

FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH

— A Merry Christmas is what I hope you have experienced in your family and with all whom you share. That is what this weekend's readings are all about. It is Holy Family Sunday and families are the best and the worst experiences we may have. God's awareness of family is very important. He pours His grace on us for He knows that, to the public, we may show all the great attitudes for salvation but in the privacy of our homes and family this same attitude may not prevail. It is easy for anyone to put on a front for a few hours a day but when it comes to those we live with, deal with and spend the majority of our attitudes with, it becomes a real test of who we really are.

The best and the worst memories, good and bad habits, praise and criticism are magnified at home. These attitudes are demonstrated in Christ's family for us to imitate. Love and yet discipline is found in the Gospel today, as Jesus was lost and found in the temple. Love and discipline of ourselves as well as the ones we love is encouraged. Once we can truly express our love and forgiveness in our immediate families, we can more truly love everyone on Christ's home planet.

May we all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Peace to you!

Greg

VOCATION VIEWS – Jesus grew in wisdom, age, and grace in the midst of his family. How is your family growing in the midst of these challenging times? Seek out God's grace. (Luke 2:41-52)

OUR GIFT IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S GIFT-
December 20 - \$4,755.95 Attendance – 915
Adults - \$4,258.00 High School - \$3.00

Grade School - \$20.40 Anonymous - \$474.55

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD, a holy day of obligation, will be celebrated on Friday, January 1. Eucharist will be celebrated on Thursday, December 31 at 5:00 p.m. and on Friday, January 1 at 10:00 a.m.

FATHER MANNEBACH and the parish staff would like to thank everyone for the cards and goodies that came their way this Christmas season.

2010 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES were mailed. Anyone wanting to have envelopes, but not presently on the list, should please call the parish office by Monday, January 4. Anyone not receiving their envelopes by early January should call as well. It would be appreciated if people would put their *name* on the first envelope they use. No name is needed any other time.

Parish Family Carry-in Dinner

Sunday, February 14 12:00 noon

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

Carry-in dishes of salads, vegetables and desserts

A-H are asked to bring fruit/salads

I-Q are asked to bring desserts

R-Z are asked to bring vegetables

Entertainment will be provided by 4-Ever Faithful Quartet

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

Reservations can be made by calling the parish office by Monday, February 1

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

THE LOST AND FOUND, located on a bench near the connector doors, has many items, including

sweatshirts, gloves, an umbrella, etc. Please take a moment to see if any of these items belong to you. Remaining items will be donated to Agape.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY:

CCD classes will not be held on Wednesday, December 30. Classes for grades 1-12 will resume on Wednesday, January 6.

Youth presently in grades eight and nine

are candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation which will take place in the fall of 2010. There will be a mandatory meeting for all candidates and parents on Wednesday, January 27 in the parish hall from 7:45 -8:45 p.m. All information regarding the preparation process will be distributed at this meeting. Anyone unable to attend should contact Robin Goettemoeller at the parish office.

Reminder to all Venture Crew members:

The Pope Pius XII Day of Reflection will be held on Wednesday, December 30 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please be on time and have all materials for your portion of the retreat prepared. Anyone who cannot attend should contact Robin Goettemoeller as soon as possible.

Many thanks to the 27 youth and adults who traveled to Hope Emergency last Sunday to work and help out for the day. Everyone had the opportunity to "shop" with a family and help them pick out their Christmas gifts. Volunteers also had time to help stack food, sort dry goods, package diapers and do other miscellaneous jobs that the Sisters do not have time to do as often. Sister Lucia and Sister Sandi were so happy with everyone's help that they have already asked if we could come back next year and work of the same day. If anyone wants to plan ahead, set aside December 19, 2010 to go and help those who have much less than we have.

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 Jill at 419-305-6118. On Thursday, December 31 they will gather for a New Years Eve house party.



THANK YOU to everyone who attended and participated in the first ever "Holy Redeemer's Got Talent" contest held this past Tuesday evening. A capacity crowd was on hand to judge the 18 different acts. First place winner was Zoe Lane whose sister, Hannah took home second place. Third place went to Elizabeth Balster, McKenna Brackman, Ally Elking, Sarah Hall and Teresa Homan (all pictured above). A donation of \$516.59 will be sent to Holy Family Hospital. A special thank you to Jack, Deb and Trisha Maurer and Jeff, Pete and Lindsey Pape for their help with decorating; to the Busy Bakers for the scrumptious goodies and to Carol Kruse for helping serve the goodies.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE, Feast of the Holy Innocents, will be held on Monday, December 28 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Henry Catholic Church, 272 East Main Street, St. Henry, OH. Anyone – parent, sibling, relative – who has experienced the loss of a baby through miscarriage, abortion or stillbirth is encouraged to come and pray and be strengthened by God's love and mercy. Anyone else who would like to attend is also welcome to come and join in this memorial Mass.

A **MASS** in remembrance of all children who died through miscarriage, stillbirth, accident, illness or

abortion will be held on Tuesday, December 29 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Michael Church, 33 Elm Street, Ft. Loramie, OH. Everyone is welcome to attend.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

December 31, January 1, 2 & 3

Thurs. 5:00 p.m.

Deacon G. Bornhorst – E. Ahrns – D. & S. Bertke – A. Freeman

J. Hirschfeld – T. Homan – D. Schwartz – D. Stachler

Fri. 10:00 a.m.

B. Bertke – C. & R. Brookhart – L. Holdren

J. & S. Niekamp – E. Rump, Jr.

Sat. 5:00 p.m.

D. Albers – W. Albers – J. & S. Elking – S. McCollum

S. Niekamp – D. Pape – C. & S. Wissman

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

D. & M.A. Keller – H. Krieg

B. & S. McDermitt – T. Schemmel – K. Smith

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

J. Berning – A. Borger – L. & J. Feltz – D. Kruse

C. Kuck – N. Riethman – E. Russell – A. Schwartz

M. Subler – S. Thieman

LECTORS:

December 31, January 1, 2 & 3

Thurs. 5:00 p.m.

A. Thieman – F. Goettemoeller

Fri. 10:00 a.m.

R. Bertke – B. Feltz

Sat. 5:00 p.m.

M. Sommer – G. Topp

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

D. Dicke – C. Killian

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

D. Knapke – S. McDaniel

USHERS:

December 31, January 1, 2 & 3

Thurs. 5:00 p.m.

D. Anderson – S. Dwenger – J. Kremer

R. Niekamp – T. Wentz

Fri. 10:00 a.m.

R. Brandt – B. Kramer – J. Lehman

T. Wenning – R. Ziegenbusch

Sat. 5:00 p.m.

D. Champagne – L. Dicke – C. Griesdorn

G. Nosek – W. Steineman

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

D. Anderson – S. Dwenger – J. Kremer

R. Niekamp – T. Wentz

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

G. Grevenkamp – T. Howell – K. McGlinch

T. Stachler – M. Varno

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

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
- Tues. - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Sat. - Ensemble sings during 5:00 p.m. Mass
- Sun. - Communion to the Sick/Shut-ins by Ministers of Eucharist

January 3

Cathi Hall

MASSES:

December 26 to January 2

Sat. 5:00 p.m. Ed Phlipot

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

10:00 a.m. Clarence & Gertie Topp

Mon. 7:00 p.m. Helen Suchland

Tues. 8:30 a.m. Living & dec'd. Ontrop-Voskuhl family

Wed. 12:05 p.m. Roger Niekamp

Thurs. 5:00 p.m. Elmer Poeppelman

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

Sat. 5:00 p.m. Steve Flaute

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

10:00 a.m. Holy Redeemer Parish

SERVERS:

December 28 to January 3

Mon. 7:00 p.m.

K. Ahrns – E. Balster

Tues. 8:30 a.m.

J. Broerman – V. Wilson

Wed. 12:05 p.m.

T. Homan – J. Niekamp

Thurs. 5:00 p.m.

D. McClurg – C. Russell – A. Varno

Fri. 10:00 a.m.

B. Bertke – M. Broerman – C. Broerman

Sat. 5:00 p.m.

K. Homan – B. Homan – L. Smith

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

A. Berning – G. Griesdorn

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

A. Brackman – J. Elking – A. Pulskamp

COLLECTION COUNTERS – January 3

C. Hoelscher – N. Henderson – J. Pape

PARISH REPRESENTATIVES:

December 31, January 1, 2 & 3

Thurs. 5:00 p.m. Donald & Janice Gagel

Fri. 10:00 a.m. Charles & Erlene Garman

Sat. 5:00 p.m. Greg & Linda Garman

Sun. 8:00 a.m. Keith & Yvonne Garman

Sun. 10:00 a.m. Tim & Lori Garman

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6, Matthew 2:1-12



- CCD for 3's, preschool and kindergarten during 10:00 a.m. Mass
- Adult and handbell choirs provide music during 10:00 a.m. Mass
- Children's Liturgy of the Word during 10:00 a.m. Mass



Jesus said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Lk. 2:49-50