



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

— “I and the Father are one.” On this fourth Sunday of the Easter season, Jesus declares his complete unity with his heavenly Father. Their unity lies in the third Person of the Trinity, the love of the Holy Spirit.

Our friendships with others take place for various reasons. Sometimes our friendships are based on common interests such as music, sports, or some other hobby. Sometimes friendships are founded on common beliefs in areas of say, religion, business or politics. Friendships may also be based on the sheer enjoyment of one another’s presence. We may find ourselves drawn towards the personality of others, the way they interact with us.

God’s friendship, however, is founded squarely in love. It is the kind of self-offering love that we see most clearly revealed in the cross of Jesus. This weekend, our second graders will receive their first Holy Communion. It will be a celebration both of God’s love for them, and their love for God. For them (and for the rest of us), the Body and Blood of Christ will represent God’s way of drawing them more deeply into the mystery of Christ’s death and resurrection. Because of Jesus’ self-giving love, these second graders for the first time can say, “The Father and I are one.” In baptism, eucharist, and confirmation, God not only adopts us as sons and daughters, God also makes the pledge (with our cooperation) to raise us up. This “raising up” occurs in two essential ways. First, during our mortal lives, God raises us up as mature and committed members of the Church. God raises us up to be filled with the gifts of faith, hope, and love. But just as essential is the second way. God pledges to raise us up for all eternity. As the prayers of the funeral liturgy states, Christ will “raise up our mortal bodies to be like His own in glory.”

When Jesus says, “The Father and I are one,” he’s not distancing himself from us. Quite the opposite, God is calling us to share more deeply and fully in that communion of life and love that lies at the very heart of God’s mystery.

Fr. Mannebach

FIRST COMMUNION will be celebrated this Sunday, April 25 at 10:00 a.m. Please pray for the children who will receive Jesus’ sacred Body and Blood for the first time:

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| Ryland Archey | Sydney Paul |
| Brooke Dicke | Taylor Paul |
| Hannah Elshoff | Alexa Poeppelman |
| Ian Frey | Macy Puthoff |
| Xavier Goings | Griffen Roetgerman |
| Zane Goings | Jakob Rollins |
| Hannah Good | Miranda Scheib |
| Ashton Heitkamp | Riley Scheib |
| William Kaiser | Holly Schulze |
| Hannah Kramer | Alana Speelman |
| Lily Kronenberger | Devon Thieman |
| Sean LaFleur | Brennan Tinnerman |
| Trent Lehman | Emma Watcke |
| Mitchell Moeller | Hunter Waterman |
| Will Olberding | Patrick Wells |
| Sarah Parker | Allison Wilker |
| Ryan Paul | Julia Wilker |



EASTER FLOWERS may be taken home this week by those who gave donations for them. They are located in the connector hallway.

VOCATION VIEWS – Who will shepherd God’s people? Pray that good leaders, filled with joy and the Holy Spirit, will serve our Church. (Acts 13:14, 43-52)

BOOK CLUB MEETING will be held on Tuesday, April 27 at 6:45 p.m. in classroom #1. *The Shack* by William P. Young will be discussed. All are welcome. Anyone who has any questions should call Becky Koverman at 419-629-3470.

ADULT CHOIR will rehearse on Mondays, May 3 and 10 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the music room. They will sing during the 10:00 a.m. Masses on Sundays, May 9 and 16.

FOOD – FUN – FELLOWSHIP will take place on Cinco de Mayo, Wednesday, May 5. All women and young ladies from age 0-99+ are invited to an evening of dinner and fellowship at 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Women from other parishes are also invited – mothers, daughters, grandmothers, granddaughters, sisters, aunts, in-laws and/or

friends. Cost is \$2; girls under two will eat at no cost.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY:



All children in grades one through six will come to the 5:15-6:15 p.m. session on Wednesday, April 28 for their last CCD class. May Crowning will take place from 5:45-6:15 p.m. **First Communion articles will also be blessed.** Refreshments will be served after the May Crowning. Everyone is invited to attend.

Confirmation Candidates (or parents of candidates) are asked to contact Robin Goettemoeller at the parish office (or email hryouth@nktelco.net) to schedule Confirmation interviews with either Deacon Greg or Father Mannebach. The interview will take approximately ten minutes and youth do not need to bring anything with them. Interviews will be taking place on the following days: Saturday, May 15, 8:30-10:30 a.m.; Monday, June 7, 5:00-6:40 p.m.; Thursday, June 10, 9:00 a.m. until noon; Saturday, June 12, 8:30-9:30 a.m.; Monday, June 14, 5:00-6:40 p.m.; Saturday, June 19, 8:30-10:30 a.m.; Monday, June 21, 5:00-6:40 p.m.; Saturday, June 26, 8:30-10:30 a.m.; Monday, June 28, 5:00-6:40 p.m. All paperwork and projects should be turned in by the time of the interview. Confirmation will be taking place at Holy Redeemer on Sunday, October 17 at 11:00 a.m. with Archbishop Pilarczyk presiding.

AGAPE UPDATE REMINDER - Next weekend is Agape Sunday.

Please bring items considered as the 'top five' items always in need: cold cereal, pasta, canned soups, canned fruit and toilet paper. Contributions of these or any items are always welcomed and appreciated by Agape Ministries. 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. Thanks to all from the New Bremen area who donated their remaining garage sale items as well.

OUR GIFT IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S GIFT-

April 18 - \$4,510.75 Attendance - 916
 Adults - \$4,002.00 High School - \$12.00
 Grade School - \$26.75 Anonymous - \$470.00

GROUP PICTURES for our new parish directory will be taken on Sunday, May 16. Please arrive before the scheduled time so the group picture can be taken at the appointed time. The times for each group are:

Lectors	12:00 noon
RCIA	12:05 p.m.
Ushers	12:10 p.m.
Marriage Preparation	12:15 p.m.
Music Ministry	12:20 p.m.
Funeral Lunch Group	12:30 p.m.
Liturgy Coordinators	12:35 p.m.
Bereavement	12:40 p.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	12:45 p.m.
Arts & Design	12:50 p.m.
CCD Catechists	12:55 p.m.
Adult Faith Formation	1:00 p.m.
Communion to Hospital and Shut-ins	1:05 p.m.
Sacristans	1:10 p.m.
Property Committee and Property Repairs and Improvements	1:15 p.m.
Finance Committee	1:20 p.m.
Pastoral Council	1:25 p.m.
Education Commission	1:30 p.m.
Evangelization & Service Commission	1:35 p.m.
Worship & Spirituality Commission	1:40 p.m.
Baptism Preparation	1:45 p.m.
Mission Commission	1:50 p.m.
Collection Counters	1:55 p.m.
Youth Ministry	2:00 p.m.
Adult Servers	2:05 p.m.
Weekend Mass Servers	2:10 p.m.
Weekday Mass Servers	2:15 p.m.
Children's Liturgy of the Word	2:20 p.m.
Prayer Circle	2:25 p.m.
Parish Directory Committee	2:30 p.m.

REV. JAMES TRICK, former pastor of Holy Redeemer Parish from 1984-1996, will celebrate the 50th anniversary of his priestly ordination at

the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 23 here at Holy Redeemer. An open house will be held in the parish hall from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Please come and congratulate Fr. Trick on his many years of ministry.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

May 1 & 2

Sat. 5:00 p.m.

J. & S. Elking – B. Feltz – L. & R. Rutschilling
A. Schwartz – D. Stachler – S. Thieman – C. Turner

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

C. & R. Brookhart – D. & M.A. Keller
K. Smith – J. & S. Thieman

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

W. Albers – J. Berning – A. Borger – M. Flaute
J. & S. Niekamp – A. Speelman
L. Topp – A. Wellman

LECTORS:

May 1 & 2

Sat. 5:00 p.m.

M. Sommer – S. Bertke

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

C. Killian – A. Thieman

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

R. Tangeman – S. McDaniel

USHERS:

May 1 & 2

Sat. 5:00 p.m.

D. Anderson – S. Dwenger – J. Kremer

R. Niekamp – T. Wentz

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

G. Grevenkamp – T. Howell – K. McGlinch

T. Stachler – M. Varno

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

D. Champagne – L. Dicke – C. Griesdorn

G. Nosek – W. Steineman

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

May 2

Cathi Hall

COLLECTION COUNTERS – May 2

B. Thobe – M. Will – A. Doenges

ACTIVITIES:

Sun. - Communion to the Sick/Shut-ins by Ministers of Eucharist

- Ensemble sings during 10:00 a.m. Mass

Tues. - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Wed. - CCD classes: Grades 1 through 6: 5:15 – 5:45 p.m.

- Devotions to Mary, 5:45 p.m. in church

Thurs. - Pastoral Council meeting, 7:30 p.m. in conference room

MASSES:

April 24 to May 2

Sat. 5:00 p.m. Lucille Doenges

Sun. 8:00 a.m. Master Sgt. Brian Naseman

10:00 a.m. Holy Redeemer Parish

Mon. 7:00 p.m. Rev. John R. Marx CSSP

Tues. 8:30 a.m. Louis & Rita Schwartz

Wed. 12:05 p.m. Rev. Carl C. Wernet

Thurs. 7:00 p.m. Robert L. Nagel

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

Sat. 5:00 p.m. Wilma Shelby

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

10:00 a.m. Raphael & Nick Rose
Robert & Jan Clune – 50th
Wedding Anniversary

SERVERS:

April 26 to May 2

Mon. 7:00 p.m.

C. Francis – M. Kramer

Thurs. 7:00 p.m.

M. Feltz – C. Schwartz

Sat. 5:00 p.m.

A. Berning – J. Kremer – A. Puskamp

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

C. Stienecker – M. Thieman

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

S. Brandt – G. Griesdorn – A. Waterman

PARISH REPRESENTATIVES:

May 1 & 2

Sat. 5:00 p.m. Randall & Kelley Hirschfeld family

Sun. 8:00 a.m. Tony & Jennifer Hirschfeld family

Sun. 10:00 a.m. Bob & Jan Clune family

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY,
MAY 2**

Acts 14:21-27

Revelation 21:1-5a

John 13:31-33a, 34-35

- Sat. - Baptism of Alayna Anne, daughter of Dustin and Kacie (Schmiesing) Pape, during 5:00 p.m. Mass
- Sun. - Communion to the Sick/Shut-ins by Ministers of Eucharist
- Children's Liturgy of the Word during 10:00 a.m. Mass



Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." John 10:27-28a