

FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH

– Everyone on earth is important to God. We are all part of a worldwide church, whether Catholic or not. We are, each one, a part of the body of Christ. That is why it is so important to help those in need no matter what their faith.

God did not punish Haiti for its lack of faith but rather he encourages us to share ours with them. It is an opportunity for the rest of the church to come to their side; to share what Christ has shared with us: physical aid, but even more our faith and the good news that Christ has given to all people. No people, more than Haiti, need that hope which Christ can bring to a hopeless situation. We need to share the hope of Christ with anyone in need.

In the Gospel, Christ announced that the message was fulfilled in its hearing. Today this message is still being fulfilled in its hearing. Most assuredly we preach best by our acts and prayers.

Greg

ECUMENICAL BRUNCH in honor of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will take place on Sunday, January 24 at St. Peter Church, 303 North Franklin Street, New Bremen (in the Fellowship Hall downstairs). The gathering will begin at 11:30 a.m. with brunch served about noon, followed by brief ecumenical updates by the New Bremen pastors. There is no charge for the brunch.



MISSION COMMITTEE is sponsoring an all-you-care-to-eat buffet on Sunday, January 24 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Speedway Lanes, 455 North Herman Street. Proceeds will benefit our Mission friends in Grenada.

MONTHLY BOOK CLUB NEWS – A short organizational meeting will be held on Monday, January 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room for those interested. For more information, please

contact Becky Koverman at 419-629-3470.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR will begin rehearsing on Wednesday, January 27. Rehearsals are from 4:15-5:00 p.m. in the music room. The choir is open to any student in grades 3-8. The choir will sing for the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday. A schedule of rehearsals will be given to students on January 27. For more information, please contact Brigid Hegemier or Nick Wilker in the parish office.



ADULT CHOIR will begin rehearsing for the Lent and Easter seasons on Monday, February 1. Rehearsals are held every other Monday night at 7:30 p.m. in the music room. ***New members would be welcomed.*** If you have any questions, please contact Nick Wilker at the parish office.

EVANGELIZATION & SERVICE COMMISSION and youth group members will be serving meals at Loaves & Fishes, a county community meal site in Wapakoneta, on Thursday, February 4. The youth will be preparing a meal of chili soup and ham sandwiches. Donations of cornbread and desserts would be appreciated. One hundred to hundred twenty meals are served each time. Please call Cathi Hall at 419-629-8006 if you are willing to provide baked goods or drop them off at the parish hall kitchen by 2:00 p.m. on the fourth.

EVANGELIZATION & SERVICE COMMISSION and the Busy Bakers are sponsoring the Cardinal Pride Bake Sale at the home basketball game against Marion Local on Friday, February 5. 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 2:00 p.m. on the fifth.



BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM for parents planning the baptism of their first child will be held on Thursday, February 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room. It is recommended that parents participate in a preparation program during pregnancy. Please contact the office to register. (The next program will be conducted in May.)

and enjoy the food and fellowship

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY:

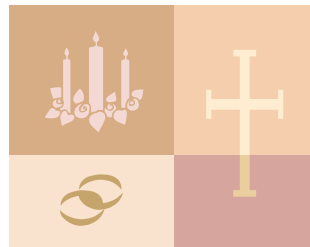
CYO games on Sunday, January 24 at the South YMCA will be: boys' team vs. Botkins Black team at 5:00 p.m.; girls' team vs. McCartyville B team at 6:15 p.m.

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.

VOCATION VIEWS – Through the power of the Spirit Jesus proclaimed his mission. How are you carrying on that mission today? Ponder the possibility of being a deacon, priest, brother or sister. (Luke 1:1, 4:14-21)

OUR GIFT IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S GIFT-
January 17 - \$5,172.57 Attendance – 891
Adults - \$4,731.00 High School - \$2.00
Grade School - \$49.57 Anonymous - \$390.00

WINTER 2010 EDITION of *Northern Lights* newsletter is available in the church pamphlet rack in the church entrance. An article by parishioner Chris Killian, of the Pastoral Counseling Center Office, and highlights of three area priests are featured 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.



GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS for the northern part of the Archdiocese will be held at St. Christopher Church in Vandalia on *Saturday, April 17* at 2:00 p.m.

Rev. David E. Brinkmoeller will be the principal celebrant. Couples celebrating their *25th, 50th, 60th, 70th, or 75th Wedding Anniversary* during 2010 should notify the parish office by Friday, February 19. All jubilarians will receive a scroll, and golden jubilarians will also receive an invitation to the Mass in Vandalia.

TO TEACH AS JESUS DID: WITH CONFIDENCE AND CREATIVITY will be held at St. Bernard Church, 71 West Main Street, Burkettsville OH on Mondays, February 1, 8, 15 and 22 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. Carolyn Stucke will instruct what a catechist's role is in the religious education classroom. Participants will learn what it means to be a teacher of the Catholic Faith, how faith develops in young people and how they learn. In-class activities will teach participants how to develop creative lesson plans using hands-on activities, various resources and media and how to make the classroom environment prayerful and conducive to learning. **Catechists will receive credit for 4 workshops of the Introduction to Catechetical Ministry requirement upon successful completion of this course.** To pre-register for this course contact the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis, 119 East Water Street, Sidney, OH

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

45365 or by phone at 937-498-1192 or email
sidneymediacenter@catholiccincinnati.org

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

January 30 & 31

Sat. 5:00 p.m.

D. & S. Bertke – A. Elking – A. Freeman – F. Frey

H. & P. Overman – B. Suchland – L. Utz

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

C. & R. Brookhart – D. & M.A. Keller

B. & S. McDermitt – K. Smith

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

E. Ahrens – F. Borchers – A. & M. Flaute – M. & S. Francis

D. Knapke – L. & R. Rutschilling – J. & S. Thieman

LECTORS:

January 30 & 31

Sat. 5:00 p.m.

S. Bertke – K. Bornhorst

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

F. Goettemoeller – R. Bertke

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

D. Knapke – S. McDaniel

USHERS:

January 30 & 31

Sat. 5:00 p.m.

D. Anderson – S. Dwenger – J. Kremer

R. Niekamp – T. Wentz

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

G. Grevenkamp – T. Howell – K. McGlinch

T. Stachler – M. Varno

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

D. Champagne – L. Dicke – C. Griesdorn

G. Nosek – W. Steineman

PARISH REPRESENTATIVES:

January 30 & 31

Sat. 5:00 p.m. Craig & Diane Griesdorn family

Sun. 8:00 a.m. Matthew & Kimberly Grigsby family

Sun. 10:00 a.m. Thomas Grilliot

COLLECTION COUNTERS – January 31

B. Thobe – M. Will – A. Doenges

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.
- Children's choir rehearsal, 4:15 p.m. in music room
- Sun. - Communion to the Sick/Shut-ins by Ministers of Eucharist
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MASSES:

January 23 to 31

Sat. 5:00 p.m. Robert L. Nagel

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

10:00 a.m. Louis & Rita Schwartz

Mon. 7:00 p.m. Christine Showalter

Tues. 8:30 a.m. Minster K of C

Fr. Kunkler Council

Wed. 12:05 p.m. Robert Stueve

Thurs. 7:00 p.m. Elmer Poeppelman

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

Sat. 5:00 p.m. Mike Heitkamp

Ron & Norma Bensman – 45th

Wedding Anniversary

Sun. 8:00 a.m. Walt Vondenhuevel

10:00 a.m. Holy Redeemer Parish

SERVERS:

January 25 to 31

Mon. 7:00 p.m.

J. Broerman – T. Homan

Thurs. 7:00 p.m.

K. Maurer – J. Niekamp

Sat. 5:00 p.m.

C. Russell – D. McClurg

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

B. Bertke – A. Varno

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

M. Broerman – C. Broerman

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

January 31

Nancy Topp

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

1 Corinthians 12:31 – 13:13

Luke 4:21-30

- Baptism of Tate Ryan, son of Joel and Erin (Weitzel) Niekamp;
Levi Henry, son of Ryan and Ashley (Dicke) Grevenkamp and
Gwen Mae, daughter of Lee and Kendra (Sommer) Kuenning, 11:00 a.m.



*He has sent me to proclaim liberty
to captives and recovery of sight
to the blind, to let the oppressed
go free, and to proclaim a year
acceptable to the Lord.*

*Jesus said to them, "Today this
Scripture passage is fulfilled in
your hearing." Lk 4:18b-19, 21*