

# Holy Spirit Church

## First Sunday in Lent

### February 17, 2013



**Saturday, February 16**

**Vigil Mass for First Sunday in Lent**

5:00 p.m. Duane Joseph Erney (William J. Dross)

**Sunday, February 17, First Sunday of Lent**

Readings: 24: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-15/  
Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

8:00 a.m. Grace Podolski (Rose Hahn)

11:00 a.m. Elizabeth Zag (Jim, Ann & Jason Pitten)

**Monday, February 18**

Readings: 224: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8-10, 15/  
Mt 25:31-46

9:00 a.m. Jeffrey Butz (Dick and Carol Berger)

**Tuesday, February 19**

Readings: 225: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-7, 16-19/Mt 6:7-15

8:15 a.m. Fr. James Smith (Parish Gift)

**Wednesday, February 20**

Readings: 226: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/  
Lk 11:29-32

8:30 a.m. Jim Herbert (Al Roehrenbeck)

**Thursday, February 21, St. Peter Damian, bishop**

Readings: 227: Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8/  
Mt 7:7-12

8:15 a.m. Carol Lowery (Bob and Wanda Smith)

**Friday, February 22, The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle**

Readings: 535: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-6/Mt 16:13-19

8:15 a.m. Raymond Lach (Anne Lach)

**Saturday, February 23**

**Vigil Mass for Second Sunday in Lent**

5:00 p.m. Evangelista Canini (Elena Canini)

**Sunday, February 24, Second Sunday of Lent**

Readings: 229: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14/  
Phil 3:17-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

8:00 a.m. John J. Higgins (Rob Schrader)

11:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish

6:00 p.m. Jacob Zang (Parish Gift)

**Monday, February 18, 2013:** The parish office will be closed on Monday, February 18, the Presidents' Day National Holiday. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. in the Day Chapel. The office will reopen Tuesday morning at 8:00 a.m.

**Lent** The Liturgy of Lent: The season of Lent brings changes to the way we normally experience the celebration of Sunday Mass (or the weekday Mass for that matter.)

- Hymns of Lent are less celebratory, shorter in duration.
- The "Gloria" and "Alleluia" are excluded from the Lenten Mass.
- During Lent, no closing (recessional) hymn is sung (this is an optional choice, at every Mass, but during Lent, it adds to the somber nature of the Liturgy).
- The sanctuary is devoid of decoration; purple (or violet) replaces the green of Ordinary Time.

## From the Pastor's Desk...

The event for the Church is both stunning and striking. The resignation of Pope Benedict XVI from the throne of St. Peter is not unique in Church history. In more recent history, it does represent a departure from past practice and tradition. His remarkable decision does recognize the realities of his health and stamina. Pope Benedict felt that he simply could no longer govern and direct the Church universal as the times demanded.

Commenters have remarked that his resignation is both an act of courage and humility. He can withstand the criticism that he refused to age and suffer in office, as did his many predecessors, especially John Paul II. He (and God) alone know the demands of leadership for the Catholic Church. He witnessed at close hand the last difficult years of his predecessor. Calling on the guidance of the Spirit and direction of his conscience, Benedict decided to set power aside, allowing a successor with better health in younger years to assume the burden of governance. I firmly believe that we need to support this decision with prayerful gratitude and no small measure of admiration.

The Church is under the protection and direction of the Holy Spirit. We Catholics will once again witness the transfer of power in a way unique to governments and various religions around the world. I believe with great confidence that God heard the prayers of the Servant of the servants of God. We confidently trust that Pope Benedict, by this decision, has moved the Church in a good direction for these times. We offer to God prayers of gratitude and hope for a peaceful retirement. It is a state of life and grace that he has earned. We pray for a new Pope.

With best wishes,  
Fr. Bill Arnold

**This Week in Lent at Holy Spirit Parish:** Daily Mass is celebrated at 8:15 a.m. in the Day Chapel with the exception of Wednesday's Mass, which will be held at 8:30 a.m. in the Church with the school community.

**Confessions** will be with the school community on February 19 at 1:00 p.m. All are welcome.

**A Simple Soup Supper** will take place on Wednesday, February 20, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall followed by **Stations of the Cross** at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

**Stations of the Cross** will also be held this Friday, February 22, at 1:15 p.m. with the school community in the Church.

**Bring extra coins** to Mass this weekend for the Second Collection for the benefit of the Community Kitchen at Holy Rosary/St. John the Evangelist on S. Ohio Avenue.



## IN OUR PARISH

- **Wednesday, February 20** - Festival Steering Committee meeting in Parish Office at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.
- **Thursday, February 21** - Bell Choir practice at 6:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, February 21** - Parish Council Meeting in the Parish Office at 7:00 p.m.

**Reflective Prayer Experience:** Come and join us for a special time with the Lord; in Reflective Prayer. Reflective Prayer involves the reading of a passage from Sacred Scripture, time for quiet reflection, and the opportunity for group sharing. This month, our passage will be from Psalm 31. Please join us in the Day Chapel at 1:00 p.m. this Wednesday, February 20.



### CRS Rice Bowl: For Lent, For Life:

Pope Benedict XVI has declared this year "The Year of Faith." It is an intentional time for Catholics to deepen our faith in Christ. This Lent, the invitation is to focus on how to

enhance, renew, and develop our relationship with Jesus. The CRS Rice Bowl is a way to encounter Jesus through others, especially the most vulnerable around the world. Using the Rice Bowl materials, participants prepare to celebrate Christ's resurrection by reflecting and acting on His mission of Love for those in need. They pray together; give things up, or fast, in solidarity with those who hunger; learn about our global community and challenges of hunger and poverty around the world; and give sacrificial donations to those in need. Please take a Rice Bowl if you have not already done so.

**Happy Spirits:** The next meeting is February 21, 2013. To avoid conflicting time with school lunches, please do not arrive before 1:00 p.m. Lunch will occur after setup, approximately 1:45. Following lunch, we will be entertained by one of our own; Hazel Reynolds will sing and play the guitar. Discussion of future Happy Spirits events will be postponed until the March meeting. Please plan to attend.

### Parish Offertory Summary: February 9 & 10

Offertory Envelopes (184)	\$ 7,600.16
Loose offerings	\$ 384.00
St. Vincent de Paul (9)	\$ 201.00
Capital Improvement/Maintenance (13)	\$ 297.00
Catholic Times (33)	\$ 564.00
Home Missions (3)	\$ 48.00
Solemnity of Mary (1)	\$ 1.00
Candles	\$ 69.01
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 9,164.17</b>



**School Happenings!**

**Monday, February 18** - NO SCHOOL - Presidents' Day

**Tuesday, February 19** - Sacrament of Reconciliation for grades 3 through 8

**Friday, February 22** - Stations of the Cross at 1:15 p.m.



• **Sunday, February 17** - High School meeting from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Learn information about the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis on November 21-23, 2013! Go to [ncyc.nfcym.org](http://ncyc.nfcym.org) for more information

• **Sunday, February 24** - Praise and Worship Youth Mass, Praise and worship starts at 5:50 p.m. Come early and stay after Mass for light refreshments!

### Summertime: Save the Dates!

- **June 21-23** - Steubenville for those who have signed up
- **June 24-28** - Summer Camp, more info to come!
- **July 14-18** - Gospel Road - This is a great way to get your service hours!
- **TBA** - Diocesan-wide Ultimate Frisbee Tournaments!

**Holy Spirit Preschool:** Our Holy Spirit Preschool is now taking registration for the 2013-2014 school year. All interested families can pick up registration forms and information packets in our School Office or Parish Office. You can also get information and a registration form on our website at [www.holy-spirit-school.com/preschool](http://www.holy-spirit-school.com/preschool). Please contact Anne Heinmiller at 861-4559 or [ahainmil@cducation.org](mailto:ahainmil@cducation.org) for more information. We have already received a number of registrations and we don't want our school and parish families to miss out!

**Holy Spirit Parishioners:** Please help our school win a \$10,000 grant! We have an awesome proposal on NBC4 and we need your vote **today and everyday** until March 13th. If we would win, the money would be put towards *touchpad technology* (iPads, Kindle Fire), which would be used in the classrooms. You can vote through NBC4 Facebook Fan page or by visiting [www.NBC4makeadifference.com](http://www.NBC4makeadifference.com). Please ask all of your friends and family to help us out by voting once a day. We appreciate you taking time each day to help us win.

**Holy Spirit School Spaghetti Dinner:** The School Board at Holy Spirit Catholic School would like to invite you to a spaghetti dinner immediately following the 11:00 a.m. Mass on February 24, 2013, from 12:00-2:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The meal includes spaghetti with homemade sauce, meatballs, green beans, salad, roll and dessert! Adults are \$7.00, children 10 and under are \$5, \$25 family maximum. Available for dine-in or "to-go."

**Marian Council #3864 Knights of Columbus Fish Fry:** The K of C will be serving its famous fish dinners as always on all Fridays of Lent except Good Friday, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Come for the best fish (Perch) dinners in town - French fries, Cole slaw, macaroni & cheese and more for only \$8! Soft drinks, coffee or alcoholic beverages reasonably priced; child and family rates also available. Hall located at the corner of Yearling and Main Street, in Whitehall - extra parking east of building.

**Grief Support Group:** Seton Parish is offering a seven-week grief support group. This program is designed for adults who are grieving the loss of a loved one through death. All are welcome to attend no matter how long ago that death has occurred; there is no time frame for grieving. This Support Group will be held at Seton Parish beginning Wednesday, March 6, 2013, and ending in April. The time will be 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. For further information and/or registration, please call the church office at 833-0482.

**Community Kitchen is in Need:** Please consider making a donation of the following items: plastic food gloves, heavy duty large garbage bags, sugar and creamer packets, salt and pepper packets, onion and garlic powder, toilet paper, napkins, ketchup, mustard and hot sauce. They are also in need of used silverware; **forks and spoons only**, no knives needed. Please be generous. A box will be placed in the back of the church marked "Community Kitchen."

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