

July 13, 2008

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

46TH & ILLINOIS STREET (NW CORNER)

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA



God's People in Extraordinary Variety...A Caring Community

A lot of people seemed amused back in March when Bishop Gianfranco Girotti, head of the Apostolic Penitentiary (a Vatican tribunal), suggested that serious disregard for the environment is a deadly sin. At the time I thought - and still think - they had no reason to be amused. The bishop was right on target.

In recent years the church has consistently taught that caring for the environment is an important part of our commitment to social justice, part of the seamless garment in the ethic of respect life. The church has taught that while the earth has been entrusted to us as stewards to be preserved, it is also given into our hands to be developed in such a way that it will be productive for those who come after us.

If this means we must limit our consumption, change our priorities in regard to trade and energy, and take the lead in developing eco-friendly industries, then so be it! Common sense says we can not keep on going the way we are, making ever increasing, unsustainable demands on our planet.

Every small step we take, from being conscious of the issues, to recycling and using our cars less, is important. Some of us, of course, are in positions to do far more than that.

One creative reading of today's gospel is that it parallels how we can react to our planet's denigration.

For some of us, the facts and figures about the planet's ecosystem fall on rocky ground. We are not receptive to hearing anything that might demand a change in our lifestyle or a lessening in our levels of comfort.

For others, the data, i.e., the truth, falls among the thorns. Competing with all the other issues that call for our attention and action, the plight of the planet is not able to take root in either our consciousness or our sympathies. We think it can all wait for another generation which will somehow fix the problems we leave behind.

For still others, the data falls on fertile soil. We feel called to do whatever we can to see to it that the earth continues to bear fruit for as long as God intends it to do so.

Over and over the Scriptures remind us of the importance of the earth and the way we treat it. In Genesis God told us to care for the earth and subdue it, not wreck it. We have no right to be irresponsible about the world's finite resources in the hope that future generations can solve the problems we leave behind. There's a reason why avarice has always been one of the deadly sins!

From July 16 to August 8, I am going to be serving as chaplain on a Holland America cruise that begins in Dover and winds up in Amsterdam, after visiting parts of Scotland, Greenland and Iceland and making several stops along the west coast of Norway.

Next weekend Fr. Vincent Tobin, OSB, a monk of St. Meinrad Archabbey, will preside at the masses, and will include in his homily something about the ministries of the Archabbey. There will not be a second collection; but for those who may be inclined to help the Archabbey, Father Vincent will have with him some materials which will explain the Archabbey's ministries in more detail.

I first met Father Vincent three years ago when I was on sabbatical in Rome. At the time he was teaching homiletics at the North American College. He has spent a total of nineteen years in Rome, much of it at Sant' Anselmo University. He is a neat guy. I think you will enjoy listening to what he has to say.

Peace,

Father Steve

Parish News

Pray for the Sick & Shut-In

St. Augustine Home

Mary Kops

Hooverwood

Alma Mocas

Spring Mill Meadows

Rene Gordon

Clearwater Commons

Kitty Habing

Meridian Oaks

Jimmie Louise Payne

Special Intentions

Ophelia Miller

*Dennis & Charlene Ottavi

Richard Ingwell

Agnes Roney

Zenobia Green

James Mosby

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It's coming ... Sausagefest 2008!

Mark your calendars and invite your friends and neighbors!

The fourth annual STA **Sausagefest** will be **August 15 and 16**. This two-day celebration of food, fun and fellowship promises to be the best yet! Admission is still free, so plan to be here 6 pm to midnight to catch all the music and games, not to mention the great food and drink!

Look for information soon about volunteer opportunities and raffle ticket and t-shirt sales.

To join the Sausagefest planning committee, please contact Neal Ziliak (ziliaks@aol.com or 228-9744).

See you August 15 and 16!

Adult Faith Formation

Our 9:00 Sunday morning Adult Faith Formation Programs will resume with a study of the Gospel of Matthew.

We will meet on July 20 and 27. Come for one or all sessions.

For more information call Chris Countryman, 925-0918.

STA Offerings 2007-2008

Actual Offering, \$765,901	
	Annual Budget \$735,000

6/28/2008

Offering for the Week including Red Envelope	\$ 71,393
Percent of Actual Y-T-D to Anticipated Y-T-D	104.2%
Year to Date St. Vincent De Paul	\$ 28,858
Year to Date Hall	\$ 140,285

Please remember all fundraising activities need approval by the Finance Committee.

Parish Life & School Notes

Paper Recycling Summer Contest – We Need Your Paper!

Abitibi-Bowater, the company that collects our recycled paper, has challenged us to increase the amount of paper we collect compared to last summer.

If we can recycle 20% more paper during the contest period (May 1 through August 31), we will win \$250. If we can recycle 25% more than last summer, they will pay us \$500.

During the month of May, we had a 20% increase, so we're off to a good start.

Please bring all your newspaper, office paper, school papers, mail, and catalogs to the green and yellow bin on Kenwood Ave.

Don't throw it away – recycle today!

Green Corner

Recycling compact fluorescent light bulbs just got easier. Home Depot announced it will offer free CFL recycling at each of its 1,973 locations.

Customers can drop off expired, unbroken bulbs at the returns counter of any Home Depot store.

The home improvement retailer is beginning the program in response to customers' concerns about improper disposal of the bulbs, which contain small amounts of mercury.

The national recycling program is the most widespread of its kind and offers an alternative to some existing options -- community hazardous waste programs and select retail stores, according to the retailer.

Pit crew priest to address July Catholic Business Exchange.

Father Glenn O'Connor, an avid race car enthusiast who has served on pit crews at the Indianapolis 500 for the past 33 years, will address the July Catholic Business Exchange. The title of his talk is: Are you "Working to beat Hell" or just Working?

The event is Friday morning, July 18 at the North Side Knights of Columbus. Mass starts at 6:30am and the program will be finished by 8:30am. Cost for the program includes a great breakfast and is \$14 in advance.

Registration is required. To register, pay online and for more information, visit www.catholicbusinessexchange.com.

ANNULMENT INFORMATION EVENING will be held on Tuesday, August 12th, 2008 at The Catholic Center, 1400 North Meridian St in Indianapolis, IN from 7:00-9:00 p.m. This evening invites you to broaden your knowledge and understanding of the "why's", "what's" and "how's" of the annulment process. Ann Tully, BS, MTS, Judge Instructor of the Metropolitan Tribunal will be the presenter. There is no cost for this program. Contact the Office of Family Ministries at 1-800-382-9836 or e-mail mhess@archindy.org for additional information.

CRHP Women's Retreat
January 10 & 11, 2009
Save this Date!

Archdiocesan of Indianapolis Golden Wedding Anniversary Changes for 2008 & 2009

To those who will be celebrating 50 years of marriage or more in 2008 & 2009: The archdiocese 175th Jubilee Mass, is scheduled for Sunday, May 3, 2009, at Lucas Oil Stadium.

The Mass and reception, which is usually celebrated in September at SS. Peter & Paul Cathedral, will not be held in 2008. Rather, golden wedding jubilarians from both 2008 and 2009 will be recognized at the archdiocesan-wide Mass.

Watch the parish bulletin and the Criterion for further updates, or visit the office of Family Ministries' Golden Jubilee web page at www.archindy.org/family/jubilee.



STA Parish Center
Summer Office Hours:
Monday-Friday
8:30am-3:30pm

Mass Schedule

Weekend

Saturday 5:30 pm, Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 am
Weekdays & Holy Days (evening Masses 6:30 pm)
as scheduled in Sunday bulletin.

Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick & Chronically Ill

After all Masses the first weekend of the month.

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:30-5:00 pm or by appointment.

Baptism for Children

Please call the Parish Office (253-1461) to register for Baptismal Preparation. Baptisms take place after the 10:30 Masses on the fourth Sunday of the month or by special arrangement with the pastor.

Marriage

Marriage preparation begins at least six months in advance of the wedding.

New Parishioners

Please introduce yourself to the pastor. Registration Packets are available in the Kiosk in the narthex.

You may also register at the Parish Center.

New Baby

Please call the Parish Office when you have new additions to your family.

Funerals

Please call the Parish Office prior to finalizing funeral arrangements.

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Mass Intentions

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Sunday, July 13 • **15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 am (I) Alma Mocas

10:30 am Mary Marcella Clidinst

Tuesday, July 15 • **St. Bonaventure**

7:00 am Galbreath Family

Wednesday, July 16 • **Weekday**

8:00 am (I) Rene Gordon

Thursday, July 17 • **Weekday**

11:30 am Romulo Jose

Friday, July 18 • **Weekday**

8:00 am (I) Kitty Habing

Saturday, July 19 • **Mass of Anticipation**

5:30 pm St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

Sunday, July 20 • **16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 am (I) Jimmie Louise Payne

10:30 am (I) James Mosby.

Parish Calendar

Monday, July 14,

7:30 am Morning Prayer - Bosler Chapel

Tuesday, July 15,

7:30 am Morning Prayer - Bosler Chapel

Wednesday, July 16,

7:30 am Morning Prayer - Bosler Chapel

Thursday, July 17,

7:30 am Morning Prayer - Bosler Chapel

12:00 noon Lunch after Mass - Bethany Room

7:00 pm Contemplative Prayer - Bosler Chapel

Friday, July 18,

7:30 am Morning Prayer - Bosler Chapel

Saturday, July 19,

10:00 am Catholic Conversation - Parish Center

Weekly Readings

Readings for the Week of January 13, 2008

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/
Mt 3:13-17

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/
Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34