

Second Sunday of Lent
March 1, 2015

"If God is for us, who can be against us?" Romans 8:31b

CALENDAR OF MASSES/EVENTS

Sunday, March 1, 2015 – Rite of Penitence Second Sunday of Lent

9:00 am RCIA Class
9:00 am PREP Class – PreK-5
9:00 am **Joy of the Gospel** with Chris Greer
10:30 am Liturgy + **Dave Wilder** by: Holy Spirit
11:30 am Coffee & Donuts
11:30 am **Joy of the Gospel** with Bill Marking
4:00 pm **Joy of the Gospel** with Barbara Smith

Monday, March 2, 2015

8:00 am Liturgy + **Dot Hokinson** by: Lucy Holland
6/7 pm Potluck/Lenten Talk – Fr. Bob Tucker, SCJ
6:15 pm Boy Scouts Meet

Tuesday, March 3, 2015

8:00 am Liturgy + **Dave Wilder** by: Robert & Constance Purifoy
7:00 pm Men's Association Meeting

Wednesday, March 4, 2015

8:00 am Liturgy + **Bernice Burgess**
11:30 am Silver Saints Potluck
NO pm PRE Classes – Spring Break

Thursday, March 5, 2015

8:00 am Liturgy + by:
9:00 am **Joy of the Gospel** with Sarah Rauch
6:00 pm Next Generation Choir Practice
7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice
8:00 pm AA & Al-Anon

First Friday, March 6, 2015

8:00 am Liturgy + **Mark Nix**
6:30 pm Stations of the Cross – led by Ladies
Association
7:00 pm Soup Supper

Saturday, March 7, 2015

5:30 pm Confessions
Confessions available by appointment also 342-1073
6:00 pm Liturgy For the Parish Community

Sunday, March 8, 2015 – Daylight Savings Time Begins

Third Sunday of Lent

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NO am PREP Classes – Spring Break
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10:30 am Liturgy + by:
11:30 am Coffee & Donuts
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Priest Contact Numbers:

SERIOUS SACRAMENT EMERGENCY ONLY 901-351-6591
All other needs 662-342-1073

CHILDREN'S HOMILY
March 1 – Maria Mitchell

March 8 – Felicia Hill

Liturgy Ministry Schedule

PLEASE REMEMBER:

You are to arrive at least 20 to 30 minutes before mass is to begin. This is very important to prepare and be ready.

Saturday, March 7 – 6:00 pm

Greeter: Nancy Potts/Lori Stephens
Usher: Chris Sodd/Jean Adams
Server: Noah Sansom
Lector: Charlie Young/Liz Brown
Gift Bearer: Orive Family
Eucharistic Ministers: Don & Chris Greer/Nancy Brown

Sunday, March 8 – 10:30 am

Greeter: Ron & Shirley Henderson
Usher: Larry Goode/Gary Cannon/Brian Sajdak/Thad Sajdak
Server: Noah Sansom/Anthony Johnson/Collin Beatty
Lector: Sandra Spence/Chris Mitchell
Gift Bearer: Ludwig Family
Eucharistic Ministers: Bill & Chellie Warner/Felicia Hill/
Aime Anderson/Morgan Billingsley/Matthew Roy/LaRae W.

REMINDER: If you are unable to fulfill your ministry obligation, it is your responsibility to find someone that can serve in your place. Thank you.

PARISH SUPPORT

Needed Weekly for Budget.....	\$5,153.85
Last Week's Offering	\$5,292.36
Needed Weekly for Note Payment	\$1,626.23
Debt Reduction Last Wk.....	\$1,531.00
Community Services.....	\$ 57.00
Bread.....	\$ 50.00
Ash Wednesday.....	\$ 784.75

For the safety of our children, please do not allow your child to leave during mass without an adult. Your help is needed in caring for our Sacred Spaces, including the rest rooms. It would help us if you take a few minutes to straighten the song books in your part of the bench before you leave the church.



BULLETIN INFORMATION All material for the bulletin must be submitted to MaryAnn Nix, 662 429-7851 or holyspiritchurch@shsm.org by NOON TUESDAYS for inclusion in Sunday's bulletin.

ALTAR LINENS MINISTRY

March – Cindy Thomas

RELIGIOUS GOODS STORE

March 1 – Len Wright

March 8 – Beverly Goode

Gifted and Called – I say "yes,"
Lord

WEBSITE NEWS have you checked out the Holy Spirit website lately? Bob Johnson has been working very

hard and wanted to report that he is ready for you to take a look!! Don't forget you can view the bulletin there!!!!

Our Holy Spirit web address is:

<http://www.holyspirit-catholic.com>

CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL Your gift to the CSA supports the important ministries of our diocese. God calls each of us in a special way to Serve Him and others. These needs of our diocesan ministries are real. Your generosity in prayer and through your sacrificial gift, make it possible to provide these services, and more importantly, to bring the message of the Gospel to all people. To date **Holy Spirit** has raised **\$14,707**. For more on information about the Appeal or to donate online please visit www.jacksondiocese.org.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL Open Enrollment has begun.



The school is fully accredited by AdvancED (formerly SACS), the Mississippi Department of Education, and the National Catholic Education Association. Before school care and after school programs are available. To set up a private tour or receive additional information, please contact Principal Bridget Martin at 662 349-0900 or email her, bmartin@shsm.org.

SISTERS OF THE LIVING WORD invite you to an immersion experience March 15th thru the 19th in Holly Springs, Mississippi. If you are a single woman from 18-40, please consider joining us for a week of exploration, prayer and joy. Sr. Colette Fahrner 847-636-9822, cfahrner@slw.com.

JOY OF THE GOSPEL groups have begun. So far we have 4 groups for sure – Thursday mornings at 9:00 am with Sarah Rauch, Sunday mornings at 9:00 am with Chris Greer and Sunday mornings at 11:30 am with Bill Marking and Sunday afternoon's at 4:00 pm with Barbara Smith. **Join us!!**

LENTEN TALK AND POTLUCK this Monday, March 2 at 6:00 pm the potluck begins followed by the Lenten talk at 7:00 pm by Fr. Bob Tucker, SCJ. Be sure and keep your Lenten booklet "Preparing Ourselves for Easter through Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection" handy so you won't miss out on the many opportunities available this Lent at the different churches as well as Holy Spirit. This is the time to "turn around and believe in the Gospel".

GRIEF AND LOSS TRAINING Adapting to Change: Grief and Loss Training March 6, 2015 from 8:15 am – 12:15 pm St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, Clarksdale, MS This workshop is for anyone interested in gaining a deeper understanding of grief and loss. The speaker is Rev. Bob Willis, Bereavement Coordinator for Hospice of Oklahoma County, OK. He is the author of "The Ultimate Caregiver: Words from the Cross to the Caregiver's Heart". Workshop is sponsored by the

Health Ministry, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Jackson, MS. The workshop is free.

RSVP by March 5th to

annelizabeth.kaiser@catholiccharitiesjackson.org or (601) 213-6378.

Seriously Sick & Hospitalized

Please Pray For The Sick

Your prayers are requested for the following who are seriously ill:

Chad Greer, Shayla Johnson, Rose Caraway, Leslye Hall, Birdie Lewis (Felicia grandma), Farris Jenkins (Nancy Rachal bro-n-law), Ricky Duke (grandson), Charles Hill, John Foti (Muzzi Bro), Jerome Reed (R. Reed Dad), Nancy Rachal, Donald Barder (Tully), Glen Rogers (Williams), Bishop Houck, Bob Haas (C. Patton), Mary Griffin, Joy Smith, Olivia Leisner (C. Kreider's mom), Nobuko Allen, Meredith Hannah, , Fielder babies, Carter Brooks, Michael Caruthers, Russ Brown (Bill & Nancy son), Myriam Suarez (M. Rexroade's mom), Sherry Vowell (Ken Hoover's sis), Dan Chalk (N. French), David Poudrier (son), Sara Hewitt (Marie Smith), Robert Tully, (brother-in-law), Cass Douglas, Kim Craig (J. Davis sislaw), Sara Rexroade (Skip's mom), Carolyn Ann Hollahan (B. Kelly's sis), Linda Buechele, Josh Bixler (Bill/Liz Brown's nephew), Kevin Nelson (Jeannine nephew), Manuel (Mayra's uncle), and Jared Smith (Liz Brown). Please notify the Pastor when serious illness occurs or when hospitalization is indicated: we would like to strengthen the ill with the Eucharist and the Sacrament of the Sick (Anointing).

Lent Fast and Abstinence Begins Our Lenten Season has begun and is a time that fasting, abstinence, and almsgiving is especially encouraged. Fasting means adult Catholics over 18 and under 60 would have only one main meal with the other 2 not to equal the main meal. Abstinence (for Lenten purposes) means to exclude all meat products. Fridays in Lent are days of Abstinence.



SHEPHERD'S CENTER MARCH MEETING Shepherd's Center of Hernando will meet Thursday, March 12th, at 10 AM at Holy Spirit Church. All seniors are invited. Make plans to attend. For more information call Barbara Cleveland at 662 449 1643.

FLOCK AROUND THE BLOCK This year's annual fundraising 5K to benefit The Interfaith Council on Poverty is Saturday April 4 at 8 a.m. The race will begin in the parking lot of Trustmark Bank in Hernando, MS. You may register at Racesonline.com for \$20.00 or register the day of the race for \$25.00. Registration the day of the race will begin at 7 am. Look forward to seeing you at the race!

SOUP & STATIONS You are invited to join us every Friday evening during Lent for Stations of the Cross, followed by a soup supper. *Everyone in the parish is invited and encouraged to join in this prayerful journey with Jesus to Golgotha.* This is a wonderful family night out. For more information please call the Church Office 429-7851. We only have two slots left to lead the

stations. Families, individuals or organizations can pick either date to lead the stations.



March 6 – Ladies Association
March 13 – Knights of Columbus
March 20 – Men's Association/Morning Crew
March 27 –



2015 MOTHER/DAUGHTER PROGRAMS to learn about God's plan for growing up, becoming a woman and His gifts of sexuality, fertility, and chastity will be on Sundays, March 22 for 10-12 yr old girls and on Sunday, March 29 for 13-16 year old girls and their mothers. All programs begin at 2:00 p.m. at St. Francis Hospital in Memphis. Pre-registration is required. A registration form was in your February Holy Happenings. Register online at www.cdom.org. For more information, call Mary Pat Van Epps at Diocese of Memphis Natural Family Planning Center 901 373-1285.

Our Holy Spirit web address is:
<http://www.holyspirit-catholic.com>

WEBSITE NEWS take a few minutes this week and check out the Holy Spirit website. Bob Johnson has been working very hard and wanted to report that we are now in the 21st century!!

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Fast from indifference Feast on Love

PREGNANCY CARE RESOURCE CENTER There is a crib for donations to the Center in the Gathering Area of our church. Current needs are: Diapers (all sizes), formula, baby wipes, baby powder, shampoo, and baby wash. They can also use any gently used clothing, baby seats, and baby accessories.



WEIGHT LOSS SUPPORT GROUP Come join us Tuesday morning at 8:30 a.m. for a weigh in and sharing. You have an opportunity to weigh in each week on Tuesday or Wednesday mornings from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Liz Brown is our contact person for this adventure. 901-331-3419. **MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US EACH WEEK AS WE STRIVE TO BECOME HEALTHIER PERSONS!**

BIRTHRIGHT OF MEMPHIS Passport to the South Pacific: April 11, 2015 at Heffernan Hall at CBHS, 5900 Walnut Grove Road. Dinner provided by: Vince Morelli of the OLPH Knights of Columbus. \$50 per person. Proceeds benefits Birthright of Memphis, Inc. For more information, call 327-8109 or go online to BirthrightOfMemphis.org.

FOOD PANTRY NEED– Sugar Holy Spirit provides the sugar for our Food Pantry here in Hernando. Remember we have a growing number of families coming for food assistance. It is also better to purchase 2 smaller bags than one large one. This is an ongoing ministry and you may bring sugar whenever it is convenient. This food pantry serves the poor of our community. **God bless your generosity.** Matthew 26:11

JOIN THE CHOIR Love to sing? Want a reserved seat every week? Join the choir. Practice has moved to Thursday at 7:00 p.m. The choir welcomes seasonal members too.



NEXT GENERATION CHOIR - Calling all youth!!! Come practice Thursdays from 6 – 7 pm and be part of our Next Generation Choir!!!

HAVE YOU REGISTERED IN THE PARISH YET? DON'T DELAY! DO IT TODAY!!

NO CELL PHONE ZONE We remind all to please turn off all cell phones and electronic communication devices when entering the church buildings. The signals, even from a silenced phone, interfere with the wireless microphones of the church.



LADIES ASSOCIATION

Also the Ladies Association now has an e-mail address holyspiritladies@gmail.com. If you would like to receive e-mails about what we are doing, please email us and we will add you to our list.

For Priestly and Religious Vocations contact:
Vocation Director Voice: 800-609-5559
SCJ Vocation Office Fax: 414-529-3377
P.O. Box 206, Hales Corners, WI 53130-0206
E-mail: vocationcentral@wi.rr.com
Website: www.scjvocation.org

THE MEN'S ASSOCIATION now have the New Look shirts, caps and visors polyester "Sta Dri" material. Order forms available after weekend masses.

Shirts \$20.00 Caps/Visors \$10.00
Slip over windbreaker \$25.00
Ladies & Men's sizes available

RECYCLING The Men's Association is now accepting aluminum cans. Bring your bags to the garage door or if you are in the Family Life Center, put them in the containers marked for cans. Proceeds are being split between Catholic Social Services, Interfaith Food Bank, and the Cindy Pretti Scholarship Fund. For further information, contact Lee Smith at 233-4833 or Sal Galtelli at 429-5071.



FORGIVENESS WALK The Forgiveness Walk is a time spent reflecting and praying for forgiveness. Nine small altars are set up in the Family Life Center. Each altar focuses on the persons we need to forgive, i.e. ourselves, our families, our neighbors, our church, our world, etc. The 'walk' is from altar to altar, taking as much time as we need or want in silence, praying.

RECONCILIATION

Mar. 3	Holy Spirit Teens	6:30p
Mar. 5	Christ the King	7p
Mar. 17	Christ the King children	6:30p
Mar. 18	Queen of Peace Teens	7p
Mar. 19	Holy Spirit	7p
Mar. 23	Sacred Heart School	10:30a
Mar. 23	RCIA at Christ the King	7p
Mar. 24	Good Shepherd	7p
Mar. 24	St. Gregory	7p
Mar. 25	Christ the King teens	6:30p
Mar. 26	Queen of Peace	7p

Turn around! Ask your children how your family can turn around this Lent. A good website for family Lenten activities is www.loyolapress.com. Click on Sunday connections to view background on the Sunday readings plus activities by grade level for family discussion. You can also share 'snippets' of Pope Francis' Joy of the Gospel with your children, teaching them to pay attention to our Holy Father's encouraging words.

**Pope Francis' Guide to Lent:
What You Should Give Up This Year**

[The pope writes](#), "Indifference to our neighbor and to God also represents a real temptation for us Christians. Each year during Lent we need to hear once more the voice of the prophets who cry out and trouble our conscience."

Describing this phenomenon he calls the *globalization of indifference*, [Francis writes](#) that "whenever our interior life becomes caught up in its own interests and concerns, there is no longer room for others, no place for the poor. God's voice is no longer heard, the quiet joy of his love is no longer felt, and the desire to do good fades."

"We end up being incapable of feeling compassion at the outcry of the poor, weeping for other people's pain, and feeling a need to help them, as though all this were someone else's responsibility and not our own."

But when we fast from this indifference, we can begin to feast on love. In fact, Lent is the perfect time to learn how to love again. Jesus—the great protagonist of this holy season—certainly showed us the way. In him, God descends all the way down to bring everyone up. In his life and his ministry, no one is excluded.
<http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/>

abRAHAM

I was born in present day Iraq more than 4,000 years ago. I am directly, but distantly, related to Noah. We are separated by ten generations. A longtime passed between his life and my birth, If you reckon the many hundreds of years people were said to have lived, there can be many more than a thousand years between his lifetime and mine.

Unlike Noah, I am considered a real Patriarch—the first Patriarch—the original Patriarch—to be sure. However, I am part of that "Table of Nations" which Noah is famous for. The word patriarch has both Greek and Latin roots meaning "**to father, to found, to establish**" as well as does it refer to "**lineage**" which is why Noah, my grandfather of countless generations before me, considers himself a Patriarch.

You may be wanting to ask what happened to Adam? Didn't it all begin with Adam and Eve? Well, not really! They **were created by God**. The difference between Adam and Eve and Noah and me is that **we were called by God**. There is a difference. They were physically formed by God whereas we were spiritually and faithfully formed by God. Another difference is that we responded to God—"**Here I am**"---. We didn't hide from God, nor did we lie to God. We joyfully proclaimed the Gospel of God. We proclaimed that there is but one God, and that this one God is our God. He formed us. We followed Him, and we led others to follow Him. We choose to be God's people.

By the way, **I am Abraham**. My name means "father". It comes from the same root as "Abba"--father. Yet, I was childless and not a father at all.

As an old man married to Sarah, a woman "of advanced years", God promised us a child. We laughed at the foolishness of our God. We quickly learned that our God was neither foolish nor fooling around. Sarah became pregnant and gave birth to Isaac--our gift from God. I know you cannot imagine a God that would even ask us to sacrifice Isaac, to give him back, to make of him a sacrifice. Well in fact, He didn't-- did He? What He did ask for was our fidelity—our fidelity to him, and our fidelity to one another. My life foretold and

symbolically represented a God who would be foolish in His perfect love--who would give us the life of His only Son. Let's have a listen...