

FROM THE DEACON'S

BENCH – Take courage, get up, Jesus is calling you. We are all a little fearful when we are faced with telling others of Christ. After all, Christ was crucified and those who professed His teaching were often punished. So it is understandable that we should be scared to profess our faith. Even though it is perhaps scary, we are still expected by God to spread His message to those we are given.

In today's reading Christ's disciples are discouraging people from calling on Christ and He rebukes them. They didn't want to risk too much. We too, often want to limit the faith from being proclaimed. We ask others not to pray or talk religion in public because it might be embarrassing. It might require us to change.

Christ would rebuke us, just as He did His disciples when they discouraged the faith of others. We want the rewards, but not the suffering. We want the glory but not the responsibility. We must share Christ with others. It is difficult, but if we persist, Christ will say to us as He did Bartimaeus, the blind man, "Go, your faith has saved you."

Greg

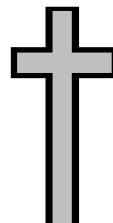
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will close at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 27.

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS will be celebrated next Sunday, November 1. This is typically a holy day of obligation during the week; however, the feast will trump the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time to allow the Church to recognize the countless saints "whose faith is known to

God alone". The feast reminds us that we are all called to be saints.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2 is the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, a day to remember deceased loved ones and parishioners, especially those who have died in the past year: Margaret A. Pape, Ed Phlipot, Alfred Broerman, Grace Elizabeth Osterfeld, Wilma Shelby, Mary Wint, Michael Heitkamp, Betty Bergman Phlipot, Rita Schwartz, Paul Heitkamp and Louis Schwartz. Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. Letters were mailed this past week to parishioners who have lost an immediate family member in order for a candle bearing that person's name to be available. The candles may be taken home after Mass. Anyone who has not received a letter with this information should contact Nick Wilker. Smaller candles will be available for others to light and bring home for loved ones who have died previous to 2009.

EVANGELIZATION AND SERVICE COMMISSION will meet on Tuesday, October 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the music rehearsal room.



RED CROSSES were distributed last month in honor of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Parishioners were asked to take these crosses home with them and place them in a noticeable outdoor location. The crosses will be available in the church entrance for a few more weeks for those who haven't yet received one. Those who already have one are welcome to take an extra cross for themselves or for a friend.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY:

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.**

Junior high youth will be trick or treating for canned food items this Wednesday, October 28. Last year over 1000 items were collected in just under one hour. Anyone who will not be home on Wednesday evening but would like to donate can leave their items on their porch with the light on and the youth will pick them up. Anyone whose house is missed during Trick or Treating can drop off items at church. The food drive will continue until mid-November when all donated items will be delivered to Agape in St. Marys. Junior high youth are reminded to turn in their permission forms to participate in this event. Call Robin Goettemoeller at the parish office with questions or to volunteer to drive for this event.

Hope Emergency Giving Tree project will begin this Wednesday and will continue through Monday, November 30. Gently used clothing will also be accepted at this time. Please place all donations by the church entrance doors. All items will be delivered to Hope Emergency in Lynchburg OH on Thursday, December 3. Anyone interested in helping deliver the items should call Robin Goettemoeller at the parish office for more information.

CROSSING THE THRESHOLD sessions have begun. Anyone interested in joining a group may do so by calling the parish office.

VOCATION VIEWS – Jesus hears our cry for help. What do you want Jesus to do for you? How will you show your gratitude? (Mark 10:46-52)

OUR GIFT IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S GIFT-

October 18 - \$7,061.20 Attendance – 808
Adults - \$6,578.00 High School - \$8.00
Grade School - \$29.50 Anonymous - \$445.70
World Missions - \$2,777.70
Holy Redeemer - \$4,283.50



TIME CHANGE will take place next weekend. Don't forget to change your clocks back one hour.

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

THANK YOU to Erik Grant and Kimberly Strasburg for the altar flowers on the weekend of their wedding, October 17.

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. Saturday, October 31 will find them enjoying the Charleston Falls Preserve in Tipp City. On Saturday, November 14 the group will gather for Mass, dinner and movies.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

October 31 & November 1 & 2

Sat. 5:00 p.m.

B. Bertke – S. Bertke – B. Feltz – S. McCollum – S. Niekamp
L. & R. Rutschilling – M. Subler – B. Suchland

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

Deacon G. Bornhorst – J. & S. Elking
H. Krieg – J. Russell – C. & S. Wissman

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

W. Albers – J. & L. Feltz – M. Flaute – M. & S. Francis
L. Nitschke – E. Russell – A. Speelman – L. Topp – A. Wellman

All Souls

Mon. 7:00 p.m.

Deacon G. Bornhorst – D. Albers
P. Harrod – R. & R. Kremer

LECTORS:

October 31 & November 1 & 2

Sat. 5:00 p.m.

M. Sommer – R. Tangeman

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

D. Dicke – P. Kaiser

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

J. Eshelman – D. Knapke

All Souls

Mon. 7:00 p.m.

J. Homan – A. Thieman

USHERS:

October 31 & November 1

Sat. 5:00 p.m.

R. Brandt – B. Kramer – J. Lehman

T. Wenning – R. Ziegenbusch

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

D. Alig – P. Heitkamp – L. Lane

M. McClurg – D. Steineman

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

R. Homan – M. Mueller – J. Niekamp

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

- 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.

Mon. - Ensemble rehearsal, 7:30 p.m. in music room

Tues. - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 9:00 a.m. to **8:00 p.m.**

- Exercise program, 9:15 a.m. in parish hall

- Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA), 7:30 p.m. in conference room

- Evangelization and Service Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m. in music rehearsal 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.

- Handbell choir rehearsal, 7:30 p.m. in music room

Sun. - Communion to the Sick/Shut-ins by Ministers of Eucharist

B. Parker – G. Wendeln

COLLECTION COUNTERS – November 1

B. McDermitt – J. Homan – R. Evers

MASSES:

October 24 to November 1

Sat. 5:00 p.m. Louis Elking

Sun. 8:00 a.m. Betty Bergman-Philipot

10:00 a.m. Holy Redeemer Parish

Mon. 7:00 p.m. Steve Flaute

Tues. 8:30 a.m. Elmer Poeppelman

Wed. 12:05 p.m. Joseph & Eleanora Stueve

Thurs. 7:00 p.m. Christine Showalter

Fri. 8:30 a.m. Maurice Schmiesing

Sat. 5:00 p.m. Paul & Margaret Pape

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

10:00 a.m. Raphael & Nick Rose

SERVERS:

October 26 to November 1

Mon. 7:00 p.m.

K. Maurer – N. Thobe

Thurs. 7:00 p.m.

C. Francis – M. Kramer

Sat. 5:00 p.m.

C. Topp – D. Webster – J. Wellman

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

E. Niekamp – A. Varno

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

B. Bertke – D. McClurg – C. Russell

PARISH REPRESENTATIVES:

October 31 & November 1

Sat. 5:00 p.m. Todd & Erin Elsass

Sun. 8:00 a.m. Chad & Tess Eshoff family

Sun. 10:00 a.m. Ralph & Doris Enneking

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14, 1 John 3:1-3, Matthew 5:1-12a

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

November 1

Annette Bertke



Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?"
The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed

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- Ensemble sings during 10:00 a.m. Mass
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- Baptism of Lyla Marie, daughter of Abby Niekamp, 11:00 a.m.

him on the way.

Mk 10:51-52