

ST. MARY CHURCH – GROVEPORT, OHIO - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2010

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	David Hetterscheidt by Family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Jerry Jenkins by Ron & Rosie Shinoskie
	11:00 a.m.	For the Parish Family
Monday	8:30 a.m.	Novena & Rosary
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Karen Burkhart by Pat Jenkins
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	John & Deceased Members of the Burkhart Family by Rita Minyo
Thursday	8.30 a.m.	Jack Krauss by Phil & Jeanne Feldmeier
Friday	8:30 a.m.	Ann Cleary by M/M Larry Hilbert
	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Lee Nowak by Mike Nowak
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Bob & Jo Hasbrook by Family
	11:00 a.m.	For the Parish Family

THIS WEEKEND

SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Brian Ropchock
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Nathan Gawarecki, Allison Dorion, Lucas Dorion
	11:00 a.m.	Connie Brown, Seth Brown, Jacqueline Brown

NEXT WEEKEND

Brian Ropchock
 Karen Kitchell, Andre Bradley, Jessie Slone
 Kennedy Goldenbagen, Erick Starkey, Alex Seidlertz

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Al Nehr, Annamarie Carlson
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Colleene Weiser, JoEllen Stebelton
	11:00 a.m.	Patricia Raynak, John Jones

Sandy Crites, Becky DeVillers
 Ken Koebel, Mark Dorion
 Cindy Kinch, John Rose

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Sandy Crites, Mary Miles, Mark Widman, Marty Severino, Jeneane Miles	Shawna Gentile, Jerry Miles, Marilyn O'Linn, Phil Feldmeier, Mary Miles
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Carolyn Veit, JoEllen Stebelton, Mary Slone, Rosemarie Watters, Karen Kitchell	Christine Boucher, Pat Jenkins, Nancy Grilli, Irene Fagan, Howard Watters
	11:00 a.m.	Jean Bobst, Cindy Kinch, Dorothy Carter, Nancy Scholl, Jan Gale	Mayellen Fowler, Jean Bobst, Jan Gale, Dorothy Carter, Nancy Scholl

From The Pastor's Desk

Election or Enrollment of Names: We should be aware that Lent is about Baptism. This is especially true since the renewal of the rites of Christian Initiation. This Sunday, we celebrate the second step in Christian Initiation, election and enrollment of names. This closes the catechumenate period of formation for those who are elected. This final period is a more intense preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist). At this step, the Church (Pastor, catechists, sponsors and catechumen) judges the state of readiness of the catechumen and decides on their advancement toward the sacraments of initiation. "Thus the Church makes its 'election,' that is, the choice and admission of those catechumens who have the dispositions that make them fit to take part, at the next major celebration, in the sacraments of initiation."

"This step is called election, because the acceptance made by the Church is founded on the election by God, in whose name the Church acts. The step is also called the enrollment of names, because as a pledge of fidelity the candidates inscribe their names in the book that lists those who have been chosen for initiation." (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults).

For the remainder of Lent, they will be called the Elect and it will be the Period of Purification and Enlightenment for them during Lent. On the Second Sunday of Lent, those who are Candidates for Full Reception into the Church, will formally be called to continuing conversion. We will rejoice with them, as well as the Elect as they continue their Journey of Faith. The Scrutinies will be celebrated on the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent.

As mentioned before, Lent is about Baptism. For us who have already been initiated, we are to reflect on our promises: how we have not rejected sin in our lives; how we can follow the Lord more faithfully. We promise with the ashes, to turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel. We all know that is easier said than done. The Sacrament of Baptism was also known as "Second Baptism," because if we fall away from our Baptismal promises, we need renewal. Lent is a time to be aware of our sin and to be renewed. We are all called to pray for the elect as they prepare for the Sacraments of Initiation. We do this not only with the Rites of Election and the Scrutinies but the Elect, especially of our parish, should be in our prayers during this holy season.

Stations of the Cross has been a devotion that has been encouraged by our Franciscan Brothers. There is a set of Stations in the missal (page 243) and we have copies also in the vestibule, which are to be used in church. We might follow the ancient tradition of reflecting on the Passion as we journey the Stations. This year would be good to use the Passion according to Luke (22:14-23: 56).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, February 21– Dt 26:4-10 / Rom 10:8-13 / Lk 4:1-13

Monday, February 22 –1 Pt 5:1-4 / Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday, February 23 – Is 55:10-11 / Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday, February 24 – Jon 3:1-10 / Lk 11:29-32

Thursday, February 25– Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 / Mt 7:7-12

Friday, February 26 – Ez 18:21-28 / Mt 5:20-26

Saturday, February 27– Dt 26:16-19 / Mt 5:43-48

Sunday, February 28 –Gn 15:5-12, 17-18 / Phil 3:17—4:1 / Lk 9:28b-36

OUR GIFTS TO GOD AND CHURCH

February 13/14: Sunday Offering - \$3862.50 Haiti - \$3.00

Catholic Times - \$762.18 Black & Indian Missions - \$70.00

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This weekend we will be collecting for the Black and Indian Missions in the United States. Please use the envelope in your packet or mark your check or envelope, Black and Indian Missions. Thank you for your support!

Operation Rice Bowl

As part of our faith community's Lenten observance, we will participate in Catholic Relief Service's Lenten Program, Operation Rice Bowl. For 35 years, operation Rice Bowl has inspired Catholics in the U.S. to pray, fast, learn, and give as we increase our understanding of our global community and connect that with the principles of Catholic Social Teaching throughout our Lenten journey. We encourage you to participate in Operation Rice Bowl at home with your family and loved ones.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society has a food pantry basket in the vestibule. For the month of **February** we are requesting **paper towels & toilet paper**.

This weekend is the SVDP Third Sunday Collection!

Craft Club is in need of fleece scraps and ¾"-1" flat buttons. If you would like to donate these items, please put them in the P.S.R. Office in the back of church. Craft Club will meet this Tuesday, February 23, from 10:00a.m.-2:00p.m. Everyone is welcome to share in the fun and potluck! Any questions, please call Rosemarie Watters, 491-6978.

The Forever Young Club will be going to the Cathedral this Tuesday, February 23. Please meet in the Church parking lot at 11:00 a.m. if you plan to attend.

Easter Choir: Practices begin this Wednesday, February 24, at 7:00 p.m. All seasoned members, and anyone who would like to join us, are welcome to be a part of this choir. This is a great opportunity to prepare during Lent for the Resurrection of Christ.

Hugs and Prayers – Please remember in Prayer those of our parish family and friends who at this time are hospitalized, ill, or recovering: Rosa Alonzo, Tyler Bodnar, Kelly Brothers, Margaret Devlin, Albert Elizondo, David Elizondo, Jessica Elkins, Giuseppe Fazio, Pete Fowler, Ben Garrison, John Gentile, Dale Henry, Tara Hetterscheidt, Theresa Hill, Bill & Agnes Hillis, Barb Kellenbarger, Betty Lucijanac, Maria Mayes, Vince Mennetti, Anthony Neuherz, Bill Schmidt, Bernie Sokolowski, Olive Stirrop, and Dave Verbance.

Lent is a penitential time. We will have two more Communal Penance Services during Lent: March 12 & 26. We have two forms of the Sacrament available to us. If we need to discuss or have a major change in our lives, we should use the Rite of Reconciliation of Individual Penitents. Otherwise, we can use the rite of Reconciliation of Several Penitents (Communal Penance Service). Since we are taking care of many

penitents, I always recommend that the penitents mention only one sin unless they have serious sin. Individual Reconciliation is available after Saturday Evening Mass or anytime by appointment. Lent is a special time to celebrate this Sacrament.

You are encouraged to attend the following Lenten Services:

Friday, February 26	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Tuesday, March 2	1:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Friday, March 5	5:30 p.m.	Soup Supper
	7:00 p.m.	Student Stations of the Cross
Friday, March 12	7:00 p.m.	Penance Service
Tuesday, March 16	6:30 p.m.	Lenten Program on Women in Scripture
Friday, March 19	7:00 p.m.	Mass - Solemnity of St. Joseph
Friday, March 26	7:00 p.m.	Penance Service

A special thank you to the Sterling Property Management (Ignash Family), for clearing the lot for our parish when it snows. This is a greatly appreciated gift to our parish.

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