



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

— “They will respect my son.” So state the words of the landowner in the parable of today’s gospel (Mt 21:33-43). The landowner is trusting – but mistaken. As the parable goes, the landowner sends the son to the tenants, but the tenants kill the son in an act of arrogance and greed. They disrespect the son. They disrespect human life.

Today is Respect Life Sunday. We remember that the dignity of human life is often obscured, if not altogether neglected. How often is human dignity undermined for the sake of the self-interest of others? When we think of the term “Respect Life,” we are likely to think first of the injustice of abortion. And well we should. Abortion represents the most blatant form of disrespect for the life of another innocent human being. It should be unacceptable to every Christian who believes that people are made in the image and likeness of God. It should be considered unacceptable to every society that upholds basic human rights and considers itself civilized.

But if you think about it, every sinful action of a human being involves some kind of lack of respect for human life. When we lie, cheat, steal, neglect the poor – or any other form of sinful behavior – we disrespect the dignity of other human beings. We also disrespect our own intrinsic goodness and capacity to love. We are better than that. We are made in God’s image. We are inheritors of the risen life of Jesus. God should expect us to do better – and so should we.

If the term “Respect Life” were to be lived to its fullest, the Kingdom of God for which Jesus lived and died would be fulfilled. That’s because God’s justice and peace would be made manifest everywhere and at all times. Human life and dignity would be honored and respected for what it is. The landowner will find his tenants producing the greatest fruit.

THANK YOU SO MUCH for your kind donation to Agape Ministries. Your generosity will truly make a difference in people’s lives. On behalf of Agape, we thank you. Sincerely, Kathy Bayliss.

EDUCATION COMMISSION will meet on Tuesday, October 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the youth room. All are welcome to attend.

ADULT CHOIR will begin rehearsing on Monday, October 17. The choir rehearses on Monday nights at 7:30pm in the music room. The choir will practice October 17, 24, 31, November 7, 14, and December 12. The choir is always in need of more singers. If you have any questions, please contact the director, Scott Kuenning, at skuenningwotv@nktelco.net.

VOCATION VIEWS – “Have no anxiety at all, but make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7)

OUR GIFT IN RESPONSE TO GOD’S GIFT-
September 25 - \$4,904.00 Attendance - 740
Adults - \$4,479.00 High School - \$8.00
Grade School - \$24.00 Anonymous - \$393.00

CROP WALK will take place on Sunday, October 9, beginning at Bremenfest Park. Registration is at 1:30 p.m. and the walk will begin at 2:00 p.m. CROP stands for Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty. Please join in walking with others to take a stand against hunger in our world. **Our parish will be selling paper "feet" after all Masses next weekend to help raise money for this very important event.** All money goes toward helping find ways of getting clean water to African villages. Please consider donating to this worthwhile cause. Registration packets for the Walk are available on a table in the back of church.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY:

Reminder: All confirmation candidates who signed up to be Mass Servers will have Mass Server training during CCD classes on Wednesday, October 5.

There will be a mandatory CYO players meeting for all youth who have registered to participate on Wednesday, October 5 from 7:15-7:45 in the parish hall. Forms and fees are due at the meeting. Contact Robin Goettemoeller at the parish office with any questions regarding CYO or the meeting.

The first Sunday in October is Respect Life Sunday, and it marks the beginning of October as Respect Life Month. In recognition of Respect Life Month, the youth ministry will be participating in an event called "Cupcakes for Life". Cupcakes for Life is a movement designed to spark conversations specifically about the children who never get to have a birthday. For every three children that get a birthday, one is never allowed. The youth ministry will be handing out cupcakes to all parishioners after all Masses next weekend. The cupcakes are for celebrating the birthdays of every person who never gets to have a birthday.

The freshman class will be participating in a service project as part of their C.C.D. class on Wednesday, October 12. They are going to be raking leaves for parishioners in town during their regular class time. Permission forms were distributed during class and need returned by October 12. *Anyone in need of having their yard raked should contact Robin Goettemoeller at the parish office.*

30 youth and 11 adults are participating in the National Catholic Youth Convention to be held in Indianapolis in November. The group is planning on passing out buckeye necklaces to other youth at the event. If you have a buckeye tree, the group would greatly appreciate more buckeyes. In order to make the necklaces they need over 3000 buckeyes! If you would like to donate buckeyes, please contact Robin Goettemoeller or drop them off at the youth ministry office anytime.

STEWARDSHIP is our gratitude and care for the blessings God has given us. Our Church is the primary means of expressing this. Sign-ups will take place next weekend. Please prayerfully consider the ways you might express gratitude to God in service to our parish. Below are some of the many ways parishioners volunteer at Holy Redeemer. Could you be one of them?

Adult Choir – Normally sings once or twice a month from October through May.

Adult Funeral Servers – Available to serve morning funerals as needed.

Adult Weekday Servers – Availability at various weekday Mass times (morning and noon) in the fall, winter & spring seasons.

Art & Environment – Activities include working with coordinators to decorate the church according to the church season. Strong helpers are especially needed to carry the big nativity from the garage, test lights, climb ladders to hang garlands and wreaths, etc. Decorating skills aren't necessary to carry stuff and take it down. Sewing and artistic skills are also needed along with watering outside plants.

Bereavement – Extend prayerful support to parishioner families who have lost loved ones.

CCD Office Assistant – Willing to answer phone and perform small office tasks as needed from 3:15-4:15 p.m., 5:15 – 6:15 p.m. or 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. for the Religious Education program.

CCD Substitute Catechists – Available on Wednesdays from 3:15-4:15 p.m., 5:15-6:15 p.m., 6:30-7:30 p.m. and/or 7:45-8:45 p.m.

Children's Liturgy of the Word – An opportunity to share the Liturgy of the Word with children during the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.

Collection Counters – Count Sunday collection on a six-week rotation schedule. Confidentiality is a must.

Education Commission – Members represent the views of parishioners in matters pertaining to our CCD program. Offers evaluation and suggestions.

Eucharistic Ministers – Understanding of the importance of their role of ministering the Body and Blood of Jesus and a respect for that role.

Evangelization & Service Commission – Involved in various types of outreach to needy persons in our area. Also provide welcome and hospitality. **Mission Committee** – A part of the Evangelization & Service Commission; planning for fund-raising for the three churches in Grenada.

Loaves & Fishes – Provides outreach at a county community meal site to the needy of our local area.

Parish Office Volunteer – Assist parish secretary as needed or fill in on days when the secretary is out of the office.

Property Committee – Advises Pastoral Council and pastor about property matters so that ministerial activities of the parish can be conducted properly.

Ushers – Assist with seating and collections at liturgy.

Weekday Lectors – Availability at various weekday Mass times, effective at proclaiming scripture.

Weekend Lectors – Availability at various weekend and Holy Day Mass times, effective at proclaiming scripture.

Worship Commission – Represent the views of parishioners in matters pertaining to liturgy. Offers evaluation and suggestions.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**October 8 & 9****Sat. 5:00 p.m.**J. & S. Elking – A. Freeman – J. Gusching – T. Heitkamp
J. Hirschfeld – N. Homan – E. Niekamp – A. Wente**Sun. 8:00 a.m.**A. Knapke – D. Kruse – J. Kuenning – B. & S. McDermitt
E. Rump, Jr. – L. & R. Rutschilling – K. Smith**Sun. 10:00 a.m.**E. Ahrns – D. Albers – D. Knapke – S. Kremer
A. Niekamp – N. Riethman – J. Russell – J. & S. Thieman**LECTORS:****October 8 & 9****Sat. 5:00 p.m.**

D. Freeman – J. Homan

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

K. Bornhorst – G. Heitkamp

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

R. Parker – J. Eshelman

USHERS:**October 8 & 9****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:****October 8 & 9****Sat. 5:00 p.m.** Brad & Tanya Schlarman family**Sun. 8:00 a.m.** Craig & Mary Jo Schlater**Sun. 10:00 a.m.** Lester & Sue Schmackers**COLLECTION COUNTERS – October 9**

C. Hoelscher – N. Henderson – J. Pape

ACTIVITIES:

- Sun. - Communion to the Sick/Shut-ins by Ministers of Eucharist
- CCD for preschool and kindergarten during 10:00 a.m. Mass
- Baptism of Charles David, son of Ronald and Kimberly (Brinkman) Homan;
Megan Elizabeth, daughter of Blair and Beth (Meier) Lammers; and
Elijah William, son of Keith and Jodi (Aselage) Timmerman, 11:00 a.m.
- 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.
- Education Commission meeting, 7:00 p.m. in youth room
- 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.
- Sat. - Men's Prayer Group, 7:30 to 8:30 a.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

MASSES:**October 1 to 9****Sat. 5:00 p.m.** Louis & Rita Schwartz**Sun. 8:00 a.m.** Holy Redeemer Parish**10:00 a.m.** Ken Jutte**Mon. 7:00 p.m.** Harold & Dolores

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Tues. 8:30 a.m. John Garman**Wed. 12:05 p.m.** Living & dec'd. Ontrop-

Voskuhl families

Thurs. 7:00 p.m. Newton VanDeMark**Fri. 8:30 a.m.** Linus Schulze**5:00 p.m.** Frieda Wolters**Sun. 8:00 a.m.** Martin Dabbelt**10:00 a.m.** Holy Redeemer Parish**SERVERS:****October 3 to 9****Mon. 7:00 p.m.**

C. Albers – G. Selby

Thurs. 7:00 p.m.

J. Homan – B. Kuck

Sat. 5:00 p.m.

E. Balster – M. Thieman

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

J. Rutschilling – V. Wilson

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

A. Selby – R. Selby

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 9**

Isaiah 25:6-10a

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Matthew 22:1-14



“BUT WHEN SAID TO ONE ANOTHER, ‘THIS IS THE HEIR. THE TENANTS SAW THE SON, THEY

COME, LET US KILL HIM AND ACQUIRE HIS INHERITANCE.’ THEY SEIZED HIM, THREW HIM OUT OF THE VINEYARD, AND KILLED HIM. WHAT WILL THE OWNER OF THE VINEYARD DO TO THOSE TENANTS WHEN HE COMES?”

MT. 21:38-40