

FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH

– Red Crosses at church, red crosses at home, say to all I am a Christian and our house is dedicated to the Lord. It is not just a Catholic statement but also a Christian statement of a very important concept of our existence and our hope in the future and eternity. There are many symbols, flags, statues, signs and shapes but no symbol is as clear as the cross of Jesus, especially in red. It symbolizes Christ's gift of life and blood for our salvation. It symbolizes a freedom, which lasts for eternity; it symbolizes love of friend and foe. It symbolizes a gifting of love to all without reservation or prejudice. It symbolizes victory over evil and injustice.

When placed prominently in our yard it symbolizes our belief in its message. It says, as in this weekend's readings, "I stand up for God and His ways not just mine." We become a safe house for justice and good. It also raises our awareness to the importance of love in our community and a willingness to share the Good News. Let' take up our cross and plant it for all to see whom we follow: Christ.

Greg

PAST BULLETINS and ministry schedules are posted on Holy Redeemer's web site at www.holyredeemercatholicchurch.org. Extra copies are also available in the pamphlet rack in the church entrance.

VOCATION VIEWS – Follow the Lord Jesus. If you lose yourself for Jesus' sake, you will find life. He is worth it and your life depends on it. (Mark 8:27-35)

OUR GIFT IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S GIFT-
September 6 - \$4,859.35 Attendance – 776
Adults - \$4,377.00 High School - \$4.00

Grade School - \$25.50 Anonymous - \$452.85
ADULT CHOIR rehearsal for the fall begins Monday, September 14. Rehearsals take place in the music room every other Monday after the 7:00 p.m. Mass. The choir is in need of new singers, previous singers and anyone interested in adding to our parish sung prayer approximately one weekend per month. Prayerfully consider joining the choir. The music ministry doesn't exist without the support and participation of our parishioners.

CROSSING THE THRESHOLD Bible Study participants will learn a new appreciation and meaning of the Eucharist as they study and reflect on the sacred Scriptures. Sign-ups for *Crossing the Threshold* will be available next weekend, September 19-20 at Holy Redeemer.

"BREAKING IT OPEN" – *Crossing the Threshold* facilitators are invited to attend a workshop on Thursday, September 17 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Holy Redeemer Parish Center. Carolyn Stucke and Jane Pierron will instruct how to divide the chapters of "Eucharist" into the one and a half hour sessions; prayer space (prayer, music, environment); timing of lessons; tips and tools for group situations; permission to deviate. Please pre-register by calling 419-925-5022 or email office@stmarysdeanery.com.

PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY is available to anyone in the parish or in the community who is going through a difficult time; dealing with a chronic or terminal illness; mentally or physically challenged; elderly; those who've lost a loved one or those who are just in need of prayers. The blessed prayer quilt, a 12" square of quilted fabric, and prayer card can be picked up at the parish office. Other arrangements can be made by calling the parish office at 419-629-2543. Military prayer quilts and prayer cards are also available to those who are serving in the military.

PRAYER REQUESTS may be made by calling Bernadetta Schulze, 419-629-2430, Ginny Friemering, 419-629-2639, Mamie Rump, 419-629-2084, or Rose Brady, 419-629-2865, from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. or after 10:00 p.m. only in an emergency. Thirty people are on the prayer team. Prayer requests will be kept for one month. If there is still a need, requests

may be resubmitted.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY:

In the event of a three hour school delay, the after school CCD A session will be from 4:15 – 5:00 p.m. All other CCD sessions will be held at the regularly scheduled times.

Kindergarten/preschool CCD will begin on Sunday, September 27 during the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

FALL 2009 EDITION of *Northern Lights* newsletter is available in the church pamphlet rack in the church entrance. Summer events within the Deanery are covered as well as an informative spread on Marriage Preparation in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati in this quarterly issue, published by the St. Marys Deanery. The newsletter may also be accessed online at www.stmarysdeanery.com. If anyone has news items for future issues, please call the Deanery Center at 419-925-5022.

GRIEFSHARE grief recovery session and support group is being offered by St. Augustine/St. Joseph Parish Cluster, starting Monday, September 14. GriefShare is a video seminar series that features some of the nation's foremost Christian experts on grief and recovery topics as seen from a biblical perspective. The video seminars are combined with support group discussion of the material presented during the video. For more information, please call Jean Bergman at 419-628-2061.

CATHOLIC FAITH RALLY will be held on Sunday, September 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein, 2365 St. Johns Road, Maria Stein. Music will begin at 7:00 p.m.

COLLEGE AGE MEN AND OLDER who are exploring a call to the priesthood or religious life are invited to a Discernment Retreat at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Cincinnati on Friday, October 2 and Saturday, October 3. The retreat offers an opportunity to step away from the demands of daily life and to be immersed in the quiet of prayer at a seminary. The retreat is free, and runs from 7:00 p.m. Friday through 7:00 p.m. Saturday, and provides a chance to meet one on one with the current seminarians as an aid in discernment. To register, call the Vocation Office at 513-421-2121, ext. 2890 or online at http://cincinnati vocations.org/upcoming_event

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CATHOLIC ADULT SINGLES CLUB enables its members to share, trust and enjoy the ideas and company of fellow single adults through weekly activities. For more information, call 419-305-6118. On Sunday, September 13 they will enjoy bowling at Minster and supper. They will travel to Youngs Dairy Farm on Saturday, September 19.

LECTURE AND MASS WITH ARCHBISHOP DANIEL PILARCZYK will highlight October 3-4 events for Precious Blood Sisters' 175th anniversary. The public is warmly welcome to attend either or both events. Saturday, October 3 Precious Blood Father Barry Fischer will present a free daylong program titled "Precious Blood Spirituality: Wellspring of Our Call to Mission". The day will include morning and afternoon presentations, time for group interaction and questions and answers. Lunch is included. The program begins at 9:00 a.m. and closes at 4:00 p.m. at Salem Heights, the sisters' Dayton motherhouse, 4960 Salem Avenue at Denlinger Road. Registration is requested to arrange for meals and seating. To register, email Communications@PreciousBloodSistersDayton.org (include "lecture" in the subject line) and include your name, address and daytime phone number. For more details and updated information, visit the website at www.PreciousBloodSistersDayton.org. Sunday, October 4 Archbishop Daniel Pilarczyk will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving for the sisters' founding and their 175 years of service to the church. The Mass will be at 2:00 p.m. at Precious Blood Church, 4961 Salem Avenue at Denlinger (directly across from Salem Heights). All are welcome to attend the reception which will follow in the parish center. Both Salem Heights and Precious Blood Church are fully handicap accessible.

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS about how your infant or toddler is growing or learning? Does your child have difficulty sitting? The Auglaize County Early Childhood Collaborative Group, Help Me Grow, is conducting a free screening for children birth to five years of age on Monday, October 5 from 3:30 – 6:00 p.m. at the ABC Center, 20 East First Street, New Bremen OH. For further information, questions or to pre-register for either of these

screenings contact Charlotte Axe at 419-738-3410 or 1-800-531-6134.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

September 19 & 20

Sat. 5:00 p.m.

W. Albers – R. Dicke – F. Frey – C. Opperman – K. Rammel
A. Schwartz – A. Speelman – C. & S. Wissman

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

C. & R. Brookhart – G. Dicke – H. Krieg
J. & L. Kuenning – V. Schellhause

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

E. Ahrns – D. Albers – F. Borchers – M. Flaute
M. & S. Francis – L. Nitschke – D. Schwartz – L. Topp
M. Topp – A. Wellman

LECTORS:

September 19 & 20

Sat. 5:00 p.m.

A. Thieman – S. Bertke

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

P. Kaiser – R. Bertke

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

J. Eshelman – G. Topp



USHERS:

September 19 & 20

Sat. 5:00 p.m.

R. Brandt – B. Kramer – J. Lehman

T. Wenning – R. Ziegenbusch

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

D. Alig – P. Heitkamp – L. Lane

M. McClurg – D. Steineman

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

R. Homan – M. Mueller – J. Niekamp

B. Parker – G. Wendeln

COLLECTION COUNTERS – September 20

B. McDermitt – J. Homan – R. Evers

CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD

September 20

Ginny Winner

MASSES:

September 12 to 20

ACTIVITIES:

- Sun. - Communion to the Sick/Shut-ins by Ministers of Eucharist
- Children’s Liturgy of the Word during 10:00 a.m. Mass
- Mon. - Adult choir rehearsal, 7:30 p.m. in music room
- Tues. - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Exercise program, 9:15 a.m. in parish hall
- Wed. - CCD classes: Grades 1 through 6: 3:15 – 4:15 p.m.; 5:15 – 6:15 p.m.
- Grades 7 & 8: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- Grades 9 through 12: 7:45 – 8:45 p.m.
- Handbell choir rehearsal, 7:30 p.m. in music room
- Thurs. - Anointing of the Sick during 7:00 p.m. Mass
- Sat. - Men’s Prayer Group, 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. in conference room
- Sun. - Communion to the Sick/Shut-ins by Ministers of Eucharist

- Sat. 5:00 p.m. Freda Moeller
- Sun. 8:00 a.m. John Garman
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Redeemer Parish
- Mon. 7:00 p.m. Agnes Schulte
- Tues. 8:30 a.m. John Knapke
- Wed. 12:05 p.m. Wilma Shelby
- Thurs. 7:00 p.m. Mildred Wentte
- Fri. 8:30 a.m. Paul Langenkamp
- Sat. 5:00 p.m. Lionel Krieg
- Sun. 8:00 a.m. Holy Redeemer Parish
- 10:00 a.m. Herman, Susan & Jane Dircksen

SERVERS:

September 14 to 20

Mon. 7:00 p.m.

M. Feltz – C. Schwartz

Thurs. 7:00 p.m.

H. Lane – A. Thieman

Sat. 5:00 p.m.

T. Homan – M.

Russell

Sun. 8:00

a.m.

D. Webster – S.

Wisvari

Sun. 10:00

a.m.

E. Francis – C.

Paul



PARISH REPRESENTATIVES:

September 19 & 20

Sat. 5:00 p.m. Todd & Bridget Dicke family

Sun. 8:00 a.m. Andy & Jan Doenges

Sun. 10:00 a.m. Mark & Terri Doenges

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

James 3:16-4:3

Mark 9:30-37

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it.”

Mk 8:34-35

- Children's Liturgy of the Word during 10:00 a.m. Mass
- Baptism of Dyllan Michael Smith, son of Brian Smith and Carla Wissman;
Jenna Marie, daughter of Troy and Lori (Bensman) Suchland; and
Lucas Xavier, son of Adam and Lisa (Evers) Topp, 11:00 a.m.