

Saint Fidelis Parish

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“A Community of Faithful Stewards”

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February 28, 2010

Second Sunday of Lent

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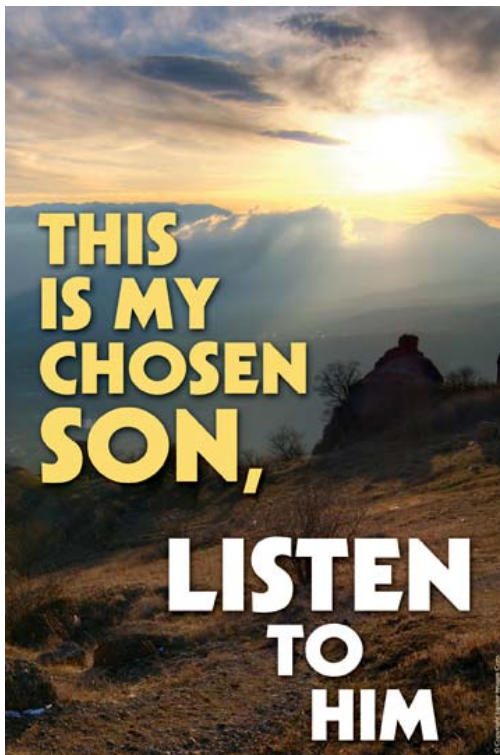
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CHURCH OFFICE: Open Monday-Thursday
Secretary's Hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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 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.

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 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 – Anniv. Remb.
(Wife, Marianne & Children)

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

MONDAY, March 1, Lenten Weekday

6:55am-MERIDIAN ✠George “Red” Slater
(Bill & Justine Brown & Families)

TUESDAY, March 2, Lenten Weekday

8:00am-LYNDORA ✠Faithful Departed Remembrance

WEDNESDAY, March 3, Lenten Weekday

6:00pm-MERIDIAN Stations of the Cross

6:30pm-MERIDIAN ✠Tim Schaffner
(Pat Martin)

THURSDAY, March 4, Lenten Weekday

8:00am-LYNDORA ✠Bernard Gajewski
(Gajewski Family)

FRIDAY, March 5, Lenten Weekday

6:55am-MERIDIAN ✠Bill Martin
(Pat Martin)

6:00pm-LYNDORA Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, March 6, Third Sunday of Lent

4:00pm-LYNDORA ✠Helen Kiern – 1st. Anniv. Remb.
(Husband, Frank)

6:30pm-MERIDIAN ✠George “Red” Slater
(Bob & Joan Cowoski & Family)

SUNDAY, March 7, Third Sunday of Lent

8:00am-MERIDIAN ✠Joe Cronin
(Dr. & Mrs. John Pawlowicz)

9:00am-LYNDORA ✠Living and Deceased

10:30am-MERIDIAN ✠John Sanderson – Birth. Remb.
(Uncle & Aunt)

12:00N-MERIDIAN ✠Joseph Pastorik
(Marty & Nancy)

The Stations of the Cross as compiled by Pope John Paul II, will be set up as a meditative walk in the Church Hall on March 6, 7, and 8 and again March 13, 14, and 15. During the Religious Education sessions the children and youth will have an opportunity to walk through them with their class. At any other time, you are invited to take 15 minutes to do the meditation on your own.

Butler Catholic School will be hosting an Open House on Sunday, March 14th from 1:30-3:00pm. BCS offers classes from Preschool through 8th grade. “Dividends for Life” reminds us that there is no better investment than the education of our children. Come to our Open House and find out more about how your parish school can put all the pieces of a better education together for your child. We are currently accepting registrations for the 2010-2011 school year. Call 724-285-4276 to make your appointment to register.

MINISTER’S SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, March 6, 2010

4:00PM **Lyndora**

Lector: Alvin Vavro
Euch Min: B. Cooper, K. & S. Smith
Altar Server: Angela Kovac

6:30PM **Meridian**

Lector: John Morgan
Euch Min: G. O’Melia, D. Staab, M. Cavanaugh
Altar Servers: Stocks, C. Pellegrino

SUNDAY, March 7, 2010

8:00AM **Meridian**

Lector: Thomas Cleary
Euch. Min: C. Williams, Deacon Toby, D. Tomsich
Altar Servers: R. Henry, D. Williams, D. Andreassi

9:00AM **Lyndora**

Lector: Dave Savage
Euch. Min: D. Law, R. Hilliard, R. Pawlowicz
Altar Server: Megan Goettler

10:30AM **Meridian**

Lector: Matt Konieczny
Euch. Min: M. Lansinger, Deacon Toby, E. Peth,
L. Howard, P. Werner
Altar Servers: R. Konieczny, Kletzlis

12:00Noon **Meridian**

Lector: Rachel Ferguson
Euch. Min: L. Smith, N. Martonik, R. Thomas
Altar Servers: Fergusons

WEDNESDAY, March 3, 2010

6:00pm **Meridian Stations of the Cross**

6:30pm **Meridian Mass**

Lector: Maria Worst
Euch. Min: S. Eury, T. & V. Lang
Altar Servers: M. Weiland, Schirras

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

“GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO HIMSELF”

On this Second Sunday of Lent, we hear how God, eight hundred years before Moses, brought Abraham out of Ur, Babylon, in order to give land to Abraham and his descendants. Just as God brought Moses and the Israelites out of Egypt, God also brought Abraham out of Ur. Both Abraham and Moses experienced an exodus as one of the defining moments in their journey with God. As we will hear in the Gospel reading, Jesus too experienced his own exodus as he journeyed to Jerusalem.

For the first eight hundred years in the history of the Old Testament, from Abraham to Moses, the Hebrew people were a nomadic tribe, wandering on a journey in search of land to settle upon and to call their own. For all ancient people, material wealth is largely measured by the possession of land and the realization of descendants. In the covenant that God establishes with Abraham in today's first reading, the promise of land and descendants form the centerpiece of God's covenant with Abraham. It is clear that God enters into this covenant with Abraham because of Abraham's *faith* in God: "Abram put his faith in the LORD, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness" (Gn 15:6). This became a key text for Paul because, before the Hebrews practiced circumcision (Gn 17) or the Israelites received the law (Ex 20-24), Abraham was found acceptable (righteous) to God based on faith alone (Gn 15). This became for Paul one of the biblical linchpins for allowing Gentiles into the early Christian church based solely on their *faith* in Jesus Christ, and not on the external mark in the flesh (circumcision) or the adherence to the Mosaic covenant (the law). Armed with faith alone in God, Abram began his exodus out of Ur and to the land "from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River, the Euphrates."

In the Gospel reading, we hear Luke's version of the transfiguration of Jesus. Each of the synoptic Gospel writers tells us of Jesus' transfiguration and encounter with Moses and Elijah (cf. Mt 17:1-8; Mk 9:2-8), but Luke alone provides us with the content of their conversation – Moses and Elijah "spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem." Luke has a strong journey motif in his narration of Jesus' travel to Jerusalem in 9:51 – 19:44. Frequently in this middle section of his Gospel, Luke reminds us that Jerusalem is the destiny of Jesus' exodus (9:51; 13:22; 17:11; 18:31; 19:11). Like Abraham and Moses before him, Jesus accomplished God's will in the context of a journey. In the Gospel story line, the Transfiguration is a defining moment for Jesus and the apostles in their journey with God.

In his Letter to the Philippians, Paul too, speaks of a destiny for all Christians who are on a journey with God: "our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ." Writing to the Christians in

the city of Philippi around the year AD 55, you can see that Paul still holds out hope for an *imminent* return of Jesus Christ. But Paul also stresses, in the meantime, that the Philippians ought to be models of faith for others, just as he (Paul) is model for them. This Pauline message to model the faith is just as important today as it was among the first generation of Christians. The season of Lent provides a good opportunity to show others how to live the faith.



Stations of the Cross during Lent are on Wednesdays at 6:00pm at Meridian and Fridays at 6:00pm at Lyndora.

February 19 Fish Fry totals: 1,472 dinners were served. The winner of the 50/50 raffle was Chris Grosclaude, who won \$225.50. Please keep those delicious desserts (especially pies) coming in.

Have you had your home blessed lately? As part of our renewal and evangelization effort here at St. Fidelis, I will be available during this Lenten season to do a blessing of homes. There are many reasons to have your home blessed, which utilizes prayers from the Catholic Book of Blessings. It is a wonderful way to re-invite Jesus into your living environment. If you would like to make this opportunity a part of your Lenten expression, just call the church office (ext. 228) and leave me a detailed message as to the best time to return the call, your address, and day of the week and time most convenient. Deacon Toby

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. In addition, many items are needed for new moms and babies. You can help Global Links by donating any of the following (all items must be NEW, UNOPENED AND UNEXPIRED): baby clothes, baby washcloths gauze pads, cotton balls, medical adhesive tape, receiving blankets, Band-aids (all sizes), hydrogen peroxide and Neosporin.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive is the next weekend. Please place your non-perishable food items at the back of the church. **Help us to help others.**

The Men's Club will meet on Thursday, March 4th at 7:00pm in the Religious Education Building.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY	
Income 2/21/10	\$13,523.00
Parish Share, 2010	\$17,375.00
Parish Share, 2009	\$315.00
Building Improvement Campaign (BIC)	\$1,535.00

Altar Society Schedule

Week of February 28 – Nancy Martonik

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 are being sold at our Lenten Fish Dinners and at the parish office Monday through Thursday from 9am to 2pm. 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 Birckbichler, Alice Bradley, Brian, John Burlett, 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, Carl & LaVerna Hortert, James, Jenna, 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, Alan M., Carol M., Mary Elizabeth, Ed Matulo, Scott McCue, Sandra McNees, Frank Michalek, Renell & Jim Mortimer, Trevor & Rachel Mueller, Tommy Neely, Nelly & Vickie, Matthew Noto, Tim O'Farrell, Ronna Pindel, Madeline & Richard Polscak, John Regan, Mary Beth Regan, Kristofer Robinson, Pamela Salopek, Mary Sheppeck, Marge Sherman, Michael Simms, Barney Slupe, Phyllis Slupe, George Straynick, Lauren Stroje, Laura Tanaka, Tina's Family, Tom, Al & Florence Werner, Virginia Yossa, those in the military and for all special intentions in your prayers.

NFP – True Love, Naturally: Natural Family Planning provides a scientific, reliable and morally acceptable method of spacing and welcoming children. To learn how NFP can enrich your marriage, plan to attend the series: Saturday mornings 9-11:00, beginning March 6 OR Thursday evenings 7-9:00, beginning April 22. For registration or more information, please call 724-282-8280.



R. E. News Bee

Feb. 28: 9-10:15 am grades pre-5

March 1: 6-7:15 pm grades pre-5

March 7: 9 - 10:15 am pre-5
6 - 8 pm grades 6,7 & 8

March 8: 6 - 7:15 pm pre- grade 5

Youth Group Scoop

Mark your calendar:

Friday Fish Frys: 2/12 through 3/26. 20 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.

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.

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 and weather cancellations.

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!

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: _____

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 24. For more information, please call Barb or Karen at the parish office – 724-482-2690.

The Connect with God Lenten Series, about prayer and spirituality at St. Fidelis, 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*

If you cannot attend any other evening please be sure to come Sunday, March 7 at 6:15 PM in the Church to participate in the venerable tradition of chanted evening prayer. The evening's presenter and prayer leader will be Fr. Stephen Concordia from St. Vincent Archabbey in Latrobe, PA.

