



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

— Towards the end of the Liturgy of Christian Funerals, just before the procession to the cemetery, there's a rite called the Rite of Final Commendation. At the beginning of the Rite of Final Commendation, the priest invites the assembly to pray in silence before incensing the casket. In his invitation, he uses the following words:

Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our brother (sister). May our farewell express our affection for him (her); may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope. One day we shall joyfully greet him (her) again when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself.

In thinking about this part of the funeral liturgy, I am struck by the words "One day we shall greet him (her) again..." In this simple phrase, the Church professes its faith that Christ will one day reunite us fully and entirely with our deceased loved ones. In other words, nothing ("even death itself") can separate us from each other in God. Perhaps this is why the Church in history has placed such high importance on the communion of the saints. When it comes to God's faithful people, there is no such thing as being dead and gone. The love of God is able to transcend both this world and the next. It dwells in both time and eternity. The love of God is both our link to Christ and our bond with one another.

Our farewells are always temporary.

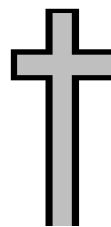
Fr. Mannebach

**VOCATION VIEWS** – The desire to be counted among those whose home is in heaven is the motivation to live life as a Christian. How is God calling you to be a saint

in the world of today? (Revelation 7:24, 9-14)  
**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.

### AGAPE UPDATE REMINDER

- Next weekend is Agape Sunday. As Thanksgiving approaches, we would like to assist Agape with cash donations so they may help families better prepare a Thanksgiving meal. A container for monetary donations will be available in the church entrance; baskets will also be available in the church entrance for other donations. As always, Agape thanks everyone for their continued support and the positive effect it has on our local communities in Western Auglaize County.



**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.

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

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY:**



**Thank you** to everyone who donated candy for the Halloween/All Saints party. The children enjoyed it very much.

**Thanks** to the women who participate in the Tuesday exercise program for painting the leaves for the Giving Tree and making up the bags of treats for the Halloween/All Saints party. Their help was truly a blessing.

**Thank you** to the parents who drove to the Relic Chapel for the fourth grade field trip on Wednesday, October 21.

**Hope Emergency Giving Tree** project has begun 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.

**OUR GIFT IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S GIFT-**  
October 25 - \$5,703.31                      Attendance - 860  
Adults - \$5,282.00                      High School - \$4.01  
Grade School - \$22.30                      Anonymous - \$395.00

**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](http://www.esharing.org).

**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



**BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM**

for parents planning the baptism of their first child will be held on Thursday, November 19 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 February.)

**SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS** - No matter how long it's been since a loved one died, grief can make the holidays a painful time. But there's hope. Join others for an encouraging seminar that will help people survive the holidays and discover new reasons to enjoy them again. GriefShare will take place on Tuesday, November 10 from 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Mike's

Place, 33 Elm Street, Ft. Loramie. Sponsored by St. Michael and Sts. Peter & Paul Churches.

**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, November 14 the group will gather for Mass, dinner and movies.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

**November 2, 7 & 8**

*All Souls*

**Mon. 7:00 p.m.**

Deacon G. Bornhorst – D. Albers

P. Harrod – R. & R. Kremer

**Sat. 5:00 p.m.**

A. Freeman – C. Heitkamp – N. Homan – T. Homan – D. Kruse

E. Niekamp – C. Opperman – A. Schwartz – C. Turner

**Sun. 8:00 a.m.**

D. & S. Bertke – C. & R. Brookhart

K. Smith – J. & S. Thieman

**Sun. 10:00 a.m.**

E. Ahrns – J. Berning – F. Borchers – A. Flaute – D. Knapke

C. Kuck – J. & S. Niekamp – N. Riethman – S. Thieman – M. Topp

**LECTORS:**

**November 2, 7 & 8**

*All Souls*

**Mon. 7:00 p.m.**

J. Homan – A. Thieman

**Sat. 5:00 p.m.**

K. Bornhorst – G. Topp

**Sun. 8:00 a.m.**

F. Goettemoeller – G. Heitkamp

**Sun. 10:00 a.m.**

B. Feltz – S. McDaniel

**USHERS:**

**November 7 & 8**

**Sat. 5:00 p.m.**

D. Anderson – S. Dwenger – J. Kremer

R. Niekamp – T. Wentz

**Sun. 8:00 a.m.**

M. Gaerke – G. Grevenkamp – T. Howell

K. McGlinch – M. Varno

**Sun. 10:00 a.m.**

D. Champagne – L. Dicke – C. Griesdorn

**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  
- Ensemble sings during 10:00 a.m. Mass  
- Children's Liturgy of the Word during 10:00 a.m. Mass  
- Baptism of Lyla Marie, daughter of Abby Niekamp, 11:00 a.m.
- Mon. - Choir rehearsal, 8:00 p.m. in music room
- 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.  
- Exercise program, 9:15 a.m. in parish hall  
- 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.

G. Nosek – W. Steineman

**COLLECTION COUNTERS – November 8**

B. Thobe – M. Will – A. Doenges

**MASSES:**

**October 31 to November 8**

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

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

**10:00 a.m.** Raphael & Nick Rose

**Mon. 7:00 p.m.** All Souls

**Tues. 8:30 a.m.** Clarence & Gertie Topp

**Wed. 12:05 p.m.** Mary Alice Youngs

**Thurs. 7:00 p.m.** Master Sgt. Brian Naseman

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

**Sat. 5:00 p.m.** Ernest Schmitmeyer

**Sun. 8:00 a.m.** Roger Niekamp

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

**SERVERS:**

**November 2 to 8**

*All Souls*

**Mon. 7:00 p.m.**

A. Berning – A. Pulskamp

**Thurs. 7:00 p.m.**

M. Feltz – C. Schwartz

**Sat. 5:00 p.m.**

B. Homan – S. Homan

**Sun. 8:00 a.m.**

K. Goettemoeller – B. Goettemoeller

**Sun. 10:00 a.m.**

M. Broerman – C. Broerman

**PARISH REPRESENTATIVES:**

**November 7 & 8**

**Sat. 5:00 p.m.** Bryon & Janet Eshelman

**Sun. 8:00 a.m.** Anthony & Judy Eshleman family

**Sun. 10:00 a.m.** Chris & Kathleen Evers family

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY,  
NOVEMBER 8**

1 Kings 17:10-16, Hebrews 9:24-28, Mark 12:38-44

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**November 8**

Ginny Winner



"Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the

Grades 9 through 12: 7:45 – 8:45 p.m.

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

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 3's, preschool and kindergarten during 10:00 a.m. Mass

- Children's Liturgy of the Word during 10:00 a.m. Mass

of heaven.

...Blessed are the peacemakers,

for they will be called

children of God."

Mt. 5:3,9