

First Sunday of Lent Liturgical Schedule

- Saturday, February 20**
4:00 PM - Dr. James B. Reilly - *Chuck & Linda Spadafora*
- Sunday, February 21 - First Sunday of Lent**
10:00 AM - Arthur McConville - *Patty DeBiasio*
7:00 PM - Members of the Parish
- Monday, February 22 - The Chair of St. Peter, apostle**
12:10 PM - Health of Lisa - *Mary Ann Moscona Boudreaux*
- Tuesday, February 23 - St. Polycarp, bishop and martyr**
7:30 AM - Sacrament of Reconciliation
8:00 AM Mass - Greg Mikula - Cindy Schillinger
- Wednesday, February 24**
No Scheduled Mass
- Thursday, February 25**
5:00 PM - Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM - Jack Houser - *Prayer Shawl Ministry*
- Friday, February 26**
12:10 PM - Louie & Annie Chauby - *Anna May Chauby*
- Saturday, February 27**
4:00 PM - Alice M. DeLuca - *Lonie & Todd Brice*
- Sunday, February 28 - Second Sunday of Lent**
10:00 AM - Members of the Parish
7:00 PM - Nancy DiSimo - *Jim & Marcella Martin*

This Week's Readings

Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Romans 10: 8-13
Luke 4:1-13

Next Week's Readings

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
Philippians 3:17 - 4:1
Luke 9:28b-36

A Warm Welcome to Our Newest Members!

We joyfully welcome into our faith community the following who have registered at St. Thomas More University Parish & Catholic Student Center during the months of December, 2009 & January, 2010:

M/M Christopher & Heather Contrucci, M/M Jeffrey & Stephanie Cribbs, M/M John & Tami Mock, Mr. Jason Newcomer, M/M Michael & Helena Rados-Derr, Ms. Marilyn Schaeffer, M/M Stanley & Frances Servinsky, M/M Paul & Michele Tortorella, Ms. Emily Vetere, and M/M Frederick & Michele Wyant.

Please let us know. . .

If you or a loved one is ill or homebound after being hospitalized and would like prayers or a pastoral visit, please call our Pastoral Associate, Cindy Schillinger, at 724.463.2277 ext. 113 for more information or to make a pastoral request.

St. Bernard Parish Liturgy Schedule Week of February 21, 2010

Monday, February 22	7:30 AM Mass
Tuesday, February 23	7:30 AM Mass and 12 Noon - 6:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration
Wednesday, Feb. 24	7:30 AM Mass
Thursday, February 25	7:30 AM Mass
Friday, February 26	7:30 AM Mass, 6:00 PM Exposition 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross
Saturday, February 27	7:30 AM Mass 8:30 - 10:00 AM Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:30 PM Mass of Anticipation
Sunday, February 28	7:30 AM & 9:30 AM Masses

FROM THE PASTOR Christ, Be Our Light...

It is hard to believe that we have already entered this penitential season and are anticipating with joyful hope, the liturgies, processions and specific prayers and symbols of Lent, Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, the Triduum, the glorious Easter Vigil and of course Paschaltide.

The signs of the seasons help us to focus on the meaning of Jesus' death and resurrection that we reflect upon and celebrate.

The Paschal Candle is a symbol of the Light of Christ that dispels the darkness of sin and helps us rejoice in the promise of eternal life.

This year, three parishioners, all wishing to remain anonymous, stepped forward in response to our recent request seeking donors for the 2010 Paschal Candle. We appreciate their generosity and enthusiasm to purchase our new Paschal Candle that touches so many throughout the year. We will remember their special intentions when the Paschal Candle is lit with Easter Vigil fire and as the wonder and awe of our faith shines through the darkness.

Have a blessed Lenten Season! *Fr. Willie*

A Prayer of Priests and Priestly Vocations

Heavenly Father, please grant to Your faithful servants, the grace and strength to carry out Your mission for the church each day. Keep our priests close to You and continue to inspire them to serve others in Your holy name.

Please help to inspire men who are called to a priestly vocation to answer Your call and participate in the fullness that You have planned for them. Amen

PARISH NOTES



Our Lenten Journey: Traditions & Customs

One of the most common forms of liturgical fasting is the "hour fast" we practice before receiving Holy Communion.

Most of us may not remember, but the Eucharistic Fast used to be for three-hours, and prior to that, a fast from midnight on. This fast had the advantage of making Holy Communion truly the first food of the day and a real spiritual "break-fast."

Canonical and Local laws regarding fasting during Lent are well-publicized each year. We abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent and we fast (eating only one full meal) on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

The Church still encourages fasting, or some other form of self-sacrifice during the Lenten season but also applauds those who seek to do something "additional" that fosters growth in holiness,

On Ash Wednesday, the opening prayer asks God to "make this day holy by our self-denial." The prayer of blessing over the ashes asks to "keep faithful to the discipline of Lent."

Fasting heightens our anticipation of Easter and gives us solidarity with the world's hungry. A fast at home will give new life to the prayers we hear and the songs we sing during Lent.

Operation Rice Bowl

As has been the practice over the past few years, STMUP will participate in Operation Rice Bowl, a Lenten program that fosters almsgiving that benefits the hungry of our local and global communities under the direction Catholic Relief Services. Your participation in this prayerful opportunity is, as always, deeply appreciated.

Second Collection This Weekend

This weekend's second collection benefits the Home Missions of the Americas annual appeal. As always, your support is greatly appreciated.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS***Preparing Hearts and Homes for Lent, Easter and Pentecost***

This weekend, after ALL Masses, be sure to visit the Cardinal Newman Room to gather ideas and materials to help you enter more fully into the upcoming liturgical seasons.

Souper Bowl of Caring Collection

Thanks to all who recently donated to the annual *Souper Bowl of Caring* collection. Even though it was a very snowy weekend, our parish Youth collected \$1,028.23 which exceeded their goal! Monies collected will go to ICCAP and Love Basket to help those in need in the greater Indiana community.

Junior and Senior Youth Members (grades 6 – 12)

On Wednesday, March 3, 2010 we are asking youth in grades 6 – 12 to help lead the Stations of the Cross for the Parish at 7:00 PM. This involves arriving at the Church at 6:30PM, helping to light the candles, reviewing the readings and prayers and choosing or assigning parts to read, being a cross bearer or restoring all candles and materials to the sacristy.

Even if you have never participated in this prayerful devotion before you will be able to help out. Please call Patty DeBiasio at 724-463-2277 or Lynn Contrucci at 724-349-1385 to let us know that you are willing to help.

SCHOOL NEWS**Registrations Now Being Accepted**

St. Bernard School is now accepting applications for the 2010-2011 school year for all grades PreK3 through Grade 6. Stop by for a visit or call the School Office at 724.465.7139 for more information or to pick up an application.

OUT AND ABOUT**Arc Garage Sale**

The Arc is in need of your help again, and is seeking donations of clean, safe, working items for another Garage Sale to be held on April 16 and April 17. Donations will be accepted at The Arc office inside Regency Mall between 8:30AM and 4:00PM, Monday through Friday until March 31. Call 724.349.8230 for additional information.

Lenten Fish Dinners:**St. Bernard School & Church of the Good Shepherd**

Meals will be served from 4:00-7:00 PM Fridays during Lent. Take out available.

Girl Scout Spirit Day

The Diocesan Catholic committee on Scouting for Girls will host a "Catch the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Spirit" day on Saturday, February 27, 2010 at the Bishop Connare Center in Greensburg. The cost is \$13.00 which includes lunch, crafts, program and patch.

Register by calling Glenda Sekerchak at 724.446.5197 or email gsekerchak@dioceseofgreensburg.org. Registration deadline is February 19.

Knights of Columbus - February 2010 Event Schedule

February 24 - 7:00 PM - 4th Degree Business Meeting [Lodge]

Natural Family Planning Instruction

The next CM-BBT method of Natural Family Planning is scheduled for Monday, March 8, 2010 at 6:00 PM at the Catholic Charities office in Greensburg.

Contact Mary Ann Newhouse at Catholic Charities at 724.837.1840, ext. 658 for additional information or to register.

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE UNIVERSITY PARISH**Sunday, February 21**

Liturgy of the Word with Children during the 10:00 AM Mass
10:00 AM - Rite of Sending during Mass for RCIA Catechumens & Candidates

Join us in the Lounge after Mass for coffee & doughnuts.

3:00 PM - Rite of Election for RCIA Catechumens & Candidates

[Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg]

6:15-8:15 PM - JYM & SYM [Cardinal Newman, St. Cecilia & Kitchen]

8:15 - 10:00 PM - CSA [Lounge, Kitchen]

Monday, February 22

8:30 AM - 12:00 Noon - Taping of *Teach a Man to Cook* [Kitchen]

5:45 - 7:45 PM - CGS Level I [Atrium]

5:45 - 7:45 PM - CGS Level II [St. Cecilia Room]

5:45 - 7:45 PM - *We Believe* [Cardinal Newman Room & Library]

7:30 - 9:00 PM - Festival Choir [Church]

Tuesday, February 23

9:15 AM - Staff Meeting [Development Office]

7:00 PM - Taizé Prayer

7:30 - 8:30 PM - Sign Language [Cardinal Newman]

Wednesday, February 24

12:30 - 2:30 PM - CGS Level I [Atrium]

5:15 - 7:15 PM - CGS Level I [Atrium]

5:15 - 7:15 PM - CGS Level II [St. Cecilia]

7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross [Church]

Faith Sharing - Immediately following Stations [Cry Room]

Thursday, February 25

9:30 - 11:30 AM - CGS Level I [Atrium]

4:15 - 6:15 PM - CGS Level I [Atrium]

5:30 - 7:00 PM - Choir Practice [St. Cecilia Room]

Friday, February 26

8:30 AM - 12 Noon - Taping of *Teach a Man to Cook* [Kitchen]

1:30 PM - 4:30 PM - Taping of *Teach a Man to Cook* [Kitchen]

Sunday, February 28

Liturgy of the Word with Children during the 10:00 AM Mass

Join us in the Lounge after Mass for coffee & doughnuts.

6:15-8:15 PM - JYM & SYM [Cardinal Newman, St. Cecilia & Kitchen]

8:15 - 10:00 PM - CSA [Lounge, Kitchen]

Just a reminder that YOU can be a sponsor for

Donation for Donuts!

Contact Cindy at 724.463.2277, ext. 113 for details.

OUR WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP**February 7, 2010 ("Snowstorm" Weekend)**

Adult: \$ 4,528.00 Children: \$ 19.00 Loose: \$ 406.00

Utilities Envelope: \$ 142.00 & Catholic Accent: \$ 2.00

PledgeConnect: \$ 728.00

Total Regular Weekly Collection: \$5,828.00

Special Collection for Church in Eastern Europe: \$615.00

Souper Bowl for Caring Collection: \$1,028.23

Envelopes Issued: 602 Envelopes Returned: (37%)

PledgeConnect Enrollment: 32 Households

Today's Challenge-Tomorrow's Hope pledges continue to come our way!

Our current total has inched up to \$819,248.00 Thanks SO much!