

FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH

– Autumn is here and the hot summer finally over. Every season has its time, every chore a deadline. Time is our earthly master. The seeds must be planted to get the sun and rain. The fruit must be picked to prevent its spoiling. How long can we wait to do the work God has given us? How long will God give us to truly believe that what Christ taught is for real, that God and heaven are for real? He will wait till our death but if we wait to share His message, will it be too late to change our direction and those we are to guide? Opportunities are constantly sent our way, some by an invitation, a friendly suggestion or perhaps an emotional moment. Prayer can keep us ready and alert to God's grace.

Greg

DONUTS AND DRINKS – On Sunday, October 2 after the 10:00 a.m. Mass, the Mission Team will serve donuts, coffee and juice with a slide show and talk presentation by those who participated in the dedication of St. Dominic's Church of Grenada last June. Please join them in the Parish Hall for fellowship.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to help lead the rosary before the weekend Masses during the month of October. The new volunteers will be paired up with a 'seasoned' leader. Volunteers are also wanted to lead the rosary before the weekday Masses. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Rita Kramer at 419-629-2636.

VOCATION VIEWS – "Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths." The paths of the Lord lead to eternal life, if we but have the courage to walk where He leads. (Psalm 25:4)

OUR GIFT IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S GIFT-
September 18 - \$4,634.00 Attendance - 726
Adults - \$4,066.00 High School - \$10.00
Grade School - \$21.00 Anonymous - \$537.00

UPDATE ON HOLY REDEEMER FACILITIES – I am pleased to report that due to the generosity and increased commitments made by Holy Redeemer parishioners in the past year, we are now in the position of replacing our old boiler system in church. The new system will greatly increase our energy efficiency, as it is modular in design and will be distributed in two locations (church and parish hall) instead of the current single location. Further, we will no longer encounter the difficulties in finding spare parts for the current boiler, now over 40 years old.

We are told it will take the rest of this month and much of October to complete the process of removing the old system and installing the new. During that time, our church and religious education areas will have limited access to heat. If the weather remains warm or moderate, we should not be inconvenienced by the installation. However, if wintry weather arrives early, please know we will do our best to provide heat through temporary units in the church and parish hall areas. Our goal is to realize the energy savings benefits of the new system by the time winter weather arrives. If unexpected developments occur which require scheduling changes, we will keep you informed.

Special thanks go to the members of the Property Committee who have been working on this project for many months, as well as to Deacon Bornhorst and members of the Finance Committee.

Fr. Tom

DEAR FR. MANNEBACH: *We have received your check for \$2019.82 which represents the gifts of your parishioners, through the Archdiocesan Missionary Cooperation Plan to the Comboni Lay Missioners. Please extend our thanks for their generosity to your parishioners and continue to encourage them to pray for all missionaries and the people they serve. To be able to help the many other missionaries that were not selected into the Missionary Cooperation Plan, there will be 10% taken from all funds above \$20.00. I want to thank you and your staff also for the kind hospitality to the missionary. Sincerely yours in Christ, Dr. Mike Gable, Director.*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY:

C.C.D. classes for preschool and kindergarten youth begins on Sunday, September 25 during the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

There are no C.C.D. classes on Wednesday, September 28.

**A G A P E U P D A T E
R E M I N D E R** - Next weekend is Agape Sunday. Canned vegetables and fruits will be collected for the month of October. Baskets to collect these or other items are

placed in the church entrance. As always, a jar for cash donations will also be available. The generous support of Agape continues to help those in need in the local area. To learn more about Agape and volunteer opportunities, please take a brochure found in the pamphlet rack in the church entrance.



BOOK CLUB MEETING will be held on Tuesday, September 27 at 6:45 p.m. in the conference room. *Heaven is for Real*, by Todd Burpo, will be discussed. Anyone who has any questions or wants a list of future books should call Becky Koverman at 419-629-3470 or email at sissy5@nktelco.net.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD WEEKEND RETREAT for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion will be held in Cincinnati on October 21-23 at the Jesuit Spiritual Center at Milford. The confidential, supportive retreat is for anyone hurting inside from abortion. For more information, please call Peggy at 513-588-0080, email Peggy at pfeirstine@cinci.rr.com, visit www.rachelsvineyard.org or call a national toll-free hotline at 1-800-HOPE-4-ME.

A COPY OF VISION, A 2012 Catholic Religious Vocation Discernment Guide, is in the parish office. There are numerous men's, missionaries, women's, associate communities, discernment programs and secular institutes advertised in the guide. Anyone discerning a religious vocation is welcome to check out it out.

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY is Sunday, October 2. "...we were created to love and be loved. Allow God to stretch our hearts and fill them to overflowing with his love, joy, and peace. With hearts so transformed, we can become living witnesses to the meaning of Jesus' mission: I came that all might have life and have it to the full!" An opportunity to assist those in particular need can be done through a donation to the Archdiocesan Respect Life Collection next Sunday. For more information on the Respect Life Fund go to <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/family-life/respect-life/pro-life>.

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, October 2 they will attend Benediction at the Spiritual Center in Maria Stein OH. They will gather for a house party at a member's home on Saturday, October 8. On Sunday, October 16 they will visit the Toledo Zoo in Toledo OH.

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS about how your infant or toddler is growing or learning? Does your child have difficulty sitting? If your child's development is puzzling to you and you suspect there is a problem, today may be the right time to seek another opinion. The Auglaize County Early Childhood Collaborative Group, Help Me Grow, is conducting free screenings for children birth to five years of age on Monday, October 3 from 3:30-6:00 p.m. at ABC Center, 20 East First Street, New Bremen. For further information, questions or to pre-register contact Charlotte Axe at the Auglaize County Health Department, 419-738-3410 or 1-800-531-6134.

OUTDOOR LIVING ROSARY for Peace will be said by the combined members of the Knights of St. John and the Knights of Columbus on Sunday, October 9 at 2:00 p.m. at the Relic Chapel at Maria Stein, 2291 St. Johns Road, Maria Stein. All parishioners are encouraged to come and participate.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**October 1 & 2****Sat. 5:00 p.m.**K. Elking – T. Homan – L. Kremer – C. Opperman
D. Pape – D. Schwartz – D. Stachler – M. Subler – M. Topp**Sun. 8:00 a.m.**C. & R. Brookhart – D. & M.A. Keller
R. & R. Kremer – B. & R. Niekamp – V. Schellhause**Sun. 10:00 a.m.**A. Borger – A. Buschur – M. Flaute – L. Holdren – C. Kuck
S. McCollum – S. Niekamp – A. Speelman – S. Thieman**LECTORS:****October 1 & 2****Sat. 5:00 p.m.**

S. McDaniel – S. Bertke

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

D. Dicke – P. Kaiser

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

S. Kremer – H. Champagne

USHERS:**October 1 & 2****Sat. 5:00 p.m.**D. Anderson – S. Dwenger – J. Kremer
R. Niekamp – T. Wente**Sun. 8:00 a.m.**

T. Dues – T. Howell – K. McGlinch

M. Moeller – M. Varno

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

D. Champagne – C. Griesdorn - C. Hoffman

G. Nosek – L. Speelman

PARISH REPRESENTATIVES:**October 1 & 2****Sat. 5:00 p.m.** Ryan & Stephanie Scheib family**Sun. 8:00 a.m.** Vaughn Schellhause**Sun. 10:00 a.m.** Bill & Alicia Schemmel family**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD****October 2**

Suzanne Wells

ACTIVITIES:Sun. - Communion to the Sick/Shut-ins by Ministers of Eucharist
- CCD for preschool and kindergarten during 10:00 a.m. MassTues. - 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

Sat. - Baptism of Gracie Margaret, daughter of Dustin and Kacie (Schmiesing) Pape, during 5:00 p.m. Mass

Sun. - Communion to the Sick/Shut-ins by Ministers of Eucharist
- CCD for preschool and kindergarten during 10:00 a.m. Mass
- Baptism of Charles David, son of Ronald and Kimberly (Brinkman) Homan;
Megan Elizabeth, daughter of Blair and Beth (Meier) Lammers; and
Elijah William, son of Keith and Jodi (Aselage) Timmerman, 11:00 a.m.**MASSES:****September 24 to October 2****Sat. 5:00 p.m.** Stan Nagel**Sun. 8:00 a.m.** Dale Winner**10:00 a.m.** Holy Redeemer Parish**Mon. 7:00 p.m.** Bensman-Monnin family**Tues. 8:30 a.m.** Living & dec'd. Subler-
Barhorst family**Wed. 12:05 p.m.** Freda Dircksen**Thurs. 7:00 p.m.** Norman Marchal**Fri. 8:30 a.m.** Richard S. Bergman**5:00 p.m.** Louis & Rita Schwartz**Sun. 8:00 a.m.** Holy Redeemer Parish**10:00 a.m.** Ken Jutte**SERVERS:****September 26 to October 2****Mon. 7:00 p.m.**

K. Broerman – A. Thieman

Thurs. 7:00 p.m.

T. Leichliter – J. Schemmel

Sat. 5:00 p.m.

J. Kremer – H. Lane

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

G. Griesdorn – L. Heitkamp

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

K. Ahrns – S. Brandt

COLLECTION COUNTERS – October 2

D. Meyer – B. Poeppelman – B. Philipot

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 2**

Isaiah 5:1-7

Philippians 4:6-9

Matthew 21:33-43



**“WHEN JOHN CAME TO YOU IN THE WAY OF
RIGHTEOUSNESS, YOU DID NOT BELIEVE HIM;
BUT TAX COLLECTORS AND PROSTITUTES DID. YET
EVEN WHEN YOU SAW THAT, YOU DID NOT LATER
CHANGE YOUR MINDS AND BELIEVE HIM.”
MT. 21:32**