



# 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** – 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month; during the 12:00 Mass on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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)

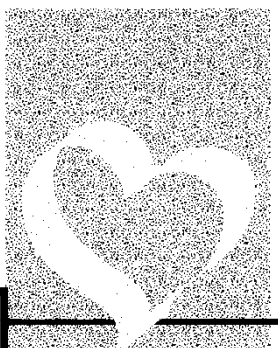
**PARISH MEMBERSHIP:** Registration forms available in vestibule. Complete and place in the collection basket or call the office.

## Twenty-ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time

October 19, 2008

Lord answer my call! Hear me!

The Pharisees plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech.  
"Teacher, tell us, is it lawful to pay Caesar or not?"  
Jesus replied, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin."  
Jesus said to them,



**GIVE TO CAESAR  
WHAT IS CAESAR'S**

**BUT GIVE TO GOD  
WHAT IS GOD'S**

Say to all the nations:  
The LORD is King, he governs the peoples with equity.

**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 18, Twenty-ninth Ordinary Sunday**

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

**SUNDAY, October 19, 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)

**MONDAY, October 20, Weekday**

6:55am-MERIDIAN †Gerry Colangeli  
(Jim & Cooky Diamond)  
†Daniel Burke  
(Wife, Loretta & Family)

**TUESDAY, October 21, Weekday**

8:00am-LYNDORA †Rudy Popovic – Birthday Remb.  
(Wife, Mary)  
†Elizabeth Korcheck  
(Joseph B. Spring, Sr. & Son, Joe)

**WEDNESDAY, October 22, Weekday**

\*\*\*5:30pm – LYNDORA †Ed Natali  
(Chuck Natali)  
†Faithful Departed Remembrance

**THURSDAY, October 23, Weekday**

8:00am – LYNDORA †Walter Natali – Anniv. Remb.  
(Wife)  
†Marianne Banchansky  
(Helen Russo & Carl)

**FRIDAY, October 24, Weekday**

6:55am - MERIDIAN †George Kelly, Sr.  
(Paul Uram Family)  
†Ray Pribis – Anniv. Remb.  
(Richard Pribis Family)

**SATURDAY, October 25, Thirtieth Ordinary Sunday**

4:00pm-LYNDORA †Charles Kiern  
(Brother, Frank)  
6:30pm-MERIDIAN † “Shorty” Coyle  
(Jim & Cooky Diamond)

**SUNDAY, October 26, Thirtieth Sunday Ordinary Time**

8:00am-MERIDIAN ♥ Don & Jane Croll –  
45<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
9:00am-LYNDORA †Tony & Mary Yurkovich  
(Mary Ann & Ruth)  
10:30am-MERIDIAN †Bernard Gajewski  
(Mary Semler)  
12:00N-MERIDIAN †Living and Deceased  
\*\*\*5:30pm-MERIDIAN Special Intention

**\*\*\*Please note:** On Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, there will be an anointing Mass at Lyndora at 5:30pm in lieu of morning Mass. Also, the Youth Group will have a teen Mass on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend!

**MINISTER’S SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY, October 25, 2008**

**4:00PM Lyndora**  
Lector: Carol Pawlowicz  
Euch Min: M. Schmidt, J. Graham, D. Elli  
Altar Server: Savannah McIntrye

**6:30PM Meridian**  
Lector: John Morgan  
Euch. Min: G. Payung, N. Martonik, S. Rodack  
Altar Server: J. Cratty, E. & E. Barber

**SUNDAY, October 26, 2008**

**8:00 AM Meridian**  
Lector: Rose McDannell  
Euch. Min: J. Srock, J. & D. Croll  
Altar Servers: C. & B. Fiorina, P. Rumbaugh

**9:00 AM Lyndora**  
Lector: Dave Savage  
Euch. Min: R. Pawlowicz, B. & J. Goettler  
Altar Server: Matthew Rekich

**10:30 AM Meridian**  
Lector: Alvin Vavro  
Euch. Min: P. Werner, S. & K. Smith, J. Pepmeyer,  
P. Henricks, J. Soldner, B. Jarecki  
Altar Servers: E. Soldner, P., P., L., K. Kletzli

**12:00 Noon Meridian**  
Lector: John Swidzinski  
Euch. Min: K. Pappas, E. Peth, L. Howard  
Altar Servers: M. Weiland, J. & J. Ferguson

**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.**

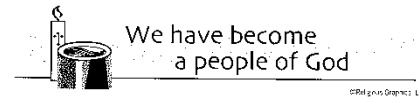
“OUR RELATIONSHIP TO GOD”

The readings for the 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time remind us of our dependence upon God. We hear in today’s readings how both the ancient Israelites and the early Christians often lost focus of this important lesson in the human-divine relationship.

The first reading comes from the prophet who scholars refer to as “Second Isaiah.” This prophet lived during Israel’s exile in Babylon (587-538 BC), and his words are found in Isaiah 40-55. We name this prophet “Second Isaiah” because, while we do not know his actual name, we do recognize that his theology was very much in line with the “original” Isaiah from the southern kingdom of Judah in the eighth century BC. In today’s reading, Second Isaiah makes reference to a man named Cyrus. Cyrus was the king of Persia, and it was the Persian Empire that rose to power in the sixth century BC. The Persians eventually conquered the Babylonian Empire. The success of King Cyrus and the Persian Empire resulted in the release of the Israelites from exile in Babylon. In the battle between the two powerful empires of the sixth century BC, Second Isaiah saw the hand of God at work. For this prophet of the Babylonian Empire, it was the God of Israel who facilitated Persia’s rise to power that led to the defeat of Babylon. With God at the center of history orchestrating the rise and fall of empires, Second Isaiah realized how all nations were dependent upon God. In the rise and fall of empires, Babylon and Persia saw firsthand what Second Isaiah already knew about the God of Israel: “I am the LORD and there is no other, there is no God besides me.”

Over the past few Sundays, the Gospel readings have been narrating the public debates between Jesus and the religious leaders of Jerusalem. The chief priest and elders have been questioning Jesus’ authority, and today the Pharisees try to “entrap Jesus in speech.” The Pharisees sent their disciples to trick Jesus into a position that would be seen as challenging the Roman tax system. Such a public challenge to the Roman census tax would have had grave consequences. But Jesus escapes this trap by his singular focus on our dependency on God. Rather than repaying taxes, we ought to repay “to God what belongs to God.” The second reading from Paul is the opening words to his First Letter to the Thessalonians. This Pauline letter is widely held to be the earliest piece of written literature in the New Testament, produced in the year AD 50. Paul opens his letter with words of thanksgiving to the Christian community in the city of Thessalonica. We hear in today’s reading an early variation of Paul’s famous mantra of “faith, hope and love.” Paul writes of the Thessalonians’ “work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ.” In other words, Paul begins his letter by acknowledging and affirming the dependence upon God shown by the Thessalonians. Paul knew the importance of supporting the positive aspects of these early Christian

communities. Like so many of our Christian communities today, true leadership continues to accentuate the positive, reinforcing that what we believe and how we live is rooted in the work of the Holy Spirit, needing to be proclaimed “with much conviction.”



**St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Sunday**

The van will be parked at **Lyndora** to pick up your donations next Saturday, from 3:00 to 4:00 pm and next Sunday from 8:30 to 9:00am. In **Meridian** next Saturday, from 6:00pm to 6:30pm and next Sunday 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!



**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.

**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. The final two classes are November 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

**Confirmation at St. Fidelis** is November 6<sup>th</sup>. Please keep our Confirmandi in your prayers that their hearts are opened to the coming of the Holy Spirit.

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

**A Healing/Anointing Mass** will be held Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30pm at Lyndora. There will be refreshments after the Mass.

<b>WEEKLY OFFERTORY</b>	
<b>Income – 10/12/08</b>	<b>\$11,084.50</b>
<b>Building Improvement Campaign (BIC)</b>	<b>\$2,861.00</b>
<b>Parish Share - 2008</b>	<b>\$785.00</b>

**World Mission Sunday:** There will be a second collection for the missions today. Your donations will help support the missions and missionaries of the church throughout the world. Please be as generous as your means permit.

**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 19 – Ellen Wehr

**Born to new life:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Norma J. Slater who passed away recently.

**Soup Sale Fundraiser:** Don't forget to stop by the parish hall and pick up your soup this weekend. There are limited amounts of soups available for those who didn't place an order.

**Butler Catholic School Winter Wonderland Auction:**  
Tickets will be sold after all Masses for two great raffles!  
\$1.00 – chance for a \$500 Sheetz card  
\$2.00 – chance for a \$1,000 Giant Eagle card.

**Holy Hour for Peace** will be held at St. Paul, Butler, beginning at 7pm on Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. Included are Prayers to Our Mother of Perpetual Help, prayer for vocations, rosary and Benediction.

**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, Carl Fry, 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, Helen Reindl, Mary Rice, Bill Rotunda, Judy Roudybush, Elaine Schmidt, Mary Sheppeck, Bill Shewalter, Margaret Shulik, Barney Slupe, Carolyn Smolen, Raymond Vissari, Rich Weingold, Rita West, Ed Wilbert, those in the military and for all special intentions in your prayers.



### **R. E. NEWS BEE:**

Sun. Oct. 19: 8am Mass/Confirmandi  
9-12:00 Confirmation Retreat  
9am Pre-5  
Mon. Oct. 20: 6pm Pre-5  
Sun. Oct. 26: 9am Pre-5 Fall Fest  
6:30-8:30 Grades 6-8  
Paul, Pumpkins and Prayer  
Mon. Oct. 27: 6pm Pre-5 Fall Fest

### **Youth Group Scoop**

2009 Mission Trip Meeting: Monday, Oct. 20 at 6 pm in the CCD Hall. Anyone who plans to go on this Mission Trip, needs to attend this meeting. Important information will be discussed.

YG Meeting: Wed., Oct. 22. Thanks to all of the youth that made a monetary donation to Marge Vincent's Honduras Mission. We were able to purchase two water filters (\$70) for the people of Honduras.

Middle School Faith Rally: ALL youth in grades 6-8 are highly encouraged to attend this great night at St. Fidelis. Registration is required. Forms are in the back of church or you can contact me. Jamie Dillon and Cooper Ray (nationally renowned Catholic recording artist) will perform. The night will include music, fun and faith witness. If you register before Oct 24 you will receive a T-shirt for a cost of \$10. After Oct. 24, the cost is \$15. Parents are encouraged to attend and you are FREE! Concession will be open and raffle tickets will be available for an **iPod Nano!** Adults are needed to help with the concession and the raffle. Email me if you can help.

Teen Mass: All parishioners are encouraged to attend this mass on Sunday, Oct 26 at 5:30 pm. World of Children will be performing. This a group of 25-30 youth that dress in attire representing different countries and they will sing songs of peace while performing sign language as well. This ties well into our YG theme: social justice: faith in action.

Penny Drive for the Poor: All pennies will benefit our 2009 Mission Trip.

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

Thanks to Karen & Danny Snyder for chaperoning the Haunted Hayride! Thank You!

I am planning a Family Fun Night at St. Fidelis Nov. 21. If any adult would like to help me, the planning meeting will be Monday, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Rel. Ed. Building.



### **A Divided Heart is the Heart of the Problem**

St. Fidelis will be having a parish mission November 16<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. A Passionist priest, Father Melvin Shorter will direct us on our journey through this mission.

Our faith requires us to step out of the rat race for renewal and refreshment. Please plan to attend.