "In Hope We Are Saved." For more information, please contact team captains Tim Kennedy at 614-855-2105 or Charles Kielkopf at 614-268-0175. A donation of \$115.00 covers the cost of the Retreat.

27 July 2008 †	
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	
❖ Hymns are not announced ❖	
The first reading begins on page 76	
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. – Dan DiSanto, organist	
Entrance Hymn	<i>All Creatures of Our God and King</i> (Hymnal #892)
Responsorial Psalm	<i>Lord, I love your commands, Lord, I love your commands</i> (Missalette page 80, #52)
Gospel Acclamation	(Missalette page 80, #53)
Offertory Hymn	<i>We Are the Light of the World</i> (Hymnal #931)
Communion Hymn	<i>Let the Hungry Come to Me</i> (Hymnal #628)
Closing Hymn	<i>Holy God, We Praise Thy Name</i> (Hymnal #900)