

FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH

— God does really care for each one of us. He cares about our well-being. He cares about what we are doing and how we are doing it. He personally touches each of us directly and through others. He loves us so much that He challenges us with opportunities to grow in faith and character.

Back to school is not just for the children but also for each of us. We must educate ourselves to notice God's nudging to improve this world. It is not easy to pay attention to God's plans when we are so busy with our own plans of success. It is crucial to spend time each day talking over our plans with Christ. Are the crosses we carry in line with the cross that Christ carried? It is easy to spend so much effort working on our personal goals that we forget about Christ's. We want control of our lives but Christ reminds us today that we should give that control to Him and carry our crosses along with His. Faith in God is the faith that God knows best.

Greg

THE PARISH MASS on Labor Day, Monday, September 6 will be the 10:30 a.m. Funeral Mass for Evelyn Grillot.

VOCATION VIEWS – You have one precious life to give. How do you choose to offer it to God? Be willing to accept the challenges of discipleship. (Luke 14:25-33)

OUR GIFT IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S GIFT-
August 29 - \$4,788.36 Attendance – 809
Adults - \$4,061.00 High School - \$10.00
Grade School - \$22.00 Anonymus - \$695.36

WEEKDAY MASS SERVER TRAINING for those in the fifth and sixth grade will take place on Wednesday, September 15 from 4:15-5:15 p.m.

JUSTICE FOR IMMIGRANTS – The following is an excerpt taken from Archbishop Dennis Schnurr's statement in response to "Why we Need Comprehensive Immigration Reform" (June 2010): *It seems that only comprehensive immigration reform can simultaneously restore both order and human dignity...It is my hope that Catholics in particular answer this call to support our migrant brothers and sisters during these difficult times. I would ask that priests, teachers, religious and lay leaders do what they can to offer educational opportunities for Catholics of this archdiocese to hear the stories of immigrants in our communities and to understand the church's rich teaching on this matter. Among other places, there are many resources available to us through our Catholic Charities, Hispanic Ministries, Catholic Social Action and Mission Office efforts. You can learn more by visiting the U.S. bishops' website on this at www.justiceforimmigrants.org. There is also a postcard campaign that we are conducting to our federal legislators, requesting that they fix our immigration system. You can obtain them by downloading them from this website or by contacting the Catholic Social Action Office at 513-421-3131 or 937-224-3026.*

THE REMEDY FOR LUKEWARM CHRISTIANITY is the gift of the Holy Spirit. The flame of the Spirit enlightens our minds with wisdom and fills our hearts with excitement for our faith. Learn more about the 'Holy Spirit and Spiritual Gifts' through participation in Threshold Bible Study. The next series will begin in October.

FACILITATORS OF CROSSING THE THRESHOLD will gather in preparation for 'Threshold' on Monday, September 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium at the St. Charles Center, 2860 U.S. Route 127, Carthagen OH. This evening will be beneficial for all facilitators in their use of the Threshold book and format as well as extensive suggestions for group study and prayer/environment set up. Handouts will be given to help walk them through each session. Registration is appreciated by calling 419-925-5022 or on the web at office@stmarysdeanery.com.

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. The group will gather for Mass and a house party in Coldwater, OH on Sunday, September 5. They will attend the first annual Civil War reenactment at Ft. Recovery OH on Saturday, September 11. On Saturday, September 18, they will enjoy the Johnny Appleseed Festival at Ft. Wayne IN.

BIBLICAL ART EXHIBIT FROM THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE is a collection of 25 exquisite works of art from the Saint John's Bible. St. Charles Center, 2860 U.S. Route 127, Carthagena OH is the only site this year in the state of Ohio to host this collection. Benedictine monks of Saint John's Abbey and the Saint John's University in Collegeville MN hired Donald Jackson, world-renowned artist and calligrapher, along with other artists, calligraphers and theologians to create the first handwritten illuminated Bible in over 500 years. The exhibit is taking place from now through September 10. Hours are Monday-Saturday: 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m. Wednesdays will also include evening hours from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sunday hours are 1:00-4:00 p.m. Admission is free; freewill offerings will be appreciated. For more information, contact Sister Martha Bertke at 419-925-4516, ext 112; email at smbertke@bright.net or the web site at <http://www.st-charles-cpps.org>.

GRIEFSHARE is a special weekly seminar and support group for people who are grieving the death of someone close to them. GriefShare is a thirteen week video session designed to help people successfully travel the journey from mourning to joy. Participants are welcome to begin attending the GriefShare group at any session. Each is 'self-contained' so attendance isn't required in sequence. Sessions will begin on Monday, September 13 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at St. Augustine Parish Center, room 204, 89 North Lincoln Street, Minster OH (corner of Fifth Street and Lincoln Street). Cost is \$25 for the 13 weeks of sessions. For more information, or to register, please call Jean M. Bergman at 419-628-2061 or email jean_bergman@hotmail.com.

THIRD ANNUAL MAGNIFICAT WOMEN'S one day retreat will be held on Saturday, September 18 at St. Charles Center, 2860 U.S.

Route 127, Carthagena OH. The program, beginning with Mass at 8:00 a.m., will include several speakers touching on this year's theme – forgiveness. A light breakfast, as well as lunch, will be provided. Cost is \$15. Please register early by contacting Rene Klosterman, 419-678-4700, Ginny Gehret, 419-942-2473 or Ann Stammen, 419-678-8585.

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, September 18 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. To register online, please visit the website www.learn-nfp.org or www.ccli.org. For more information, please contact Eric & Nicole Voisard at 937-526-3305.

SAVE THE DATE: The annual Women's Retreat Day at Maria Stein Shrine, 2291 St. Johns Road, Maria Stein, is Saturday, October 9, repeated on Saturday, October 23. "He Touched Me" will focus on the many ways Jesus touches our lives. Sr. Maryann Bremke, CPPS, is the presenter.

PRAYER REQUESTS may be made by calling Bernadetta Schulze, 419-629-2430, Ginny Friemering, 419-629-2639, Mamie Rump, 419-629-2084, or Rose Brady, 419-629-2865, from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. or after 10:00 p.m. only in an emergency. Thirty people are on the prayer team. Prayer requests will be kept for one month. If there is still a need, requests may be resubmitted.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

September 11 & 12

Sat. 5:00 p.m.

J. Berning – J. & S. Elking – N. Homan – T. Homan
E. Niekamp – D. Pape – M. Topp – L. Utz

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

Deacon G. Bornhorst – D. & S. Bertke
K. Elking – L. & R. Rutschilling – C. Turner

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

D. Albers – S. Bertke – M. Flaute – M. & S. Francis
E. & J. Russell – C. Wissman – S. Wissman

LECTORS:

September 11 & 12

Sat. 5:00 p.m.
D. Freeman – J. Homan
Sun. 8:00 a.m.
K. Bornhorst – G. Heitkamp
Sun. 10:00 a.m.
J. Eshelman – G. Topp

USHERS:

September 11 & 12

Sat. 5:00 p.m.
D. Anderson – S. Dwenger – J. Kremer
R. Niekamp – T. Wente
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
C. Hoffman – G. Nosek

PARISH REPRESENTATIVES:

September 11 & 12

Sat. 5:00 p.m. Jeff & Sandra Kremer family
Sun. 8:00 a.m. John & Donna Kremer
Sun. 10:00 a.m. Ron & Rita Kremer

MASSES:

September 4 to 12

Sat. 5:00 p.m. Harold Rentz
Sun. 8:00 a.m. Holy Redeemer Parish
10:00 a.m. Lionel Krieg

ACTIVITIES:

Sun. - Communion to the Sick/Shut-ins by Ministers of Eucharist
- Children's Liturgy of the Word during 10:00 a.m. Mass
Mon. - Ensemble 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.
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
Sat. - Men's Prayer Group, 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. in conference room
Sun. - Communion to the Sick/Shut-ins by Ministers of Eucharist
- Ensemble sings during 10:00 a.m. Mass
- Children's Liturgy of the Word during 10:00 a.m. Mass

Mon. 10:30 a.m. Evelyn Grillot Funeral Mass
Tues. 8:30 a.m. Ralph Fortkamp
Wed. 12:05 p.m. Raphael & Nick Rose
Thurs. 7:00 p.m. Hilda Topp
Fri. 8:30 a.m. John Garman
Sat. 5:00 p.m. Niekamp family
Sun. 8:00 a.m. Ken Jutte
10:00 a.m. Holy Redeemer Parish

SERVERS:

September 9 to 12

Thurs. 7:00 p.m.
K. Maurer – N. Thobe
Sat. 5:00 p.m.
S. Homan – S. Wendel
Sun. 8:00 a.m.
N. Ahlers – K. Goettemoeller
Sun. 10:00 a.m.
D. Bergman – M. Broerman

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

September 12

Annette Bertke

COLLECTION COUNTERS – September 11

D. Meyer – B. Poeppelman – B. Phlipot

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 12**

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-32



“If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.” Lk. 14:26-27