

Saint Fidelis Parish

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“A Community of Faithful Stewards”

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August 1, 2010

The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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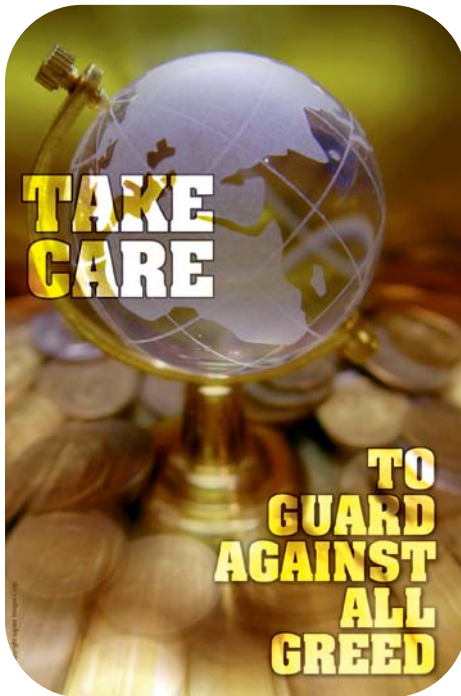
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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday	Lyndora	4:00 pm
	Meridian	6:30 pm
Sunday	Lyndora	9:00 am
	Meridian	8:00 am
		10:30 am
		12:00 N

PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY: 724-482-2690, ext. 223

CHURCH OFFICE: Open Monday-Thursday – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

RECONCILIATION:

MERIDIAN – every Saturday 12 Noon to 12:30 p.m.

LYNDORA – 1st Sunday of the month; 45 minutes before Mass.

BAPTISM: Baptism class is required. Please call the office to schedule.

BAPTISMS: After the 12 Noon Mass on the 1st & 4th Sundays and during the Noon Mass on the 3rd Sunday. Parents are encouraged to attend baptism class *prior* to the child's birth.

MARRIAGE: Couples contemplating marriage should contact Fr. Murphy or Fr. Palick at least six months prior to the date of the intended marriage. Pre-marriage instructions are required.

FUNERAL LUNCHEONS: Please note:

A two-day notice is necessary for a funeral luncheon.

LYNDORA: Call Mary Ann Shepkeck (724-282-7157) or Rosemary Pawlowicz (724-283-8451)

MERIDIAN: Call Judy Graham (724-482-4001) or Cleo Tritch (724-283-2265)

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: Registration forms available in the vestibule or online at the parish website.

Complete and place in the collection basket or mail to the office.



NOTE: If you intend to take up the gifts at Mass, please notify the usher of this intention before Mass.

SATURDAY, July 31, Eighteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

4:00pm-LYNDORA ✠ Irene Natali
(Muzzy, Dorothy & Judy)
6:30pm-MERIDIAN ✠ Joseph Walek
(Frank & Ann Raypush)

SUNDAY, August 1, Eighteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

8:00am-MERIDIAN ✠ Mary & Ray Weleski
(Marsha & Ron Weleski)
9:00am-LYNDORA ✠ Mary A. Shepeck
(Brent Hilderbrand)
10:30am-MERIDIAN Living and Deceased
12:00N-MERIDIAN ✠ Jim Mullner – 3rd Anniv. Remb.
(Wife & Family)

MONDAY, August 2, Weekday

6:55am-MERIDIAN ✠ Mary A. Shepeck
(Ronald & Debby Palmer)

TUESDAY, August 3, Weekday

8:00am-LYNDORA ✠ Frank Yurkovich, Sr. – Birth. Remb.
(Wife & Children)

WEDNESDAY, August 4, St. John Mary Vianney

6:55am-MERIDIAN ✠ Anna Klein – Anniv. Remb.
(Jack & Judy McClelland)

THURSDAY, August 5, Weekday

8:00am-LYNDORA ✠ Francis & Linda Smith –
Wedding Anniv.

FRIDAY, August 6, The Transfiguration of the Lord

6:55am-MERIDIAN ✠ Lena Steiner O'Hara
(Pete & Dotty DeSantis)

SATURDAY, August 7, Nineteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

4:00pm-LYNDORA ✠ Marlene Vecchio
(Hanchosky Family)
6:30pm-MERIDIAN ✠ Joseph Puskar
(Nancy & Marty Martonik)

SUNDAY, August 8, Nineteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

8:00am-MERIDIAN ✠ Elizabeth Haughey – Birth. Remb.
(Greg & Dolly Haughey)
9:00am-LYNDORA ✠ Jim "Uncle Jimmy" Bergbigler
(Barb & Bernice)
10:30am-MERIDIAN ✠ Mary Jane Brown Noland
(Brown & Cosme Family)
12:00N-MERIDIAN ✠ Living and Deceased

Themed Basket Chinese Auction:

In conjunction with the parish picnic on Sunday, August 29th we will be having a themed basket Chinese Auction. We are asking our creative parishioners to donate baskets for this event. Completed baskets may be dropped off at the parish office Monday -Thursday 9:00 am -2:00 pm. Please include your name and a list of the basket's contents. Drop off deadline is Monday, August 23rd by 2pm. Thank you in advance for all of your generosity. For more information, please call Barb, Karen, or Joannie or at the parish office.

A Holy Hour for Peace will be held on Monday, August 9th at 7pm at St. Paul Church, Butler. Come and rest in the Lord. Everyone is welcome.

MINISTER SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, August 7, 2010

4:00PM Lyndora
Lector: Maria Worst
Euch Min: D. Elli, L. Smith, B. Cooper
Altar Server: Angela Kovac

6:30PM Meridian
Lector: John Morgan
Euch Min: K. Pappas, D. Staab, S. Eury
Altar Servers: M. Blose, B. & L. Eury

SUNDAY, August 8, 2010

8:00AM Meridian
Lector: Dotty DeSantis
Euch. Min: Deacon Toby, C. Williams, J. Hinchberger
Altar Servers: Kletzlis, D. Williams

9:00AM Lyndora
Lector: Alvin Vavro
Euch. Min: R. Hilliard, M. Yurkovich, R. Orlowsky
Altar Server: Stephanie Lloyd

10:30AM Meridian
Lector: Gerald Miller
Euch. Min: M. Lansinger, P. Werner, E. Peth,
L. Howard, P. Henricks

Altar Servers: C. Shaw, A. Mizgorski, R. Henry

12:00Noon Meridian
Lector: Matthew Konieczny
Euch. Min: D. Snyder, D. & J. Cygan
Altar Servers: M. Weiland, P. Rumbaugh, R. Konieczny

ROSARY: Lyndora site: 25 minutes before the Masses.
Meridian site: Sunday mornings 20 minutes before each Mass (with the exception of the noon Mass) and following the morning Masses in Meridian.

SICK & HOMEBOUND: The sacraments are available to those who are unable to attend Mass due to sickness, age or incapacity. Please call the rectory to make arrangements. If you are scheduling elective surgery and would like to be anointed prior to surgery, please call the rectory as soon as you have the date.

Centering Prayer is held for 20 minutes weekly following the 8 a.m. Tuesday Mass in Lyndora. All are invited. For information call, Dolores Elli at 724-282-6001.

Marian Prayer group meets the first and third Monday of each month at 7:30pm. Call Gary & Janet Salusky at 724-789-7777 for information.

The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy is prayed every Thursday after the 8:00am Mass at Lyndora. Please come and pray with us!

St. Fidelis Vision Statement:
St. Fidelis Parish is a Catholic community, guided by the Holy Scriptures and Church tradition, working toward the Kingdom of God on earth.

“POVERTY”

The readings for the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time are best summed up with Jesus' words to the crowds who were traveling with him on his journey to Jerusalem: “one's life does not consist of possessions.” As we hear throughout Scripture, true and everlasting happiness is not ultimately found on earth or in earthly matters.

In the first reading, we hear the opening words from the Book of Ecclesiastes. This Jewish wisdom book, composed about 300 BC, begins with the words of the wisdom teacher, Qoheleth (in Greek, “Ecclesiastes”). His focus is on the idea of “vanity.” For Qoheleth, all of life is vanity in that life is a mystery beyond our human understanding, understood fully only by God himself. Because of this, complete satisfaction in such matters as fruits of our labor or acquisition of property cannot be fully enjoyed. Even peace of mind eludes us in this life.

We hear Jesus pick up on a similar theme in today's Gospel reading. Jesus tells the crowds the parable of the rich fool in response to a request made of him by someone in the crowd: “Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with me.” Jesus' response to the request made of him – to weigh in on the concern about inheritance – is best summed up with the closing words to the parable of the rich fool: be “rich in what matters to God.” Like the Jewish wisdom teachers, Jesus taught the crowds to be less concerned about the accumulation of *material wealth* (possessions and property) and more concerned about the accumulation of *spiritual wealth* (right relationship with God and neighbor).

Like many of the parables of Jesus in the Gospel of Luke, the parable of the rich fool is found only in Luke's Gospel. In fact, in Luke's travel narrative (9:51 – 19:44), Luke will present twelve of Jesus' parables, nine of which are unique to his Gospel. Luke includes parables in his Gospel that he believes are important to his theological agenda, as well as to the needs of his Gentile Christian community. The parable of the rich fool shows Luke's interest in matters of poverty and wealth (see also Lk 16:19-31, the parable of the rich man and Lazarus, another parable unique to the Gospel of Luke addressing the issue of poverty and wealth). Because of this concern, scholars often conclude that Luke's Gentile Christian community likely reflected a demographic of rich *and* poor people. Through Jesus' parable of the rich fool, Luke was able to advance a message he thought important for his community to hear: *all people* can have an abundance of what matters most to God: spiritual wealth.

The second reading is taken from Paul's Letter to the Colossians. In his own way, Paul addresses the issue of

spiritual wealth. Paul tells the Christians in the city of Colossae to “think of what is above, not of what is on earth.” He even offers some insights into those “earthly” parts of us that need to be “put to death”; immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, greed, and lying. For Paul, defeating these human failings is made possible because of the death, resurrection, and ascension of Christ. The death of these “earthly parts” helps us focus on what is above: the resurrected and ascended Christ, now “seated at the right hand of God.” With this as our focus, we will come to see the source of our spiritual wealth: “Christ is all and in all.”

Like Luke's original Gentile Christian community, we too, need to hear Jesus' message: “one's life does not consist of possessions.” This is especially challenging for our society that so often values material wealth over spiritual wealth in the search for true happiness.



Registration is happening now for CCD and for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is the method that St. Fidelis uses to teach the faith to our young children ages 4 through Kindergarten. We have mailed registration forms for this program, along with regular CCD registration forms, to the families in the Religious Education Database. If you would like to register your child for either Good Shepherd or CCD for the 2010-2011 year, and did not receive the mailing, please fill out the forms that are at the back of each church. You can place it or them in the collection basket, or mail to the Religious Ed Office. As always, the \$10 fee for Good Shepherd or the \$50/family fee for CCD should not prevent your child/children from being enrolled. We have scholarships available. The Good Shepherd Program is limited to 24 children during the Sunday morning and Monday evening sessions, and 12 during the new Thursday afternoon session. The Good Shepherd Program will be filled on a first-come-first served basis. The CCD program is not limited. Contact Joan Pilat (724-482-2362) or stfidelisccd@gmail.com for information or with questions.

Musicians, ages 14 and up are wanted for a Contemporary Worship Band for Mass starting in September. You must be able to read music, have strong sight reading skills and be able to learn songs quickly. Contact Aaron Griffith at aaron.griffith@zoominternet.net or 724-482-4748 if you are interested or would like more information.

Weekly Offering	
Income 7/25/10	\$10,459.80
Parish Share, 2010	\$715.00
Building Improvement Campaign (BIC)	\$935.00

Altar Society Schedule

August 1 – Melissa Shaw

Youth Group Scoop – Grades 6-12:

Mark your Calendars:

THANK YOU to all who served the needy at the Butler Community Dinner. You have once again showed the community how wonderful the St. Fidelis Youth Group is at stepping up and taking care of people in need.

BRAVO!

August 8th Pirate Game: Pirates vs. Colorado Rockies. 1:35 start. \$20 and signed Consent to Treat will reserve your seat on the bus and ticket to the game. Chaperones needed. Bus will leave church parking lot at noon.

Butler Farm Show: August 9th – 14th: Youth Group will be selling beverages, snacks and chances to win an iPod and gift card. All proceeds will benefit our future endeavors. Contact Chris to sign up for particular shifts.

St. Fidelis Red Cross Babysitting Training Course will be held in the double classroom on Saturday, August 21st from 9am to 4pm. Limited space is still available. Course is geared for ages 11-16 and will focus on prevention, safety, responsibility, leadership and professionalism. Cost is \$49. Lunch and snack will be provided.

Pre-registration and payment is due by August 6th.

Parish Picnic: Sunday, August 29th: The Youth Group is heading the games for the youngest members of our parish family. What a great way to get the future youth groupers to get to know us! Sign up with Chris to help with a multitude of different games and fun!

The Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh is again planning its annual Golden Wedding Celebration.

This year's celebration will take place on Sunday, October 3rd beginning with a Mass at 3:00pm at St. Paul Cathedral. Bishop Zubik will be the celebrant. A reception will follow in the lower hall at the Cathedral. If you are a parishioner celebrating your 50th wedding anniversary in 2010, and would be interested in attending the celebration along with the other jubilarian couples, please call the rectory or drop a note in the collection basket no later than **August 8th**.

ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS: The Diocese of Pittsburgh requires ALL parish volunteers to attend the Protecting God's Children Seminar. That includes lectors, Eucharistic ministers, catechists, Children's Hour, choir, fish fry and more. The number of times we are permitted to run the seminar is being limited by the Diocese. Register and plan to attend the upcoming PGC Seminar on August 24th from 6:30-9:30pm. You can go online at www.virtus.org or call the Religious Ed. Office at 724-482-2362.

Born to New Life: Please pray for Bernice F. Czyzyk and Mary K. Pawlowicz, who passed away recently. May their souls and all the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, continue their journey to new life. Amen.

Christian Women's Guild Prayer Chain:

The Christian Women wish to share their love and concern for others by extending their ministry of the prayer chain to the entire parish. The names of the sick and hospitalized will be published in the bulletin for three weeks unless otherwise requested. Requests must be given to Mary Ellen Cupps, 724-482-2500 or Fran McConnell, 724-789-9433 by Noon on Mondays. Please remember: Katy Albert, Doreen Albin, Andy Anderson, Tootie Betres, Juanita Birckbichler, Alice Bradley, John Burrett, Steve C., Mary Chalmers, Eva Chavez, Richard Collar, Karen Conrad, Vivian DeSantis, Frank Druda, Diane Ellis, Father Steve, Jeanine Furman, Jo Gaul, John Gibson, Sheila Gibson, Mary Ann Hein, Betty Herbert-Pendelton, Ruth Holben, Ann Horan, Tom Horvatic, Sharon Ietto, Joanne, Frank K., Kelly & Erin, Stanley Klara, Ashley Kline, Jeanie Kline, Jay Dale Kolander, Mike Konieczny, Rose Ann Konieczny, Lillian Kostecky, Marsha Kowal, Leroy, Barb Lucas, Lynne, Alan M., Carol M., Mary Elizabeth, Owen McKinnis, S. McElroy, Sandra McNees, Megan, Thelma Menchuk, Mikayla, Herb Moniot, Tim O'Farrell, Patricia Ordy, Marc Panichelle, Ed Pawlowicz, Rosemary Pawlowicz, Mary Beth Reges, Joe Ritson, Veronica Rozic, Michael Rupert, Pamela Salopek, Marge Sherman, Michael Simms, Amy Staab & baby, Kathy Stringer, Barney Slupe, Carolyn Smolen, Stephen, Ryan T., Russ Thomas, Tina's Family, Dorcas Tomsich, Adam Troutman, Harriet V., Joan W., Kassie Yenick, those in the military and for all special intentions in your prayers.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL FUNDRAISER "SHARE OUR BOUNTY" TO BENEFIT OUR SVDP FOOD BANK:

Saturday, October 23, 2010 from Noon until 5:00pm. We will have 50/50 raffles, 100 themed baskets and prizes every 15 minutes including a gas grill, snow blower, Weedeater, cash, iPod touch with iTunes card, laptop computer, and a 42" flat screen TV. Please join us at St. Michael Church on Center Ave. for food, beverage, fun and prizes galore while helping our SVDP Food Bank. Call Karen Callihan at 724-482-2340 for tickets at \$30.00 each.

St. Fidelis will be offering a 6-week Bereavement Course

on Thursday evenings from September 16th through October 21st from 6:30-7:30pm in our main office conference room. The course is provided free of charge and multi-denominational. You may attend even if you've come to a previous session. Please contact Joannie at the parish office (ext. 223).

Butler Catholic News:

Please help BCS win \$500,000 from Kohl's Cares.

Kohl's is donating \$500,000 to 20 schools. The schools that have the most votes determine the 20 winners. Please go to the BCS website (www.butlercatholic.org), click on "Vote Now" on the top right side of the web page and follow the prompts. Anyone that is at least 13 years old may vote and you can vote 5 times all at once. Voting continues through September 3rd.

Don't forget to purchase your raffle ticket for TWO

Steelers regular season tickets. Raffle tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at the school office or at the back of the church after Mass.

Registration: We are currently taking registrations for all grades at Butler Catholic. We offer 3-year old Preschool, 4-year old Preschool (1/2 day and full day), and Kindergarten through Grade 8. 4-year old Preschool and Kindergarten are filling up fast. Call 724-285-4276 today to schedule an appointment to register.

A VERY IMPORTANT MINISTRY



The seeds of our faith come to us through the generosity of the Holy Spirit. They need nurtured by a faith-filled and faithful loving family, which in turn needs the support of a community of faith. Catechists support families as they pass on their faith and love of God and His people.

Catechists are good people who have responded to God's call to ministry. They regularly practice their Catholic faith by praying, attending Mass and receiving the sacraments. Then they commit to being present to the children and youth of the Parish each week to help them begin to understand what it is that was planted in us as a gift by the Holy Spirit and is now growing within.

ARE YOU BEING NUDGED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT TO BE A CATECHIST? The children and youth of St. Fidelis need you. There are many openings this year because a number of catechists who have journeyed with the Religious Ed Program and their children are moving on. Contact Joan Pilat to volunteer or for more information at 724-482-2362 or stfidelisccd@gmail.com.



Are you hungry for meaning and purpose in your life?

Would you like to develop or deepen your relationship with God?

Have you been worshipping with us, but never officially took the step to become Catholic?

Have you been away from the church ... and have now returned, but want to know more?

Have you been a Catholic all your life, but never celebrated all of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist)?

Have you joined us from a different background and would now like to find out more about the Catholic Church?

If any of the above questions apply to you, we would love to help you in your journey!

Or, if you know of anyone who could answer YES to any of the above questions, perhaps you should extend an invitation to them!

The [RCIA process](#) is the way Catholic Communities welcome seekers into the faith and the community. The process begins in September and goes through four stages: 1. Inquiry, 2. Catechumenate, 3. Purification and Enlightenment and 4. *Mystagogy*. The third stage culminates with one's baptism or reception into the Catholic Faith during the Easter Vigil Mass. The fourth stage begins after Easter and ends in May.

You are welcome to contact Fr. George at 724-287-5531 if you would like to ask questions about the process for yourself or another.