

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

Rev. William L. Arnold, Pastor

January 31, 2010

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 30:

Vigil of the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Hugh N. Kelly (Betsy Ferguson)

Sunday, January 31: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. For the People

11:00 a.m. John L. Davis (Parish Gift)

Monday, February 1:

8:00 a.m. Sara Rettemnier (Eileen Woodward)

Tuesday, February 2: The Presentation of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

Wednesday, February 3: Saint Blaise, bishop and

martyr; Saint Ansgar, bishop

9:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the Sergio Family

(Family)

Thursday, February 4:

8:00 a.m. Phillip LeGlise (Maudie & Bob May)

Friday, February 5: Saint Agatha, virgin

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

Saturday, February 6:

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

Vigil of the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time


5:00 p.m. Maria Iacobelli

(Evangelista & Elena Canini)

Sunday, February 7: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Carole Gilmore (Chip Kane)

11:00 a.m. For the People

 **Please Remember in Prayer:** John "Duke" Stapleton, who died January 19, 2010. A Rite of Christian Burial was held at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, January 22, 2010, at Schoedinger Funeral Home.

Please pray for those parish family and friends who are hospitalized and/or ill, including Laverne McNerney-Miller, Sharon Bukowski and for those who are homebound or in convalescent homes.



From the People of Haiti –

Prayers and Appreciation: The two weekly "special collections" on behalf of Catholic Relief Services and the People of Haiti far exceeded any possible expectations. Please, if you would, consider the following results:

Masses of January 16 and 17:	\$ 5,427.95
Masses of January 23 and 24:	\$ 7,648.11
Grand Total	\$13,076.06

I am gratified, but honestly stunned, that our second week collection exceeded the first generous outpouring the weekend before. The extent of the tragedy and need, the photography and press reports out of the small island nation are compelling. Just in case you haven't heard; it is estimated the number of dead could total 200,000. An already poor struggling economy finds itself, its infrastructure, and civilian housing in shambles. Thank you very much for your generosity for the people of Haiti and your support for Catholic Relief Services. Remember, whatever you give away (especially to the poor and needy) will always come back to you. It is our faith that we are at our best when we respond to the needs of the least important of our brothers and sisters.

From the Pastor's Desk...



Jesus' neighbors and hometown folk, if they had had their way, would have stopped Jesus at the beginning of His public ministry. His teaching begins with praise and admiration, but the positive reaction turns into venom. They discredit His family background and then the townfolk demand that He perform the miracles in Nazareth they heard He had performed elsewhere.

Was their reaction born out of jealousy? Did they wonder how anyone who came from a common, ordinary background could possess wisdom and insight into scripture? The reasons for their reaction are not entirely clear but Jesus' rejection at Nazareth (remember: they wanted to throw Him over a cliff!) foreshadow His public ministry: initial acceptance and then rejection and crucifixion.

I think we need to examine the Gospels from this perspective. If Jesus of Nazareth went about "doing good," then why did they call for His death? What Jesus offered – self-examination, individual repentance, the call for a change of heart – is – ultimately – not very popular at all. It does offer an explanation to us, however, why peacemakers are ridiculed, the generous are oftentimes taken advantage of, and the poor, humble, and meek are often "run down" on the highway of life. If "they" did it to Jesus Christ, it can be done to true, genuine Christians who attempt to live His words.

Fr. Bill Arnold

Catholic Schools Week is observed this week. Education has always been one of the most important ministries of the Church, and Catholics can be proud of the "faith education" and the solid academic training Catholic Schools provide. I should like to offer two important observations. Firstly, Catholic Schools owe an enormous debt of gratitude to all who sacrifice in so many ways to keep our schools open. Secondly, it is important that families who attend Catholic Schools because they (the families and the school) are Catholic, should attend Masses weekly and actively live a faith-filled life. Attendance at Church is a very visible, important component of the faith-filled life.

Congratulations! Mrs. Linda Saelzler, Principal of Holy Spirit School, received the Bishop's Exemplary Principal Award, conferred this past week. The parish, along with the school's faculty and students, join in congratulating Mrs. Saelzler for all her efforts on behalf of Catholic Education at Holy Spirit Parish. Together, we are all committed to working with our principal in providing the very best Catholic education to our students that can be offered!

Parish Offertory Summary

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	January 23 & 24
Parish Contribution Envelopes (252)	\$ 7,948.80
(606 people attending Mass)	
Cash offerings	\$ 319.35
Candles	\$ 85.90
Catholic Relief Services (Haiti)	\$ 7,648.11
Holy Spirit School Tuition Assistance	\$ 10.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society	\$ 91.00
Holy Spirit School Endowment Fund	\$ 40.00
Propagation of the Faith	\$ 49.00
Total Contributions	\$ 16,192.16

Your contributions to Holy Spirit Parish keep the ministries and the operations of the Parish in good financial standing. Your financial sacrifice will be used wisely. Thank You – God will reward your generosity.

This Week at Holy Spirit Parish

Bingo Games are held each Monday and Friday in the Church Hall. The doors open at 6:00 p.m., the games begin at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 31:

Catholic Schools Week Liturgy at 11:00 a.m. Mass

9:15 a.m. – R.C.I.A. – School Library

9:15 a.m. – PSR (Parish School of Religion) – School Building

10:45 a.m. – Preschool & Kindergarten – enter at Yearling Road – Preschool entrance

2:00-6:00 p.m. – Echoes of Faith – School Classroom

Tuesday, February 2: *Market Day Orders are Due

4:00 p.m. – Youth Choir – School Music Room

7:00 p.m. – Grief Support Gathering – Day Chapel

Wednesday, February 3:

7:00 p.m. – Adult Choir – Church Loft

Thursday, February 4:

* 1:00 p.m. – Happy Spirits Meeting – Church Hall

* 1:00-2:00 p.m. – Holy Spirit School Open House

5:00-6:00 p.m. – Children's Bell Choir – Church

6:45 p.m. – Adult Bell Choir – Church

Friday, February 5:

Morning Prayer after 8:00 a.m. Mass – Day Chapel

Saturday, February 6:

9:00-10:00 a.m. – Market Day Pick-up – Church Hall

11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. – Sub Sale Pick-up – Church Hall

* 7:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m. – Monte Carlo – Church Hall

Sunday, February 7:

9:15-10:45 a.m. – R.C.I.A. – School Library

9:15 a.m. – PSR (Parish School of Religion) – School Building

10:45 a.m. – Preschool & Kindergarten – enter at Yearling Road – Preschool entrance

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Submit items for the February 7th bulletin by Tuesday, February 5th, at 5:00 p.m. E-mail: bulletin@holyspiritcolumbus.org. Fax number is 861-3746.

Happy Spirits: Come as a Guest or come to Join – our over 50 club on **Thursday, February 4th, at 1:00 p.m.** in the Church Hall. We will be celebrating "Valentines," so please come dressed in RED and bring a covered dish with some RED flare to it. We will also be celebrating "Mardi Gras," so please wear some beads, and if ya gotta mask – we would love to see it. We will again have a "Kings Cake" with a baby discreetly hidden within it. Lastly, the quartet, "Just for Fun" will be singing some barbershop music for us! Please contact Bob Udeck (861-6568 or polishbob@att.net) for more information.



Holy Spirit School Registration for 2010-2011 School Year

Holy Spirit School is accepting registrations for children in three- and four-year-old preschool and students in kindergarten through eighth grade. During the months of January and February, registrations will be accepted for parishioners' children and members of Catholic parishes who do not have their own school. Families of other faiths and members of other Catholic parishes who have their own school may register beginning March 1st.

Open House – Thursday, February 4 from 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Information Night – Wednesday, March 3, at 7:00 p.m.

Please call the School Office at 861-0475 for further details.

Monte Carlo Night: Our next Monte Carlo night will be on **Saturday, February 6th, 7:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.** Free admission – must be 21 to enter. Food available. Cash Door Prizes. 7-Card Stud Poker, Texas Hold 'em, Blackjack, games of chance. These Monte Carlo Nights support our parish athletic program as well as academic awards, playground equipment, CYO Sports, computer lab, along with equipment and capital improvement needs. Your support is greatly appreciated!!!

2010 Confirmation Class: The next Confirmation Class will be held for the candidates on **February 14, 2010**, beginning with 11:00 a.m. Mass. We will be sitting as a group. Please look for the reserved area. The luncheon meal and class will both be in the Church Hall directly after Mass until 2:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please feel free to call De Bukowski, CRE, at 861-1521, ext. 12 or 577-9191 (evening). God bless.

Adult Religious Education: Come to a session on The Holy Longing, the search for Christian Spirituality, as presented by De Bukowski, CRE, on February 14, 2010, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Parish Office. If you have any questions or need to schedule a baby-sitter, please call De (861-1521, ext. 12).

Market Day Orders: Place your order online at www.marketday.com by 11:00 p.m. **Tuesday, February 2.** Pick up is Saturday, February 6th from 9:00-10:00 a.m. Make two purchases of \$40.00 between February and April. Then, place a third order of \$40.00 in May to receive a FREE Mite 'N' Mighty Stool at the May sale pick-up. See order forms in the Welcome Center for more details.

Knights of Columbus Steak Fry Dinner: The Marian Council #3864 will sponsor a terrific steak or chicken dinner Friday, February 12, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at their Hall located at 4217 East Main Street in Whitehall. Get your choice of steak or chicken for \$10.00 Carry-out is also available. Call 235-2786.

What Have You Done for Your Marriage Today?

The Marriage and Family Life Office invites you to visit the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) web site (www.foryourmarriage.org) for resources to "prepare for" and "care for" your marriage. You'll find Daily Marriage Tips, sources of encouragement, information on what makes marriage work, as well as ways to nurture and strengthen your marriage. The web site is part of a larger multi-year project, the National Pastoral Initiative for Marriage (NPIM), begun in 2004. The NPIM is aimed at communicating the meaning and value of married life for the Church and for society. Weaving together the Catholic faith tradition and its pastoral practice, the data of social science, and the experience of married couples, the NPIM will offer guidance and resources in order to promote, strengthen, sustain, and restore marriages. On November 17, 2009, the United States bishops approved a pastoral letter, "Marriage: Love and Life in the Divine Plan" as a capstone of the initiative. Written for a broad audience, it presents the essential points of Catholic teaching on marriage. A summary and the full text are available at www.foryourmarriage.org.

What's Happening Around Town

The Greater Columbus Post of the Catholic Veterans will meet **Tuesday, February 2nd** at 7:00 p.m. in the Red Room in St. Peter Church located on Smoky Row Road near the corner of Snouffer Road. Any Catholic person honorably discharged with 90 days either peace or wartime active duty U.S. military experience, or on active duty now, is eligible to join. Please call John Francis at 614-395-8529 for more information.

Trinity Catholic School is hosting its 10th Annual Legacy of Learning fund raiser featuring local comedian Jeff Robinson on **Saturday, February 6th.** Come enjoy an evening of comedy and fun! The evening's festivities will include live and silent auctions, cocktails, dinner and comedy. The event will be at Memorial Hall at the Plumbers & Pipefitters at 1226 Kinnear Road. Tickets are \$50.00 per person (\$25.00 is tax deductible). To order tickets, please call Nancy Whitt at 579-4175 or go to www.trinity.cdeducation.org to print an order form.

Interactive Weekend Retreat for Men. February 12-14, 2010. Father John D. Corbett, O.P. will be the Retreat Director and the theme will be "Our Friends and Our Enemies." For more information, please contact team captains Gary Hasson at (614) 216-4500 or Mark Hasson at (614) 734-0591.

Bishop Hartley Style Show and Luncheon: The 19th Annual Bishop Hartley Style Show and Luncheon will be held on **Saturday, March 6, 2010**, at the Columbus Country Club. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. and lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. Look for further details in upcoming bulletins. Mark your calendars!