



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

— Recently the water heater in the rectory broke down. I learned this as I was getting ready for the morning shower. Normally, after a minute or so, the cold water turns warm and I'm all set. But not that day. The cold water stayed cold, and I had to make a decision. Do I skip the shower until the repair is made, or do I "take the plunge" into the chilly waters? Well, after a few moments of deliberation, I summoned my courage, took a deep breath, and stepped into the shower stall. I can safely say that on that day, what is normally a pleasant experience turned into a desperate flurry of soap and water. When I finally turned off the faucet, my heart rate was probably close to that of an Olympic sprinter!

I guess water is like that. It can be our greatest asset or our worst liability. Never mind cold showers. Think of the floods of Hurricane Katrina, the tsunamis in Asia – or the flooding in your own basement. As necessary and life-giving that water is to our lives, it can also be a source of destruction and even a cause of death.

Maybe this is why water is used when we are initiated into the life of Christ in baptism. Baptism reveals this two-fold characteristic of water. On the one hand, the waters of baptism brings about a death to ourselves, our neglect and selfishness. Original sin we call it. On the other hand, these same waters impart new life in Christ in the body of his church. The fact that Jesus himself was baptized in the Jordan is not a sign of his needing to be cleansed of sin. Rather, it is a sign that God sees water – and all creation – as something instrumental to our life with God.

When I baptize infants (or adults), I use warm water. But cold water would be equally fitting. That's because baptism plunges us into the coldness of Christ's cross and the warmth of his resurrection.

Fr. Mannebach

Dear Friends at Holy Redeemer,

Thank you for the many Christmas cards you sent me. This was my eighth Christmas away from you. It's a blessing to be remembered after so much time. You are in my thought and prayers, especially those who are sick and recently deceased.

+Bishop Dan Conlon

Dear Fr. Tom and Holy Redeemer Youth Group and all parishioners,

Many thanks to you and all those who collected and delivered the Giving Tree gifts to Hope Emergency Program. We are very grateful and touched by your generosity, especially given the current state of the economy. With your help and those folks such as you, Hope was able to provide food, clothing and gifts to 1000+ children.

Please know you are in our daily prayers of thanksgiving and may you be richly blessed all year long by the God who makes all our giving possible.

Gratefully,

Sr. Sandy Bates, osu and Sr. Lucia Castellini, osu

Mission Committee Brunch



**Speedway Lanes
455 North Herman Street**

Sunday, January 24

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

All-you-care-to-eat buffet

**Proceeds benefit the
Mission friends in Grenada**



VOCATION VIEWS – Like Jesus, you are called God's beloved. Renew your baptismal commitment and pray for those discerning a call to priesthood or religious life. (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22)

OUR GIFT IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S GIFT-

January 3 - \$5,142.00	Attendance – 897
Adults - \$4,773.00	High School - \$3.00
Grade School - \$45.00	Anonymous - \$321.00

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY:

CYO games on Sunday, January 10 will be: boys' team vs. Minster at Minster at 12:30 p.m.

Youth presently in grades eight and nine are candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation which will take place in the fall of 2010. There will be a mandatory meeting for all candidates and parents on Wednesday, January 27 in the parish hall from 7:45-8:45 p.m. All information regarding the preparation process will be distributed at this meeting. Anyone unable to attend should contact Robin Goettemoeller at the parish office.

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.



POINSETTIAS may be taken home this week by those who gave donations for them.

WEATHER ALERT – Announcements of any cancellations of parish activities due to weather or road conditions are broadcast on WCSM radio (96.7 FM) as well as WHIO Channel 7 (www.whiotv.com). Of course, you may also contact the parish office.

CATHOLIC FAITH RALLY and Healing Mass will be combined in the year 2010 and celebrated on the second Tuesday of the month in the Chapel (first floor) of the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein, 2365 St. Johns Road, Maria Stein. Individual prayer for healing will take place from 6:30-7:00 p.m. with Mass celebrated at 7:00 p.m. The combination of the Faith Rally and healing Mass will include a power filled celebration of the Sacrament of Eucharist and Eucharistic devotions, the Sacrament of healing and healing prayers, meaningful preaching, music and testimonies and anointing of the Holy Spirit. The next celebration of the combined Catholic Faith Rally and Healing Mass is Tuesday, January 12. Reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation is encouraged prior to this celebration.

Parish Family Carry-in Dinner

Sunday, February 14 12:00 noon

Fried chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy and cole slaw will be provided

Carry-in dishes of salads, vegetables and desserts

**A-H are asked to bring fruit/salads
I-Q are asked to bring desserts
R-Z are asked to bring vegetables**

**Entertainment will be provided by
4-Ever Faithful Quartet**

**Sign-up sheets are posted on the
bulletin board in the church entrance**

**Reservations can be made by calling the
parish office by Monday, February 1**

**No obligation to bring anything – just come
and enjoy the food and fellowship**

PLAN A FAMILY TIME TOGETHER at Maria Stein Shrine, 2291 St. Johns Road, Maria Stein, on Sunday, January 24 from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m. at “WINTER WONDER 2010”. Participants will enjoy nature, craft, prayer, song and activities (the virtual snowball fight is a favorite). Just \$5 per family on the day. Reservations are requested by Wednesday, January 20 at 419-925-4532.

LUNCH...LAUGHTER...AND LEARNING takes place on the third Tuesday of the month through May at the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein, 2365 St. Johns Road, Maria Stein. The day begins at 11:00 a.m. with blood pressure screening; lunch is served at 12 noon and a guest speaker followed by questions/answers will begin at 12:45 p.m. Donation is \$7 per person. Registrations can be made by calling the Spiritual Center at 419-925-7625 at least one day in advance. On Tuesday, January 19 Bob Lammers will speak on *Volunteerism – A Full Time Job*. These events are jointly sponsored by the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein, Family Life Office, Deanery Center, Miami Valley Pastoral Counseling Center and Schwieterman's Pharmacy.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**January 16 & 17****Sat. 5:00 p.m.**

E. Ahrns – R. Dicke – B. Feltz – J. Hirschfeld – C. Opperman

D. Schwartz – D. Stachler – M. Topp – C. Turner

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

P. & S. Kaiser – B. & C. Killian

J. & L. Kuenning – E. Rump Jr.

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

L. Ahrns – W. Albers – B. Bertke – L. Holdren

J. & S. Niekamp – S. Niekamp – L. Topp – A. Wellman

C. & S. Wissman

LECTORS:**January 16 & 17****Sat. 5:00 p.m.**

A. Thieman – S. Bertke

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

R. Bertke – H. Krieg

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

S. McDaniel – D. Knapke

USHERS:**January 16 & 17****Sat. 5:00 p.m.**

G. Grevenkamp – T. Howell – K. McGlinch

T. Stachler – M. Varno

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

D. Champagne – L. Dicke – C. Griesdorn

G. Nosek – W. Steineman

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

D. Anderson – S. Dwenger – J. Kremer

R. Niekamp – T. Wentz

PARISH REPRESENTATIVES:**January 16 & 17****Sat. 5:00 p.m.** Frank & Robin Goettemoeller family**Sun. 8:00 a.m.** Josh & Jennifer Goings family**Sun. 10:00 a.m.** Rick & Jo Good family**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

Tues. - 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

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.

Thurs. - Pastoral Council meeting, 7:30 p.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

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

- Baptism of Lillian Ann, daughter of Ronald and Kimberly (Brinkman) Homan, 11:00 a.m.

MASSES:**January 9 to 17****Sat. 5:00 p.m.** Peg, Joe and Paul Ritter**Sun. 8:00 a.m.** Holy Redeemer Parish**10:00 a.m.** Ken Jutte**Mon. 7:00 p.m.** Master Sgt. Brian Naseman**Tues. 8:30 a.m.** Rev. Carl Will**Wed. 12:05 p.m.** Esther Hartings**Thurs. 7:00 p.m.** Living & dec'd. Wendel-Homan family**Fri. 8:30 a.m.** Mary Alice Youngs**Sat. 5:00 p.m.** Freda Dircksen**Sun. 8:00 a.m.** Paul & Margaret Pape**10:00 a.m.** Holy Redeemer Parish**SERVERS:****January 11 to 17****Mon. 7:00 p.m.**

M. Feltz – C. Schwartz

Thurs. 7:00 p.m.

H. Lane – A. Thieman

Sat. 5:00 p.m.

M. Russell – M. Thieman

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

O. Meyer – A. Varno

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

D. Kremer – R. Selby

COLLECTION COUNTERS – January 17

D. Bergman – C. Anderson – B. Kruse

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**January 17**

Molly Watcke

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

Isaiah 62:1-5

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

John 2:1-11



After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove.

Lk 3:21-22a