

FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH – Success requires sacrifice.

To be successful in family or business requires hard work and sacrifice of time and talent. To be successful in sports or the arts requires practice and exercise. No matter what success one is looking for, it will require effort and sacrifice. That is what our readings are about this week. Christ fasted for forty days in the desert in order to be successful against the devil. He spent many hours talking with His Father and the Holy Spirit to insure His success at saving our souls and bringing us a means to eternal life.

Even the second reading tells us, if we wish to succeed in the eyes of God, we must be willing to believe with our heart and confess with our mouth the love and message of Christ. We cannot do this if we do not know who God is and why Christ sacrificed so much for us.

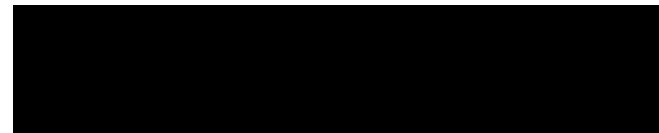
It is this goal that we work on through our prayer and sacrifice during Lent. Practice of the faith will bring success for the soul.

Greg

THANK YOU to those who attended the Parish Dinner last Sunday and thanks, too, to the members of the Evangelization and Service Commission who assisted with the set-up and take-down.

WAY OF THE CROSS will take place after the 7:00 p.m. Mass on Thursdays during Lent.

LENTEN BLACK BOOKS, with daily reflections based on the scripture of the day, are available in the church entrance.



CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL WEEKEND will be held here at Holy Redeemer next weekend, March 6-7. God calls each of us to share our gifts with others for the building up of His Kingdom. The theme for the 2010 CMA is **“Always and Everywhere, Give Thanks.”** Archbishop Schnurr is inviting every Catholic household to participate in this year’s 2010 Catholic Ministries Appeal, which funds the following key regional ministries: Catholic Charities and Social Services, College Campus Ministries, Retired Archdiocesan Priests, St. Rita School for the Deaf, Hospital and Prison Chaplains, and the education of Seminarians, Deacons and Lay Pastoral Ministers. The 2010 Catholic Ministries Appeal is to the ministries funded by the Archdiocese as the weekly offertory is to our parish – so your participation and support is critical! Every registered parish household should receive a letter this week from Archbishop Schnurr. Please bring your completed pledge card and pledge envelope to Holy Redeemer next week or mail them to the Archdiocese in the envelope provided. Anyone who does not receive a letter in the mail this week is invited to pick up a pledge packet from the poster display in the church entrance. Please begin to consider prayerfully how you will participate. Every gift matters. For more information, please visit www.CatholicAppeal.info.

VOCATION VIEWS – God brings us through difficult experiences and always leads us to life. Depend on the Holy Spirit to guide you on the path of life. (Luke 4:1-13)

FIRST BOOK CLUB MEETING will be held on Tuesday, February 23 at 7:30 p.m. in classroom #1. *Have a Little Faith* by Mitch Albom will be discussed. All are welcome. Any questions call Becky Koverman at 419-629-3470.

OUR GIFT IN RESPONSE TO GOD’S GIFT-
February 14 - \$5,501.15 Attendance – 937
Adults - \$5,113.35 High School - \$5.00
Grade School - \$27.80 Anonymous - \$355.00

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY:

All elementary CCD students in grades four through six should come to the after school session on Wednesday, February 24 for a Lenten program. There will be no late sessions that day for grades four through six. All students in grades one through three should come at their regular time.

MILITARY AFTERNOON will take place on Sunday, February 21 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein, 2365 St. Johns Road, Maria Stein OH. The Chained Eagles will display the wall of American servicemen and women still listed as POW/MIA. This wall is an indoor display to help us remember all those service members still listed as Prisoners of War or Missing In Action. The chained Eagles is a group of individuals who dedicate themselves to accounting for all men and women listed as missing and bringing them home to their families. The Chained Eagles report there are 78,000 men and women missing in action from World War II; 8000 missing from Korea and 2000 missing from Vietnam. In addition, Jim Waechter, Director of the Museum of the Soldier, 510 East Arch Street in Portland, will share information and personal stories and future exhibitions at the Museum.

DIVINE MERCY message will be presented by Sr. M. Wendy and Sr. M Grace of the Sisters of Reparation on Sunday, February 21 at 1:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, 6701 State Route 219, Montezuma OH. The message of Divine Mercy leads to a deeper appreciation for the sacraments of mercy – Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation. All are invited to this one hour talk followed by veneration.

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS about how your infant or toddler is growing or learning? Does your child have difficulty sitting? The Auglaize County Early Childhood Collaborative Group, Help Me Grow, is conducting free screenings for children birth to five years of age on Saturday, March 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon at First United Methodist Church, 504 Glynwood Road, Wapakoneta OH and on Monday, March 22 from 3:30-6:00 p.m. at St. Paul United Church of Christ, 201 North Perry Street, St. Marys OH. (Need to arrive by 6:00 p.m.) For further information, questions or to pre-register for either of these screenings contact Charlotte Axe at 419-738-3410 or 1-800-531-6134.

NORTHERN AREA OFFICES for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati are located at 119 East Water Street, Sidney, across the street from Holy Angels Church. Within the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis is a media center/library that is open to the public and can be used by anyone in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. It is not limited to Catholic Schools and PSR Programs. Over 4,000 books are available in the print library on subjects from Adult Bible Study to World Religions. The media library has over 1,400 videos, DVDs, music cassettes and CDs. Open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. They are closed on Holy days and holidays. To check out the resources available go to www.catholiccincinnati.org/oec click on 'Media Center' then 'Media Catalog'.

SISTERS AND MISSIONARIES OF PRECIOUS BLOOD will host a weekend retreat for young adults considering a vocation as a Catholic sister, priest or brother on March 12-14. The weekend, for women and men completing high school or older, is being co-sponsored by the Sisters of the Precious Blood and the Missionaries of the Precious Blood (priests and brothers). Sites for the program will be St. Charles Center in Carthage and the Maria Stein Spiritual Center (retreat house), with housing at the retreat house. Liturgies and communal prayer, socials and meals will be shared, with additional separate programs for women and men participants. There is no cost to attend the program but registration is requested by Monday, March 1. For further information, men should contact Fr. Ken Schnipke, CPPS, at 937-228-6224 or email vocation@cpps-preciousblood.org; women should contact Sr. Carolyn Hoying, CPPS, at 937-231-1244 or email Vocations@PreciousBloodSistersDayton.org.

ENGAGED AND MARRIED COUPLES are invited to a new series of classes on the symptothermal method of fertility awareness that will begin on Saturday, March 6 from 2:00-4:30 p.m. at St. Bernard Church Basement, 71 West Main Street, Burkettsville OH. Fertility awareness within the context of the teachings of the Catholic Church on marriage and family life can be faith-building, health-enhancing and marriage-strengthening as well as being an effective way to plan or postpone a pregnancy. For further information please visit the web site www.learn-nfp.org. To register, please visit the website www.ccli.org. For questions, please contact Eric & Nicole Voisard at 937-526-3305.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**February 27 & 28****Sat. 5:00 p.m.**Deacon G. Bornhorst – J. Homan – S. McCollum
S. Niekamp – L. & R. Rutschilling – A. Schwartz
M. Subler – C. Turner**Sun. 8:00 a.m.**J. Berning – S. Elking – D. & J. Gehle
B. & S. McDermitt – T. Schemmel**Sun. 10:00 a.m.**W. Albers – A. Borger – A. Flaute – S. Homan
A. Speelman – J. & S. Thieman – L. Topp – A. Wellman**LECTORS:****February 27 & 28****Sat. 5:00 p.m.**

S. Bertke – E. Niekamp

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

S. Bertke – R. Tangeman

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

K. Bornhorst – P. Kaiser

USHERS:**February 27 & 28****Sat. 5:00 p.m.**G. Grevenkamp – T. Howell – K. McGlinch
T. Stachler – 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**PARISH REPRESENTATIVES:****February 27 & 28****Sat. 5:00 p.m.** Janet Harrod**Sun. 8:00 a.m.** Dean & Kate Hartwig**Sun. 10:00 a.m.** Steve & Diana Hartwig**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
- Children's Liturgy of the Word during 10:00 a.m. Mass
- Baptism of Mia Michelle, daughter of Jack and Jaime (Ellis) Wellman and William Mack, son of Chad and Teresa [Tess] (Hierholzer) Elshoff, 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.
- Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA), 7:30 p.m. in conference room
- Book Club, 7:30 p.m. in classroom #1
- 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 –
- Children's choir rehearsal, 4:15 p.m. in music room
- Handbell choir rehearsal, 7:30 p.m. in music room
- Thurs. - Way of the Cross after 7:00 p.m. Mass in church
- Pastoral Council meeting, 7:30 p.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

MASSES:**February 20 to 28****Sat. 5:00 p.m.**

Special Intention

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

Holy Redeemer Parish

10:00 a.m.

Christine Showalter

Mon. 7:00 p.m.

Msgr. James Collins

Tues. 8:30 a.m.

Deacon Vincent J. Orlando

Wed. 12:05 p.m.

Ralph Fortkamp

Thurs. 7:00 p.m.

Louis & Rita Schwartz

Fri. 8:30 a.m.

Robert L. Nagel

Sat. 5:00 p.m.

Rev. John J. Sullivan, S.J.

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

Special Intention

10:00 a.m.

Holy Redeemer Parish

SERVERS:**February 22 to 28****Mon. 7:00 p.m.**

K. Maurer – N. Thobe

Thurs. 7:00 p.m.

C. Francis – M. Kramer

Sat. 5:00 p.m.

N. Homan – A. Speelman

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

A. Brackman – J. Gusching

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

C. Heitkamp – J. Swiger

COLLECTION COUNTERS – February 28

D. Bergman – C. Anderson – B. Kruse

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**February 28**

Suzanne Wells

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 9:28b-36

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



*The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written
You shall worship the Lord, your God,
And him alone shall you serve."*

Lk 4:6a, 7-8