

FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH

— Peace and good will to all, Happy New Year! May the Lord bless you and keep you! God sent His Son and adopted us His children. What a wonderful message Christ brought to us. He has brought salvation to all through Mary and His church.

What is our message to those around us this New Year? Have we brought more peace to our world? Have we made the world a better place? These are the challenges we have to look forward to this year. If we each make the world a little better, then our lives and those around us become improved. Our success in heaven will not be measured by what we gathered in earthly goods but rather what kind of difference we have made for those of the future.

It promises to be a great year with many good things to come. It is great to be connected to Christ and His people. Our prayers and actions do make blessings. Lets keep them flowing and thank you for all your prayers and help this past year.

Greg

DEAR FRIENDS AT HOLY REDEEMER, My heart was truly warmed to receive dozens of Christmas cards from members of Holy Redeemer Parish. Almost ten years have passed since I left you, and still you care for me, as I care for you. My new ministry in Joliet, Illinois is going well, thanks be to God. Yet, the six years I spent with you will always have a very special place in my heart. God bless all of you. Bishop Dan Conlon

VOCATION VIEWS — The shepherds go in haste to visit the new-born King of the Jews. When God calls, respond at once with joy that you, too, might praise and glorify God in all things. (Luke 2:16)

AGAPE UPDATE REMINDER

- Next weekend is Agape Sunday. Personal care items will be collected for the month of January, such as liquid soaps, shampoos, deodorants, toothpaste, etc. Baskets to collect these or other items are placed in the church entrance. As always, a jar for cash donations will also be available. Thank you to all who faithfully support this ministry.

PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Monday, January 2.

2012 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES were mailed this week. Anyone wanting to have envelopes, but not presently on the list, should please call the parish office by Wednesday, January 4. Anyone not receiving their envelopes by early January should call as well. It would be appreciated if people would put their **name** on the first envelope they use. No name is needed any other time.

EVANGELIZATION & SERVICE COMMISSION is sponsoring the Cardinal Pride Bake Sale at the New Bremen home basketball game against Minster on Friday, January 6. All proceeds from the sale will benefit the students of New Bremen Schools. If you are able to donate a baked good, please drop it off at the parish kitchen by 3:00 p.m. on the 6th or take it to the basketball game that evening.

SAVE THE DATE – The parish dinner will take place on Sunday, February 19 at 11:30 a.m. in the parish hall. Further details will be published in upcoming bulletins.



CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS will be taken down after the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, January 8. Any help will be greatly appreciated. Poinsettias can be taken home

after Monday, January 9.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY:

There are no CCD classes scheduled for Wednesday, January 4. Classes will resume for grades one through twelve on Wednesday, January 11.

OUR GIFT IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S GIFT-

December 25 - \$24,070.00	Attendance - 1571
Adults - \$22,152.00	High School - \$39.00
Grade School - \$36.00	Anonymous - \$1,843.00

***WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK FR. TOM** for the beautiful funeral service for Elodie Sollman. Also the ladies of the church who prepared the lunch and those who brought in salads and desserts. You helped to make this day an easier one. Elodie would be very happy with the kindness of the Holy Redeemer parish family. Dave & Marge Homan*

ST. PEREGRINE CANCER PRAYER SERVICE,

for those who have cancer and for those who love and care for them, will take place on Sunday, January 15 at 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. at Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics, 2291 St. Johns Road, Maria Stein OH. There will be scripture, witness, reflection and the opportunity to pray with a relic of St. Peregrine. For more information, please call 419-925-4532 or email a.mcguire@MariaSteinShrine.org

WINTER BLUES?

A day of reflection, Saints Inspiring Hope, is for those who are feeling a little stressed, a little low or those who need a lift. Faith can lead to hope. It will take place on Saturday, January 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Maria Stein Shrine, 2291 St. Johns Road, Maria Stein OH. Presenters are Deacon Tom Huff and Pastor Doug Meyer. To register or for more information, call 419-925-4532 or email a.mcguire@MariaSteinShrine.org.

YOUNG ADULT NIGHT

will take place at the Maria Stein Relic Shrine, 2291 St. Johns Road, Maria Stein OH on Friday, January 6 at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to join in for an hour of prayer. For more information, call Krista at 419-852-0794.

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 419-678-8691. On Sunday, January 8 the group will go bowling in Minster OH. On Saturday, January 14, they will attend Mass in Coldwater and the movies in Celina OH. They will gather for a house party in Coldwater OH on Saturday, January 21. They will visit the Neil Armstrong Museum in Wapakoneta OH on Sunday, January 29.

TWO SEPARATE SESSIONS OF GRIEFSHARE

will be offered in the area. The program consists of 13 weekly video sessions for people grieving the loss of someone close. It's a place where they can be around people who understand how they are feeling and are able to offer encouragement. The video seminars are combined with support group discussion of the material presented during the video. Brochures can be found on the bulletin board in the church entrance.

Coldwater and St. Henry Cluster Parishes will offer the sessions at the Holy Trinity Church basement, 120 East Main Street, Coldwater OH. The basement is handicap accessible. The sessions will start on Monday, January 9. All material is being donated by Hogenkamp Funeral Homes. For more information or to register, please contact Carol Rosenbeck, 419-678-4802, ext. 123, or Pat Stachler, 419-678-4118 or email crosenbeck@coldwatercluster.org or shclusteroffice@hotmail.com.

The Marion Catholic Community will offer the sessions at the Precious Blood Church basement, 35 South Maple Street, Chickasaw OH. The basement is handicap accessible and an elevator door to the basement. The sessions will start on Tuesday, January 10 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. The cost is \$25 which includes the workbook. For more information or to register, please contact Mary Knapke at 419-925-4674 or the Marion Catholic Community office at 419-925-4775.

HAS YOUR MARRIAGE

grown cold, distant, unloving or uncaring? Consider Retrouvaille (ret'ro-vi) – a program designed to help heal and renew marriages. Retrouvaille is for marriages that have lost some of their spark, for couples having difficulties in communication and even those couples on the edge of separation or divorce. The next program begins January 20, 21 and 22. For more information, call 513-793-6777 or on the internet at Retrouvaille.org. Other weekends and locations are available – call for details.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**January 7 & 8****Sat. 5:00 p.m.**A. Freeman – J. Gusching – T. Heitkamp – B. Homan
N. Homan – S. Homan – T. Homan – D. Pape – B. Suchland**Sun. 8:00 a.m.**D. & J. Gehle – B. & R. Niekamp – J. Russell
K. Smith – J. & S. Thieman – S. Thobe**Sun. 10:00 a.m.**L. Baker – R. Bergman – L. Feltz – D. Kramer
A. Niekamp – E. Niekamp – E. Russell
A. Speelman – M. Topp**LECTORS:****January 7 & 8****Sat. 5:00 p.m.**

D. Freeman – J. Homan

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

F. Goettemoeller – G. Heitkamp

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

J. Eshelman – B. Feltz

USHERS:**January 7 & 8****Sat. 5:00 p.m.**

R. Homan – M. Mueller – J. Niekamp

B. Parker – G. Wendeln

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

R. Brandt – T. Eyink – B. Kramer

J. Kremer – T. Wenning

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

D. Alig – P. Heitkamp – D. Kramer

L. Lane – D. Steineman

PARISH REPRESENTATIVES:**January 7 & 8****Sat. 5:00 p.m.** Mike & Jeanette Staton family**Sun. 8:00 a.m.** Rob & Denise Stauffer**Sun. 10:00 a.m.** Cole & Mindy Steinbrunner family**COLLECTION COUNTERS – January 8**

C. Hoelscher – N. Henderson – J. Pape

ACTIVITIES:

Sun. - Communion to the Sick/Shut-ins by Ministers of Eucharist

Tues. - Anointing of the Sick during 8:30 a.m. Mass

- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

- Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA), 7:30 p.m. in conference room

Thurs. - Children's Liturgy of the Word meeting, 6:30 p.m. in conference room

- Loaves & Fishes meeting, 7:30 p.m. in conference room

Sun. - Communion to the Sick/Shut-ins by Ministers of Eucharist

- CCD for preschool and kindergarten during 10:00 a.m. Mass

- Children's Liturgy of the Word during 10:00 a.m. Mass

MASSES:**December 31 to January 8****Sat. 5:00 p.m.** Donald Ruese**Sun. 8:00 a.m.** Ruth Ritter**Sun. 10:00 a.m.** Holy Redeemer Parish**Mon. 7:00 p.m.** Leo Schwartz**Tues. 8:30 a.m.** Living & dec'd. Ontrop-
Voskuhl families**Wed. 12:05 p.m.** Robert Stueve**Thurs. 7:00 p.m.** Stan Nagel**Fri. 8:30 a.m.** John Garman**Sat. 5:00 p.m.** Ed Philipot**Sun. 8:00 a.m.** Holy Redeemer Parish**Sun. 10:00 a.m.** Rev. Leo Hoying**SERVERS:****January 2 to 8****Mon. 7:00 p.m.**

T. Leichliter – J. Schemmel

Thurs. 7:00 p.m.

J. Homan – G. Selby

Sat. 5:00 p.m.

B. Brewer – E. Flaute – M. Nitschke

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

A. Speelman – N. Thobe

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

A. Britton – M. Feltz – C. Schwartz

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**January 8**

Molly Watcke

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SOLEMNITY
OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD,
SUNDAY, JANUARY 8**

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12



**WHEN THEY SAW THIS, THEY MADE KNOWN
THE MESSAGE THAT HAD BEEN TOLD THEM**

**ABOUT THIS CHILD. ALL WHO HEARD IT WERE
AMAZED BY WHAT HAD BEEN TOLD THEM BY
THE SHEPHERDS. AND MARY KEPT ALL THESE
THINGS, REFLECTING ON THEM IN HER HEART.**

LK 2:17-19