



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

— In Biblical days, children were not often looked upon with as much care and attention as they are today. The reason has largely to do with simple economics. Scholars say that the lives of people in the days of Jesus were often a subsistence lifestyle. Most people lived hand to mouth, and having enough food from year to year was far from a guarantee. Consequently, a person's value was often dependent on their ability to bring in food or money for their family. Since infants and young children were unable to do this, they were not treated always with the love and respect they deserved.

It may be for this very reason that Jesus holds up a child before his onlookers in today's gospel from Mark (9:30-37). He reminds us of how easy it is to love those whom we want to love for personal advantage. And if this is true, then the opposite is also the case: How difficult it can be to love those who represent not personal gain, but self-sacrifice and personal loss.

As the New Testament makes plain, Christians are called to associate with those often regarded as less important or valuable. Our tendency is to do the opposite and to travel "in our own circles." Ours is the challenge to find the compassion and courage needed to reach out to wider circles and to include the unborn, the sick, the poor, the handicapped, the young and the elderly among us. Perhaps the best indicator of our moral character (both individually and collectively) is the way we treat the "least" of our brothers and sisters.

Fr. Mannebach



HOLY REDEEMER PARISHIONERS recite the rosary on Radio Maria, 88.7 FM, based in Minster, every third Monday of

each month. Tune in on Monday, September 21 and pray along with them.

CROSSING THE THRESHOLD Bible Study sign-ups will take place this weekend, September 19-20. Anyone who participated in the spring Why Catholic? program will not need to sign-up unless requesting a different day or group.

VOCATION VIEWS – If we want to be great we must serve others. How can you best serve others? You can make a difference with your life. (Mark 9:30-37)

OUR GIFT IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S GIFT-
September 13 - \$5,131.50 Attendance – 824
Adults - \$4,674.00 High School - \$4.50
Grade School - \$21.00 Anonymus - \$432.00

EVANGELIZATION AND SERVICE COMMISSION will meet on Tuesday, September 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room. New members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

THE ANDREW DINNER

What's an Andrew Dinner? Andrew Dinners are named after St. Andrew who brought his brother, Simon, to meet Jesus for the first time. It's a custom that Archbishop Schnurr began when he was bishop in the Diocese of Duluth. From time to time, he would invite high school aged men – juniors and older – to join him for dinner and for conversation about priesthood.

Have you ever been curious about the priesthood? Would you like to meet the new archbishop? If the answer is "yes" to either question, I would encourage you to attend the Andrew Dinner held in the northern part of the archdiocese.

What? The Andrew Dinner

When? October 14, 2009 (Wednesday, 5:30pm to 8:30pm)

Where? Holy Redeemer Parish Hall

To register or find out more, call the parish office (419-629-2543) by Wednesday, October 7. Although this particular event is geared towards young men only (high school juniors and older), there will be future events for both women and men.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY:



New Bremen Schools will not be in session this Wednesday, September 23; however, all CCD classes will be held at the regularly scheduled times.

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.

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.

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

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. They will travel to Youngs Dairy Farm on Saturday, September 19. On Sunday, September 22 they will enjoy a nature walk.

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 26 & 27

Sat. 5:00 p.m.

J. Berning – J. Hirschfeld – L. Holdren – M. Nerderman
L. & R. Rutschilling – D. Stachler – B. Suchland – L. Utz

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

Deacon G. Bornhorst – D. & J. Gehle – P. Harrod
J. Homan – B. & S. McDermitt

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

A. Borger – J. & S. Elking – S. Homan – D. Knapke
J. & S. Niekamp – E. Rump, Jr. – E. & J. Russell – M. Subler

LECTORS:

September 26 & 27

Sat. 5:00 p.m.

S. Bertke – E. Niekamp

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

D. Dicke – R. Tangeman

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

S. McDaniel – D. Knapke

USHERS:

September 26 & 27

Sat. 5:00 p.m.

D. Anderson – S. Dwenger – J. Kremer
R. Niekamp – T. Wentz

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

M. Gaerke – G. Grevenkamp – T. Howell
K. McGlinch – M. Varno

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

D. Champagne – L. Dicke – C. Griesdorn
G. Nosek – W. Steineman

COLLECTION COUNTERS – September 27

B. Thobe – M. Will – A. Doenges

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

September 27

ACTIVITIES:

- Sun. - Communion to the Sick/Shut-ins by Ministers of Eucharist
- 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;
Lucas Xavier, son of Adam and Lisa (Evers) Topp; and
Mya Elizabeth, daughter of David and Tricia (Warnes) Suchland, 11:00 a.m.
- Mon. - Ensemble rehearsal, 7:30 p.m. in music room
- Mission Committee meeting, 7:30 p.m. in conference 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
- Evangelization & Service Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m. in conference room
- 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
- Sun. - Communion to the Sick/Shut-ins by Ministers of Eucharist
- CCD for 3's, preschool and kindergarten during 10:00 a.m. Mass
- Children's Liturgy of the Word during 10:00 a.m. Mass

Cathi Hall

MASSES:

September 19 to 27

Sat. 5:00 p.m.

Lionel Krieg

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

Holy Redeemer Parish

10:00 a.m.

Herman, Susan & Jane Dirksen

Mon. 7:00 p.m.

Ruth Stueve

Tues. 8:30 a.m.

Rita Miller

Wed. 12:05 p.m.

Ed Phlipot

Thurs. 7:00 p.m.

Frank & Agnes Rindler

Fri. 8:30 a.m.

Luella Kitzmiller

Sat. 5:00 p.m.

Steve Flaute

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

Elmer Poeppelman

10:00 a.m.

Holy Redeemer Parish

SERVERS:

September 21 to 27

Mon. 7:00 p.m.

C. Francis – L. Heitkamp

Thurs. 7:00 p.m.

K. Ahrns – E. Balster

Sat. 5:00 p.m.

N. Homan – C. Topp

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

E. Niekamp – J. Wellman

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

C. Heitkamp – C. Russell

PARISH REPRESENTATIVES:

September 26 & 27

Sat. 5:00 p.m.

Gerald & Phyllis Doseck

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

Greg Dues family

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

Jeff Dues

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 27**

Numbers 11:25-29

James 5:1-6

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

*“Taking a child, he placed it in their
midst, and putting his arms around
it, he said to them, “Whoever
receives one child such as this in my
name, receives me; and whoever
receives me, receives not me but
the One who sent me.” Mk 9:36-37*

- Baptism of Will Benjamin, son of Peter and Pamela (Dues) Reinhart, 11:00 a.m.