

First Sunday of Lent

February 14, 2016

"The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart." Romans 10:8

CALENDAR OF MASSES/EVENTS

Sunday, February 14, 2016 – World Marriage Day

First Sunday of Lent

- 9:00 am PRE Classes – PreK – 5th Grade
- 9:00 am **Adult Education Class** with Chris Greer
- 10:30 am **Liturgy For the Parish Community**
- 11:45 am Luncheon

Monday, February 15, 2016

- 8:00 am Liturgy
- 6:15 pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, February 16, 2016

- 8:00 am Liturgy
- 6:00 pm Pot luck
- 7:00 pm Lenten Talk – Fr. Greg Schill

Wednesday, February 17, 2016

- 8:00 am Liturgy +
- 6:30 pm PRE 6-12th grades

Thursday, February 18, 2016

- 8:00 am Liturgy +
- 9:00 am **Bible Study** with Sara Rauch
- 10:00 am Senior Center
- 3:30 pm Interfaith
- 7:00 pm Choir
- 8:00 pm AA & Al-Anon

Friday, February 19, 2016

- 8:00 am Liturgy
- 6:30 pm Soup & Stations – Men’s Association

Saturday, February 20, 2016

- 10:00 am Confirmation Spirit Day 2016 group QOP
 - 5:30 pm Confessions
- Confessions available by appointment also 662-342-1073**
- 6:00 pm **Liturgy For the Parish Community**

Sunday, February 21, 2016

Second Sunday of Lent

- 9:00 am PRE Classes – PreK – 5th Grade
- 9:00 am **Adult Education Class** with Chris Greer
- 10:30 am Liturgy + by:
- 11:45 am Coffee
- 4:00 pm Listening with Bishop Kopacz – CTK

Priest Contact Numbers:

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

RELIGIOUS GOODS STORE

February 14 – Merrygen Currick

February 21 – Rose Powell

CHILDREN’S HOMILY

February 14 – Mindy Williamson

February 21 Katherine Carroll

ALTAR LINENS MINISTRY

February – Barbara Dean

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, February 20 – 6:00 pm

Greeter: Nancy Potts/Lori Stephens

Usher: Chuck & Martha Blumer

Server: Don Greer

Lector: Sam Hall/Liz Brown

Gift Bearer: Ryan Family

Eucharistic Ministers: Ron & Theresa Sheppard/Jean Adams

Sunday, February 21 – 10:30 am

Greeter: Ron & Shirley Henderson

Usher: Bill Rinehart/Dennis Fink/Jack McIngvale/Jimmy Terry

Server: Luke Anderson/Mike Eleftheriou/Collin Beatty

Lector: Blaine Anderson/Noah Sansom

Gift Bearer: Orive Family

Eucharistic Ministers: Flo Butler/Steve & Kim Orr/

Kristin Carter/Jessica Smith/Patsy Clark/Amanda Ready

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	\$5,771.00
Needed Weekly for Note Payment	\$1,626.23
Debt Reduction Last Wk.....	\$ 918.00
Community Services.....	\$ 160.00
Bread.....	\$ 61.00

There should be no eating, drinking or gum in the Church. If a child must have nourishment, please do so in the cry room.

Our Holy Spirit web address is:

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

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.

**Gifted and Called – I say “yes,”
Lord**

SACRED HEART SCHOOL Open House
Open Enrollment has begun at Sacred Heart School! PreK through 8th grade. The school is



fully accredited by AdvancED (formerly SACS), the Mississippi Department of Education, and the National Catholic Education Association. We offer a state-of-the-art campus, small class sizes, advanced technology instruction, before school care and after school care, enrichment and athletic programs, cultural diversity and service-oriented faith formation. 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.



THE FORGIVENESS WALK is a time of silent meditation and prayer as you move from 'little altar' to 'little altar', spending a little time contemplating a different 'work of

Mercy' at each.

Thurs., Feb. 25, 9:30 am to 8 pm – Christ the King.

Thurs., March 3, 9 am to 6 pm – Holy Spirit

Thurs., March 10, 9:30 am to 8 pm – Queen of Peace

Wed., Mar. 16, 6:30pm through the weekend – Good Shepherd.

This is a very good way for parents to introduce the works of Mercy and the concept of forgiveness to children and teens. All is done in silence.

VOLUNTEER SUPPORT NEEDED FOR OUR NEIGHBORS AFFECTED BY TORNADOES OR FLOODING

Volunteer support is needed for skilled labor in the Holly Springs area providing help with debris removal and home repair or building. Interested persons can contact Lois Harrison at Sacred Heart Southern Missions: lharrison@shsm.org or (901) 626-5432.

ATTENTION STARS

Thank you to all the wonderful actors and actresses who responded to the call for our May production!!! There is 1 open spot –so it isn't too late to be a **star** in the May 7th, 2016 show. This is your chance!! Come to the Family Life Center after Sunday Mass!!! There is also a need for those with artistic ability and sewing talent. A couple of understudies are needed as well. Call Ken Hoover 662-420-0110.

SENIOR CENTER FEBRUARY MEETING The *Young at Heart*, Hernando's Senior Club, will have their February meeting at the Gale Community Center, 2601 Elm St., Thursday, February 18th, 10:30 AM. Come enjoy lunch and fellowship. Vitamin B-12 shots available for \$10.

MEN'S MORNING OF SPIRITUALITY 2016 Come join over 1,500 men in celebrating our Catholic Faith. Doors open at 7:00 am March 19, 2016. Catholic Church of the Incarnation, 360 Bray Station Rd., Collierville, TN 38017. Register now at www.MensMorning.com admission is free.

CSA 2016 Our annual Catholic Service Appeal is well underway. Thank you to all those who have made a

commitment. Each and every person's gift is important. It is not too late to send in your pledge, please join us in supporting the programs and services of the Diocese. Please join us in supporting the ministries of our diocese. For more on information about the Appeal or to donate online please visit www.jacksondiocese.org.



WEIGHT LOSS SUPPORT GROUP Wednesday morning at 8:30 am for a weigh in and sharing. Liz Brown is our contact person for this adventure. 901-331-3419.

Seriously Sick & Hospitalized

📣 Please Pray For The Sick 📣

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

Howard Love, Dresten Gaboya, Jerome Riehl, Carol Menne, Andy Kalamarie, Patricia Snyder, Jan Langford, Carolyn Ann Hollahan (B. Kelly's sis), Gerry Bishop, Ginny Fuentes (Cindy Thomas cousin), Don Smith (Marie's son), Linda Buechele, Rosemary & Ned Sabbatini, John Foti (Muzzi Bro), Joe Menne (Charlie's bro), Jane Cole (Infant), Cynthia Williams (Betty Mize niece), Lilyana Hill (Felicia grand), David Snyder (Diane Dryja Bro), Kim Craig (J. Davis sisn law), Daniel Douglas (Jeffries bronlaw), Cathy Cuthbertson (Sheila Parr Aunt), Howard Snyder (D. Dryja dad), Mary Griffin, Birdie Lewis (Felicia grandma), Farris Jenkins (N Rachal bronlaw), Chuck Dean (Fr. Greg), Carter Brooks, Meredith Hannah, Dan Chalk (N. French), Lucas Goeller (Newcamp), Myriam Suarez (M. Rexroade's mom), Sherry Vowell (Ken Hoover's sis), Sara Hewitt (Marie Smith), Josh Bixler (Bill/Liz Brown's nephew), Robert Tully (broinlaw), Kevin Nelson (Jeannine nephew), 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).

TENEBRAE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE will be at Holy Spirit Church on Mar. 6 at 7p for all our parishes. This service consists of praying the psalms and reflecting on the scriptures of Jesus' Passion and Death in anticipation of His Resurrection at Easter. It is a time of entering more deeply into the mysteries of our faith, giving ourselves time to 'come aside and rest awhile' in the presence of the Lord.



FOOD PANTRY NEED- Sugar Holy Spirit provides the sugar for our Food Pantry here in Hernando. We have a growing number of families coming for food assistance, some 30+ a week now. We have been facing a real shortage of sugar late to meet this demand. It is better to purchase 2 smaller bags than one large one. This is an ongoing ministry. You may bring sugar when ever it is convenient. This food pantry serves the poor of our community. **God bless your generosity.** Matthew 26:11

HUNGERING FOR OPPORTUNITY



Our journey with CRS Rice Bowl journey begins in Colombia, where coffee beans are changing lives! What actions can we take this Lent to change lives – at home and around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

THE MEN'S ASSOCIATION now have the New Look shirts, caps, and visors of 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

PENANCE SERVICES

Pope Francis says 'Let us give the sacrament of Reconciliation a second chance.'

Great time to bring the whole family to celebrate God's forgiveness.

List of Reconciliation Services:

Th., Feb. 18, 7p at Christ the King

Tues., Feb. 23, 7p at St. Joseph, St. Gregory, Good Shepherd

Wednesday, Feb. 24, 7p at Holy Spirit

Wednesday, Mar. 2, 7p at Queen of Peace

Saturday, Mar. 5, 9a at Christ the King followed by Pancakes

This is also a time for Year of Mercy confessions.

MARRIED WITH CHILDREN (or not!) As we 'scan' all the offerings for spiritual development and deepening of our faith in all our parishes, we do not see anything special for young married couples and those who are contemplating marriage. Yet this is a crucial need since it is the special time in life when young children are just being introduced to their faith. This first session is an attempt to gather such couples and look at the possibilities we might offer in the future. It is also an attempt to build 'community' in the sense that we will know other Catholics and our children will know other Catholics. In such a community we have the opportunity to support each other in raising our children to know Jesus Christ. Such support begins with adults. We invite you to come on Saturday, Feb. 27 at 10am. The input will be around the theme of Making Mercy Real which we hope will spin off into What's Next for Us? Childcare available if you need it. Lunch, too!

2016 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 Sunday, **March 13** for 10 - 12 year old girls and on Sunday, **March 20** for 13 - 16 year old girls and their mothers. All programs begin at 2:00 p.m. at Saint Francis Hospital in Memphis. \$25.00 per family. Pre-



registration is required. Register online www.cdom.org. For more information, call Mary Pat Van Epps at Diocese of Memphis NFP Center (901) 373-1285.

Listening Session with Bishop Joseph Kopacz

This February, the Diocese of Jackson will begin the process of articulating a mutually shared vision and pastoral priorities.

The first step is to hear from the faithful. I am hosting listening sessions all across our diocese in order to hear about the blessings and challenges you face in your individual communities.

I hope you will attend the session closest to you and pray for those involved in this effort.

Yours in Christ,

Joseph R. Kopacz, Bishop of the Diocese of Jackson.

Christ the King, Southaven, MS

Sunday, February 21st at 4:00 p.m.

Dinner and child care included.

MERCY ASSOCIATES Sr. Emily has been inspired to activate and form a group of persons, men and women, who would like to focus on living the works of Mercy in conjunction with the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas (Sr. Emily's community). There will be an information meeting on Saturday, Feb. 20 at 9:30am at the library at Christ the King. No requirements for this meeting!

What is a Mercy Associate?

Mercy Associates are women and men who discern a call from God to actively engage in a commitment to mercy within a formal relationship with the Sisters of Mercy. Mercy Associates respond to the Gospel invitation of Jesus to minister to those who are poor, sick and uneducated through the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

Associates live out their commitments in independent lifestyles, answering the call to mercy within the context of their daily lives. There are more than 3,000 Mercy Associates in our Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, including in the U.S., Latin America, Jamaica, Guam and the Philippines.

All Mercy Associates are called to deepen their spirituality and to extend mercy to others. Associates and Sisters of Mercy support one another in prayer, ministry and community, united in our desire to become more compassionate women and men by witnessing to God's mercy in the world.

Special Agents Wanted:

Looking for individuals, young and old; families, small and large; toddlers, students, college students, grandparents, heck, we want you all!!! Your mission, should you accept it, is to spend your 40 days of Lent putting your mercy in motion by **ACTING OUT** the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Each week fill out your mercy task sheet and return it to church. Let's see how many acts

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of mercy our Catholic Churches of North Mississippi can complete during Lent. Your mission IS possible! It is **Mercy Possible!**

Jubilee Year of Mercy

Pope Francis has declared a Jubilee Year, a Holy Year to celebrate MERCY. Pope Francis envisions a year when people will become more merciful in their own lives and bring God's mercy to others. 'Opening the door' is a great symbol of warmth, hospitality, welcoming, being 'at home' and forgiveness.....this is Mercy.

For the jubilee year of Mercy individual churches as well as whole towns have been designated as pilgrimage sites for the Diocese of Jackson. Christ the King Catholic Church in Southaven has been designated as one of the pilgrimage sites in the Diocese of Jackson. In the calendar, several days are labeled as Pilgrimage Days. On those days, pilgrims may gain an indulgence for attending the pilgrimage site, praying for the Holy Father's intentions, and participating in the Mass.

Confessions will be available on those pilgrimage days.

Our first pilgrimage days will be Saturday and Sunday, March 4/5. The Church will be open from 8am to 8pm. April 23/24, July 28, September 3/4, November 5/6 and November 12/13 are other designated days.

LENTEN TALKS Pot Luck at 6p See booklet for details.

7p	Tues. Feb. 16 Holy Spirit	Fr. Greg Schill, SCJ	Mercy Through Our Gifts
7p	Mon. Feb. 22 Queen of Peace	Fr. David Shatkowski, SCJ	Hidden Mercy
7p	Mon. Feb. 22 Christ the King	Sr. Emily Morgan, RSM	Las Historias de Nuestra Vida
10a- 11:30a	Sat. Feb. 27 Christ the King	Sr. Emily Morgan, RSM	Married w Children (or not!)
7p	Sun. Feb. 28 Holy Spirit	Fr. Bob Tucker, SCJ	The Younger Son Leaves Home
7p	Mon. Feb. 29 Holy Spirit	Fr. Bob Tucker, SCJ	The Older Son Leaves Home
7p	Tues. Mar. 1 Holy Spirit	Fr. Bob Tucker, SCJ	Called to be Like the Father of Mercy
7p- 10p	Sat. Mar. 12 Christ the King	Sr. Emily Morgan, RSM	Young Adults Twilight Retreat
7p	Tues. Mar. 15 Christ the King	Fr. Thi Pham, SCJ	Nourished and Forgiven

Resources for Lent: Choose what inspires you!

- ✓ From the USSB: <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/len/index.cfm>
Including a Lenten prayer calendar: [Calendar for Lent](#)
- ✓ Join with Catholic Relief Services in the Lenten Rice Bowl - <http://www.crsricebowl.org/>. Great meatless recipes with stories of the people who cook these dishes from around the world.
- ✓ Sign up for [NETWORK's Lenten Toolkit](#). Join others to study the U.S. Wealth and Income Gap, the policies that

can help us "mend" the gap by bringing the people at the economic margins closer together.

- ✓ Coinciding beautifully with Pope Francis' February Prayer intention to care for creation, the [Global Catholic Climate Movement](#) is again hosting a Lenten Fast, joining the interfaith Fast for the Climate. [Sign up to fast](#) with your country's assigned day and use it to pray for bold action to solve the climate change crisis.
- ✓ The Holydays & Holidays committee of the [Interfaith Immigration Coalition](#) (IIC) will post a resource for Ash Wednesday and each week in Lent on the IIC website. Each resource has a scripture reflection, a story related to refugee and immigrant issues, suggestions for action and a prayer. The resource will be posted week by week rather than a package of reflections. [Ash Wednesday](#) is now up on the website.
- ✓ Consider taking on a Lenten Carbon "Fast" by downloading [Interfaith Power and Light's Creation Care Calendar](#). Each day calls on us to take a different action and each of these actions will help to preserve God's great gift of Creation.
- ✓ Purchase (\$2.50) and download Pax Christi USA's [Lent 2016 reflection booklet](#) for your Kindle, iPad, tablet, smart phone, etc. today!
The booklet, [Everything is Grace: Reflections for Lent 2016](#), includes the scripture readings, a reflection and questions to meditate on for every day of Lent.

CORPORAL AND SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY in our day and age. Each week during Lent we will feature several of the works of Mercy.

Feeding the Hungry Society as a whole should responsibly and harmoniously manage Earth and all the resources she provides. When land is controlled by just a few, it becomes dangerous for producing and distributing food. Eating is a moral act, and it follows that we must distribute food fairly to all peoples on the planet.

To meet this end will require political involvement. We will also need to find better ways to produce food, ways that protect the environment, public health, safe working conditions and a livable wage, animal welfare, (and avoiding genetically modified organisms - GMOs), without hurting the ability of future generations to do the same.

Convert the Sinners encompasses a heightened consciousness and cognizance of what constitutes sin. Geocide is the destruction of the earth. If we allow this destruction, then we diminish life for future generations.

Permitting this destruction and diminishment are sins on our part -- social sins -- and we must be aware of that. If we are to "convert the sinner," we must make changes -- in our lifestyles (which may mean sacrifices), changes in the way we produce and use energy, and changes in how we view the level of wealth, comfort, and necessities enjoyed by (or denied to) our brothers and sisters throughout the world.

We need to take part in activities -- education, voting, social activism -- that would cause those in power to make a striking effort to change economic and technology systems that would, in the end, respect the earth.

RCIA...What is this anyway? The letters stand for the **R**ite of **C**hristian **I**nitiation of **A**dults. A rite is a ritual, a ceremony by which an unbaptized person is incorporated into the Body of Christ by experiencing the passion, death and resurrection of Christ in the sacrament of Baptism, receiving the body and blood of Christ in the Eucharist and by receiving the Holy Spirit as the culmination of Baptism in the sacrament of Confirmation.

There are others, already baptized, who would like to join the Catholic Church and there are some baptized as Catholics who have not yet completed their initiation into the Church. The ORDER of Christian Initiation is the process of studying and reflecting on the Scriptures to prepare for the reception of these sacraments.

Today, in our Rite of Election, 20 persons in our parishes stand before us, elected by God and his church (you) and electing to give their entire lives to Jesus Christ in His church. They will spend their time during Lent praying and studying these last few weeks to be well prepared to receive the sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

In the following weeks we will consider why it takes so long, who makes a good sponsor and what are their responsibilities, what are the sections of the process, what are the candidates learning, who is most important in the process (besides God), how they got here in the first place and some of their stories. Just remember SHEEP MAKE SHEEP!

SOUP & STATIONS

February 19, Friday Evening 6:30 p.m.

You are invited to join us every Friday evening during Lent for Stations of the Cross, followed by a soup supper. There will be a variety of meatless soups available with bread or crackers and tea or coffee. We ask for \$1.00 donation per person and all of the proceeds will go to our Hernando Catholic Social Services to be distributed to the poor in our community when needed.

To help or for more information, please call **Nancy Potts 662-404-0311** or **Pat Kuehnel at 662-996-6622**

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**. Thanks for your consideration of this blessed ministry.

We also need families, individuals or organizations to lead the stations.

February 19 – Men’s Association

March 11 –

February 26 –

March 18 –

March 4 –



Make plans to join us every Friday evening for this Lenten gathering.

The Stations of the Cross are a recommended prayer journey during the Season of Lent.

Materials to aid your prayerful journey with Jesus to Golgotha will be available.

Holy Spirit Parish

Cordially Invites ALL Married Couples

To a Special Luncheon To Honor You This Sunday,

February 14th World Marriage Day

After Mass In the Family Life Center

You will also have an opportunity to have your picture made.
Make plans to attend this special celebration!

Holy Spirit's Youth Service Project for February

Our Religious Education classes are collecting bags of dog and cat food for the No Kill Animal Shelters in our area. The blue collection tub is in the lobby of the Religious Education Building. The project ends Sunday, February 28th. Please help in any way that you can. Thank you, Miss Amanda



Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving: The Pillars Of Lent

Y-CAP ... DEFINED

(YMCA Community Action Program)

Y-CAP is an early intervention program that uses a holistic approach to serve juvenile offenders and their families.

By providing mentors, tutors and family support, the Y-CAP program offers growth and learning opportunities in a fun, constructive environment.

A main objective of this program is to instill the character development values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility into the lives of these young people. Also, these participants are encouraged to set goals and are taught how to work hard and diligently to achieve them.

Holy Spirit Parish became involved with Y-Cap in 2001 when our parish members who represent us at our Interfaith Council on Poverty meetings learned about this special program and we had a representative from Y-Cap come and speak at one of our Ladies Association Meetings. As you can see from the description this is a very worthwhile program!

Each year we have furnished and served one or more meals for the Family night – Tuesday, February 16, is our night. We need monetary donations to defray the cost of this meal as well as individuals to help serve the meal. A representative will be collecting monetary donations after masses this weekend. If you have questions or to volunteer to help, please contact Pat Traicoff at 901-488-6903.

There are other ways you and I can become involved with this very worthwhile program. Volunteers are needed in many areas such as tutoring, mentoring, incentives for the Treasure Box, and monetary donations to keep the program going. One area each and every one of us can be of assistance with is prayers for this faith-based program which is working with the DeSoto County Youth Court officers, the DeSoto County School Board and others!

Have your family pray together and see if there is some area that you could assist in as we all work together to “Turn Tragedies into Triumphs, One Child, One Family, One Community at a Time.” This is Y-Cap’s motto and a very good one!

This is the “**Year of Mercy**” and how providential that we are serving during Lent this year. What a wonderful opportunity to put into practice the **Works of Mercy** as well as two of the Pillars of Lent – Prayer and Almsgiving.



VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

Volunteers are needed at the Interfaith Food Pantry. We need 3 regular volunteers that would involve working about 2 hours 1 day a month. Others are needed that could serve as occasional substitutes when a regular worker is unable to work. The work involves packing groceries for families that need emergency assistance. The pantry is located at the Hernando Presbyterian Church on McIngvale Road. All volunteers are given training. This is very rewarding work and greatly needed and appreciated. If you think you could help, please contact Roxanne McIngvale at 901-647-6655 or roxannebmc@yahoo.com.