

Third Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2015

"I, the Lord, am your God..."

You shall not have other gods besides me." Exodus 20:2a, 3

CALENDAR OF MASSES/EVENTS

Sunday, March 8, 2015 – Daylight Savings Time Begins

Third Sunday of Lent

9:00 am RCIA Class

NO am PREP Classes – Spring Break

9:00 am **Joy of the Gospel** with Chris Greer

10:30 am Liturgy + **Mark Nix**

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 9, 2015

8:00 am Liturgy + **Jim Burgess** by: Holy Spirit

6:15 pm Boy Scouts Meet

Tuesday, March 10, 2015

8:00 am Communion Service

7:00 pm Ladies' Association Meeting

Wednesday, March 11, 2015

8:00 am Communion Service

NO pm PRE Classes – Spring Break

Thursday, March 12, 2015

8:00 am Communion Service

9:00 am **Joy of the Gospel** with Sarah Rauch

9:00 am Forgiveness Walk until 5:30 pm

10:00 am Shepherds Center – Holy Spirit

6:00 pm Next Generation Choir Practice

7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice

8:00 pm AA & Al-Anon

Friday, March 13, 2015

8:00 am Communion Service

6:30 pm Stations of the Cross – led by Knights of Columbus

7:00 pm Soup Supper

Saturday, March 14, 2015 – Sugar Weekend

5:30 pm Confessions

Confessions available by appointment also 342-1073

6:00 pm Liturgy **For the Parish Community**

Sunday, March 15, 2015 – Sugar Weekend

Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:00 am RCIA Class

NO am PREP Classes – Spring Break

9:00 am **Joy of the Gospel** with Chris Greer

10:30 am Liturgy +

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

Priest Contact Numbers:

SERIOUS SACRAMENT EMERGENCY ONLY 901-351-6591

All other needs **662-342-1073**

CHILDREN'S HOMILY

March 8 – Felicia Hill

March 15 – Katherine Carroll

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 14 – 6:00 pm

Greeter: Carol Menne/Jeanette Gadbois

Usher: Chuck & Martha Blumer

Server: Danny Thomas/Landon Ellis

Lector: Nancy Brown/Bill Marking

Gift Bearer: Doyle Family

Eucharistic Ministers: Liz Brown/Lori Stephens/Jean Adams

Sunday, March 15 – 10:30 am

Greeter: LaRae Walgenbach/Amy Arnell

Usher: Ron & Shirley Henderson/Merritt Powell/Bill Warner

Server: Geir Sajdak/Rivers Tarsi/Alex Ward

Lector: Katherine Carroll/David Yelverton

Gift Bearer: David Marking Family

Eucharistic Ministers: Dennis & Kathy Fink/Amanda Ready/

Jimmy Terry/Jessica Smith/LaRae Walgenbach/Kathy Beach

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	\$7,052.50
Needed Weekly for Note Payment	\$1,626.23
Debt Reduction Last Wk.....	\$1,746.00
Community Services.....	\$ 60.00
Bread.....	\$ 25.00

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 8 – Beverly Goode

March 15 – Maria Mitchell

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 We thank all those at Holy Spirit who have generously given to the annual Catholic Service Appeal. We ask those who have not sent in your pledge to please consider a gift. Each of us is called to respond in faith, knowing and trusting that God recognizes your willingness to live out the message of the Gospel. To date Holy Spirit has raised **\$15,642**. For more on information about the Appeal or to donate online please visit www.jacksondiocese.org.

THE SACRED HEART SCHOOL GOLF TOURNAMENT

will be held on April 17th at Wedgewood Golf Course with a 1:00pm Shotgun Start. Funds raised will help the advancement of technology, athletics, and operating costs of the school. Flyers are available in the back of the church or are available online at sheartschool.org. If you have any additional questions, please email Chris Farm at cfarm@msn.com.



“Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.” Take time to reflect on what God is asking for your marriage. Sign up today to attend the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on April 24-26 at Our Lady Queen of Peace Retreat Center, Stanton, TN. Apply now. **Space is limited.** For more info or to apply, please visit our website www.arkansaswwme.org or call Steve & Elaine Lienhart at 501-312-1119 or email apply@arkansaswwme.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!!**

FAMILY DINNER THEATER Join us for a night of food and fun as the not so “World Famous” Holy Spirit Players? present the comedy mystery play, “Dead Air”. Sunday, April 26th, at 5:00 pm

Tickets: adults \$10.00 per person children \$5.00 each or \$30.00 per family of four.

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!



Seriously Sick & Hospitalized

☛ Please Pray For The Sick ☛

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

Joe Menne (Charlie's bro), 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), Jennifer Nix, 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 sisnaw), 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).

FORGIVENESS WALK The Forgiveness Walk is a time spent reflecting and praying for forgiveness. Nine small altars will be set up in the church. 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. This Thursday, March 12th, from 9:00 am till 5:30 pm. Don't miss this special Lenten Blessing!!!!

SHEPHERD'S CENTER MARCH MEETING Shepherd's Center of Hernando will meet this Thursday, March 12th, at 10 AM at Holy Spirit Church. All seniors are invited. Make plans to attend. Can you help with refreshments? Please call the church office 662-429-7851. For more information about the Shepherd's Center, call Barbara Cleveland at 662 449 1643.

Fast from Indifference Feast on Love

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 one open date left to lead the stations. Families, individuals or organizations can lead the stations. Please call today.

March 13 – Knights of Columbus

March 20 – Men’s Association/Morning Crew

March 27 – Open

Moses

Does your upbringing contribute to your ability to be a leader? I was raised in the house of the Pharaoh in the same manner as his grandson was.....that is after I was rescued from a basket in the river by the Pharaoh’s daughter. I had all the education, experiences and advantages the royal family could provide. However, since my own mother was hired as my nanny by the pharaoh’s daughter, I grew up knowing my Hebrew heritage.

One day, the God of my ‘fathers’ (Abraham, Isaac and Jacob) spoke to me from a bush on fire that did not burn up. He had a mission for me. I, of course, had many excuses for why I could absolutely not do what the Lord God asked of me. Finally, he convinced me by allowing my brother Aaron to accompany me.

Yes, I am Moses. And what a job the Lord God gave me to do.....go to the Pharaoh who, by the way, had a warrant out for my arrest because I had killed an Egyptian who was oppressing my people. Tell the pharaoh: ‘LET MY PEOPLE GO’. My people, who were welcomed in Egypt by the pharaoh in my ancestor Joseph’s time, had now become numerous slaves. My job: Convince the pharaoh to let his entire workforce leave the country. And, of course, Pharaoh said: NO. Finally, with the death of all the firstborns, Pharaoh said GO. And we escaped on the night of the Passover. Once out in the desert, my leadership began.....what a nightmare.....people grumbling about leaving Egypt, scarce food, scarce water, long hot journey through sandy desert.

I did get good advice from my father-in-law Jethro: Stop doing all this work by yourself. Appoint others and train them to take care of the smaller issues and you handle the serious issues. I guess I started the first committees. You could say I learned to be a leader on the job. I had to gauge how far ahead of the crowd I could get

without losing them; then I had to back up and wait for them to catch up.....not just physically but spiritually as well; when to be tough; when to be gentle and merciful. The God of my ancestors was definitely by my side..... rescuing us over and over.

As we neared the end of our 40 year journey, we became a ‘people’, a holy nation. God said, “You will be my people; I will be your God.” All the people agreed. So the Lord God provided the law to be the guideline for how to be His people. We hear it today.....

RECONCILIATION

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.

Symbols decorating the sanctuary area

Since Ash Wednesday you can see we have added new symbols for decoration each week.

ASH WEDNESDAY – we placed old palms and a container of ashes. The palms are burned to make the ashes that are placed on our foreheads as a reminder of our Lenten promise....Turn around and believe in the Gospel.

1st SUNDAY OF LENT the desert scene representing the scene as Jesus remained in the desert for forty days tempted by Satan. Mark 1:12-15 our Gospel reading for that weekend.

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT the altar of stone that Isaac was to be sacrificed on. This was taken from the first reading from the Book of Genesis 22:1-18

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT overturned table with coins and baskets tumbled - when Jesus went up to Jerusalem and arrived at the temple only to find those who sold oxen, sheep and doves as well as the money changers seated there. Taken from this weeks Gospel John 2:13-25.

Continue to watch the next few weeks for the new symbols that will be added.

ATTENTION

Holy Spirit Parents who have children in the CCD classes, I have created an account with Remind (formerly Remind 101) to use here at Holy Spirit. In order to receive updates such as cancellation of classes or reminders of upcoming events, please sign up for the Remind messages to be texted to your cell phones. Remind is a one-way text messaging system or an email system. All personal information remains completely confidential. Most of you are probably already familiar with this service as all DeSoto County Schools use this to help communicate with parents. I believe that this will be a useful tool to use here at the church. Please refer to the bottom of this letter and sign up for the Remind messages. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Amanda Ready

Mrs. Ready would like you to join Holy Spirit! remind

To receive messages via text, text @2922602 to 81010. You can opt-out Of messages at anytime by replying, 'unsubscribe @292602.'

Trouble using 81010? Try texting @292602 to (901) 730-5799 instead.

Or to receive messages via email, send

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