



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

— The gospels often portray Jesus in situations that start with scarcity and end with abundance. The wedding at Cana or the feeding of the multitudes – these are a couple of examples that come to my mind. Whether it's wine at a wedding or bread to feed a hungry crowd, the prayerful presence of Jesus turns scarcity into abundance.

We find it today in Luke's gospel. The disciples are out in the fishing boat. To say the least, it's been a long night for them. Their work has not paid off. But all that starts to change when they recognize Jesus in their midst. In no small act of trust, the disciples follow the Lord's instruction to cast their nets one more time. This time, however, they are overwhelmed with their catch of fish.

It's interesting how so many miracles of Jesus involve food and drink. Whether it be wine or bread or fish, the presence of Christ is so often communicated with the use of food and drink. It's that way with the Eucharistic bread and wine. God chooses to bring the presence of his Son through these simple gifts offered at the altar. The degree that our hearts hunger and thirst for the living God is the degree that God is able to respond to these hungers with the divine presence. The more we are attuned to this desire on God's part, the more we will appreciate his abundance in our lives and our world.

Fr. Mannebach

CROSSING THE THRESHOLD Bible Study participants will learn a new appreciation and meaning of the Eucharist as they study and reflect on the sacred Scriptures. Groups will meet once a week during Lent. Sign-ups for *Crossing the Threshold* is available this weekend, February 6-7, at Holy Redeemer. Anyone who participated in the fall program

will not need to sign-up unless requesting a different day or group.



HOLY REDEEMER will host an image of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Friday, February 12. There are four Missionary images in the world. Each is a 4' by 6' replica of the original Miraculous Image of Our Lady which she left on Juan Diego's tulma (cloak). The images were blessed at the basilica of our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico and were commissioned to travel throughout the world to bring conversion, increase reverence for life, increase sanctity of the family and bring solidarity of the Church of America. The schedule on Friday, February 12 is:

- 7:30 a.m. Mass in Spanish
- 8:15-8:30 a.m. Veneration
- 8:30 a.m. Parish Mass
- 9-10:00 a.m. Rosary followed

by

Veneration



BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM

for parents planning the baptism of their first child will be held on Thursday, February 11 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 May.)



ASH WEDNESDAY, this year on February 17, is the beginning of the Lenten season. This (as is Good Friday) is a day of fast and abstinence for Catholics. The Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.

The law of abstinence binds all Catholics fourteen years and older. The law of fasting binds all Catholics from their eighteenth birthday until their 59th birthday (canons 97 and 1252). Liturgy of the Word with distribution of ashes will be at 12:05 p.m. and Eucharist with distribution of ashes will be celebrated at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

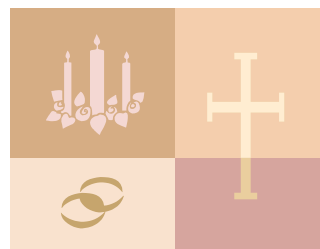
VOCATION VIEWS – Holiness is a gift of God. Open yourself to the gift. When God calls, be ready to respond: "Here I am, send

me!" (Isaiah 6:1-2, 3-8)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY:

Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr recognized over 130 Catholic Cub Scouts, Webelos, Boy Scouts, and Venturers who have earned their religious emblems in a ceremony at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains in Cincinnati on Sunday, January 24, 2010. Over 400 family members and friends attended the ceremony to recognize these youth for completing the requirements for their emblems. Twenty-five members of Venture Crew 251, chartered by The Church of the Holy Redeemer, were among the Scouts who were recognized for earning the Pope Pius XII medal during the ceremony. These youth, recognized this weekend during the 10:00 Mass, include: Adam Balster, Bethany Bertke, Brent Bertke, Brian Bertke, Brianna Bertke, Holly Champagne, Alex Feltz, Jessica Feltz, Eric Francis, Katie Goettemoeller, Emma Hall, Leann Heitkamp, Nick Hess, Emily Kaiser, Sarah Kaiser, Amy Knapke, Samantha Kremer, Sam Larger, Jill McClurg, Spencer Minnich, Amber Paul, Jacob Rutschilling, Taylor Schemmel, Cody Topp and Betsy Wendel.

HOLLYWOOD VS. FAITH will be presented by Frank Runyeon at Holy Redeemer Church on Saturday, February 20 at 7:00 p.m. in church. Frank Runyeon, a veteran of over 1000 television shows (including *As the World Turns* and *Santa Barbara*), is a man of faith with impressive academic credentials. In *Hollywood vs. Faith*, Frank suggests, with humor, how to watch TV "inside-out". He discusses the subtle impact of commercial sponsorship, as well as the real reasons for all the sex and violence in the media, offering a fresh perspective as an actor who desires truth in storytelling, not censorship. This is open to people of all ages, from kids to senior citizens.



GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS for the northern part of the Archdiocese will be held at St. Christopher Church in Vandalia on *Saturday, April 17* at 2:00 p.m.

Rev. David E. Brinkmoeller will be the principal celebrant. Couples celebrating their *25th, 50th, 60th, 70th, or 75th Wedding Anniversary* during 2010 should notify the parish office by Friday, February 19. All jubilarians will receive a scroll, and golden

jubilarians will also receive an invitation to the Mass in Vandalia.



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.

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

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 are posted on the bulletin board in the church entrance

Reservations can be made by calling the parish office by Monday, February 8

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

OUR GIFT IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S GIFT-

January 31 - \$5,149.09

Attendance – 913

Adults - \$4,742.00

High School - \$6.00

Grade School - \$38.04

Anonymous - \$363.05

CATHOLIC FAITH RALLY and Healing Mass will include a power filled celebration of the Sacrament of Eucharist and Eucharistic devotions, the Sacrament of Healing and healing prayers, meaningful preaching, music and testimonies and anointing of the Holy Spirit. The next celebration of the combined Catholic Faith Rally and Healing Mass is Tuesday, February 9. Reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation is encouraged prior to this celebration. For more

information, please call the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein at 419-925-7625.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

February 13 & 14

Sat. 5:00 p.m.

B. Bertke – J. & S. Elking – A. Freeman – T. Homan
S. McCollum – E. Niekamp – D. Pape – M. Subler

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

D. Albers – D. & S. Bertke – D. & J. Gehle
N. Homan – K. Smith

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

Deacon G. Bornhorst – L. Ahrns – A. Borger – C. Heitkamp
D. Kruse – C. Kuck – L. Dwenger – E. & J. Russell
A. Schwartz – L. Topp

LECTORS:

February 13 & 14

Sat. 5:00 p.m.

K. Bornhorst – B. Feltz

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

F. Goettemoeller – G. Heitkamp

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

D. Knapke – S. McDaniel

USHERS:

February 13 & 14

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

PARISH REPRESENTATIVES:

February 13 & 14

Sat. 5:00 p.m. Joel & Debra Gruebmeier

Sun. 8:00 a.m. Josh & Dana Guillozet family

Sun. 10:00 a.m. Doug & Cathi Hall 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
- Baptism of Tate Ryan, son of Joel and Erin (Weitzel) Niekamp;
Levi Henry, son of Ryan and Ashley (Dicke) Grevenkamp and
Gwen Mae, daughter of Lee and Kendra (Sommer) Kuenning, 11:00 a.m.
- Mon. - Mission Committee meeting, 7:30 p.m. in conference room
- Ensemble rehearsal, 7:30 p.m. in music room
- Tues. - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Parents First Communion meeting, 7:00 p.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.
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

MASSES:

February 6 to 14

Sat. 5:00 p.m. Henry Streacker family

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

10:00 a.m. Janelle Schmitmeyer

Mon. 7:00 p.m. Msgr. Thomas F. Coleman

Tues. 8:30 a.m. Rev. John Foley, O.P.

Wed. 12:05 p.m. Bergman-Phlipot family

Thurs. 7:00 p.m. Al Grillot

Fri. 8:30 a.m. Special Intention

Sat. 5:00 p.m. Ken Jutte

Sun. 8:00 a.m. Living & dec'd. Ontrop-Voskuhl family

10:00 a.m. Holy Redeemer Parish

SERVERS:

February 8 to 14

Mon. 7:00 p.m.

M. Feltz – A. Thieman

Thurs. 7:00 p.m.

L. Heitkamp – H. Lane

Sat. 5:00 p.m.

J. Elking – A. Pulskamp

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

K. Goettemoeller – B. Goettemoeller

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

A. Brackman – S. Brandt

COLLECTION COUNTERS – February 14

C. Hoelscher – N. Henderson – J. Pape

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

February 14

Ginny Winner

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY, February 14

Jeremiah 17:5-8

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Luke 6:17, 20-26

- 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



Astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." Lk 5:9-10