

## PASTOR'S DESK

### "Come Out of Him!"

How do you think you'd react if you were confronted by the deranged man in the gospel today? Maybe terrified, irritated—or just relieved that Jesus was dealing with it! There's nothing wrong with feeling our honest feelings. But today we are almost overcome with people on TV and radio, crying out for relief and help on every side. How can we deal with all this pain?

Yet the Psalm today says "Don't harden your hearts" to God's voice! Notice how Jesus deals with demands for help? When others walk away, Jesus approaches, and *listens*. He doesn't fear the evil; once he lets it speak, he can set the person free.

When Fr. Gustavo Gutierrez was asked, "How do you meet the needs of the poorest of the poor in Latin America?" he replied, "The first step is silence." Silence allows us to look, to see, to contemplate what is happening right in front of our eyes. Silence allows us to LISTEN to God's urgings. This is why, even when we are tired, troubled in spirit, and want to give up, it is important to keep our connection to God open.

Jesus must have often been worn out by the effects of evil. But he took time away, nurtured his communication with God, so he could face the reality of sin and evil squarely, so that the sick person could then be healed.

Like all unclean spirits, our sin also wants to hide from the light. But Jesus wants us to confess it into his light, so that he can drive the evil away forever. Then we too can be grace for another's unclean spirits to "come out of them."

Go in peace to love and serve our God!

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

## ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH – MINSTER, OHIO

January 29, 2012 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Daily Masses and Intentions

### Monday

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

### Tuesday *St. John*

8:00 a.m. *Special Intention*

### Wednesday

8:00 a.m. Gene and Nancy Heitkamp

### Thursday *The Presentation of the Lord*

8:00 a.m. *Albers – Meyer families*

### Friday *St. Blaise*

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

1:30 p.m. Ed Van Oss

### Saturday

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

5:00 p.m. For the Parish

### Sunday

8:00 a.m. Scout Mass

10:00 a.m. Rosemary Beckman

11:30 a.m.

~Ministries below for the coming week ~

### Eucharistic Ministers:

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

**Sunday 8:00 a.m. :** Scout Mass

**10:00 a.m. :** \*T. & B. Roetgerman, J. Schmiesing,  
A. Somber, B. Trzaska, D. Bruns, K. Thobe,  
C. Huecker

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

### Lectors:

**Saturday 5:00 p.m. :** Sister Mary Ellen

**Sunday 8:00 a.m. :** Scout Mass

**10:00 a.m.:** T. Broerman

**11:30 a.m.:** K. Gehret

### Babysitting:

**Sun. 11:30 a.m. S. Kohne and  
H. McClurg, L. Schmidt, J. Nolan,  
LA Huelsman, N. Moeller,  
J. Trzaska, B. Hoelscher, N. Oakley,  
C. Frericks, A. Sommer**

### Servers:

**Wed. 8:00 a.m.:** L. Roetgerman,  
N. Schwieterman

**Sat. 5:00 p.m. :** C. & J. Thobe,  
B. Walterbusch

**Sun. 8:00 a.m.:** Scout Mass

**10:00 a.m.:** A. Snyder,  
J. Stechsulte,  
C. Thien

**11:30 a.m.:** J. O. & A. Winner

## **ST. JOSEPH - EGYPT, OHIO**

### **MASS INTENTIONS:**

Sunday, February 5      8:45 a.m. - liv. & dec. of Prenger and Wendel families

### **MINISTRIES for February 5**

**GIFT BEARERS:** Sunday: Mike Albers

C.Y.O.: Nicole Will and Ryan Will

**READERS:** Sunday: Jane Steinemann

**SERVERS:** Sunday: Madison Meyer, Mitchell Meyer and Alana Poepelman

### **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:**

Sunday: Juanita Brandewie, Ted Brandewie and Betsy Dahlinghaus

**COLLECTION:** January 22, 2011: \$887.00      Hall Rent: \$60.00

Membership: \$240.00

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR ST. JOSEPH CHURCH**

**CLEAN CHURCH: January, 2012:** Kelly Mueller, Lori Osterloh, Amy Poepelman and Phyllis Poepelman

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** A meeting of both new and old members will be held Monday, January 30 at 7:30 p.m. Newly elected parish council members are Jane Steinemann - Ladies Sodality President, Bill Bornhorst and Gary Meyer.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Last Sunday, Vivian Joy Mueller, daughter of Alvin and Kellene (Hart) Mueller was baptized in St. Joseph, Egypt Church. May God bless her as she grows living out the Christian Message.

**ST. JOSEPH'S MEN'S SODALITY ANNUAL MEETING** will be held at 8 p.m. on Monday, February 6 in the Egypt School House Basement. Refreshments served after the meeting. All new and old members welcome.

## **CLUSTER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:** Moses told the people, "The Lord will raise up for you a prophet, like me, from among your own kinsmen." God still provides among His people the gifts and talents necessary to continue the work of His church. What gifts are yours to share?

**PRAY** for all the sick members of our Parish Cluster and pray for all those who care them. Pray for Tom Froning, Treva Westerheide, Mary Ann Seger, Edna Frierott

**CONDOLENCES:** The parishioners of St. Augustine and St. Joseph extend their prayerful support and the promise of the resurrection to the family and friends of Marlene Liening.

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE: I.** Scott Sherman and Kim Pleiman

**FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS** on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> in St. Augustine Church will begin with the Rosary at 7:30 am. There will be a Communion Service at 8:00 am. Pray for vocations, the need is so great.

**EVERYONE WELCOME** to the main chapel at St. Charles Center for First Saturday Devotions at 2:00 pm. on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>. Father Charles Mullen is officiating in honor of Our Lady of Fatima.

**THE 2011 CEMETERY BURIAL SHEETS** that can be added to the "Cemetery Book" can now be picked up in St. Augustine's rectory office during office hours. Monday – Friday 9am – 4 pm.

**ANNIVERSARY MASS AT ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH:** Married couples from St. Augustine and St. Joseph Parishes, who are celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or more years of marriage in 2012 are asked to call the rectory office. (419-628-2614) The Anniversary Mass at St. Augustine Church will be held on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 am.

**GOLDEN JUBILEE 2012 MASS** for couples, from our Parish Cluster, who are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> (Golden) Wedding Anniversary in 2012. There will be a Mass on April 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception in Dayton. Reverend Lawrence Mierenfeld will preside.

**VALENTINE'S EVENING** will be held Sat. Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> 4:00 P.M. at the Maria Stein Spiritual Center. Join us for an elegant meal, inspirational speakers, Mass and gifts. \$50/couple - Limited seating... call Craig and Connie Buschur to register (419-678-8644) by Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>.

**PILGRIMAGE** planned for September 2012: This time will be to The Elizabeth Ann Seton Shrine and then on to Washington D C. on Sept. 25,26,27, 28. Contact Anna Marie Dirksen at 419-953-0530 or Karen Waggoner at 419-336-7933 Cell 937-232-7933 if you are interested in more details.

**CATHOLIC ADULT SINGLES CLUB:** There will be a Super Bowl Party in Russia on Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please call Lou Ann Guggenbiller at 419-678-8691.

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

**THE MISSION COMMISSION** will have a meeting on Wed. Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> at the Parish Center in room 201 at 7:00 p.m. We will be organizing our Soup / Bread Luncheon. Also, cookies and beverages will be served to honor our outgoing president. Please try to attend and show appreciation to Eileen Riethman for her many years of service. New members are always welcome!

**YOU ARE INVITED TO... THE LIVING WITH CHRIST RETREAT** on Thurs. Feb. 23, 24, 25 at

St. Michaels Hall in Ft. Loramie. There is a limited number of participants accepted at no cost...(only your time). Make your reservations today for small group discussions, hear stories of faith, share meals, celebrate the sacraments and take steps to live Christ more fully. For more information or to register, contact Amy Makemson 937-295-2680 or Paul Timmerman 937-295-2582.

**SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST** is a series of reflective presentations and prayer led by Anne McGuire, Ph. D., on the seven scriptural phrases spoken by Christ from the cross. Sundays at 4:00pm and Tuesdays at 7:00pm, from February 12/14 through March 24/26 at Maria Stein Shrine. The focus will be on the power and meaning of each phrase, will incorporate music and art for reflection, and will conclude with prayer with a relic of the True Cross. Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics, 2291 St Johns Rd in Maria Stein. 419-925-4532 a.mcguire@mariasteinshrine.org.

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

**TRAVELING CRUCIFIX:** *Please* consider being a part of this silent, but important group of parishioners who pray for vocations year round by welcoming the Traveling Crucifix into your home. St. Marys Deanery has established this parish based ministry for all to participate. For more information contact Pete/Barb Blanco (419)628-7628 or e-mail ([barbpblanc@aol.com](mailto:barbpblanc@aol.com)). God bless you!

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** is held on Mondays in St. Augustine Church. Due to a funeral on Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>, opening will begin at 1:00 p.m. and the closing will be at 9:00 p.m. 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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH**

**COLLECTION** for the week of January 22, 2012 **Your generosity is always appreciated!**

Weekly: **\$7584.00** Loose: **\$767.00** Envelopes returned: **320** Children: **\$28.00**  
Direct Deposit for the month of January: **\$13,330.00** from 117 parishioners.

**MINSTER AMERICAN LEGION** at the Legion Hall on Mon. Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>. Lunch at 6:30 p.m. and Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

## **PARISH CENTER NEWS**

### **HIGH SCHOOL**

#### **SCHEDULE**

- January 29 Classes for Freshmen, Juniors, and Seniors as usual  
NO CLASSES FOR SOPHOMORE STUDENTS
- February 5 Classes as usual in the Parish Center at 9:45 am
- February 12 Classes as usual in the Parish Center at 9:45 am

#### **FIELD TRIP TO DAYTON – Chaperones Needed**

Chaperones are needed for a field trip to Dayton, OH on Sunday, February 26. Sophomore students will be taken to 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. Church buses will leave at 8:45 am and will return to Minster around 4:30 pm.

### **GRADE SCHOOL**

#### **LITURGIES**

- Wednesday, February 1 6C – Tracy Heitkamp’s class
- Wednesday, February 8 6D – Carla Walter’s class
- Wednesday, February 15 5A – Vicki Meiring’s class

#### **GRADE SCHOOL CATECHIST MEETING**

All grade school catechists should attend the catechist’s meeting on Wednesday, February 8 at 1 pm in the Parish Center.

### **PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN**

#### **SCHEDULE**

- Sunday, Jan. 29, Feb. 5 & Feb. 12 Classes as usual in the Parish Center.
- Sunday, Feb. 19 Liturgy of the Word – 11:30 am Mass

## **ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS AND STUDENTS:**

Now is the time to sign up for the second annual pX Games, a fun day filled with games, activities, and God!

Take a break from your busy lifestyle for a day of socializing with other high school students, working as a team to beat challenging games, and taking a moment to reflect on God.

- Who:** Classes of 2012 - 2016
- When:** June 4, 2012, 7:45am – 9:00pm
- Cost:** 12.00

THERE ARE LIMITED SPOTS, and other parishes will be invited soon. So register now before it is too late!

Go to [pxgames.eventbrite.com](http://pxgames.eventbrite.com) to register.  
Questions? Contact Chris Niekamp (419-628-6056) or  
email: [pxgames@chrisrebecca.com](mailto:pxgames@chrisrebecca.com)

## **The Mass in Scripture**

Sign-up for the Lenten Bible Study program begins this weekend, January 28/29. Registration forms are in baskets at all the church entrances to both St. Augustine and St. Joseph parishes. Completed forms can be returned in the collection basket, at the rectory office, or at the Parish Center. Sessions will begin the week of Ash Wednesday, February 22, and last for 6 weeks. 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.

**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Week of January 29, 2012**

**Reading I:** [Deuteronomy 18: 15-20](#) I will put my words into your mouth.

- In the Book of Deuteronomy, Moses conveys God's word to the people.
- The promise of God delivered by Moses is that God will raise up another prophet.
- The true prophet will deliver God's word.

**Reading II:** [1 Corinthians 7: 32-35](#) I want you to be free of all worries.

- Some of the early Christian communities found Paul to be a true prophet.
- The Christians at Corinth apparently wrote to Paul, asking him a series of practical questions about how to live the Christian life.
- The First Letter to the Corinthians is Paul's answer to their questions.

**Gospel:** [Mark 1: 21-28](#) He has authority over all creation.

- The Gospels reveal Jesus to be the true prophet, the one who not only brings the word of God but who is the Word of God.
- In the first chapter of the Gospel of Mark, there are several stories illustrating Jesus' authority.
- Today's passage tells of Jesus casting out a demon. The people are amazed because the demon obeys Jesus.

**Theme:** Jesus has power over evil. ~Look into your life.~

**Question for adults:** What are the evils in today's world that you pray God will free us from?

**Question for children:** Name some bad things that you want to pray that Jesus will take away from our world.

**Activities of the week:**

- Watch the news together with your family. Talk about evils in today's world that you want Jesus to heal. Remind family members that Jesus has power over evil.
- Pour some olive oil, or scented oil in a small bowl. Have family members gather in a circle around the bowl so that they can rub some oil on the hands of the person next to them. As the oil is rubbed on each family member's hand, say: "Whatever is not of Jesus, be healed. May the Spirit of God be with you."
- As a family make a list of people who need Jesus' help. As a family, pray for people who are in need through the power of Jesus' name and word. List ways your family can take action and bring the healing power of Jesus to others.
- Jesus' words have authority and power. Put your Bible in a special place in the home where people can see it and where family members can read it.

## **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



