



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

— To long for happiness is a natural human instinct. And we don't have to look far to realize that people pursue happiness in many different ways. The Transfiguration of Jesus on Mount Tabor (Lk 9:28-36) reveals how genuine happiness lies in our union with God.

It is hard to make sense of this scene between Jesus and Peter, James, and John. Did Jesus' own face and clothing change to a dazzling white, or did the disciples simply see Jesus in a way they had not seen him before? That is, did they see the same Jesus they had seen before, but now through the eyes of faith, eyes that recognize the glory of God in the body of His Son?

If we can't find definitive answers to these questions, and if we still don't know what to make of this scene, we're not alone. Peter apparently shares our confusion. His offer to build a tent as some kind of shrine to Jesus represents his confusion in the midst of this overwhelming scene. He simply is at a loss for words.

There are times in our lives – joyful and sorrowful alike – that are also too big for words. That's probably a good thing. If life with God is greater than we can imagine, we have reason to hope for the joy that awaits us. If the sight of God is more than we can grasp, then our experience of God will one day be eternal.

Fr. Mannebach

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.

AGAPE UPDATE REMINDER

- Next weekend is Agape Sunday. Please bring items related to preparing a Lenten meal; ex: noodles, rice, canned tuna, boxed au gratin potatoes, etc. Baskets to collect these items are placed in the church entrance. As always, a jar for cash donations will also be available in the church entrance. Thank you for all of the contributions in support of this local ministry.

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VOCATION VIEWS – Are you listening to Jesus, the Chosen One? Be open to what he reveals to you. Let his message dwell in your heart. (Luke 9:28-36)

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 419-678-8691. On Sunday, March 7 the group will attend benediction at Maria Stein starting at 6:00 p.m. Supper will follow at Pizza Hut. On Sunday, March 14 they will enjoy Entertainment Junction, West Chester followed by supper. Past Catholic Adult Singles Club members are invited to the 25th CASC anniversary party on May 2. Please call 419-678-8691 or 937-295-5234 by March 31 for more information.

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 Carthagena 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.

GLENMARY HOME MISSIONERS, a missionary society of priests and brothers serving the home missions and headquartered in Cincinnati, will host a weekend discernment retreat March 5-7 at the Fairfield, Ohio headquarters. The weekend, led by Glenmary Father Jerry Dorn, is for single Catholic men ages 18-30 and will focus on "*Hearing the Call of God: Reflecting on the Potential of a Missionary Vocation.*" The weekend of reflection begins at 7:00 p.m. Friday and ends Sunday morning after Mass. For more information, contact Glenmary's vocation office at vocations@glenmary.org or call 513-881-

OUR GIFT IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S GIFT-
February 21 - \$5,548.25 Attendance – 913
Adults - \$5,111.00 High School - \$8.00
Grade School - \$37.25 Anonymous - \$392.00

ENGAGED AND MARRIED COUPLES are invited to a new series of classes on the sympto-thermal 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.

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, 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.

HAS YOUR MARRIAGE grown cold, distant, unloving or uncaring? Consider Retrouvaille (ret'ro-vi) – a program designed to help heal and renew marriages. Retrouvaille is for marriages that have lost some of their spark, for couples having difficulties in communication and even those marriages on the edge of separation or divorce. The next program begins April 16-18. For more information, call 513-922-6045 or on the internet at retrouvaille.org. Other weekends and locations

are available – call for details.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

March 6 & 7

Sat. 5:00 p.m.

E. Ahrns – A. Elking – J. & S. Elking – D. Pape
B. Suchland – L. Utz – C. Wissman – S. Wissman

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

D. Albers – G. Dicke – R. & R. Kremer
H. Krieg – H. & P. Overman

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

F. Borchers – B. & L. Feltz – J. Feltz – D. Knapke
C. Kuck – J. & S. Niekamp – S. Thieman

LECTORS:

March 6 & 7

Sat. 5:00 p.m.

M. Sommer – G. Topp

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

D. Dicke – A. Thieman

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

D. Knapke – R. Tangeman

USHERS:

March 6 & 7

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

B. Parker – G. Wendeln

PARISH REPRESENTATIVES:

March 6 & 7

Sat. 5:00 p.m. Cherie Hayes

Sun. 8:00 a.m. Shawn & Shannon Heckman family

Sun. 10:00 a.m. Ronald & Brigid Hegemier family

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
- Mon. - Adult choir rehearsal, 7:30 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.
- 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.
- 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
- Sun. - Communion to the Sick/Shut-ins by Ministers of Eucharist
- Adult choir sings during 10:00 a.m. Mass
- 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 Jackson Joseph, son of Tony and Mandi (Meckstroth) Bruns and

MASSES:

February 27 to March 7

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

Mon. 7:00 p.m. Rev. Albert Louis Schreck

Tues. 8:30 a.m. Wilma Shelby

Wed. 12:05 p.m. Johanna Marbaugh

Thurs. 7:00 p.m. John Garman

Fri. 8:30 a.m. Steve Flaute

Sat. 5:00 p.m. Mike Heitkamp

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

10:00 a.m. Rev. Gustave Brotzge

SERVERS:

March 1 to 7

Mon. 7:00 p.m.

M. Feltz – C. Schwartz

Thurs. 7:00 p.m.

H. Lane – A. Thieman

Sat. 5:00 p.m.

A. Balster – J. Wellman

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

A. Bergman – A. Varno

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

B. Bertke – N. Heitkamp

COLLECTION COUNTERS – March 7

B. McDermit – J. Homan – R. Evers

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

March 7

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, SUNDAY, MARCH 7

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Luke 13:1-9

Colton Edward, son of Mark & Marie (Heitkamp) Keller, 11:00 a.m.



Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen son; listen to him." After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen. Lk 9:35-36