

Saint Fidelis Parish

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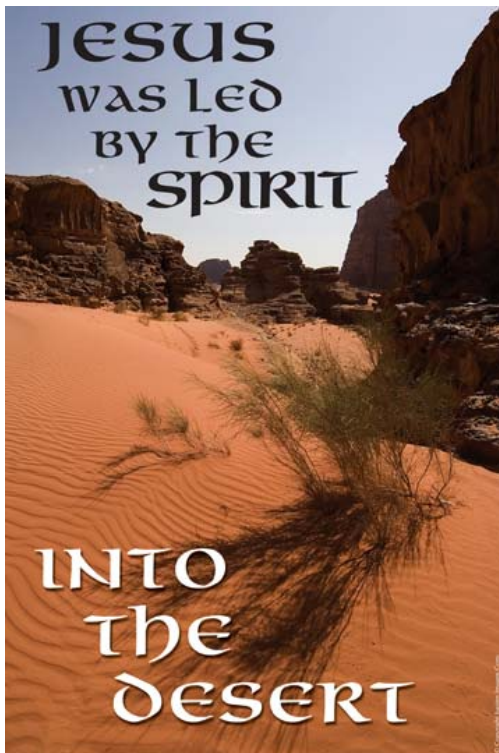
“A Community of Faithful Stewards”

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February 21, 2010

First Sunday of Lent

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CHURCH OFFICE: Open Monday-Thursday
Secretary's Hours: 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 Shepbeck (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.

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

2010 MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

SATURDAY, February 20, First Sunday of Lent

4:00pm-LYNDORA ✠Margaret McLaughlin
(Theresa Marhefka)

6:30pm-MERIDIAN ✠Timothy Schaffner
(Cupps Family)

SUNDAY, February 21, First Sunday of Lent

8:00am-MERIDIAN ✠Living and Deceased

9:00am-LYNDORA ✠Joanna Hoszwa-11th Anniv. Remb.
(Bolek, Marina & Sam Hoszwa)

10:30am-MERIDIAN ✠Lawanda Hockenberry
(George & Connie Prokopchak)

12:00N-MERIDIAN ✠Buddy DiBiccaro-
11 yr. Anniv. Remb.
(Jim & Jeanie)

MONDAY, February 22, The Chair of St. Peter

6:55am-MERIDIAN ✠Dorothy Kreinbacher-Birth. Remb.
(Children & Grandchildren)

TUESDAY, February 23, Lenten Weekday

8:00am-LYNDORA ✠Josephine Piroch
(Margaret & Joe Furka)

WEDNESDAY, February 24, Lenten Weekday

6:00pm-MERIDIAN Stations of the Cross

6:30pm-MERIDIAN ✠Faithful Departed Remembrance

THURSDAY, February 25, Lenten Weekday

8:00am-LYNDORA ✠Rudy Popovic
(✠Wife, Mary)

FRIDAY, February 26, Lenten Weekday

6:55am-MERIDIAN ✠Tim Schaffner
(John Campbell)

SATURDAY, February 27, Second Sunday of Lent

4:00pm-LYNDORA ✠Nicholas Hoszwa
(M/M Knute Williams)

6:30pm-MERIDIAN ❤️Toni & Norb Cronin-50th
Wedding Anniversary

SUNDAY, February 28, Second Sunday of Lent

8:00am-MERIDIAN ✠Living and Deceased

9:00am-LYNDORA ✠Mary Yurkovich
(Mary Ann & Ruth)

10:30am-MERIDIAN ✠Joe Malis-Birthday/Anniv.
(Wife, Marianne & Children)

12:00N-MERIDIAN ✠Daniel Burke
(Wife, Loretta & Family)

Themed Basket Chinese Auction: In conjunction with the Men's Club "Spring Fling", the Christian Women's Guild will be sponsoring 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 from 9am-2pm. Please include your name and a list of the basket's contents. Drop-off deadline is Wednesday, March 24th. For more information, please call Barb or Karen at the parish office-724-482-2690.

The Benedictine Oblates will meet on Thursday, February 25th at 7:00pm at the Meridian site. Fr. Hicks from St. Vincent Archabbey in Latrobe will be the speaker. Everyone is welcome to attend.

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, February 27, 2010

4:00PM Lyndora

Lector: Maria Worst

Euch Min: S. Eury, N. Martonik, L. Smith

Altar Server: Julie Worst

6:30PM Meridian

Lector: Teri Glover

Euch Min: J. Srock, R. Weleski, R. Hilliard

Altar Servers: J. Mulkern, A. Mizgorski, M. Blose

SUNDAY, February 28, 2010

8:00AM Meridian

Lector: Kathleen Eury

Euch. Min: M. Semler, D. Huselton, J. Hinchberger

Altar Servers: J. & K. Szwed, K. Zoelle

9:00AM Lyndora

Lector: Carol Pawlowicz

Euch. Min: Deacon Toby, D. Law, E. Pawlowicz

Altar Server: Preston Rumbaugh

10:30AM Meridian

Lector: James Neutrelle

Euch. Min: S. Ward, P. Henricks, A. Neutrelle,
J. Kaufman, P. Keelan

Altar Servers: M. Keelan, B. & C. Fiorina

12:00Noon Meridian

Lector: John Morgan

Euch. Min: D. Snyder, J. & J. Kline

Altar Servers: Stocks, S. McIntyre

WEDNESDAY, February 24, 2010

6:00pm Meridian Stations of the Cross

6:30pm Meridian Mass

Lector: Gerald Miller

Euch. Min: J. Graham, M. Schmidt, S. Rodack

Altar Servers: C. Shaw, R. Henry, J. Cratty

Please note: Altar Servers should be at the church on Ash Wednesday and the Wednesday evenings during Lent to serve Stations of the Cross at 6:00pm as well as Mass at 6:30pm.

ROSARY

The rosary is recited at Lyndora 25 minutes before the Masses. It is recited at the 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.

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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

“FREEDOM IN THE LAND”

Our receiving of ashes on Ash Wednesday was an outward sign of our commitment to the journey of Lent. This journey, covering the next six Sundays, is meant to prepare us for the celebration of the sacred Triduum and Easter, as well as remind us of our need for reconciliation with God and with each other.

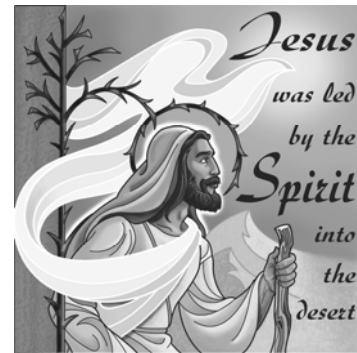
In this church year, we are in Cycle C for the Sunday readings. The selection of Sunday readings develops well this journey motif. We will hear in the first readings of ancient Israel's journey with God, with a special focus on the journey of the Exodus out of Egypt and the subsequent desert experience. We will also hear in the Gospel readings how Jesus' own journey with God, in many ways, mirrored Israel's journey with God. This parallelism between the life of ancient Israel and the life of Jesus in our sacred Scriptures illustrates a key Catholic principle for interpreting Scripture that we received from the teachings of the Second Vatican Council: “God, the inspirer and author of both Testaments, wisely arranged that the New Testament be hidden in the Old and the Old be made manifest in the New” (*Dei Verbum*, 4.16). As we hear the story of Israel played out in the life of Jesus, and the life of Jesus reflected in the story of Israel, we are invited to discern and pray about the journey of our own lives as Christians. The Sunday readings for Lent this church year invite us into recognizing where we need reconciliation with God and others in the journey of our lives.

For this First Sunday of Lent, we hear in the first reading from the Book of Deuteronomy where Moses is delivering a speech to the Israelites at the end of the forty-year desert experience. Moses instructs the Israelites that, when offering thanksgiving to God for the fruits derived from the Promised Land, the story of the Exodus, of how God “brought us out of Egypt,” was to be retold throughout Israel's history. God's rescue of Israel from the oppressive slavery in Egypt, along with the signs and wonders of the forty years in the desert, would become a defining moment in Israel's journey with God. For Israel, the Exodus event was the first step in forming Israel into a great and holy nation before God.

As we hear in the Gospel reading for today, Jesus, like ancient Israel, had his own desert experience for forty days. Jesus' temptation in the desert was one of the defining moments in preparation for his public ministry. But whereas ancient Israel failed many of the tests encountered in their desert experience, Jesus, as Son of God, overcame the devil in the desert and passed all the tests presented by the devil. Each of the synoptic Gospel writers preserves this story of Jesus in the desert. For Luke, as well as for the Jewish followers of Jesus, this event in Jesus' life would have had a deep

and resounding connection to Israel's past, and by extension, to their own past.

As we begin our Lenten journey, the Scriptures today raise for us the question of our own desert experiences in our journey with God. Just as for ancient Israel and Jesus, there is temptation along the way that distracts us from our journey. And whereas we, like ancient Israel, often succumb to temptation, we are assured that Christ never did. Jesus never strayed from his journey to reconcile us with God.



Please pray for the souls of **Vera Buckowsky** and **Mary Popovic** who passed away recently. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Donations: If you have not been contacted to bake or donate food items for our fish fry, our callers are still calling every week to the numbers that are listed. If you have an unlisted number, we were not able to give them your number and we request that you contact the church office and offer a donation. If you have always baked something or brought grocery items and have not received a call, please call Joannie Soldner at the parish office. We still need your donations and wonderful baked goods every week. It's the people of this parish who make our fish fry such a success. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

February 12 Fish Fry totals: 901 dinners were served. The winner of the 50/50 raffle was Rose McDannell, who won \$160.00.

St. Fidelis CCD program is going to partner with Global Links, which collects medical supplies for shipment to needy countries. We will be collecting USED crutches, collapsible walkers and non-motorized wheelchairs to be shipped to Haiti. All items must be clean and in good condition. The Religious Ed. Office will gather the materials and see that they are delivered to one of the Global Links drop-off points. All items must be brought to the Religious Ed. Office or left in the narthex no later than March 1.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY	
Income 2/14/10	\$11,121.18
Parish Share	\$790.00
Building Improvement Campaign (BIC)	\$2,183.00

Altar Society Schedule

Week of February 21 – Ginny Lang

Centering Prayer will be 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 will meet 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!



Spring Fling: Tickets for the Men's Club Spring Fling to be held April 24th will be sold at our Lenten Fish Dinners. Tickets are \$30 per person.

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: Doreen Albin, Marilyn B., William Bajcz, Charles Barb, Becky, Juanita Bergbichler, Alice Bradley, John Burrett, Steve C., John Chuba, Mary K. Chuba, Kate Connors, Karen Conrad, Sandy Davidson, Luann Davis, Jackie DeLess, Carmen DeRose, Vivian DeSantis, John Dottle, Tom Duggan, Diane Ellis, Emma & Christine, Mary F., Michael F., Jean Furman, Michael Gargalis, Sheila Gibson, Paul Graham, Vern Hinchberger, LaVerna Hortert, James, Frank K., Sara K., Stanley Klara, Ashley Kline, Evelyn Kochanowski, Mike Konieczny, Rose Ann Konieczny, John Kristofek, Donna Kudamik, Dorothy Lazar, Kristen Lindsay, Gerald Lytle, Mary Elizabeth, Ed Matulo, Scott McCue, Sandra McNees, Frank Michalek, Renell & Jim Mortimer, Trevor & Rachel Mueller, Nelly & Vickie, Matthew Noto, Tim O'Farrell, Pat Pelligrino, Ingrid & Roslyn Marie Peth, Ronna Pindel, John Pinto, Madeline & Richard Polscak, John Ragan, Mary Beth Regan, Kristofer Robinson, Pamela Salopek, Mitchell Shaw, Mary Sheppeck, Marge Sherman, Michael Simms, Barney Slupe, Phyllis Slupe, George Straynick, Lauren Stroje, Laura Tanaka, Tina's Family, Tom, Christina Virgil, Al & Florence Werner, Virginia Yossa, those in the military and for all special intentions in your prayers.

A Healing Mass will be held on Tuesday, February 23rd at 7:00pm at St. Christopher at the Lake Church in Prospect. Rosary begins at 6:30pm. Refreshments will be served in the church hall following Mass and the blessing. Father Bill Kiel will be the celebrant.



R. E. News Bee:

Feb. 21: 9am pre-grade 5
6 pm grades 6 & 7
Feb. 22: 6 pm pre-grade 5

Feb. 28: 9 am pre-grade 5

Mar. 1: 6 pm pre- grade 5

Youth Group Scoop

Mark your calendar:

Friday Fish Frys: 2/12 through 3/26. 25 youth are needed weekly for the successful running of the fish frys. In addition, 2 adults are needed weekly to supervise youth responsibilities. Please contact Chris if you are willing to participate. Service Perks begin 2/12.

Stations of the Cross: Deacon Toby is looking for a "Simon of Cyrene" to assist him with the Stations of the Cross on Wednesday evenings during Lent. Anyone interested, contact Chris or Deacon Toby at the parish office.

Hang Out Night: Tuesday, February 23rd: Kick ball and Ice Cream Bar. All grades 6:30-8:00 in the gym.

Youth Group Olympics – Tuesday, March 2nd. All grades 6:30-8:00pm in the gym.

Hang Out Night: March 16th. More details later.

2010 WV Mission Trip: June 20-25. Details will follow.

Check out the YG Bulletin Board outside the CCD office and the website for upcoming events.

Butler Catholic School will be holding its First Irish Derby/Night at the Races

on Saturday, March 13, 2010. This BYOB event is for adults only. No one under 21 will be permitted. Dinner is included in the admission price and we will be serving light refreshments. The doors will open at 7:00 PM and the race will begin at 7:45 PM. The Derby will consist of 10 races. We would like to invite you to sponsor a race for \$50. You will receive 2 admission tickets and your name or company name will be printed in the program. In addition, you could name a horse for \$10. When you name a horse, you have the opportunity to win \$20 if your horse wins the race!! All horses need to be sold by March 2nd so that we can get the program printed! PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL AT 724-285-4276 OR STOP BY TO GET YOUR TICKETS!

Prayer Shawl ministry will meet on Tuesday, February 23rd at 2:00 in the double classroom.

Recent Baptisms:

Emma Riley Chapman

Daughter of Stephanie Chapman,

Arianna Diaz

Daughter of Dimitri and Lina Diaz,

Cody Archer Gall

Son of Richard and Heidi Gall

Delaney Grace Kelley

Daughter of Jason and Marci Kelley

Natalie Renee Rivers

Daughter of Travis and Carla Rivers

Please notice the changes and additions.

Connect with God

The "Connect with God" Lenten Series is for
EVERYONE

who needs some help getting through the daily grind. Of course the simple quick answer is just pray. However, praying seems to be a challenge and many of us feel that the choice is either go to a monastery to live a life of prayer OR live out in the world and try to hang-on as life spins faster and faster. Come and discover how you can do both – in a way that is simple and do-able.



The Series will run on two different days to enable more people to attend:

Sundays at 6:15 pm: February 21

March 7 and 14

Wednesdays at 7:15 pm: February 24

March 3 and 10

THE GRAND FINALE WILL BE THE MARCH 14, SUNDAY 6:15 pm SESSION. The March 14 evening will be lead by Fr. Stephen Concordia from St. Vincent Archabbey. He will give us a simple teaching on chanted evening prayer, known as vespers, and afterwards we will all join with him and some of the choir in an actual experience of chanted vespers. Vespers is the long traditional evening prayer done in monasteries around the world. Our hope is that we will realize that we can bring chant out of the monastery and into our daily life.

Joan Pilat, who has a BA Degree in Sacred Theology from La Roche College and MA Degree in Sacred Scripture from St. Vincent Seminary, will be the presenter.

Invite Someone Home for Easter. Do you know someone who could use some encouragement in coming back to their Catholic faith? St. Fidelis Parish would like to welcome them home for Easter. In providing the person(s) name and address, they will receive a personal invitation to celebrate the church's holiest time of the year, Easter. Let us all do our part to bring the lost sheep back into the fold of our parish family. Please fill out below and turn it in to the parish office.

Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone Number: _____