

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of February 14, 2010

Sunday, February 14

9:00 am – Parishioners of St Francis of Assisi Parish

11:00 am – Special Intention (Sue Cruickshank)

Monday, February 15

NO MASS

Tuesday, February 16

6:00 pm – Carol McCabe (Dan & Jackie Emch)

Wednesday, February 17 – Ash Wednesday

6:00 pm – Marian Kulewicz (Tom Kulewicz)

Thursday, February 18

6:00 pm – Harry Whittlatch (John & Joan Randolph)

Friday, February 19

6:00 pm – For Peace in Our World

Saturday, February 20

NO MASS

Sunday, February 21

9:00 am – Parishioners of St Francis of Assisi Parish

11:00 am – Tom & Joan Gorman & Kathleen Rurak
(Gorman Family)

Schedule of Liturgical Ministries

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

Feb 14 – 9 am – Frank Conway, Bill Keller

11 am – Jackie Emch, Dan Emch

Feb 21 – 9 am – Sam Hulett, Mary Jo Hulett

11 am – Sandy Glasner, Ariana Gremling

Servers

Feb 14 – 9 am – Chris Paisley

11 am – Anthony Bocija, Pat Cassidy

Feb 21 – 9 am – Lynn Willford

11 am – Jack Cotting, Pat Cassidy

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

Feb 14 – 9 am – Sam Hulett; 11 am – Pat Cassidy

Feb 21 – 9 am – Susan Kyanko; 11 am – Jim Gremling

Lectors

Feb 14 – 9 am – Dan Kerscher, Katherine Kriedermann

11 am – Susie Sarwark, Gretchen Rivera

Feb 21 – 9 am – Lorri Kuczynski, Leslie Main

11 am – Julie Byrne, Louise Celebrezze

Eucharistic Ministers

Feb 14 – 9 am – Leslie Main, Steven Hillyer, Rick Miller

11 am – Marilyn Smith, Lori Tocorzic, Julie Byrne

Feb 21 – 9 am – Chris Paisley, Gretchen Rivera, Jan Rosenfield; 11 am -- Sue Cruickshank, Isabel Tonneman, Dan Tonneman

JOIN Ash Wednesday Collection

The proceeds of our Ash Wednesday offertory collection will be contributed to J.O.I.N (Joint Organization for Inner-city Needs) of the Columbus Diocese, operating under Catholic Charities. JOIN provides emergency assistance to the poor and vulnerable in Franklin and surrounding counties in the form of food, prescription help, utilities, infant needs, identification papers, transportation, eyeglasses, burial assistance, senior items, and referrals.

Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

TODAY, Sunday, February 14

- St Francis Seniors, 2 pm, hall

Tuesday, February 16

- Monthly Mass at Westminster Thurber, 11 am
- St Vincent dePaul organizational meeting, 7 pm, hall

Wednesday, February 17 – Ash Wednesday

- RCIA, 7 pm, hall
- Finance Council, 7 pm

Thursday, February 18

- Bible Study at Westminster Thurber, 1:30 pm
- Bible Study, 7 pm, hall

Looking Ahead ... Sunday, February 21

- Baptism Workshop, 12:30 pm

Standing Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

MONTHLY

First Sunday – Hospitality Sunday, after each Mass

First Monday – Flytown Men, 6 pm

First Tuesday – Parish Council, 7 pm

Second Sunday – St Francis Seniors, 2 pm

Second Monday – Women's Group, 7 pm

Second Tuesday – Flytown Women, 12 noon

Third Sunday – Baptism Workshop, 12:30 pm

Fourth Sunday – Secular Order Franciscans, 1-5 pm

Fourth Tuesday – Spirituality Network Board, 6:30 pm

WEEKLY

Tuesday – Knitting Group, 6:30 pm

Wednesdays – RCIA, 7 pm

Thursdays – Bible Study, 7 pm

Note -- This schedule is subject to change, depending on the need for parish-wide events.

Parish News and Information

Mandatory Ministry Rededication Sessions ...

Mandatory Ministry rededication sessions will be held in January and February, for all liturgical ministers. **These sessions will last around an hour and will be held in the church following both the 9 am and 11 am Masses.** The dates and ministry to be covered are:

TODAY – Feb 14 – Crucifers. These sessions are for all existing and new ministry volunteers.

Our St Vincent dePaul Society is reorganizing! If you would like to learn more, please plan to attend an informational meeting on **Tuesday, Feb 16, at 7 pm** in the church hall. Bill Sparks, president of the diocesan SVDP Society, will be present to share guidelines about successful strategies for our organization. Dennis Smith is available after each Mass today and next week with a sign-up sheet and to answer questions.

LENT BEGINS IN 3 DAYS. Lenten Journals are now available at the entrance of the church. \$4 donation per copy is suggested. Lenten prayer aids also available on Ash Wed.

Residents of Westminster-Thurber ... Ashes will be distributed by Jay Jackson of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in the chapel at 1:30PM on Ash Wednesday, February 17.

Parish Council Notes – February 2010

Pastoral Reflections ~ for February 14, 2010

Today's Gospel account of the Sermon on the Plain invites us to see Christ on the level ground of our lives. In the level ground of our parish life, we have seen, during this past week, (in addition to those women, men, and children who regularly clean the church, count the Sunday offering, minister in our liturgies, train our ministers, catechize and companion our candidates for initiation, catechize our children, support our singing, prepare and serve food & drink, minister to the sick and the homebound, parent their children, attend to the care of aging parents, provide guidance as members of Councils – Pastoral & Finance) -- Paul, Terri, and Sam Khoury, who along with Mike Schmidt heroically cleared our walkways of snow and ice; Denny & Marty Ring who organized and labeled 600 books for our new parish library; David Burgess, and Therese Terndrup, along with Leslie Main, who coordinated the food, activities, volunteers, and a host of other details for a successful Pasta Dinner; and those who accepted nomination for three years of service on our Parish Pastoral Council, along with those who organized the election process. As we see Christ blessing the work of these who stand in our midst on level ground, let us all join their efforts in Kingdom work. ~ Fr. Ron

Parish News and Information

We welcome to our parish community, through the Sacrament of Baptism – *Hunter Michael Spiert*, son of parishioners Michael Spiert and Carrie Soder Spiert, along with his cousin *Derek Bradley Sodor*, son of parishioners Brad Soder and Janelle Barnes Soder. The cousins were baptized at the 11 am Mass on Sunday, February 7. Congratulations!

TODAY, we welcome *Grace Carolyn Elliott*, daughter of parishioners Brian and Maria Elliott, and *Jane Frances Wootten*, daughter of parishioners Matthew and Sheryl Wootten, who were baptized at the 11 am Mass today. Congratulations to these newest members of our family of faith!

WOMEN'S RETREAT. . . Wide-eyed Wonder and Cowboy Boots. The Women's Retreat will focus on nourishing the childlike faith that Jesus desires for us. Stories, journaling, remembering, art, and play will be a part of the day. This day of reflection in nature will be held at Dee's home on **Saturday, February 27, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.** The retreat is limited to a maximum of 15 participants, \$15 charge for lunch/supplies. The Retreat will be led by Dee Brune (740-881-6324), Mary Ann Kerscher (614-457-1314), and Bobbi Gill. Questions? Call one of us.

BLOOD DRIVE. You can change a life. Give blood on **Sunday March 14** any time from 8am to 2pm. To schedule an appointment call Mary Ann Kerscher at 614.457.1314 (email is napaker@wowway.com) or Lorri Kuczynski at 614.291.-4666 (email is lorrik09@gmail.com).

For a Catholic perspective, the **Catholic Times** weekly newspaper features insightful and informative news from around our diocese, our country, and the world. Sign up (or renew), by placing your *Catholic Times* envelope with only \$17 (parish rate) into the regular Mass collection. Checks should be made payable to St. Francis of Assisi Church. As an evangelization tool, Bishop Campbell encourages every Catholic household to receive the *Catholic Times*.

BREAKING NEWS ... Parish Council Election Results – The following were elected to parish council – **Andrew Bremer, Ruth Friedman, David Belcastro, Amy Knight, and Chris Stenger.** They will begin their terms with the March meeting. Congratulations to these five, and thanks to all whose names were on the ballot!

MEETING NOTES ... Sr. Barbara led a discussion regarding how to find energy of new parish members. Volunteerism is one way. Apparently several members who registered online have not been contacted because of a gap in communication. It was suggested that a series of bulletin announcements be used to notify all new members to be sure to contact the rectory to be sure they are officially registered. They will be offered a meeting with Sr. Barbara and with the WEAT (Welcoming, Engaging, and Affirming Team) representatives. Jan Rosenfield suggested a sign up table be available on Hospitality Sundays.

Election Information ... Rick Miller will have the templates for the election process so they can be used for subsequent elections. Fr. Ron asked for the departing members to make them selves available to with the transition to new members.

Council Retreat ... It will be held on March 13. Sr. Noreen Malone has graciously offered to lead the discernment again this year.

Spiritual Life ... Rick Miller reported that training of the ministries has gone well. Make up sessions will be held between the 9 and 11am Masses.

Grounds and Facilities ... Mike Schmidt wanted to be sure to recognize the tremendous amount of help provided by Lorri Kuczynski.

Welcoming, Engaging, and Affirming (WEAT) ... A meeting of new members is planned. The Women's retreat is scheduled for Feb. 27 at Dee Brune's house. There was a knitting meeting at 6:30 pm on Jan. 26 and Feb. 2.

Social Justice ... Theri Brady spoke about Compassionate Communication seminars. Pat Cassidy talked about the B.R.E.A.D. rally scheduled for 4/12. Nehemiah Action Meeting is scheduled for 5/3 at Vets. Memorial.

Education ... Katherine Kriedermann discussed the soup suppers. She has distributed a sign up for volunteers to provide soup. This will be augmented by council members as follows -- Feb. 24 –WEAT... March 3 -- Social Justice ... March 10 -- Spiritual Life ... March 17-- Facilities and Grounds ... March 24 – RCIA ... and March 31 -- all council members.

Life in the parish ... Mike Schmidt asked that we look into having more Hospitality Sundays. All noted that the parish hall is being used more often. Next meeting scheduled for March 2 where we will have five new members.

~ Respectfully submitted by Tom Main

Ash Wednesday ... is NOT a holy day of obligation. It is however, a day of fast and abstinence. Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal, with two smaller meals that – added together – may not equal one full meal. Moreover, eating solid foods between meals on a fast day is not permitted. Abstinence from meat (beast or fowl) prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs or milk products. Catholics who are between the ages of 18-59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Catholics 14 years of age and older are obliged to abstain from meat.