

AUGUST 16 - SATURDAY

Jos 24:14-29; Mt 19:13-15

*Vigil Reading: See Sunday*4:00 PM – *English* - Fr. Jim – *Barbara Wright*

5:00 – 5:45 PM: Confessions

6:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy**AUGUST 17 – SUNDAY**

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

9:00 AM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy11:00 AM – *English* – Fr. Samuel – *Bob Wuerth*12:30 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Samuel**AUGUST 18 – MONDAY**

Jgs 2: 11-19; Mt 19:16-22

AUGUST 19 – TUESDAY

Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30

AUGUST 20 – WEDNESDAY

Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16

AUGUST 21 – THURSDAY

Jgs 11:29-39a; Mt 22:1-14

7:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy**AUGUST 22 - FRIDAY**

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40

AUGUST 23 - SATURDAY

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12

*Vigil Reading: See Sunday*4:00 PM – *English* - Fr. Jim – *Annette Niehaus*

5:00 – 5:45 PM: Confessions

6:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy**AUGUST 24 – SUNDAY**

Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

*Sunday Readings:*9:00 AM – *Spanish* – Fr. Rudy11:00 AM – *English* – Fr. Samuel – *Bob Wuerth*12:30 PM – *Spanish* – Fr. Samuel**English Mass Ministry Schedule: August 23-24****Lectors:** 4:00 PM – R. Ogden

11:00 AM – B. Kramer

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 PM – L. Ashbrook/S. Terschak

11:00 AM – R. Kenney/H. Loyd

Servers: 4:00 PM – Z. & M. Nintrup

11:00 AM – L. Finke

Offertory Family: 4:00 PM: Keller

11:00 AM: N/A

FROM THE FINANCE COMMISSION

Last Week's Collection: \$6,524

Offerings received to-date: \$45,672

Amount needed to catch up: \$10,328

Our Weekly Goal is \$8,000

Thank you for your generosity.

Make it easy on yourself. ***Use our direct debit system for your Sunday Stewardship offering.*** To take advantage of this convenience, please call

513-541-1563

CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Daniel Staudigal (17), Jacob Lalley (17), Tina Browning (19), Anna Browning (19), Joe Schlaechter (20), Mel Sonenschein (21), Lorraine Gelly (22).

FOUR GRAND CLUB: Congratulations to our week 50 winners: Teresa Bird, Jennifer Lemmink, and Anita Daughterty. Each won \$25.

Make a long-lasting difference! Leave a Legacy by remembering St. Boniface Church in your Will. For more information contact Jenni Lindgren at 513-541-1563, ext. 151.

FR. RUDY'S REFLECTION: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" (Luke 12:49). Jesus' words are not about destruction, but transformation. The fire He brings is the fire of divine love--purifying, refining, and consuming anything that stands in the way of total devotion to God. It is a fire that calls us to holiness, and like any fire, it can be uncomfortable, especially when it reveals our attachments to sin, comfort, or the opinions of others.

Jesus goes on to say something even more startling: that He has not come to bring peace but division. Not because He delights in conflict, but because He knows that the truth of the Gospel will confront people's hearts, and not everyone will accept it. Choosing to follow Christ may mean walking a road that others in your own family will not understand. It may mean standing alone in your convictions. Jesus prepares us for this. The Gospel divides by response, not nature - some accept it, others reject it. In that response, relationships may be tested.

Yet this division is not without purpose. It is a test of loyalty. Jesus calls for a love that surpasses even our deepest human ties, a love that is willing to stand with Him above all else. This is not easy. But the reward is great: the joy of walking in truth, the peace of a clear conscience, and the fire of a heart fully alive in God's love.

In the Catholic understanding, this passage reminds us that discipleship is serious business. It demands courage. It demands faithfulness. And it demands that we allow Christ's love to burn away whatever keeps us from Him. But in doing so, we become vessels of that fire in the world—sources of light, truth, and healing in a world that desperately needs all three.

St. Catherine of Siena once said, "Be who God meant you to be, and you will set the world on fire." May we have the courage to do just that.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH is trying to raise money for their parish since the festival was canceled this year. For the next two Sundays after 11am Mass they will

be selling amazing, cooked meals, etc. Holy Family greatly appreciates the support from our family of OLG parishes. The menu for the next two weeks is: August 19 – Chicken Empanadas and August 26 - Carne Asada. Thank you.

GATE OF HEAVEN CEMETERY is hosting a golf outing to support their infant burial ministry. Whenever a couple miscarries, delivers a stillborn child, or loses a baby younger than two years, the cemetery assumes every financial cost—plot, vault, marker, chaplain and burial services—so that parents bear no burden except their grief. We do this because we are Catholic, and the Gospel teaches that every life is sacred from its first flutter in the womb to its last breath in this world. In addition, we partner with Mercy Infants once a year by providing a resting place for miscarried infants. (Editor's note: In 1952 my mother lost a child at birth. My parents did not have the money for a marker, so one was never placed on Michael's grave. Last year, my siblings and I decided to give Mom this gift. To my surprise when I inquired about having a marker placed, I was told there would be no cost to our family. So even though it has been over 70 years since he died, they fulfilled this promise to families who have lost an infant. Many thanks go to Gate of Heaven Cemetery for this generous gift to our family. Please support the golf outing if you are at all able.)

ANGELS AMONG US CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC: Saturday, October 4, noon – evening, Sharon Woods Golf Course, includes 18-hole golf with cart, dinner, and prizes. There are many ways to participate or to sponsor the event. Special guest: Ickey Woods. Costs vary from \$125/person - \$2,000/4 player Hole-in-One special package. (example: a \$500/4 player package includes 18-hole golf with cart, 8 drink tickets and dinner).

Ways to support: Sponsor an event feature, register a team, donate an item (for goodie bags, raffle, or silent auction), or make a tribute gift.

Contact Josh Crank or Cheryl Kelly, 513-489-0300, or crank@gateofheaven.org/ckelly@gateofheaven.org for more information.