

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

February 21, 2010
First Sunday of Lent

Saturday, February 20:

Vigil of the First Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Special Intention

5:00 p.m. Jane & Bob Knoblauch
 (The Heslin Family)

Sunday, February 21: First Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. For the People

11:00 a.m. Dave Ducey (Mrs. Lucille Burns)

Monday, February 22: The Chair of Saint Peter, apostle

8:00 a.m. Raymond Lach (Anne Lach)

Tuesday, February 23:

Saint Polycarp, bishop and martyr

8:00 a.m. Tommy Sullivan, Jr. (The Keefe Family)

Wednesday, February 24:

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

Thursday, February 25:

8:00 a.m. Maria Tata (Pasquale & Pierina Pizzuti)

Friday, February 26:

8:00 a.m. Mary Irene Fuller (Julie Winters & Family)

Saturday, February 27:

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

Vigil of the Second Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. Carole Gilmore (Carl & Greta Emmenegger)

Sunday, February 28: Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. For the People

11:00 a.m. Rosemary & John Shaul
 (Tom & Susan McDonald)

Please Remember in Prayer: William Rogers, brother of parishioner Jeanne Federer, who died this week. Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers are with Jeanne and her family at this time of sorrow.

Please also pray for those of our parish family and friends who are hospitalized and/or ill, including Connie Aeling, LaVerne McNerny Miller, Joseph Zag, and those who are homebound or in convalescent homes.



The Experience of Lent at Holy Spirit Parish

Stations of the Cross

Begin your Lenten journey this season by participating in Stations of the Cross this coming Wednesday evening, February 24th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the parish Church.

A simple meal consisting of soup and bread will be served in the Parish Hall beginning at 6:00 p.m. A goodwill offering may be given to benefit "Operation Rice Bowl."

All are invited to attend both the Lenten Soup Meal and participate in the Stations of the Cross.

Adult Religious Education: "The Holy Longing, the Search for Christian Spirituality" will be presented by De Bukowski next Sunday evening, February 28, 2010, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Parish Office. For questions or a need for child care, please call De.



From the Pastor's Desk

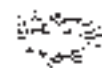
The Gospel for the First Sunday of Lent always tells the story of Jesus in the wilderness or the desert, for forty days of prayer and fasting. The desert is foreboding – a place devoid of life, empty and isolated. We are told that Jesus went to the wilderness to pray for forty days. The environment of the wilderness is lonely and threatening, a place where the individual can feel very much abandoned and alone. But it is there that Jesus goes to prepare for His public ministry. While there, He is tempted by evil – to seek short cuts to His kingdom and His hunger.

Doubt certainly had to overwhelm Jesus at this point. Remember that Jesus at the Jordan River had been proclaimed by the voice from the cloud as the beloved Son of God. Now, in the wilderness, He is confronted by His hunger, by the desolation, and by the overwhelming task that lies before Him: proclaiming the kingdom of God. The Tempter knows that Jesus is vulnerable and weak, and – just maybe – can be tempted to give up on His faith and trust in God. But this isolated wilderness experience and the Devil do not prevail. Jesus rejects the Devil, who portrays God as the "great fixer," who provides bread, power, a way out or a way around the difficulties and challenges Jesus will face.

The temptation of Jesus in the desert describes our own lives. When alone and isolated, hurting and doubtful, we too are tempted to throw faith away and seek the easy way out. Many people do. In the Gospel, Jesus calls for reliance on the Word of God as a source of direction and strength. Like we must often do, Jesus rejects the Devil who quotes scripture for his own purposes. He tells the Devil that God does not send difficulties and misfortune to test us, nor does God respond to the little "tests" we set up for God, to see if God really loves us and will answer our prayers. Use this Lenten season as a time to examine our own lives to see how we respond to our own experiences in the wilderness.



Live the experience of Lent,
 Fr. Bill Arnold



Black & Indian Missions Special Collection:

Today, each of us is asked to support the Church's evangelization efforts among African Americans and Native Americans. Your financial contribution supports Catholic communities on reservations, in rural areas and inner cities. Your financial support funds evangelization programs that are strengthening the faith, continuing the legacy and sharing the mission with children and adults here at home. Please use a specially marked envelope and be generous in your support.

Parish Offertory Summary

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	February 13 & 14
Parish Contribution Envelopes (246) (609 people attending Mass)	\$8,002.88
Cash offerings	\$ 341.37
Black & Indian Missions	\$ 40.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society	\$ 25.00
Holy Spirit School Endowment Fund	\$ 246.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 8.00
Catholic Times	\$ 704.00
Total Contributions	\$9,367.25

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, February 21:

9:15 a.m. – R.C.I.A. – School Library

9:15-10:45 a.m. – PSR (Parish School of Religion)

10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. – Preschool & Kindergarten – Preschool entrance

1:00-2:30 p.m. – People of God – Parish Hall & Church

1:00-5:00 p.m. – Echoes of Faith – School Classroom

1:30 p.m. – Adult Bible Study – Parish Office

(See today's insert)

Monday, February 22:

7:00 p.m. – St. Vincent De Paul – Parish Office

7:00 p.m. – Adult Choir – Church Loft

Tuesday, February 23:

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

Wednesday, February 24:

* 6:00 p.m. – Lenten Soup Meal – Church Hall

* 7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross – Church

Thursday, February 25:

2:30-4:30 p.m. – Girl Scouts – Church Hall

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

6:45-8:15 p.m. – Adult Bell Choir – Church

Sunday, February 28:

9:15 a.m. – R.C.I.A. – School Library

9:15 a.m. – R.C.I.C. – Parish Office

2:00-4:00 p.m. – Echoes of Faith – School Classroom

* 7:00-8:00 p.m. – Adult Religious Education – Parish Office

Submit items for the February 28th bulletin by Tuesday, February 23rd at 5:00 p.m. E-mail: bulletin@holyspiritcolumbus.org. Fax number is 861-3746.

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry: Every Friday of Lent (February 26, March 5, 12, 19 and 26), the Marian Council of the Knights of Columbus, Council 3864, sponsors a Lenten Fish Dinner. Adults are \$8.00 and children are \$4.00. Carry-out and delivery are available (call 235-2786). The Knights Council is located at the corner of Main Street and Yearling Road. Additional parking is available at Chicago Auto, CMC Tire, Al's Barber Shop and Century 21 Realty. Proceeds benefit the Knight's Scholarship Fund. Please come and enjoy – bring the family as well!

Holy Spirit Preschool is now taking registrations for the 2010-2011 school year. All interested families with 3-, 4- and 5-year old children can pick up registration forms and information packets in our School Office or Parish Office. Information and registration forms are also available on our web site at <http://www.holyspiritcolumbus.org/preschool.html>. Please contact Anne Heinmiller at 861-4559 or ahainmil@cddeducation.org for more information.

Holy Spirit School is accepting Registrations for students in kindergarten through eighth grade. During the month of February, registrations will be accepted for parishioners' children and members of Catholic parishes that do not have their own school. Families of other faiths and members of other Catholic parishes that have their own school, may register beginning March 1st. An Information Night will be held Wednesday, March 3, at 7:00 p.m. Please call the School Office at 861-0475 for further details.

Happy Spirits Irish Celebration: Come and join the fun at the parish's 50 plus club on Thursday, March 4, 2010, at one o'clock in the afternoon. Celebrate St. Patrick's Day by wearing something green and bringing an Irish dish or something delicious colored green (for the season) to eat. Join the Happy Spirits Club – call Bob Udeck (861-6568) for more information.

Catholic Times: Thank you to all new and returning readers of the *Catholic Times*. Contact the Parish Office if you missed the special collection and learn how to sign up for the upcoming year for just \$17.00 (parish rate). As an evangelization tool, Bishop Campbell encourages all Catholic households in the diocese to receive and read our diocesan newspaper, the *Catholic Times*.

Lent: A Call to Conversion



What is the Church's official position concerning penance and abstinence from meat during Lent?

In 1966, Pope Paul VI reorganized the Church's practice of public penance in his "Apostolic Constitution on Penance" (*Poenitemini*). The 1983 revision of the Code of Canon Law incorporated the changes made by Pope Paul. Not long after that, the U.S. bishops applied the canonical requirements of the practice of public penance in our country.

To sum up those requirements, Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In addition, all Catholics 14 years old and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.

Fasting, as explained by the U.S. bishops, means partaking of only one full meal. Some food (not equaling another full meal) is permitted at breakfast and around midday or in the evening – depending on when a person chooses to eat the main or full meal.

Abstinence forbids the use of meat, but not of eggs, milk products or condiments made of animal fat.

According to Father John Huels in *The Pastoral Companion* (Franciscan Herald Press), abstinence does not include meat juices and liquid foods made from meat. Thus, such foods as chicken broth, consommé, soups cooked or flavored with meat, meat gravies or sauces, as well as seasonings or condiments made from animal fat are not forbidden. So it is permissible to use margarine and lard.

Huels gives a norm long used by moral theologians: If in doubt whether a particular food is considered meat, look to the common estimation of persons in the area. Custom is the best interpreter of the law.

Each year in publishing the Lenten penance requirements, the U.S. bishops quote the teaching of the Holy Father concerning the seriousness of observing these days of penance. The obligation to do penance is a serious one; the obligation to observe, as a whole or "substantially," the days of penance is also serious.

But no one should be scrupulous in this regard; failure to observe individual days of penance is not considered serious. Moral theologians remind us that some people are excused from fasting and/or abstinence because of sickness or other reasons.

Monte Carlo Night: Our next Monte Carlo night will be on Saturday, March 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.

If you can help out as a dealer (Blackjack, Poker, Texas Hold'em), shuffler, game worker, or instant bingo sales, call Bill Heinmiller (475-3390). You must be at least 21 and a member of the parish or a school family. Working these events is a requirement of parents of Holy Spirit Parish student athletes – one per sport season. 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!!!

What's Happening Around Town

Bishop Hartley Style Show and Luncheon – Hurry and get your reservation in! The RSVP deadline for the Bishop Hartley Style Show and Luncheon is this Monday, February 22. Join us on Saturday, March 6, 2010, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (doors open at 10:30 a.m.) at the Columbus Country Club (4831 E. Broad Street, 43213). Your \$30.00 ticket includes a delicious lunch and a style show of spring fashions modeled by our BHHS moms and students. Enjoy a chance at a door prize (or two) and gift basket raffles. RSVP by calling 614-855-0683. Invitations are also available on the BHHS web site at www.bishop-hartley.org. (Scroll down and click on Style Show.)