

**PASTOR'S DESK**  
**Built to Need One Another**

Have you ever gone to a really scary horror movie? People say that they go to horror films because they love to shriek and get a thrill from seeing monsters and feeling their skin crawl. But you would feel real-time horror if you lived in Jesus' time, and saw a leper coming near.

Lepers were required to leave their homes, and be exiled to the hills or the caves, usually until their death. Jesus knew very well what healing would mean. The real miracle may have been that now the man could return from exile in the leper caves, and be reunited with his mother, his wife and children, his church community. Jesus always brings people back from isolation.

We see again how Jesus was not controlled by the religious laws which said "Do not touch lepers." Jesus actually reached out and touched the leper; he tried always to "bring release to the captives... and to set free those who are oppressed."

St. Paul says, "Never do anything offensive to anyone," yet we know we treat insiders and outsiders differently. The simple question for us is, "How do we relate to the outsiders each day?" Do we offer any degree of charity or patience to the "different ones"? Do we glare, look forbidding, or refuse to have eye contact?

If people seem like an annoyance in our lives, we need to picture Jesus touching us, as he touched the leper, freeing us from our disease of disgust... and setting us free to BE the healing of Christ to others. We should be the first example of love and inclusion that anyone meets!

Go in peace to love and serve our God!

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

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

*February 12, 2012 Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time*  
*Daily Masses and Intentions*

**Monday**

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

**Tuesday** *Sts. Cyril, Monk, Methodius*

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

**Wednesday**

8:00 a.m. Ed and Miranda Eiting

**Thursday**

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

**Friday** *The Seven Holy Founders*

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

1:30 p.m. Jerry-MaryAnn Seger

**Saturday**

1:30 p.m. Sherman-Pleiman Nupts.

5:00 p.m. For the Parish

**Sunday**

8:00 a.m. All Souls

10:00 a.m. Marlene Liening

11:30 a.m.

~Ministries below for the coming week ~

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

**Saturday 5:00 p.m. :** O. & H. Homan,  
D. & L. Kitzmiller, B. Conkle, J. Oldiges,  
J. Beckman

**Sunday 8:00 a.m. :** D. Fortman, J. Winner,  
M. Timmerman, T. Clune, G. Meiring,  
K. Thieman

**10:00 a.m. :** \*P. & B. Blanco, J. Ripplloh, S. Siegel,  
J. Sherman, T. Bertke, G. Boeke, K. Brackman

**11:30 a.m. :** K. Frimel, MA Weiskittel,  
J. & T. Brown, J. Dwenger, K. Dwenger,  
D. Grieshop

**Lectors:**

**Saturday 5:00 p.m. :** D. Prenger

**Sunday 8:00 a.m. :** L. Heitkamp

10:00 a.m.: B. Eiting

11:30 a.m.: S. Belcher

**Babysitting:**

**Sun. 11:30 a.m. LR Borgerding,**  
**L. Bornhorst,** K. & K. Richard,  
J. & J. Heitbrink, A. Huwer,  
C. Borgerding, Z. & A. Heid

**Servers:**

**Wed. 8:00 a.m.:** H. Sherman,  
J. Trzaska

**Sat. 5:00 p.m. :** J. O. A. Winner

**Sun. 8:00 a.m.:** L. Arnold,  
S. Bornhorst,  
G. Goodwin

**10:00 a.m.** J. Dues,  
A. Dwenger,  
P. Falk

**11:30 a.m.** M. Heckman  
S. Koenig, T. Meiring



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

**SAVE THE DATE:** Once again the Minster Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual St Patrick's Day REVERSE RAFFLE DRAWING and DANCE. It will take place at the Minster K of C hall on Sat. March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Come and enjoy the food, music, fun, and a chance at winning one of the many prizes given away during the night, including the GRAND PRIZE of \$2500.00. New items offered this year during the live auction or as raffle giveaway items, include authentic signed sports items from the REDS, OHIO STATE football players, and NASCAR race drivers. So don't miss out on this very exciting evening and a chance at winning a prize or purchasing an AUCTION item that interests you. For tickets or information contact Tim Bertke @ 419-628-3366 or Kevin Steinemann @ 419-628-3534. By supporting your local K of C you are helping the Knights support others.

**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)

**CATHOLIC CENTURY FARM REGISTRY:** The Archdiocese of Cincinnati Catholic Rural Life Conference of St. Marys and Sidney Deaneries would like to honor Catholic families who have farmed the same land for many years. The oldest farms will be honored at the 2012 farm Mass. Go to the web site [www.catholiccincinnati.org/socialaction](http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/socialaction) for more information.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** is held on Mondays in St. Augustine Church. Opening begins at 9:00 am and closing is 9:00 pm. The Right to Life members will be leading the Rosary on Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome!

**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

## **ST. AUGUSTINE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**COLLECTION** for the week of February 5, 2012      **Your generosity is always appreciated!**  
Weekly: \$8426.00    Loose: \$736.00    Envelopes returned: 343    Children: \$25.00

**MINSTER/NEW BREMEN RIGHT TO LIFE:** As Archbishop Schnurr says... we need to pray...please check out the web site [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com) and consider becoming an active member of our Right to Life. The next meeting will be Tues. Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Hoying Building in Minster. Everyone is welcome!

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## **CHANGE FOR CHANGE**

Weekend of February 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>

Our project focus in February will be for  
Hospice of Joint Township of St. Marys, Wilson Memorial  
and Coldwater (State of the Heart)

Please consider donating your spare change for Hospice.  
The jars will be placed at all the church entrance.  
Thank you for your continued support.

**As always remember:**  
**"You must be the change you wish to see in the world."**  
~Mahatma Gandhi

## PARISH CENTER NEWS

### HIGH SCHOOL

#### SCHEDULE

February 12	Classes as usual in the Parish Center at 9:45 am
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; Sophomores will serve in various ministries for the 7:00 pm Mass in St. Augustine Church.
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

#### FIELD TRIP TO DAYTON

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.

#### HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY TONIGHT!

The high school bible study will meet tonight, Sunday, February 12 at 7 pm in the Parish Center. New members are always welcome!

#### 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. Gianna will share her miraculous journey of life from survivor of an attempted saline abortion to steadfast defender of life. Through word and song, her story is one of courage and hope for all. Students in grades 7 through 12 are invited to ride the church bus provided they have turned in a permission/liability form to the Parish Center office. All forms can be found in the Parish Center. Participants and chaperones should be at the Parish Center by 6:45 pm, the bus will return to the Parish Center by 9:15 pm.

## PARISH CENTER NEWS, cont’d

### GRADE SCHOOL

#### LITURGIES

Wednesday, February 15	5A – Vicki Meiring’s class
Wednesday, February 22	5B – Bonnie Trzaska’s class
Wednesday, February 29	5C – Dina Alber’s Class

#### GRADE SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY TONIGHT!

The grade school bible study will meet tonight, Sunday, February 12 at 7 pm in the Parish Center. New members are always welcome!

### PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN

#### SCHEDULE

Sunday, Feb. 12	Classes as usual in the Parish Center.
Sunday, Feb. 19	Liturgy of the Word – 11:30 am Mass
Sunday, Feb. 26	Classes as usual in the Parish Center

## **The Mass in Scripture**

If you are interested in participating in this 6 week Lenten Bible study program, please turn in a registration form by Feb. 17, or call one of the numbers below. Registration forms are in baskets at all the entrances to both St. Augustine and St. Joseph parishes. Completed forms can be returned in the collection basket, at the rectory, or at the Parish Center. Sessions will begin the week of Ash Wednesday, February 22. Cost of the book which covers the program is \$10.

Lent is a wonderful time to give your spiritual life a shot in the arm, so consider joining us for some thoughtful and prayerful reading and discussion.

**Questions? Call Jane at the Parish Center (628-3434) or Cathy (628-2622).**

## 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Week of February 12, 2012

**Reading I:** [Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46](#) Those who are sick shall live outside the camp.

- The Book of Leviticus is a collection laws; many having to do with the proper worship of God.
- In today's reading we hear of illness and exclusion from communal life.
- Because people did not know about the process of contagion at the time, the community banished persons with any skin disease as long as the disease lasted.

**Reading II:** [1 Corinthians 10: 31-11: 1](#) Imitate me as I do Christ.

- The passage from 1 Corinthians refers to a concern the early Christians had about eating meat that had been sacrificed to idols.
- Paul makes the point that our behavior toward others is more important than what we eat or drink.
- Paul's advice is to avoid offending one another at all costs.

**Gospel:** [Mark 1: 40-45](#) If you will do so, you can cure me.

- The Gospel story shows that Jesus not only has the power to cure disease, he also has the power to heal the separation from the community and the separation from God, which leprosy signified.
- Jesus' approach to the leper would have scandalized the people of his time.
- By touching the leper, Jesus demonstrated the arrival of the kingdom of God.
  
- proud of him or her.
- Discuss these questions with your family: Who are the outcasts in our community? Why are they considered outcasts? What should be a Christian's approach to them? What is our family's response?

**Theme:** Jesus wants to make us whole. ~Look into your life.~

**Question for adults:** Name a time when you experienced Jesus' healing touch.

**Question for children:** What do you want to ask Jesus to do for you?

### Activities of the week:

- Make a coupon for each member of your family. Draw a heart on each coupon. In the heart, draw a picture of something you will do for them to bring Jesus' healing touch.
- Jesus wants us all to be whole and healthy. What part of your life would you like Jesus to touch and heal?
- Ask your child to tell you about people he or she knows who may feel left out. Plan with your child ways he or she can reach out to this person. Be sure to demonstrate to your child the love and support and confidence you have in him or her. Share with your child his or her success in reaching out to others.

## **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



