

TODAY

A **RESPECT LIFE ROSARY** will be prayed in the Chapel immediately after the 11:00am Mass today. All are welcome.

SECOND COLLECTION today is for Maintenance.

LENTEN CORNER

At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus is driven into the desert for forty days where he is tempted. The forty days of Lent are a time when Our Lord helps us to acknowledge the temptations that we face and the promise of God's help to be faithful. In baptism we have been brought into friendship with God as members of his people. Lent will be a new beginning in our Catholic life, and Easter a time of recommitment, if we allow the Lord to help us during Lent to see the great dignity of being a child of God and our need to fully live up to that dignity.

"I BELIEVE..." We recite the creed at each Mass, but can we do more than recite it? During Lent, Mr. Carl Sims (Adjunct Professor, The Citadel) will present the creed and provide guidance from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* for better understanding of what we recite. There are 4 weekly sessions, beginning on Monday, Feb. 22, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Light refreshments will be provided. Pre-registration (encouraged but not required) will be available. Please call the parish office (556-0801).

RICE BOWLS will be available at the entrance to the church on Ash Wednesday. Please take a rice bowl and leaflet. Money collected from the rice bowls will be sent to Catholic Relief Services.

WEEKDAY MASS DURING LENT will be at 6:30 a.m., Mon. through Fri., and 12 Noon, Mon. through Thurs.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS take place on the Fridays of Lent at 7 p.m. This week the stations will be led by the choir.

The Fridays of Lent are days of **ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT** for all age 14 and over. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of **ABSTINENCE AND FASTING**.

During Lent, our **SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE GROUP** is encouraging participation in their class. They meet from 10:00-10:45 a.m. in the Meeting Room. All are welcome.

2010 LENTEN RETREAT- a retreat even the most hard-working and busiest can attend. Traditionally, we must go "away" to a retreat, but this retreat is coming to us. There will be a morning session from 9:00-10:30 and an evening session from 7:00-8:15 each day from March 22 through March 25. Plan to participate in as many sessions as your schedule permits; each session will be unique and will have a different focus.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH EVENTS

SUNDAY: February 14
10:00 AM Coffee and donuts - Parish Hall
 Religious Education - School
 Bible Group - MR
7:15 PM Outreach - Parish Hall

MONDAY: February 15 BSS no school
7:30 PM Novena and Benediction

TUESDAY: February 16
7:00 PM Women's Guild - Parish Hall

WEDNESDAY: February 17 ASH WEDNESDAY

**Masses at 6:30am, 8:45am,
 12 Noon, 6:15pm and
 8:00pm (Spanish)**

THURSDAY: February 18
12 NOON Mass
7:00 PM Bible Study - MR

FRIDAY: February 19
6:00 PM K of C Fish Fry - Parish Hall
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY: February 20
7:15 PM Crossover - Parish Hall

PARISH NEWS

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) PROGRAM: The next RCIA class will be held Wed., February 24, 2010. The topic for this class is "Lent and the Cross." For more info. about our RCIA program, please call Sr. Colie at 556-0801.

The **K of C BBQ FUNDRAISER**, scheduled for February 20, has been cancelled. It will be rescheduled at a later date.



Please join the Women's Guild as we celebrate our Religious Sisters with an **APPRECIATION DINNER** - Mardi Gras theme on Tuesday, February 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Bring a covered dish and enjoy an evening honoring our Religious Sisters. For more information, please contact Maria Stephens at 763-7948.

YOUTH CORNER

CROSSOVER - For 6th-8th Graders

THIS WEEK

Saturday, Feb. 13: Valentine’s Dance
Parish Hall - 8:00-10:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Saturday, Feb. 20: Parish Hall - 7:15-8:45 p.m.

OUTREACH - For 9th-12th Graders

THIS WEEK

Sunday, Feb. 14: Parish Hall - 7:45-8:15 p.m.

Wednesday: Mass

Blessed Sacrament Church - 6:30-7:00 a.m.
Start your day right with Mass.

Wednesday: Bible Study

Joe’s Office - 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Bring: A Bible

NEXT MEETING

Sunday, Feb. 21: Parish Hall - 7:15-8:45 pm

For any questions or comments about youth ministry, contact Joe Burgess. **766-3633**.

SCHOOL NEWS



February 14th is a special day for many who have been associated with Blessed Sacrament School. February 14th is the Feast Day of Saints Cyril and Methodius, the patron saints of the Sisters who have served our school since its beginning in 1948. Photographs of the sisters who served as BSS principals adorn our foyer walls, and it is common to hear alumni say as they look at the pictures “That was my principal!” The Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius (SS.C.M.) continue to bless our school by their presence (Sister Marilyn) and prayers. The plaque near “their wall” says it all: “... Over the years, these dedicated women have provided the blood, sweat, and tears necessary to build and conserve the ‘Tradition of Excellence’ which is the hallmark of the authentically Catholic education at Blessed Sacrament School.” Thank you, Sisters!

RESPECT LIFE

ROSARY AT THE ABORTION CLINIC: Please join Deacon Mario Cardenas of Holy Spirit Church on Johns Island, who will lead the Rosary and prayers at the West Ashley abortion facility at 1312 Ashley River Road on Saturday, February 20, 2010 from 8-9 a.m. For more information, call Stephen Boyle at 763-0681.

“Blessed are your poor.” Biblically, the “poor” are those who have no help but God. The “poor” are not simply the materially disadvantaged, but rather those who are marginalized by society. The children living in the womb are truly the poorest of the poor, and the Church’s preferential option for the poor requires that we give them priority attention. These children are the only group of people in our society whose very right to life is formally and explicitly denied by public policy.

“Blessed are you who are now hungry.” We are hungry for justice to be established; the unborn are hungry for their most basic rights to be recognized.

“Blessed are you who weep.” If we are to be builders of the culture of life, we must first learn to weep over the culture of death. The evil of abortion must break our hearts. Only then are our hearts opened to receive the grace and strength to witness and battle against this evil.

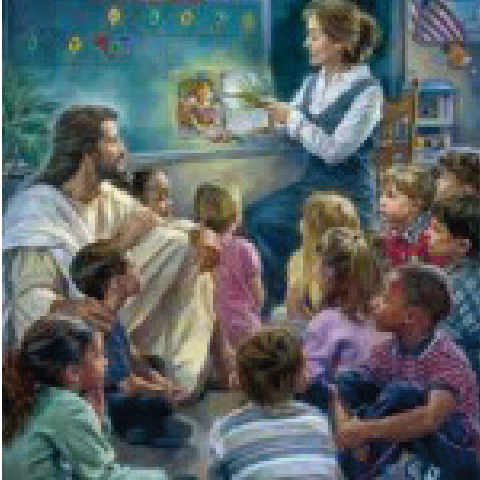
“Blessed are you when people hate you.” Defenders of the unborn are hated by many in the world today, who see them as a threat to human rights, as enemies of women’s rights and health, as opponents of freedom itself. Few movements can give one as direct an experience of their particular beatitude than the pro-life movement - which is precisely why it is a blessing to be involved in it. (Priests for Life)

PREGNANT? NEED HELP?

Lowcountry Pregnancy Center:
553-3505 (N. Chas.) or 225-3010 (West Ashley)
Birthright of Charleston: 556-4403
Nationwide Toll Free: 1-800-395-HELP
www.pregnancycenters.org

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15 - FEBRUARY 21, 2010

Monday	02/15	James 1:1-11	Mark 8:11-13
Tuesday	02/16	James 1:12-18	Mark 8:14-21
Wednesday	02/17	Joel 2:12-18	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 Ash Wednesday
Thursday	02/18	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Luke 9:22-25
Friday	02/19	Isaiah 58:1-9	Matthew 9:14-15
Saturday	02/20	Isaiah 58:9-14	Luke 5:27-32
Sunday	02/21	Deuteronomy 26:4-10	Luke 4:1-13
			First Sunday of Lent



GRATITUDE ... THANKFULNESS IS LIKE ...

“... Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it.”

Mark 10:14-15

The following are a few examples of the responses of Blessed Sacrament School students when asked to complete the thought ...

“THANKFULNESS IS LIKE

... a headband. It keeps sweat out of your eyes so you can see. Being thankful helps me to see the good things in my life.”

“... a fine wine. It starts with something simple. The more care put into it, the better it will be.”

“... the sun. When we aren't thankful, the sky is gray. But when we are thankful, the sun is out shining bright.”

“ ... a cheeseburger because without the bun, lettuce, tomato, ketchup, mustard and cheese, it would just be a grilled piece of meat.”

“ ... a clock. As time goes on, the numbers are greater. As time goes on there are more things to be thankful for.”

“... looking out a window and seeing nothing. But then you look again and see the beauty of what God created for us.”

“... like grits. Grits are not good without water. Then when you add water they are good and you can eat them and everybody loves them. So when you add water it's like being thankful because they are full and serve a purpose.”

“... like a box. When you are thankful, the box is full.”

“... a baseball and a bat. If you make a connection with the bat to the ball then you will be happy. In the same way, if you make a connection in being thankful then you will be happy.”

“... soap. It cleans us off and puts a layer of love around us. When we are thankful we are showing our love for each other.”

“... a flag in the wind. Without the wind it can never reach its full potential. Without being thankful we can never understand how lucky we are for what we have.”

“... food. Without food our body starves and without thankfulness our happiness starves.”

“... having glasses. You need them to see clearly.”

“... a catfish. A catfish can hide in its hole all day from predators. We can hide from God but He will always find us and we are thankful for that.”

“... a bird without wings. Without wings the bird won't be able to fly.”

How would your response compare to these students' insights? Give it a try.

THANKFULNESS IS LIKE



As a Roman Catholic school, we are a community of parents, educators and students who value solid educational principles, opportunities for enrichment and the development of each child's unique God-given gifts.

We are the primary educational ministry of Blessed Sacrament and St. Joseph parishes, serving children in grades K4-8. We welcome students and their families of all faiths and cultural backgrounds who seek a nurturing, faith-based education in an environment of security and mutual respect.

In the spirit of the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius, who have guided our school since its founding in 1948, we prepare children academically, spiritually, morally and socially for an effective future as citizens and servants of God.

Ratified January 9, 2006

CONGRATULATIONS! SECOND QUARTER HONOR ROLL

PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

First Grade: Trinity Blackwell, Skyler Coakley, Kip Cooke, Henderson Drolet, Emma Duc, Samuel Hagen, Jared Mangan, Russ Williamson, Lily Wolf, Dominc Ciccarelli, Chloe Ehlers, Thomas Henry, Ehireme Ohens, Anna Paredes, Carly Searson, Joseph Sparacino

Second Grade: Jameson Condon, Savannah DeVito, Lawson DuRant, Andrew Ferri, Elizabeth Herring, Mary Ashton Jenkins, Benjamin Katko, Bella Kissell, McKenna Martin, Wilson Merrill, Jake Nadeau, Emily Poole, Ashley Runey, Adam Salmorin, Maggie Sears, Colby Searson, Livia Argraves, Emily Barros, Mark Condon, Melah Dockendorf, Quentin Earl, Brandon Hooks, Allison Karamus, Abby Kothera, Emily Runey, Kayla Runey, Johnny Saboe, Heather Snook, Mason Strickland

Third Grade: Audrey Alexander, Joshua Egede, Gabriela Mochizuki, Jacob Schirmer, Cody Strickland, Emily Turner, Reggie Villariza, Mary Grace Wolf, Corey Cochran, Katie Cullum, Amanda Daly, Geoffrey Gilbert, Thacker Hutto, Erin Perkins, Jes Swicegood

Fourth Grade: Taylor Herbert, Brennan Kosut, Kelly Perkins, Katey Welborn

Fifth Grade: Hannah Corbett, Nikki Foscolos, Madison Garrett, River Hanckel, Drew Morrow, Allie Tucker

Sixth Grade: Caitlin Daly, McKinley DuRant, Emmanuel Emovon, Benjamin Jenkins, Miranda Roberts, Whitney Runey, Lindsey Cullum, Kayla Delpit

Seventh Grade: Nicholas Langdale, Chase Roberts, Kyle Saavedra, Maddie Tucker, Katherine Kahle, Sam Murphy, Baylor Rollins

Eighth Grade: Bradford Game, Wesley Welborn

AB HONOR ROLL

First Grade: Jackson Carroll, Jakson Coatsworth, Amaju Erenshey, Andi LaRocque, Casey Roberson, Ethan Cooper, Nathaniel Everman, Kira Hughes, Cole Oriani, Kendal Silva, Brent Snyder, Olivia Thompson, Jacob McLaughlin

Second Grade: Alice Campbell, Sarah Gordon, John McAlister, Mary Mackenzie Runyon, CJ Smith, Sam Stone, Max Wilson, Haley Anderson, Mariana Carson, Rachel McRae, Griffin Miles, Lauren Mummert, Ryleigh O'Brien, Lilliana Rodriquez, Joshua Sliauter

Third Grade: Casey Blanchard, Kelly Capps, Diane Hoagland, Brianna Jones, Caleb Mangan, Hunter Matthews, Graham Wilson, Braylee Bennett, Lane Bentley, Keely Curry Brown, Ian Candelaria, Corey Cochran, Anna Dabney, Hope Matthews, Dava Morrow, Sabrina Richardson, Braxton Snyder, Joey Walton, Sophie Weiss

Fourth Grade: Brenden Chasteen, Aidan Hartley, Alex LaRocque, Lindsey Newton, Adesuwa Emovon, Collin Garrett, Rebecca Poole, Cody Roberts

Fifth Grade: Alex Carson, Chloe Ciccarelli, Madison Dechene, Campbell Garrard, Travis King, Mary Mantini, Cole Mummert, Tyler Nadeau, Allie O'Donnell, Ashlyn Ritter, Christine Egede, Caleb Flowers, Nikki Foscolos, Cray Henry Johnson, Liam Kovacs, Cassie McKinnon, Lexi Mummert, Shawn Runey, Grace Saboe, Elena Salmorin, William Schmidt, Tyler Seay, Lucas Seithel, Hanna Wilson

Sixth Grade: Jeffery Brown, McKenzie Clarey, Albert Lang, Griffin Oriani, Jordan Roberson, Baker Walton, Lauren Croghan, Blakely Epps, Sabrina Noguera, Anna Marie Penninger, Nicholas Roberson

Seventh Grade: Anna Marie Corder, Holly Foscolos, Jack Gissell, Onohi Ohens, Gabriela Pinillos, Daniel Baczmaga, Eliza Keller, Alexandria McCormick, Brittany Mills, Fabiana Pinillos, Hollis Weatherford

Eighth Grade: James French, Taylor Johnson, Hunter Oriani, Kevin Van Notric, Colin Frazier, Taylor Oden, Daniel Willcutt

PARISH NEWS



FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH are in loving memory of Edward W. Duffy, Sr., on his 80th Birthday Anniversary (Feb. 15) with love from Nell, children and grandchildren.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE ALSO in recognition of the Feast Day of the Sisters of Saints Cyril & Methodius (Feb. 14) and their contribution to Blessed Sacrament School and Bishop England High School with thanks from the Blessed Sacrament School faculty, staff, students and parents.

FLOWERS IN THE CHAPEL are in loving memory of Charles "Buddy" Sirisky on Valentine's Day from his wife Margie.

DURING LENT FLOWERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE CHAPEL ONLY. If you wish to donate for flowers, please call Alice Bolchoz at 766-7202. Requests for flowers must be received by the Sunday evening prior to publication.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Donald McEwan, of Blessed Sacrament Parish, husband of Frances McEwan

MASS INTENTIONS

Betty Albenesius, Stephen Albenesius, M/M J. Hampton M. Beckmann, Henry "Bunt" Beckmann, Robert Bissey, Marion (Mickey) Burn, Mary Agnes Cannon, M/M Thomas R. Cotten, Joseph Walter Cotten, Thomas R. Cotton, Jr., John Coulter, Judy Dodds, Edward W. Duffy, Sr. (80th Birthday Anniv., Feb. 15), Camellia (Mamie) Figliorelli, Thomas Figliorelli, Edward J. Finnerty, Jr., Louis Frizelle, Roger W. Hadley, Eugene L. Halsey, A. Patrick Hiott, Donald Hiott, Lee Holler, William Kenneth Johnson, Arthur P. Jones, Rebecca L. Jones, Karen Ann Joseph, Daniel F. Kennerty, Sr., Lawrence J. Kennerty, Sr., Norma Lighthart, Victor Lighthart, Sr., Victor Lighthart, Jr., Mary Schachte Linder, James P. Luhrs, Bernard Maginn, Neola Beckmann McAndrews, Caroline D. McDermott, Charles W. McDermott, Anne Scandalios (9th Anniv., Feb. 3), Joseph Soffera, Mary Soffera, Lee & Ella Nora Welcker, and Ron L. Welcker.



PLEASE PRAY for parishioners and their family members who are in the missionary, military, or support services and stationed in hazardous locations overseas. Sr. Mary Bernard (Vietnam), Brian Cummings (son of M/M Ronald E. Smith), Abby Ford (granddaughter of Gertrude Heuer), Dodger Jeffcott, Brian Noel Kellahan, Krystal Mason, Stanley Morgan (son of John Morgan), and Anthony Schmit (Afghanistan, nephew of Bob & Barb Nicolai).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blessed Sacrament Women's Guild will sponsor a **DAY OF RECOLLECTION** on Saturday, February 20, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at May Forest Motherhouse on James Island. Fr. Jay Madden, S.J., will be with us again to lead us on our Lenten Journey. Bring your own lunch; drinks will be provided. Love offering will be collected during Mass.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES ARE HERE! On Saturday, February 20, and Sunday, February 21, the Girl Scouts will be selling cookies at the front of Blessed Sacrament Church after all the Masses. Just follow the crowd! Thank you so much for your support in the past. Donations are much appreciated, too. All donations go to our U.S. military overseas.



The **ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FISH FRY** will take place in the Parish Hall on Friday, February 19, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Cost is \$6. The Fish Fry includes fish, hush puppies, red rice, salad and tea. Carry-out is available. Early Bird special - fish only is \$5 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. behind the Parish Hall.

READ A NEW BOOK DURING LENT! The Women's Book Club has grown to 9 women of all ages and parishes. They would love for you to join them especially since they will begin a new book during Lent. "Having a Mary Spirit" by Joanna Weaver will take you through Lent and the end of the school year. This group meets "school day" Thursdays, 10-11:30 a.m. However, if enough women request another time, they can start another group. Free parking is available behind the Pauline Book Center at 243 King Street. Meetings begin February 18, 2010. For more information, call Rosie Kent at 367-4190.

The **CHRISTIAN-JEWISH COUNCIL OF GREATER CHARLESTON** will hold a spirited program to honor and raise funds for the people of Haiti. A number of congregations plan to participate. The program will take place at the Church of the Holy Communion (218 Ashley Avenue) on Sunday, Feb. 21, at 3:30 p.m. Voluntary donations will be accepted with all proceeds going to benefit the residents of Haiti.

PERPETUAL ADORATION: Adorers are needed for the following days and times- Wednesday, 3 to 4 am; Friday, 2 to 3 pm; and Friday, 3 to 4 pm. If you can commit to one of these hours weekly, please call Charlie Lindsey at 766-2867.



**Grateful Sacrificial Giving
Offertory
Week 06 <> Feb. 07, 2010**

1st OFFERTORY

BUDGET:

Operating	\$17,000
ECDC Mortgage	\$ 3,300
TOTAL	\$20,300

ACTUAL \$17,668

OUTREACH:

Central & E. Europe	\$ 1,724
BSA	\$ 29
Other	\$ 5

TOTAL OFFERTORY: \$ 19,426

STEWARDSHIP'S NEVER ENDING CIRCLE

**Gratitude
Commitment
Trust
Generosity**

1st Offertory <> Total Year-to-Year

Feb. 7, 2009	\$ 118,381
Feb. 8, 2010	\$ 109,126
	<u>-\$ (9,255)</u>

For more information or questions, contact our parish Finance Council:

Henry Wilson	266-5400	Chairman
Rosie Cochran	766-1661	Secretary
Joe Bolchoz	556-1606	
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John Grisillo	270-3692	