



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

— In his letter to the Corinthian church last week (1 Cor 7:29-31), St. Paul warned us that “time is running out” and “the world in its present form is passing away.” Today’s second reading is a continuation of last week’s letter from Paul. And once again, he pleads with the early Christians to be focused in their present lives regardless of circumstances. Whether they are married or single, with children or without, followers of Jesus are bound to “adherence to the Lord without distraction.”

Don’t we wish it could be so easy! That is, we would love to follow Jesus with single-minded devotion. We would be glad to have the will of God at the forefront of all our thoughts. We would wish to have the outstretched arm of God guiding us at every turn. But as we all are well aware, the life of faith isn’t that simple.

Sometimes people express the concern that they are overly distracted at prayer. They can’t pray because there are too many worries and concerns grabbing their attention. I know what they mean. I think it has happened to just about anyone who is serious about prayer. But here’s one suggestion: Pray your distractions. Instead of trying to banish them from your mind, make your distractions the focus of your prayer with God. What we might consider a distraction might be in reality our hearts looking for God’s presence in the many longings of our lives.

Fr. Mannebach

VOCATION VIEWS — Jesus speaks as one having authority, so that even the demons must obey. As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week, we see in this same authority passed down to the Church that she might guide us closer to Christ. (Mark 1:21-28)

Mission Committee Brunch



Speedway Lanes
455 North Herman Street

Sunday, January 29

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

All-you-care-to-eat buffet
(including made to order omelets and Belgian waffles, Eggs Benedict, scrambled eggs, French toast, pancakes, sweet rolls, biscuits and gravy, bacon, sausage, potatoes, fresh fruit, fried chicken, roast beef, mashed potatoes/gravy, and assorted vegetables)



Adult buffet - \$8.99
Children (four to nine) - \$4.99
Ages three and under eat free

**Proceeds benefit the
Mission friends in Grenada**

CHRISTIAN UNITY CELEBRATION will take place on Sunday, February 5 at St. Paul Church, 119 North Franklin Street, New Bremen. Parishioners from the four churches in New Bremen (Faith Alliance, Holy Redeemer, St. Paul and St. Peter) will gather for lunch at 12:30 p.m. and enjoy the 1:15 p.m. brief program that will consist of scripture based comments about Christian unity from the pastors of each church and opportunities for discussion. All are welcome to attend this free celebration sponsored by the New Bremen Ministerial Association.

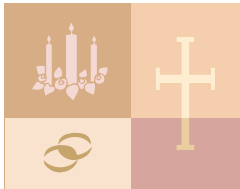
**A G A P E U P D A T E
R E M I N D E R** - Next weekend is Agape Sunday. Personal care items will be collected for the month of February, such as aspirin, band-aids, vitamins, cough drops, etc. Baskets to collect

these or other items are placed in the church entrance. As always, a jar for cash donations will also be available. On behalf of the many people assisted by Holy Redeemer’s past support, Agape Ministries extends a sincere thank you.



BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM

for parents planning the baptism of their first child will be held on Monday, February 6 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.)



GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

for the northern part of the Archdiocese will be held at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, 2300 S. Smithville Road, Dayton, OH 45420 on **Saturday, April 14 at 2:00 p.m.** Couples celebrating their **25th, 50th, 60th, 70th, or 75th Wedding Anniversary** during 2012 should notify the parish office by **Friday, February 10**. All jubilarians will receive a scroll, and golden jubilarians will also receive an invitation to the Mass in Dayton.

Parish Family Carry-in Dinner

Sunday, February 19 11:30 a.m.

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

Carry in dishes of desserts would be welcome

Entertainment will be provided

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

Reservations can be made by calling the parish office by Friday, February 10

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

OUR GIFT IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S GIFT-

January 22 - \$5,493.75

Attendance - 864

Adults - \$5,123.00

High School - \$8.25

Grade School - \$15.40

Anonymous - \$347.10

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. They will visit the Neil Armstrong Museum in Wapakoneta OH on Sunday, January 29. On Sunday, February 5 they will gather for a Super Bowl party in Russia OH. They will get together for Mass, supper and bowling in Coldwater OH on Saturday, February 11.

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE will take place on Mondays, February 6 & 13 at St. Michael's Hall, 33 Elm Street, Ft. Loramie OH from 6:30-9:00 p.m. Carolyn Stucke will be the presenter. Participants will come to a basic understanding of the history, development and content of the Bible and learn how to use some research tools to study and use it. The use of Scripture in liturgy and prayer will also be explored. Catechists will receive credit for the Introduction to Scripture requirement upon successful completion of this course. Pre-registration is requested one week prior to the start of this course. To register, please call 937-498-1192 or email sidneymediacycenter@catholiccincinnati.org.

SUPERCHARGE YOUR SOUL SUNDAY will take place on Sunday, February 26 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center, 5440 Moeller Avenue, Norwood OH 45212. This retreat, for young adults in their 20's and 30's seeking something deeper in their lives, will be led by Fr. Nathan Cromly from the Community of St. John, who will invite them to a deeper relationship with Christ and Mary, as well as shedding light on every person's true vocation. The day will begin with a continental breakfast from 8:00-9:00 a.m. with Eucharistic Adoration Chapel available; 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon will be talks with Fr. Nathan and reflection time; lunch from 12:00-1:00 p.m. which will be followed by break-out sessions, Adoration, and confession from 1:00-3:30 p.m. Mass will be celebrated at 4:00 p.m. with the retreat concluding at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person. For more

information and to register, please email Marie Howe at mariedurb@yahoo.com or call 513-227-0003.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

February 4 & 5

Sat. 5:00 p.m.

J. Berning – C. Broerman – J. & S. Elking – E. Francis
L. Kremer – C. Opperman – D. Stachler – V. Wente

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

C. & R. Brookhart – D. & M.A. Keller – H. Krieg
B. & R. Niekamp – K. Smith – M. Subler

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

B. Feltz – A. Feltz – S. Kremer – C. Kuck – S. Niekamp
N. Riethman – L. & R. Rutschilling – S. Thieman

LECTORS:

February 4 & 5

Sat. 5:00 p.m.

R. Tangeman – S. Busse

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

P. Kaiser – D. Dicke

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

D. Knapke – G. Topp

USHERS:

February 4 & 5

Sat. 5:00 p.m.

R. Brandt – T. Eyink – B. Kramer

J. Kremer – T. Wenning

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

D. Alig – P. Heitkamp – D. Kramer

L. Lane – D. Steineman

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

R. Homan – M. Mueller – J. Niekamp

B. Parker – G. Wendeln

PARISH REPRESENTATIVES:

February 4 & 5

Sat. 5:00 p.m. Adam & Sara Suchland

Sun. 8:00 a.m. Cory Suchland family

Sun. 10:00 a.m. Harold & Barbara Suchland

COLLECTION COUNTERS – February 5

S. Schmackers – J. Ziegenbusch – B. Koverman

ACTIVITIES:

- 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
- Tues. - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Evangelization & Service Commission meeting, 7:00 p.m. in meeting room
- Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA), 7:30 p.m. in conference room
- Wed. - CCD classes: Grades 1 through 6: **2:30-3:30 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.
- High school youth group, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in youth room
- Junior high youth group, 7:45-8:45 p.m. in youth 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:

January 28 to February 5

Sat. 5:00 p.m. Jerry & Doris Wissman

Sun. 8:00 a.m. Ken Jutte

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

Mon. 7:00 p.m. Roberta Nagel

Tues. 8:30 a.m. Elmer Poeppelman

Wed. 12:05 p.m. Henry Streacker family

Thurs. 7:00 p.m. Rev. Carl Will

Fri. 8:30 a.m. Donald Ruese

Sat. 5:00 p.m. Stan Nagel

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

Sun. 10:00 a.m. Roger & Dorothy Ellis

SERVERS:

January 30 to February 5

Mon. 7:00 p.m.

K. Broerman – N. Wells

Thurs. 7:00 p.m.

J. Schemmel – A. Thieman

Sat. 5:00 p.m.

M. Brandt – N. Gusching

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

K. Ahrns – A. Berning

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

H. Lane – E. Myers

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

February 5

Jean Homan

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

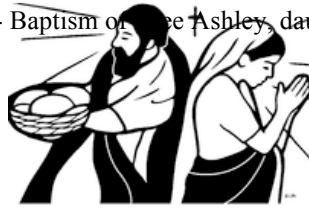
Job 7:1-4, 6-7

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Mark 1:29-39



- Baptism of the Ashley, daughter of Keith and Andrea (Morsey) Quellhorst, 11:00 a.m.



**IN THEIR SYNAGOGUE WAS A MAN WITH AN
UNCLEAN SPIRIT; HE CRIED OUT, "WHAT HAVE**

**YOU TO DO WITH US, JESUS OF NAZARETH?
HAVE YOU COME TO DESTROY US? I KNOW
WHO YOU ARE – THE HOLY ONE OF GOD!"
JESUS REBUKED HIM AND SAID, "QUIET!
COME OUT OF HIM!"**

MK 1:23-25