



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

— It's not often that I comment about the psalms we pray at Mass. The psalms are an indispensable part of the liturgy. They express the many conditions of the human heart. From joy and praise to sorrow and consolation, the psalms are highly personal in nature. Perhaps this is why they are better sung than recited during Mass. The church has always held the psalms in highest regard. They are a part of the scriptures that Jesus would have prayed often in the course of his earthly life.

The refrain from this Sunday's psalm (#98) reads, "The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart." If we reflect on this brief statement, we realize that it contains a good deal of wisdom. It reveals something that we may already intuitively understand. In a nutshell, the psalm tells us that good people are those who respect and follow the ways (i.e. precepts) of God. Consequently, those who are faithful to God's ways are the same ones who deserve to be happy.

When we think of the Ten Commandments or some other expression of God's law, we are tempted to think that these laws are no more than restrictions. It's as though God wanted to limit our freedom and hold us back from living full and complete lives. The reality, however, is quite the opposite. God's law is intended for our happiness and well-being. In a similar way, true human freedom is intended for love. As a result, if we are living in less than loving ways, then our freedom is being obstructed and frustrated. So is the happiness of our hearts.

God's law, human freedom, love and happiness – it all ties together. To be sure, it is a challenge to understand how these four "ingredients" take visible shape in our lives. God doesn't give us step-by-step instructions in the course of our day. But when these four factors do come together, we can be assured we are living the life of the Spirit.

Fr. Mannebach

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

### AGAPE UPDATE REMINDER

- Next weekend is Agape Sunday. Please bring "white" items, such as canned tuna, powdered milk, toothpaste, flour and sugar. Baskets to collect these items are placed in the church entrance. As always, a jar for cash donations will also be available in the church entrance. Agape appreciates any and all donations as it continues to serve the western Auglaize County area.



### EVANGELIZATION AND SERVICE COMMISSION

will serve at Loaves & Fishes, a county community meal site in Wapakoneta, on Thursday, October 1. Anyone wishing to donate desserts and fresh bread can drop them off at the parish office by 11:00 a.m. that day. **Last month, 130 meals were served.** Volunteers are welcome to help serve the meal from 3:30 – 7:30 p.m. Please contact Cathi Hall, 419-629-8006, to volunteer or for more information.

**PROPERTY COMMITTEE** will meet on Sunday, October 11 after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the meeting room next to the conference room.

**VOCATION VIEWS** – All who serve in the name of Jesus will receive a reward. Encourage someone you know who would be of service as a priest, deacon, brother, or sister. (Mark 9:38-43)

**OUR GIFT IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S GIFT-**  
September 20 - \$4,424.80                      Attendance – 853  
Adults - \$3,830.00                              High School - \$5.00

Grade School - \$28.50      Anonymous - \$561.30  
**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND YOUTH  
MINISTRY:**

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

### **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

Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Arrival

6:00 p.m. Dinner

6:45 p.m. Presentation by a seminarian  
and Archbishop Schnurr

7:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

8:00 p.m. Time for Q & A with  
Archbishop Schnurr

8:30 p.m. Closing and departure

To register or find out more, call Deacon Greg Bornhorst or Robin Goettemoeller at the parish office at 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.

Fr. Tom

**HELP WANTED** – Housekeeping position (part time) for busy Retreat House. Two - three days (Monday & Tuesday with the possibility of one more day per week) on an as needed basis. Please stop by the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein at 2365 St. Johns Road, Maria Stein, OH 45860 or call 419-925-7625 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday for an

application. Applications will be accepted through Friday, October 2.



**CROP WALK** will take place on Sunday, October 11, beginning at Bremenfest Park. Registration is at 1:30 p.m. and the walk will begin at 2:00 p.m. CROP stands for Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty. ***Our parish will be selling paper "feet" after all Masses this***

***weekend and next to help raise money for this very important event.*** A percentage of the monies raised will go to the local Loaves and Fishes county community meal site and Agape. In these hard times all gifts are greatly appreciated. Please consider giving a dollar for a foot.

**YUM! YUM! YUM!** Do you like to bake? You may want to consider joining a new group, the Busy Bakers, now being formed at our parish. There are times when our parish needs treats (cookies, brownies, rice krispie squares, cup cakes etc.) for various events at church. Kathy Dicke has volunteered to head this group. If you would like to join, call her at 419-629-2434 or email at [jdicke@nktelco.net](mailto:jdicke@nktelco.net). The more people we have the better. You may only have to make a treat once or twice a year, depending on the number of volunteers.

**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\\_events.shtml](http://cincinnati vocations.org/upcoming_events.shtml).

## **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

**October 3 & 4**

**Sat. 5:00 p.m.**

B. Bertke – A. Elking – B. Feltz – D. Kruse – S. McCollum  
L. Meyer – S. Niekamp – D. Pape – C. Turner

**Sun. 8:00 a.m.**

G. Dicke – D. & M.A. Keller – B. & R. Niekamp  
T. Schemmel – K. Smith

**Sun. 10:00 a.m.**

L. Ahrns – J. & L. Feltz – A. Flaute – C. Kuck – K. Rammel  
N. Riethman – J. & S. Thieman – S. Thieman – B. Webster

## **LECTORS:**

**October 3 & 4**

**Sat. 5:00 p.m.**

M. Sommer – G. Knapke

**Sun. 8:00 a.m.**

S. Bertke – C. Killian

**Sun. 10:00 a.m.**

G. Topp – J. Eshelman

## **USHERS:**

**October 3 & 4**

**Sat. 5:00 p.m.**

R. Homan – M. Mueller – J. Niekamp  
B. Parker – G. Wendeln

**Sun. 8:00 a.m.**

R. Brandt – B. Kramer – J. Lehman  
T. Wenning – R. Ziegenbusch

**Sun. 10:00 a.m.**

D. Alig – P. Heitkamp – L. Lane  
M. McClurg – D. Steineman

## **COLLECTION COUNTERS – October 4**

D. Meyer – B. Poepelman – B. Philipot

## **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**October 4**

Suzanne Wells

## **ACTIVITIES:**

- 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
  - Baptism of Will Benjamin, son of Peter and Pamela (Dues) Reinhart, 11:00 a.m.
- 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
  - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA), 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
- 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
  - CCD for 3's, preschool and kindergarten during 10:00 a.m. Mass
  - Ensemble sings during 10:00 a.m. Mass
  - Children's Liturgy of the Word during 10:00 a.m. Mass
  - Baptism of Cole Werner, son of Beverly Bruggeman, 11:00 a.m.

## **MASSES:**

**September 26 to October 4**

**Sat. 5:00 p.m.** Steve Flaute

**Sun. 8:00 a.m.** Elmer Poepelman

**10:00 a.m.** Holy Redeemer Parish

**Mon. 7:00 p.m.** Angeline Koverman

**Tues. 8:30 a.m.** Living & dec'd. Henry Phlipot family

**Wed. 12:05 p.m.** Mary Alice Youngs

**Thurs. 7:00 p.m.** John Garman

**Fri. 8:30 a.m.** Tom Lampert

**Sat. 5:00 p.m.** Paul & Margaret Pape

**Sun. 8:00 a.m.** Holy Redeemer Parish

**10:00 a.m.** Ken Jutte

## **SERVERS:**

**September 28 to October 4**

**Mon. 7:00 p.m.**

K. Maurer – N. Thobe

**Thurs. 7:00 p.m.**

C. Francis – N. Schneider

**Sat. 5:00 p.m.**

B. Homan – D. McClurg

**Sun. 8:00 a.m.**

A. Berning – B. Bertke

**Sun. 10:00 a.m.**

M. Broerman – C. Broerman

## **PARISH REPRESENTATIVES:**

**October 3 & 4**

**Sat. 5:00 p.m.** Tim & Casey Dues family

**Sun. 8:00 a.m.** Steve & Natasha Dwenger family

**Sun. 10:00 a.m.** Edward & Annette Eck

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY,**

**OCTOBER 4**

Genesis 2:18-24

Hebrews 2:9-11

Mark 10:2-16



Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us." Mk. 9:39-40