



ST. FIDELIS PARISH



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"A Community of Faithful Stewards"

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CHURCH OFFICE: Open Monday thru Thursday

Secretary's Hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

RECONCILIATION:

MERIDIAN – every Saturday 12 Noon-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 of the month; during the 12:00 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.

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 Noon

FUNERAL LUNCHEONS: Please note: A two-day notice is necessary for funeral luncheons.

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

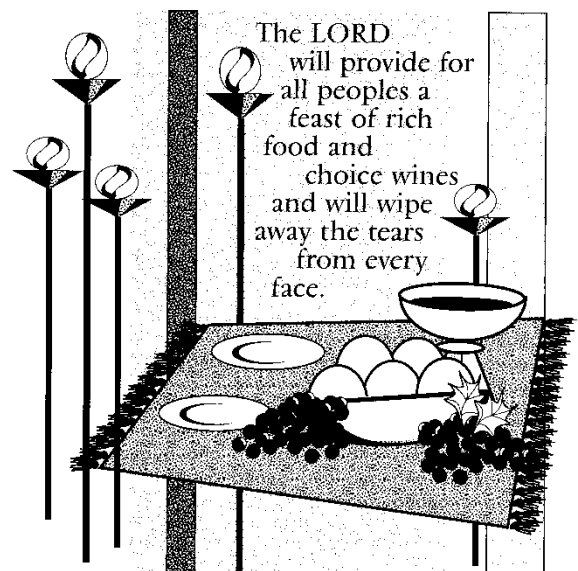
MERIDIAN: Call Judy Graham (724-482-4001) or Cleo Tritch (724-283-2265)

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: Registration forms available in vestibule. Complete and place in the collection basket or call the office.

Twenty-eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

October 12, 2008

The God of Israel forgives us!



2008 MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

SATURDAY, October 11, Twenty-eighth Ordinary

Sunday

- 4:00pm-LYNDORA † Julia Bemben
(Dorothy Bemben)
6:30pm-MERIDIAN † Claire – Rosemary Heichel
(Norb & Toni Cronin)

SUNDAY, October 12, Twenty-eighth Ordinary

Sunday

- 8:00am-MERIDIAN † Vera A. Geibel
(Bob & Joan Cowoski)
9:00am-LYNDORA Living and Deceased
10:30am-MERIDIAN † Scott & Bernie Conklin
(Swartwout Family)
12:00N-MERIDIAN † Nancy Willis
(Lewis & Edith Marra)

MONDAY, October 13, Weekday

- 6:55am-MERIDIAN † George Kelly, Sr.
(Frank F. Leone)
† Faithful Departed Remembrance

TUESDAY, October 14, Weekday

- 8:00am-LYNDORA † Julia Bemben
(Ethel Galli)
† Harry & Elizabeth Bajcz
(William & Ascension Bajcz)

WEDNESDAY, October 15, St. Teresa of Jesus

- 6:55am – MERIDIAN † Betty Ann Laidlaw
(Richard Swidzinski Family)
† Bob O'Brien
(Mary Ann Mullner)

THURSDAY, October 16, Weekday

- 8:00am – LYNDORA † John Pawlowicz, Sr. -
24 yr. Anniv. Remb.
(Wife & Family)
† Faithful Departed Remembrance

FRIDAY, October 17, St. Ignatius of Antioch

- 6:55am - MERIDIAN † Daniel Burke
(Wife, Loretta & Family)
† Frieda Bauldoff
(Dan & Beth Nicoson)

SATURDAY, October 18, Twenty-ninth Ordinary

Sunday

- 4:00pm-LYNDORA † Edward Natali
(Dolores Natali)
6:30pm-MERIDIAN † John Matula – Birthday Remb.
(Claudia & Family)

SUNDAY, October 12, Twenty-ninth Ordinary

Sunday

- 8:00am-MERIDIAN Living and Deceased
9:00am-LYNDORA † Mary E. Rekich
(Mary Rekich)
10:30am-MERIDIAN † Frank Maksin
(Phyllis & Jack Wirth)
12:00N-MERIDIAN † Catherine Daugherty
(Nancy & Marty Martonik)

The next Baptism class will be held on Tuesday, October 28th at 7:30pm in the Religious Education building. Please call the parish office to register.

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, October 18, 2008

4:00PM Lyndora

- Lector: Teri Glover
Euch Min: B. Cooper, M. Worst, B. Goepfner
Altar Server: Julie Worst

6:30PM Meridian

- Lector: Matthew Konieczny
Euch. Min: S. Sandrick, D. & W. Smith
Altar Server: S. McIntyre, J. Cratty, R. Konieczny

SUNDAY, October 19, 2008

8:00 AM Meridian

- Lector: Dotty DeSantis
Euch. Min: M. Brown, F. McConnell, D. Tomsich
Altar Servers: D. Williams, K. & J. Szwed

9:00 AM Lyndora

- Lector: Thomas Cleary
Euch. Min: D. Law, L. Smith, J. Schnitski
Altar Server: Angela Kovac

10:30 AM Meridian

- Lector: James Neutrelle
Euch. Min: P. Werner, R. Hilliard, M. Lansinger,
D. Snyder, J. Kaufman, M. Semler,
A. Neutrelle

- Altar Servers: K. Sherman, A., A., B., & B. Stock

12:00 Noon Meridian

- Lector: Maryann Sheppeck
Euch. Min: D. & J. Cygan, R. Weleski
Altar Servers: J. & J. Conklin, M. Goettler

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.

“THE WEDDING FEAST”

For the past several Sundays, we have been hearing parables from Jesus. Some of these parables are unique to the Gospel of Matthew – the parable of the laborers in the vineyard and the parable of the two sons. Other parables are also found in the Gospels of Mark and Luke – the parable of the tenants (Mark and Luke) and the parable of the wedding feast (Luke). All four of these parables are in Matthew’s Gospel because they each deal with an issue close to Matthew’s community: the question of what to do with the outsiders (Gentiles) who have come to share the same faith in Jesus as the Messiah and Son of God.

The parable of the wedding feast, today’s Gospel reading, continues to be set in the narrative context of the chief priests and elders’ public challenge of Jesus’ authority and teachings upon his arrival in Jerusalem. Like many of Jesus’ parables, the focus is on the kingdom of heaven. This parable offers us a view of Israel’s historic relationship with God.

Matthew’s community, hearing this parable in AD 80, would have easily understood the metaphors and meaning of this parable. The “king” (God) sent his “servants” (Israel’s prophets) to announce the good news of the invitation to the wedding feast of the son (the prophetic foreshadowing of Jesus). The original “invited guests” (ancient Israel) turned down God’s invitation to the feast. Then the king sent forth a second set of “servants” (the apostles), who were subsequently ignored, mistreated, and even killed. At this, “the king was enraged and sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city.” The king’s reaction would have likely been heard as a reference to the Jewish- Roman War of AD 66-70, when the Jewish Temple and the city of Jerusalem were laid to ruin, and many Jews were killed or expelled from Jerusalem. This catastrophic event would still be in the living memory of many of Matthew’s Jewish community members.

As the parable continues, the invitation to the wedding feast is then, once again, sent out to “whomever you find.” This time, many guests (“bad and good alike”), accepted the invitation and attended the feast. The words “bad and good alike” give us some insights into the profile of Matthew’s community in AD 80. The ending of the parable, highlighting that **the man “not dressed in a wedding garment” was expelled from the feast, serves as a warning to Matthew’s community: God still holds the new Christian communities (Jew and Gentile alike) accountable for their behavior and dress.**

The reality of “outsiders” (Gentiles) present in Matthew’s community was foretold by Israel’s prophets. In the first reading, we hear Isaiah prophesy that God “will provide for *all peoples...and all nations.*” Despite these prophecies, many Jews in Matthew’s Christian community struggled with Gentile community members

among them. These early Christians had to learn, over time, that God invites *everyone* to the wedding feast of his Son. Many Christians today still struggle with this issue of God’s inclusive invitation. Paul’s words, once again, offer us insight for Christian communities of every age struggling with “outsiders”: do all things in him [Jesus] who strengthens me.”



Christian Women’s Guild: Don’t forget to sign up in the back of the church for the October 16th Wine and Cheese Party/Monthly Meeting. Last day to sign up is next Sunday.

ALL SOULS DAY

You are invited to submit names of deceased loved ones to be remembered in the masses on All Souls Day and during the year. These masses will be listed in the bulletin as *Faithful Departed Remembrance*. Special envelopes are available in the vestibule. Use more than one envelope if your names do not fit in the space provided. Please PRINT NAMES and drop in the collection basket, mail or drop off at the parish office by **THURSDAY, OCT. 23, 2008.** Thank you.



St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Sunday

The van will be parked at Lyndora to pick up your donations on Saturday, October 25th from 3:00 to 4:00 pm and Sunday, October 26th from 8:30 to 9:00am. At Meridian on Saturday, Oct 25th from 6:00 to 6:30 and Sunday, Oct. 26th from 8:00 am until 12:00N, the truck will be parked beside the blue boxes. All clean clothing will be accepted as well as household items, small furniture, and small working appliances. To donate large furniture call 724-287-8682 and arrange a pickup. Thank you for helping us to help others!

Sacrament Class resumes Tuesday, Oct. 28 at 6:30 PM in the double classroom. Topic is “The Eucharist”. If you are an interested adult and you missed the first two classes you are still welcome to attend this one. If you are a catechist you are welcome to attend, but will need to make up the first two classes in order to receive credit.

Teens in grades 9 through 12: Mark your calendars for a three week + 1 session on Justice: Sundays, Nov. 23, Dec. 7 and Dec. 21 from 6:30-9:30 PM. You will have three weeks in a classroom setting plus one week cooking, serving and cleaning at the Community Meal for St. Fidelis’ turn at St. Paul Church on Dec 9.

CATECHISTS ARE NEEDED to facilitate the 3 Justice sessions for our teens. Please contact Joan Pilat to volunteer or for more information – 724-482-2362.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY	
Income – 10/6/08	\$13,009.55
Hurricane Relief	\$160.00
Building Improvement Campaign(BIC)	\$675.00
Parish Share - 2008	\$1,865.00

World Mission Sunday: There will be a second collection for the missions next weekend (October 18/19). Your donations will help support the missions and missionaries of the church throughout the world. Please be generous as your means permit. There is an envelope in your packet for this collection.

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 or questions.

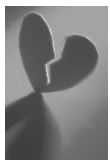
ALTAR SOCIETY SCHEDULE

Week of October 12 – Kathy Strange

Christian Women’s Guild Soup Sale Fundraiser:

October 18 & 19 after all Masses at the Parish Social Hall. Soup may be bought by the pint or quart. Available soups: chicken noodle, Tuscan bean, wedding, stuffed pepper, minestrone, Mexican bean. Please call Pat at 724-282-8986 or Sandi at 724-234-3630 to place your order by October 13th. There will be a limited amount of soups available after the Masses for those who didn’t place an order.

Flowers on the altar at Lyndora this weekend are in memory of John S. Pawlowicz, Sr.



A Divided Heart is the Heart of the Problem

St. Fidelis will be having a parish mission November 16th through the 19th at 7pm.

Topics will be:

Sunday – “Change Today?!”

Monday – “Let Yourself Go!”

Tuesday – “Father, Forgive Me for I Have Sinned...”

Wednesday – “The Disciples Said: ‘Send the People Away’ Jesus said: ‘Give the People Yourselves!’”

Benedictine Oblates will meet on Thursday, October 16th at 7pm.

Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet Tuesday, October 14th at 2:00 in the double classroom.



R. E. NEWS BEE:

Sun. Oct. 12: 9am Pre-5
6:30pm grades 6, 7 & 8

Mon. Oct. 13: 6pm Pre-5

Sun. Oct. 19: 8am Mass/Confirmandi
9-12:00 Confirmation Retreat

9am Pre-5

Mon. Oct. 20: 6pm Pre-5

YOUTH GROUP SCOOP

Reality Tour: Monday, October 13 at YWCA. Arrival time is 5: 40 pm.

2008 Mission Trip Meeting: Monday, October 20 at 6 pm in the CCD Hall. Adults/Parents/Youth who plan to go on the Mission Trip, need to attend this meeting. Important information will be discussed.

YG Meeting: Wed., Oct 22.

Thanks to all of the youth that helped with the Pancake Breakfast! As usual, you did great job. Next one: November 2.

Middle School Faith Rally: All youth in grades 6-8 need to attend! It's a great night and its *here* at St. Fidelis! Registration is required. Jamie Dillon and Cooper Ray will be performing. I will need chaperones and help with the concession stand. Raffle tickets will be sold for an iPod. Don't miss the fun!

Gateway Clipper: November 2.

98Four: Next Teen Mass is Sunday, November 23 at 5:30 pm. World of Children will be performing along with 98Four.

The Penny Drive for the Poor is going on now in the back of church. All proceeds will benefit the 2009 Mission Trip.

The YG is collecting school supplies for the Iraqi children. Any supplies that you can donate will be greatly appreciated.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S GUILD PRAYER CHAIN

With our parish growing steadily, the Christian Mothers 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. These requests must be given to Mary Ellen Cupps, 724-482-2500 or Fran McConnell, 724-789-9433 by 12:00 Noon on Mondays. **Please remember:** Mary Adamosky, Amy, Amy Andreassi, John Armstrong, George Beblo, Lynne Bergh, Sandy Check, Mary K. Chuba, Paul Cirillo, Stella Clawges, LuAnn Davis, Jackie DeLess, Myrtle Dittmer, Tom Duggan, Rita Duncan, Amy Gallagher, John Gierl, Jack Grinnick, Dwayne Hartzell, Carl Hortert, Joe Jablonski, Jennifer, Pat Johnston, Kathleen, Kim, Megan Kingsley, Stanley Klara, Mike Konieczny, Emily Krause, Dorothy Lazar, Harry Leyland, Stephanie Lloyd, Bill Lytle, Matthew, Tina, Christopher, Patrick and Earl, Wyatt Maksin, Ed Mezgorski, Trevor Mueller, Bruno Muscatello, Ed Pawlowicz, Pam Phillips, Richard Polcsak, Mary Rice, Mae Rothen, Bill Rotunda, Judy Roudybush, Elaine Schmidt, Mary Sheppeck, Bill Shewalter, Margaret Shulik, Norma Slater, Barney Slupe, Carolyn Smolen, Raymond Vissari, Rich Weingold, Rita West, Ed Wilbert, those in the military and for all special intentions in your prayers.

St. Paul Catholic Women and Christian Mothers

Luncheon and Attic Sale: Everyone is invited to attend a Fall Luncheon and Attic Treasure Sale on Saturday, October 18th from 9am to 3pm at the K of C Hall on North St. in Butler. Door prizes, crafters, a Chinese Auction, Bake Sale and 50/50 raffle, soup and salad lunch are included. Proceeds help provide scholarships for Butler Catholic School. Hope to see you there!