

**PASTOR'S DESK**  
**Paralysis of Spirit**

Joni Eareckson Tada was one of those amazing people who was paralysed at age 17, but went on to re-direct her life into a remarkable ministry, especially to disabled people. Although she went through terrible times of anger and bitterness after her accident, certain friends witnessed the presence of Jesus Christ to her. Through the miracle of their care and faithfulness, Joni says she felt Jesus' complete love in a way she never had before her accident.

Joni says that the real paralysis in people's life is their inability to forgive others, especially God. Jesus makes this point in the gospel today, when four friends struggle to bring a paralysed man to him for healing. The guys even have to remove part of the roof, to lower their friend down to get near Jesus! It's so impressive, that "seeing their faith," Jesus speaks the healing words: "Son, your sins are forgiven." What a shocker to the religious types sitting nearby!

The Pharisees may be able to count the angels on the head of a pin, but they again missed the bigger picture of love. The four friends loved and believed so strongly in a more abundant life for their friend. These true friends and their faith were the "carriers" of this man to Christ.

Are we "carriers" of our friends, or do we "bury" their concerns and needs underneath our own—so that we become "bury-ers" of their faith? Do we get up each day, aware that by our own faith, our words, and our actions, we can literally carry faith to the people around us? Let's keep this in mind, because there's no neutral ground.

Go in peace to love and serve our God!

*Fr. Rick Nieberding, C.P.P.S.*

**ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH - MINSTER, OHIO**

*February 19, 2012 Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time*  
*Daily Masses and Intentions*

**Monday**

8:00 a.m. Mass

**Tuesday** *St. Peter*

8:00 a.m. Judy-Gary Rutschilling

**Wednesday** *Ash Wednesday*

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

12:00 noon Special Intention

7:00 p.m. Herman Baumer Family

**Thursday**

8:00 a.m. Alberta Wehrman

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

**Ash Wed. 7:00 p.m.** P. Bensman, M. Rutschilling, K. & K. Thieman, B. Blanco, MA Weiskittel, J. Dwenger

**Saturday 5:00 p.m.:** K. Osterfeld, J. Steinemann, A. Philpot, S. Dorsten, C. Kuether, K. Kitzmiller, A. Luthman

**Sunday 8:00 a.m. :** C. Schmidt, M. Meyer, K. D. D. Prenger, J. Schmiesing, A. Sommer

**10:00 a.m. :** \*P. Kinsella, B. Trzaska, D. Bruns, K. Thobe, M. Baumer, B. & K. Poepelman, T. Bertke

**11:30 a.m. :** K. Wuebker, L. Bornhorst, A. Sherman, S. Forsthoefel, A. Klosterman, N. Kemper, D. Stucke

**Lectors:**

**Ash Wed. 12:00 noon** C. Meiring

7:00 p.m. Sophomore Class

**Saturday 5:00 p.m. :** E. Belcher

**Sunday 8:00 a.m. :** J. Muma **10:00 a.m.:** C. Farr

11:30 a.m. N. Harting

**Friday**

8:00 a.m. Norbert-Dorothy Stueve

1:30 p.m. Helen Schafer

**Saturday**

5:00 p.m. Dick-Janice Ahrns

50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniverary

**Sunday**

8:00 a.m. All Souls

10:00 a.m. Paul Ranly

11:30 a.m.

**Babysitting:**

**Sun. 11:30 a.m.** T. Niemeyer, S. Beckman, J. Niemeyer, M.&C.Pohl C. & D. Barhorst, C. Pohl, T. Buscher E. N. & K. Schwieterman

**Servers:**

**Wed. 8:00 a.m.:** T. & A. Winner

7:00 p.m. G. Hogenkamp, B. Hoying, M. Huber

**Sat. 5:00 p.m. :** B. Osterloh, L. Pack, C. Perryman

**Sun. 8:00 a.m.:** A. & Z. Eiting, R. Frick

10:00 a.m. I. Gibson, K. Heitkamp, E. Huelsman

11:30 a.m. M. Trushaw, A. Wuebker, C. Brown



## **CLUSTER ANNOUNCEMENTS - cont'd**

**NOTICE!!! EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHANGE:** Beginning on Monday, February 20, Eucharistic Adoration will be held in the St. Augustine/St. Joseph Parish Center, room 203 due to the HVAC (Heating, Venting, Air - Conditioning) construction project in St. Augustine Church. Adoration will begin at 9:00 am and closing will be held at 9:00 pm. The Challenge members will lead the rosary on February 20<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome. Participants are encouraged to park west of the Parish Center to allow the church buses to navigate their scheduled bus routes during the day.

**THANK YOU...**I want to take this opportunity to thank the Mission Commission and members of our cluster parish for the support and assistance they have given me during my time as president of the Mission Commission. It has been a very rewarding experience! Our community is blessed with many caring people reaching out by volunteering their time, work and donations to the Mission Commission enabling our organization to assist those in need. I look forward to working on our future projects and wish Betty Gaerke, our new president, the best of luck! ~Eileen Riethman

**SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST:** "Amen I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise" is this week's focus at the Maria Stein Shrine. The series includes a presentation, reflection time, and prayer with a relic of the True Cross, led by Ann McGuire. Enter the Lenten Season by attending today Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. Next week the focus will be "Woman, behold your son! Behold your mother!" For information...contact Ann McGuire. (419-925-4532) [a.mcguire@mariasteinshrine.org](mailto:a.mcguire@mariasteinshrine.org)

**THE SISTERS OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD** invite women (18 – 45) to learn more about life as a Consecrated Woman. Join them for a weekend of reflection March 9-11 at the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein. No Cost. Please register by March 1<sup>st</sup>...there is no cost to attend the retreat.

For more information visit: [www.preciousbloodsistersdayton.org](http://www.preciousbloodsistersdayton.org) contact Sister Mary Yarger 937-837-3302 or email: [vocations@PreciousBloodSistersDayton.org](mailto:vocations@PreciousBloodSistersDayton.org)

## **ST. AUGUSTINE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LIVING THE PASCHAL MYSTERY:** A day of Lenten Reflection, will be offered on Sun. March 4 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sisters of the Precious Blood (4960 Salem Ave. Dayton) The presenter will be Sister Charmaine Grilliot. For more information contact Linda Hageman 937-278-0871 (ext. 1208)

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP PRAYER GROUP** meets at 7:30 am in the rectory basement on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month. New members and walk-ins are always welcome. For more information call Jeff Stammen at 419-628-3889 or email: [stammenjl@nktelco.net](mailto:stammenjl@nktelco.net)

**MEALS MINISTRY** provides meals for those in our community who may need some help. For more information contact Sandy: 419-628-3136, Betty: 419-628-3242, Monica: 419-628-405

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH**

**COLLECTION** for the week of February 12, 2012      **Your generosity is always appreciated!**

Weekly: \$7652.00      Loose: \$859.00      Envelopes returned: 303      Children: \$52.00

## PARISH CENTER NEWS

### PARISH WIDE LENTEN MISSION - "RECONCILIATION PROJECT"

This year our Lenten Mission is centered around a "Reconciliation Project" sponsored by the Missionary of the Precious Blood in Chicago, IL. The Reconciliation Project focuses on trying to help students either get out of or stay away from gangs. Really amazing project! They are in need of money to help purchase a van so they can pick students up and bring them safely to the group house and back home again. We recognize we may not collect enough money for them to purchase the van, but we can help! Fr. Denny Kinderman, one of the priests who formed the project shared how a young boy - 14 yrs old - was killed two weeks ago trying to get from his house to the group house. He was shot for simply walking through the wrong neighborhood. In collecting change, grades four through eight will bring Lenten Mission cans home to remind them to give in small ways to this project. Parents are encouraged to help their children earn the money that is deposited into the cans by helping around the house or by giving up candy at a basketball game and put the money they would have spent into the Mission can. Students in grades one through three are asked to bring change into their religion classes for this project. High school students can bring money to the Parish Center when they have class on Sunday morning. Parents will receive a mailing soon that explains this project along with other Lenten information.

### "RECONCILIATION PROJECT" SPEAKER COMES TO ST. AUGUSTINE

Fr. Denny Kinderman, C.P.P.S. will be talking at each of the Masses on Feb. 25 and Feb. 26 to further explain the "Reconciliation Project" and their needs.

### HIGH SCHOOL

#### SCHEDULE

	February 19	Classes as usual for Freshman, Junior, and Senior Students NO CLASSES FOR SOPHOMORE STUDENTS
(Ash Wed.)	February 22	SOPHOMORES ONLY - Class at 5:45 pm in St. Augustine Church - see below
	February 26	Classes as usual for Freshman, Junior, and Senior Students SOPHOMORE FIELD TRIP TO DAYTON – see below
	March 4	Classes as usual in the Parish Center at 9:45 am

### ASH WEDNESDAY – SOPHOMORE CLASS

All sophomores should meet in St. Augustine Church at 5:45 pm on Ash Wednesday, February 22 for class. The Sophomores will attend the 7:00 Ash Wednesday Mass where they will serve in the various ministries needed during Mass.

## PARISH CENTER NEWS, cont'd

### FIELD TRIP TO DAYTON – SOPHOMORE CLASS

Sophomore students will be taking a field trip to Dayton where they will attend a "Cultural Diversity Mass" at St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church and will also visit Temple Beth Or Synagogue for an overview of Judaism. Anyone interested in chaperoning should call the Parish Center. Students and chaperones should report to the Parish by 8:45 am, we will return to Minster around 4:30 pm.

### NOTRE DAME "VISION" RETREAT

A meeting for all students interested in attending the "Vision" retreat at Notre Dame will be held on Monday, February 27 at 7 pm in the St. Augustine/St. Joseph Parish Center. **Parents must attend this session with their child.** Any Minster High School student (incoming freshman through senior for the 2012/2013 school year) who is a member of the St. Augustine/St. Joseph Parish is welcome to attend.

GIANNA JESSEN – COLDWATER, HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, MARCH 7, 7:30 to 8:30 pm. The St. Augustine/St. Joseph Religious Education Program will be transporting students who would like to attend the Gianna Jessen event on March 7.

PERMISSION/LIABILITY FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE PARISH CENTER BY FEBRUARY 24.

### GRADE SCHOOL

#### LITURGIES

Wednesday, February 22	5B – Bonnie Trzaska's class
Wednesday, February 29	5C – Dina Alber's Class

### PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN

#### SCHEDULE

Sunday, Feb. 19	Liturgy of the Word – 11:30 am Mass
Sunday, Feb. 26 & Mar. 3	Classes as usual in the Parish Center

**7th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Week of February 19, 2012**

**Reading I:** [Isaiah 43: 18-19, 21-22, 24-25](#) See, I am doing something new!

- The first reading from Second Isaiah was written just as the people were beginning to return from the Babylonian exile.
- The people in exile had grown discouraged about the possibility of return.
- In today's reading, the people are reassured of God's saving power.

**Reading II:** [2 Corinthians 1: 18-22](#) Whatever promises God has made will be kept.

- The church in Corinth accused Paul of going back on his word.
- Paul used the conflict to teach about Jesus.
- In today's passage, Paul points out that in Jesus every promise is a "Yes".

**Gospel:** [Mark 2: 1-12](#) They began to gather in great numbers.

- In today's Gospel Jesus asserts his power to forgive sins.
- In Jesus' time it was presumed that illness was the result of sinfulness.
- By using the words, "Get up, pick up your mat, and go home" to heal the paralytic, Jesus disassociates the sin from the sickness.
- people we love? How do we as a family continue the healing ministry of Jesus to others, outside our family?

**Theme:** Jesus forgives our sins. ~Look into your life.~

**Question for adults:** What powerful signs have you seen that God forgives us and heals us?

**Question for children:** How does the Church help us see that Jesus forgives our sins?

**Activities of the week:**

- As a family, gather around the kitchen table. On the table place a cross, a candle, and a Bible. Light the candle. Pray the Lord's Prayer as you hold hands. Then, take turns praying for healing and reconciliation. At the end, share a sign of peace with everyone.
- Jesus said he can forgive our sins. How do you accept Jesus' forgiveness? When have you asked Jesus to forgive you?
- Review with your child how to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Attend a celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation with your family.

Discuss these questions: What can we do to bring forgiveness and healing to the

## **SOMETHING TO CONSIDER...**

When considering your contributions to St. Augustine/St. Joseph, parishioners may want to look at the option of donating appreciated shares of stock, especially as we begin formal fundraising for air conditioning at St Augustine Church.

With better performance in the markets through most of 2010, this may be a more attractive option than in the past few years and carries many benefits:

- You receive credit for a charitable contribution for the full value of the stock contributed at the date of donation.
- Donors incur no tax for any increase or gain in stock value from the date of purchase through date of donation.
- We are able to coordinate the transfer of stock (or mutual fund shares) directly with your individual broker or financial advisor (with your permission.)
- You provide much needed assistance to your Parish Community.

If you have any questions about this topic, please feel free to contact Steve Eiting at Minster Bank at 419-628-2351

### **Lenten Bible Study - The Mass in Scripture**

We would like to invite you to participate in a Lenten Bible study focusing on the Mass in Scripture. Sign-up forms can be found in the entrances to both St. Augustine and St. Joseph Churches. This study can be done in small groups or can be done independently. We will begin the study in the next week or two and it will last for six weeks. The books can be purchased from the Parish Center, cost is \$10.00. If you have any questions about the study, please call Cathy Bernhold, 419/628-2622 or Jane Boeke, 419/628-3434.



