

**JULY 5, 2009****14TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

Dear Friends,

As you might know, next Saturday July 11 is the feast of St. Benedict on the Roman church calendar. Living in central Italy around 480 – 550, Benedict is known as the founder of western monasticism and the author of the famous Rule that bears his name. Not only is he the patron saint of Europe, he is also the patron of farm workers.

As you might know, next Saturday July 11 is the birthday of another great man named Benedict. Fr. Ben Ringholz, pastor of St Joseph's from 1980 – 1990, will be 90 years old. Ordained as a priest on February 24, 1945, Fr. Ben is now 4th in seniority among the priests of our diocese.

As you might know, before he came to Monroeville, Fr. Ben was the pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Fremont from 1972 – 1980. While he was there, the church was renovated in accordance to the directives of Vatican II. Just one of the reasons that I admire priests of that generation is for the way they made the adjustment to Vatican II. They were ordained in a system that was set by Council of Trent in 1500's and had not changed for 400 years. The adjustment was not only difficult for laity, but for priests & religious as well. (Here's some trivia: Fr. Bert Schenk is 1st in seniority having been ordained in 1937. He preceded Fr. Ben as pastor at Sacred Heart, 1968 – 1972. Then served as pastor at St Alphonsus from 1972 until retiring in 1977).

As you know now, I am following footsteps of Frs. Ringholz and Schenk. I remember visiting Fr. Ben at Sacred Heart once on a cloudy Saturday morning in March of 1974. At that time, I could never have envisioned what the future would hold for me and that I would one day live in the rectory. Priesthood wasn't on my horizon then. Neither were Fremont, Monroeville or Peru. Who can doubt the wisdom, guidance, and grace of the Holy Spirit?

As you might know both Fr. Ringholz & I were born and raised in Sandusky. As you might not know another of my predecessors at Sacred Heart was also born & raised there: Fr. Mark Herzog, ordained in 1979, was pastor from 1995 – 2006. How's that for trivia and for God's sense of ironic humor?

I hope and pray that I will be a happy priest like Frs. Ben, Bert and Mark for a long time.

See you next week at the St Alphonsus Festival.

Fr. Ken Lill

PASTORAL STAFF

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AT LEAST 6 MONTH NOTICE AND
 ATTENDANCE AT ENGAGED
 COUPLES CONFERENCE

COMMUNION TO THE SICK

CALL THE RECTORY AT 465-4142

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY AT 4 PM AT
 ST. JOSEPH

FINANCE COMMITTEES

BOB SUNDERMAN (SA) 663-8740
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GERI MYERS 465-2185

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Jul. 4 – St. Elizabeth of Portugal

5:00 PM (SA) Arthur Schlachter
Eugene Dick

Sun., Jul. 5 – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM (SA) Gertrude Holmer
10:30 AM (SJ) Bob & Theresa Graham

Mon., Jul. 6 – St. Marie Goretti

NO MASS

Tues., Jul. 7

NO MASS

Wed., Jul. 8

8:15 AM (SJ) Dennis Didion

Thurs., Jul. 9 – St. Augustine Zhao Rong

8:15 AM (SJ) Margaret Tyler

Fri., Jul. 10

8:15 AM (SJ) Clifford Wilhelm

Sat., Jul. 11 – St. Benedict

5:00 PM (SA) Pete Schafer
Paul & Ortrude Smith
Ralph & Viola Wangler, Susan Spinello

Sun., Jul. 12 – 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM (SA) Joe Schaffer
10:30 AM (SJ) Walter & Margaret Schlachter
Lonz Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUN-Ez. 2:2-5/2 Cor. 12:7-10/Mk. 6:1-6a

MON-Gn. 28:10-22a/Mt. 9:18-26

TUE-Gn. 32:23-33/Mt. 9:32-38

WED-Gn. 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Mt. 10:1-7

THU-Gn. 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Mt. 10:7-15

FRI-Gn. 46:1-7, 28-30/Mt. 10:16-23

SAT-Gn. 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Mt. 10:24-33

CONTRIBUTIONS – JUNE 21

St. Joseph-Sunday-,3,589 (96 of 472 env.), Loose-74, Ascension-2, 50/50-45, Bldg Fund-10, Ladies-30, School Support-10, Father's Day-202, Cemetery-30, Peter's Pence-30,

St. Alphonsus-Sunday-2,032 (77 of 276 env.), Loose-321, Children-7, Vigil Lights-12, Ladies-6, Father's Day-201.

THE SECOND COLLECTION for the needy will be taken at all masses next weekend.

WE STILL HAVE several grade cards & 8th Grade pictures in the parish office. Please pick yours up at your earliest convenience.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, Jul 11– 5:00 p.m. – St. Alphonsus

L Barb Chase, Sue Moore

U Volunteers

EM Ron & Barb Chase, Beverly Hipp, Gregg & Sue Moore

S Madeline Bollenbacher, Hayley & Logan Myers

Sunday, Jul 12– 8:30 a.m. – St. Alphonsus

L Robin Welch, Sue Moore

U Tom Ott, Bill Brooks, Dennis Foltz, James Heyman

EM Jim & Cheryl Wasiniak, Mike & Diane Wasiniak, Tom Smith, Mary Ott, Jeanette Ott, 2 Volunteers

S Ann Vanderpool, Macie & Lauren Ott

G Patti Kluding, Kathy Miller

Sunday, Jul 12 – 10:30 a.m. – St. Joseph

L Mike Adelman, Angie Roth

U **Joe Brown**, Doug Elmlinger, Fred Leber

EM **Jennifer Meagrow**, Sandy Lonz, Chris Raftery, Barb Smith, James Workley

S Audra & Lydia Leber

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

JUL 12-Diana Brown

COUNTERS – JUL 6

Theresa Schafer, Ruth Schaffer, Judy Trushel, Catherine Raftery, Ann & Fred Roth

BINGO – JULY 6

CREW #3: Craig Selka, June Ferguson, Ann Sitterly, Tom Gies, Joe Wilhelm, Krista Smith

FOOD: Tom & Kirsten Schafer

KITCHEN: Agnes Balduff, Laurie Haughawout

BAKERS: Maralyn Long, Sherry Wilhelm, Evelyn Ruffing

SET UP: Mimi Ott

WINDOW: Jill Schafer



MAY GOD SEND HIS HEALING

BLESSINGS to Gary Fries, Jeanette Leibold, Dolores Limbird, Ray Myers, Bill Stieber, George Stepanic, Service Men & Women & Special Intention (CV)

PARISH CALENDAR

BINGO Monday night in the Social Center. Doors open at 5; Bingo starts at 6:45.

PASTORAL COUNCIL meets Tuesday at 6 p.m.

AREA EVENTS

GOLF OUTING sponsored by K of C Council 10063, New London on Saturday, July 25 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Millstone Hills Golf Course. To sign up for this 3-man scramble, please call Denny at 419-929-0717 or Marty at 419-706-4739.

CATHOLIC YOUTH DAY at Toledo Mud Hens game on Sunday, Aug. 9 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for reserved seating on the third base line and post-game fireworks. Contact Frank Kristie at 419-725-4392 or order online at www.mudhens.com/catholic

GOLF SCRAMBLE sponsored by Underground Utilities to benefit Monroeville Basketball will be held at Sycamore Hills on Saturday July 25. Registration begins at 7:30; Tee times start at 9 a.m. Cost is \$40 per person. Contact Zac Reer (419-465-4333) by July 18 to register and/or for more information.



PLAN TO COME TO CROCODILE DOCK!

Vacation Bible School is coming to Monroeville the week of July 6-10 at St. Joseph Church from 6-8:30 p.m. Registration begins at 5:30 on July 6. Kids who are entering Kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to attend.

FR. KEN'S FAREWELL

Please join us on July 19 for a Farewell for Fr. Ken. We will begin with Mass at 10:30. The **choir** will be singing at this Mass. Please arrive at 9:30 to go over the music. Call Abby Doss (419-465-4396) for more info.

We would like to have as many **school children** as possible present to sing the **Irish Blessing** for Fr. Ken's send off. We will ask them to come to the front after Communion to help bless Father on his way. Call Molly Doss (419-465-4396) for more info.

After Mass a **potluck** is planned in the Social Hall. The parishes will provide the meat and beverages and are asking parishioners to bring salads, desserts and covered dishes. Please sign up in the back of church so we can get some idea how many we'll have. We have invited our friends from the UCC and Trinity Lutheran to join us in saying goodbye to Father. Call Sandy Lonz (419-465-2320), Bob Crist (419-668-8803), Rita Stieber (419-668-0370), or Molly Doss (419-465-4396) for more information.

ST. ALPHONSUS FESTIVAL REMINDERS:

- Please return all sold and unsold tickets.
- Posters are available in the back of church along with pie pans if you need one.
- We need cakes for the cake walk.
- We would like to have all donations for the auction by Wednesday so we can work on getting things organized. We still need help with the auction. If you could give us a few hours during the festival, we would really appreciate it.
- Don't forget to sign up for our 5-K Run. If you don't want to run, we could use your help! Or just come and watch.
- We will set up the booths on Saturday along with the kitchen preparation at 9:00 a.m.

Please help make our festival a success.

ATTENTION RUNNERS

The St. Alphonsus 5K run will be Saturday July 11 at 9:30 a.m. If you pre-register by July 7 the registration fee is \$12; registration on race day (from 8:30-9:15) will be \$15. Mail registrations to: Rosalie Smith, 2198 Geiger Rd., Monroeville. Call Rosalie at 419-663-5530 for more information.

ST. JOSEPH SILENT AUCTION

Please contact any of the following people with your donations: Geri Myers 465-2185, Gerry Wilhelm 465-4055, Leslie Millis 465-2284, Marie Burson 663-4114.

REVERSE RAFFLE

Tickets for the annual Reverse Raffle to be held at St. Joseph Festival are available at the rectory and at Beauty Vault, Croghan Colonial Bank, Fitzgerald's Body Shop, Miller Landscaping, Monroeville Marine, National City Bank, Snipper's, and Twist & Shout. Tickets are \$100 and include two tickets for dinner at St. Joseph Festival. Grand prize is your choice of \$12,500 cash or a landscaping package from Miller Landscaping.

Tickets purchased before midnight **July 15** will be included in an Early Bird Drawing for \$1,000. So far 100 tickets have been purchased.

So far 109 tickets have been sold!

AJ's Tidbits – The Average American eats about 11.9lbs of cereal and drinks about 600 soda's per year.

NON FOOD BANK

Don't forget your items for the next Non-Food Bank to be held on July 16: toilet paper, dish soap, trash bags, multi-use cleaner, paper towels, laundry detergent, toothpaste and shampoo. Items can be left in the back of either church.

K of C 200 CLUB WINNERS

June 30 - \$50: Bob Opper

\$25: Richard A. Dreschel, Catherine Tyler

FR. BEN TURNS 90!

Father Ben Ringholz will celebrate his 90th birthday on July 11. If you would like to send him a card, his address is: 117 Leisure Lane, Norwalk.

BIRTHDAYS

JUL 6-Kara Miller, William Roeder, James



Schlachter, Paul Temple **JUL 7**-Gary

Fries, Cory Palmer, Joyce Schafer,

Eliza Tinker **JUL 8**-Kaitlyn Heck,

Alec Homan, Juanita Link **JUL 9**-

Morgan Barman, Tori Brooks, Jeffrey Hales, Rita Linder, Sandy Lonz, Harold Schafer, Glenn Stieber,

Daniel Wilhelm **JUL 10**-David Barman, Braden Barman, Cooper Gee, Amy Latteman, Ileta Meyer, Jim Stang, Bob Sunderman **JUL 11**-Bob Good, Betty Gravenhorst, Sydney Moehlman, Mallory Reed, David Stanley **JUL 12**-Rolande Jones, Catherine Raftery, Suzanne Rew

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Diocese of Toledo has three openings. The first is a Curriculum Development Coordinator. This position is responsible for advancing the curriculum of the elementary and secondary schools in the Diocese as well as implementing professional development opportunities for both principals and teachers. Interested candidates must have a Master's Degree in Curriculum or Administration and at least three years experience in teaching and administration in Catholic Schools. Applicants with curriculum experience will be given priority. Deadline for resumes is July 10.

The second position is an experienced Director to lead our Central City Ministry Catholic School, which provides Catholic education to approximately 450 children between two campuses in the central part of Toledo. The Director will provide the Catholic leadership necessary to produce a strong visionary plan for the school. Strong administrative and organizational leadership abilities are required to achieve the goals of Catholic education and secure the financial needs of the school through planned giving, fund raising and donor cultivation. Interested candidates must have demonstrated experience in inner city schools, their families and students. A practicing Catholic committed to the teachings and values of the Catholic Church is required. Educational requirements include, three years Catholic School Principal experience; a Masters Degree in School Administration is preferred. Deadline for resumes if July 17.

Please submit cover letter and resume to R. Coutts, Human Resource Generalist, The Diocese of Toledo, PO Box 985, Toledo, OH 43697. You may also email to rcoutts@toledodiocese.org.

Women Blessing Women, a nonprofit organization, serving women in poverty is seeking an Executive Director. The Executive Director is responsible for the overall financial management of the organization. Demonstrated experience in the financial management and administration of a non-profit venue is required. In addition, proven experience in fundraising and developing networks within the community is necessary as well as grant writing and experience working with women in poverty. Interested candidates with strong communication and organization skills should submit cover letter, resume and salary expectations by July 24.

