



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

— People who overcome serious trials in life often find special support in others who have undergone similar experiences. For example, those who have lost family members often turn towards others who have undergone the same kind of experience. Those who struggle with alcohol or drug addictions often find support in meeting with others who have the same addiction. The success of the Alcoholics Anonymous movement and other support organizations bear witness to this. Clearly, persons who are afflicted find a sense of support and encouragement when they struggle with others. It is perhaps paradoxical that even life's hardships can result in bringing about new friendships and solidarity among people.

The author of today's second reading (Heb 4: 14-16) makes the same insight, but on a grand scale. In the sufferings of Jesus Christ, the God of all creation deepens the sacred bond between the human and the divine. Although we know that Jesus lived in a spirit of joy and thanksgiving while he walked the earth, we also know of his many hardships. Jesus knew full well the experience of being rejected. He knew what it was like to grieve, to feel lonely, or to be misunderstood. Above all, he knew the extremes of human pain and suffering in his experience of the cross.

In Christ, we have a God who shares our trials. Consequently, in our own afflictions, we can never rightly tell God, "You don't know what it's like." God does know. To put it plainly, God has "been there". Although our personal sufferings don't disappear because of the fact that Christ suffers, we can and should find a greater friend and companion in the life of faith.

In all our sorrows and distresses, we can and should turn toward others for support. But even more, we can turn toward the God who suffers with us. In doing so, we can look to the future with hope and find new life.

Fr. Mannebach

H 1 N 1 NOTICE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE The Archdiocese of Cincinnati has received a number of phone calls regarding the Swine Flu and Mass. At this time, their recommendation is as it has been in the past during flu season: to encourage parishioners to take precautions such as frequent washing of hands, remain at home if they are sick, refrain from drinking from the cup and from shaking hands at the Sign of Peace if they are not feeling well. The Archdiocese will follow directives of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and local and federal health authorities and will keep parishes informed as the need arises.



OCTOBER is the month of Mary. The rosary will be prayed twenty minutes before each weekend Mass.

THE INAUGURAL EDITION of our parish newsletter, The Connector, will be arriving soon at your home. Watch for it in your mailbox and take time to read it.

MISSION MINISTRY TEAM

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)

Sunday, November 1

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Adult buffet - \$8.49
Children (four to nine) - \$4.59
Ages three and under eat free

Speedway Lanes, New Bremen

455 North Herman Street

Proceeds benefit Grenada Missions

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY:

Parent First Reconciliation meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. All second grade students and their parents are required to attend.



Grade four CCD students will all come to CCD from 3:15-5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 21 for a field trip to the Relic Chapel in Maria Stein. The Relic Chapel houses the second largest collection of relics in the United States.

All Saints Day party will be held on Wednesday, October 28 from 3:15-4:15 p.m. for **ALL** elementary students in grades one through three. (There will not be a late session for grades one through three. Grades four through six class sessions will be held at the usual times.) **Anyone willing to donate snacks or candy (Smarties, Tootsie Rolls, assorted, etc.) should drop them off at the parish office or the CCD office by Monday, October 26.**

High school youth will travel to St. Denis Church, Versailles, OH on Wednesday, October 21 to participate in a World Youth Day event featuring guest artist Steve Angrisano. Permission forms were distributed during C.C.D. and should be returned immediately so driving arrangements can be made. The youth will leave the church parking lot at 6:30 p.m. and return to Holy Redeemer at 9:00 p.m. This event counts as two nights of C.C.D. and all youth are expected to attend. There is a cost of \$5 per person which is due with the permission form. Contact Robin Goettemoeller for more information or questions regarding this event.

VOCATION VIEWS – Whoever wants to be great must serve others. Who are the ones you consider “great”? What can you do to

carry on their legacy? (Mark 10:35:45)

OUR GIFT IN RESPONSE TO GOD’S GIFT-
October 11 - \$5,228.09 Attendance – 794
Adults - \$4,676.00 High School - \$3.00
Grade School - \$28.50 Anonymous - \$520.59
RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE will be at the American Legion Hall, 06458 State Route 66, New Bremen on Monday, October 19 from 12:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call 419-227-5121 or 800-GIVE LIFE (800-448-3543). Walk-ins are welcome.

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 419-305-6118. On Saturday, October 24 they will gather for a fall house party in Coldwater. Saturday, October 31 will find them enjoying the Charleston Falls Preserve in Tipp City.

MILITARY AFTERNOON will take place on Sunday, November 8 from 1:30-5:30 p.m. at the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein, 2365 St. Johns Road, Maria Stein. The World War II Veterans from Mercer and Auglaize County will return and continue their stories from the ‘Greatest War’. Additional World War II memorabilia will also be on display. Free will donation.

MARRIED COUPLES – Enjoy the country air and fall in love all over again. Take your good marriage and make it great with a Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend in this area is November 13-15 at Maria Stein. This a great opportunity for married couples to enjoy the serenity of a retreat center while growing closer to each other and God. Weekends fill up quickly, so a prompt response is encouraged to avoid the waiting list. For more details or reservations call Keith and Lori Maurmeier at 1-800-547-1251, code 00 or register on the web at www.esharing.org.

ST. MARYS DEANERY has a website at www.stmarysdeanery.com. Included in the listings are weekday and weekend Mass times, Exposition and confession times, pictures of

the pastors and churches for the 27 parishes in the deanery and parish/cluster website links to access parish information and bulletins. Links to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, Vatican, daily readings and local religious sites are included, too. Check it out!

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

October 24 & 25

Sat. 5:00 p.m.

B. Bertke – A. Elking – J. & S. Elking – J. Homan
S. McCollum – H. & P. Overman – D. Pape

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

D. & J. Gehle – P. Harrod – H. Kremer
B. & S. McDermitt – S. Niekamp

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

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

LECTORS:

October 24 & 25

Sat. 5:00 p.m.

E. Niekamp – M. Sommer

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

D. Dicke – S. Bertke

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

R. Tangeman – G. Topp

USHERS:

October 24 & 25

Sat. 5:00 p.m.

M. Gaerke – G. Grevenkamp – T. Howell
K. McGlinch – 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

COLLECTION COUNTERS – October 25

D. Bergman – C. Anderson – B. Kruse

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
- Adult choir sings during 10:00 a.m. Mass
- Children's Liturgy of the Word during 10:00 a.m. Mass
- Baptism of Brylee Ann, daughter of Terry and Kim (Hackemoeller) Thornsberry, 11:00 a.m.
- Mon. - Ensemble 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
- Parent First Reconciliation meeting, 7:00 p.m. in parish hall
- Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA), 7:30 p.m. in conference room
- Wed. - CCD classes: Grades 1 through 3; 5 and 6: 3:15 – 4:15 p.m.; 5:15 – 6:15 p.m.
Grade 4: 3:15-5:00 p.m.
Grades 7 & 8: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Grades 9 through 12: 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.
- Handbell choir rehearsal, 7:30 p.m. in music room
- Sun. - Communion to the Sick/Shut-ins by Ministers of Eucharist

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

October 25

Nancy Topp

MASSES:

October 17 to 25

- Sat. 5:00 p.m.** Lester & Corrine Bornhorst
Sun. 8:00 a.m. Holy Redeemer Parish
10:00 a.m. Ray Schmidt
Mon. 7:00 p.m. Wilma Shelby
Tues. 8:30 a.m. John Knapke
Wed. 12:05 p.m. Jan Brockert
Thurs. 7:00 p.m. Mike Heitkamp
Fri. 8:30 a.m. Ed Phlipot
Sat. 5:00 p.m. Louis Elking
Sun. 8:00 a.m. Betty Bergman-Phlipot
10:00 a.m. Holy Redeemer Parish

SERVERS:

October 19 to 25

- Mon. 7:00 p.m.**
J. Broerman – V. Wilson
Thurs. 7:00 p.m.
T. Homan – J. Niekamp
Sat. 5:00 p.m.
A. Feltz – M. Thieman
Sun. 8:00 a.m.
O. Meyer – R. Selby
Sun. 10:00 a.m.
A. Buschur – D. Kremer

PARISH REPRESENTATIVES:

October 24 & 25

- Sat. 5:00 p.m.** Greg & Stephanie Elking family
Sun. 8:00 a.m. Jeff & Shirley Elking family
Sun. 10:00 a.m. Mike & Lois Elking

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY,

OCTOBER 25

- Jeremiah 31:7-9
Hebrews 5:1-6
Mark 10:46-52



“But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Mark 10:43-45

- CCD for 3's, preschool and kindergarten during 10:00 a.m. Mass
- Handbell choir plays during 10:00 a.m. Mass
- Children's Liturgy of the Word during 10:00 a.m. Mass
- Baptism of Ella Mae, daughter of Jay and Amanda (Grilliot) McCollum, 11:00 a.m.