

The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 26, 2012

Today Jesus proclaims that he is the true bread of life. Even some of his closest disciples found this difficult to accept. Some left, but others asked, "to whom shall we go?" In the first reading, Joshua calls on all the people to "decide today" whom they will serve and says, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Masses of the Week

Beginning August 27, 2012

8:00 am Daily Mass

MON: The Serio Family (S.I.) Salvatore & Gino DiStefano

TUES: Ann & Mary Connolly

WED: Ann P. Melocik Elmer A. Jarava

THURS: Ernest Zimmerer Agnes McDermott

FRI: Joseph Armetta

SAT: Ann Marie Manz Cyril French

Saturday, Sept. 1, 2012

4:30 PM: Pat Russell Frederick Baber

6:00 PM: Clifford Karwacki Grace Rinaudo

Sunday, Sept. 2, 2012

7:30 AM: Michael & Dennis Carmody

9:00 AM: Jeanette Steinbacher Edward Lauer

10:30 AM: People of the Parish

12:00PM: Evelyn James

N.H. – indicates Nursing Home

S.I. – indicates Special Intention

LABOR DAY MASS: Please join us on Monday September 3, 2012 for Mass at 9:00 am as we celebrate the National Holiday. There will be special music in celebration of the day. This is the only Mass for the day.

SCRIPTURE READINGS for Sept. 2, 2012

First: Deut 4:1-2, 6-8 The law of Moses is given to Israel.

Second: James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 Be doers of the word.

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 Jesus challenges hypocrisy.

PRAYER CHAIN The Prayer Chain Ministry consists of members who serve the Lord by fervently praying for your prayer requests. Call any member with your prayer request. Mary Ann Thaler 410-668-7738, Corrine Kelly 410 -252-2009 – If you are interested in becoming a member please call. We welcome you!

IHM TRAVEL GROUP - The next Travel Group Trip – October 24th Bavarian Inn & Charlestown Races & Slots \$63.00
Contact Dot Raab for more information at 410-668-7760. Make check payable to IHM Travel Group: Mail to Dot Raab 8537 Oak Road Baltimore MD 21234

IHM SODALITY – Did you ever wonder what Our Lady's Sodality was all about? If interested in learning about it or joining us please call Kathy Abbott at 410-661-0558

Collections for the Weekend of Aug. 19, 2012

Envelope Donations	\$	7720.00	
Loose	\$	1537.53	
Children	\$	26.00	
Assumption	\$	1971.74	
Total	\$	11255.27	
Less Cathedraticum	\$	1688.29	
Available for Parish	\$	9566.98	
Second Collection	\$	2133.92	Missions
Poor Box	\$	492.51	

ELECTRONIC GIVING – is a direct payment program whereby your contribution is debited automatically from either your checking or saving account or it can be charged to your credit card. Sign-up forms are available in the pamphlet rack at the doors of the Church or calling the parish office at 410-668-7935. Ext. 209.

RESPECT LIFE The National Catholic Bioethics Center (NCBC), a research center whose mission is to promote the dignity of the human person, published a set of guidelines aimed to help non-exempt businesses with the moral implications of the Obama administration's Health & Human Services mandate. This mandate requires non-exempt business owners and institutions to pay for insurance that provides abortion-inducing drugs, contraception, and sterilization procedures to employees. While encouraging companies to file lawsuits against the mandate, the NCBC acknowledged that many businesses that do not have the means for such action. The panel of ethicists leading the study concluded that dropping insurance coverage altogether would be the moral choice under the circumstances. "As unfortunate as it is, this approach appears to be the most morally sound and fiscally survivable option for the employer at present," the report stated. For the NCBC's full guidelines for non-exempt business owners, go to <https://ncbcenter.org/document.doc?id=450&erid=194625>. (zenit.org, 08/10/12) To join the parish Respect Life Committee call Betty Steinbacher at 410 665-8645.

USHERS are needed for the 10:30 Am Sunday Mass if you attend this Mass or would like to help, please call Moe Chalkley at 410-665-6549 for more information.

ALTAR FLOWERS If you would like to contribute to the church altar flowers on a particular weekend please call the parish office at 410-668-7935 and speak with Donna.

Please be Generous in the Poor Box as you leave Mass each weekend

Holy Land Pilgrimage

November 7-15, 2012 \$2,704

Includes lodging, airfare (from NY area airport), taxes, Guides and Breakfast and Dinner daily.

Contact Fr. Michael Carrion, 410-668-7935 EXT. 203
or mcarrion@immaculateheartofmary.com

FAITH FORMATION

Are you called to share your gifts and talents in a new way? Adult volunteers are needed for all aspects of Faith Formation Ministries: Sunday morning sessions, Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW), RCIA, High School and Middle School Youth Ministry, Bible studies. Training and support are provided. Contact Amie to learn more about one time and ongoing volunteer opportunities! 410-661-3820 or apost@immaculateheartofmary.com. You need not be a theologian to help, just bring your love of the Lord!

FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS for Preschool (4 year olds) through grade 8 will begin on Sunday, September 30. Please mark your calendars. If you have not registered your child please let us hear from you now. Registration forms may be found in the back of the church or call the Faith Formation Office. 410-661-3820

CSS-Catholic Scripture Study for the Year of Faith

During this Year of Faith, join us as we Experience the "Most Vivid Catechism Ever Created" (Brad Miner, *The Catholic Thing* blog). St. Ursula's CSS will present *Catholicism*, by Robert Barron, Thursday mornings at 9 AM or Thursday evenings at 7:30 PM. Meetings begin September 20. (This study will also be offered in a shortened version for those who cannot commit to a year-long study. Details to follow.) For more information or registration forms call 410-665-4106.

FOOD PANTRY –thanks to all the parishioners for their donation of food to our pantry the past weekend. . We collected 64 bags of food. If you are away the week of the drive you can bring your food on another Sunday.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

"To whom shall we go, you have the words of eternal life?" The words of St. Peter in the Gospel continue to be an answer for young people struggling with the Lord's invitation to a religious vocation. If you know someone considering religious life, share your support with them, so that they can follow completely the one who has the words of eternal life. More info can be found at vocations@archbalt.org or www.becomeapriest.org

Concert Series: Mark your Calendar! Sunday September 23 at 4pm for the opening event of our concert series year: "CHORUS OF THE CHESAPEAKE" The **Chorus of the Chesapeake** is a men's a cappella chorus, based in Dundalk, Maryland. Chartered in 1957 as the Dundalk chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, the chorus is rich in both history and accomplishment. They have won numerous local and national awards and perform around Maryland and the Baltimore area at numerous venues including Kraushaar Auditorium. Check out their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ChorusoftheChesapeake or their video on YouTube at www.youtube.com/watch?v=k0efiy7vtB0 Plan now to attend, as their performances usually play to a full house. Tickets are NOT required, however a Freewill offering will be taken. IHM is fortunate to secure a performance of this popular group.

Music Ministry: The IHM music ministry is looking for singers and instrumentalists to be part of one of our singing groups. Please consider sharing your talent with the IHM community by joining our Choir, our Contemporary Group or our Resurrection Choir. We will also be having a program for children later in the year. Watch the bulletin for more details, and get your voice warmed-up and ready to sing!

Immaculate Heart of Mary School is accepting Registrations Please call the school office: 410-668-8466 to register or for a tour of the school.

ST. MARY'S SEMINARY & UNIVERSITY The Ecumenical Institute of Theology Emmaus Tuition Incentive

We believe there is no better way to begin study at the Ecumenical Institute than walking and talking with a friend (see Luke 24:13-14). To encourage that, we offer a one-time tuition incentive for new students who begin together: a tuition remission of 50% for both of you on your first "E.I." course. If you and someone you know are considering theological study, this is your opportunity to encourage one another to explore and discern together. You can take the same class or try different courses and compare notes. *Your walk begins with just one course... and may lead to... more courses... or perhaps a certificate in Biblical Studies, Faith Community/Parish Nursing, Religious Education, Spirituality, Urban Ministry, or Youth and Family Ministry... or even a Master of Arts Degree in Theology or Church Ministries.* Contact: 410/864-4200 ei@stmarys.edu ❖ www.stmarys.edu/ei