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Saturday, February 24 - Weekday Glenny Oesterling, Jr. 6:00 PM Sunday, February 25 - First Sunday of Lent 7:30 AM St. Wendelin Parish 10:00 AM Dick Sanderson, Sr. Monday, February 26 - Weekday Sally Young 7:30 AM <u>Tuesday, February 27</u> – Weekday Alfred Neigh 6:00 PM Wednesday, February 28 - Weekday Faithful Departed Souls 7:30 AM Thursday, March 1 - Weekday 7:30 AM Faithful Departed Souls Friday, March 2 - Weekday Maria Lydon 9:00 AM <u>Saturday</u>, <u>March 3</u> - Weekday 9:00 AM Faithful Departed Souls 6:00 PM Esther Stephenson Sunday, March 4– Second Sunday of Lent St. Wendelin Parish 7:30 AM 10:00 AM Joe Fisher and Joe Carben

Sanctuary	Candles	Burn	For:
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Immaculate Mary	Alicia Bergbigler
Sacred Heart	Jay Stephenson
St. Joseph	Special Intention
St. Wendelin	Jay Stephenson

Please keep in your prayers all those in need of our prayers at this time including:



Josephine Hesidenz, Vera (Sis) Geibel, Ed Welter, Neal Arnold, Sally Coyle, Colleen Collins, Ed Murray, Michelle Gould, Debbie Hudson, Lawrence Osche, Bob Mitch, Jesse Kretzer, Alice Waltman, Bernadette Geibel, Leo & Helen Rodgers Sr, Doug Krisely, Norma McCorry, Maxine Bauldoff, Lois Arnold, John Neudorfer, Jay Stephenson, John Stewart, Ed Neff, Jake Ribald, Jim Dillaman, Anna Marie McKivigan, Patty Carben, Mary O'Donnell, Debra Wick, Ken & Charlotte Ross, Barry Porter, Elizabeth Ozella, Joanne Steighner, Marie Kaufman, Cody Fend, Mary Reed, Olivia Smith, Eugene Bergbigler, Sr., J. Manculich, Barb Campbell, Debbie Selfridge, Fr. Lou Pascazi, Nadine Ball, Gary Osche, Joel Ball, Ron Kabel, Mary Weiland, Sarah Lucas, Doris Rasch, George Bauldoff, Claire Hilderbrand, Brian Roush, Diane McDonald, Mike Smith, Kim Sutton and Pete Green.

If you or anyone for whom you have requested prayers have had improved health and you feel it is no longer necessary to keep them on the prayer list, please let us know.

DOES HE EVER GO AWAY?

Who, you might ask? As "church questions" go, who do you think? We know that God is always with us and that Christ walks with us on this journey of ours. But what about the guy downstairs? Chances are that he's around too! As much as God can be found in all that He created, in nature, in each other. So, too can we find the other guy in the darkness that surrounds us, in the ravages of war, in the coldness of the heart. We may think he's somewhere else, but even the saints were plagued by his constant presence. Then there's the Son of God. After tempting Our Lord in the desert, we are told "when the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from Him for a time." For a time??? Imagine the devil being in the presence of the Christ and not immediately being threatened by the presence of Almighty God? But we are told then in so many words that he would be back to tempt those around Our Lord to the point of disbelief, that they might be led astray, that they might defy Jesus, that they might accuse Him of heresy and even put Him to death! In all, we must realize that we are tempted, that he is trying to lead us astray, that he wants us to defy Jesus and to put him to death by the way we live our lives! We have thus entered into this Lenten Season with an opportunity set before us, i.e., that we might reflect on the areas of our lives that we are most tempted to walk along another road. Here we have the opportunity to choose Christ – that Christ was chosen for us on the day of our baptism, that Christ that we chose in the Sacrament of Confirmation, and that Christ that we must choose every time the choice of good or evil is set before us. Lent asks us to change from our former way of living and to accept Christ into our lives once again – in every word, in every action, in every nuance, that we might realize what it is that temps us and say "get behind me Satan!" The ashes we received just a few days ago were in recognition of our sinfulness and our need to change. Are you willing to do so for the sake of Christ?

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to all those who gave cookies for the Love Walk for the Poor! Those collected by our parish alone were well over the expected amount!!! Your generosity towards our youth, their working in the lives of the poor throughout the diocese, and in your willingness to give is greatly appreciated! Thanks!!!

God Bless You! Rev. Kev



PREPARING FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION

Our second grade students will received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation at 10 AM on Saturday, March 3. Please keep them in your prayers.

"The rich man is not one who is in possession of much, but one who gives much." St. John Chrysostom

Collection for Feb. 17/18 Offertory......\$3,105.36

NEEDED EACH WEEK . \$3,500.00

Please pray for the men and women who are serving in the military, especially those from our parish.



Jeff Geibel Brian Stephenson Derrick Baptiste Garrett Dietrich Brian J. Neff Douglass Swigart Jeremy Welter

MONTHLY 50/50 RAFFLE

Please turn in your tickets by 4 PM Wednesday, Feb. 28. After 5 PM they can be dropped off in the Church Hall. Thank you for your continued support.



ST. WENDELIN SCHOOL NEWS

Do you know someone who is looking for an alternative to public schools? Have them give us a call.

Registration for Kindergarten through 8th grade for the 2007-2008 school year is now underway. For more information call the school at 724-285-4986 between 9 - 2 PM.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration for 3 and 4 year olds is now being accepted for 2007-2008 school year. Call the school at 724-285-4986 for a registration form and a diocesan grant application or for more information about the program. Class size is limited.



The students will participate in the Stations of the Cross at 2:00 PM on Fridays during Lent. Please join us.

ALMS FOR ANGELS

If you did not receive an alms box, please pick one up in the vestibule. Thank you for your support.

MARKET DAY

New order forms are available in the vestibule.

UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>TODAY</u> - Knights of Columbus pancake breakfast in the church hall from 8 to noon.

<u>TODAY</u> - 7 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting <u>Tuesday</u>, Feb. 27 - 7 PM Parish Council

<u>Wednesday, Feb. 28</u> - 5:30 PM Meager Meal <u>Wednesday, Feb. 28</u> - 7 PM Lenten Study Group

in the Ephesians Room

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

ST. JOHN, Coylesville - Will be having a class on the Passion Narratives on Thursdays, Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22, from 6:30-9 PM. If interested in attending contact Amanda Kramer at 724-287-0426.

ST. MICHAEL, Lyndora - Lenten Bread and Cookie Sale. Orders may be placed anytime before March 29 for homemade nutrolls, poppyseed and apricot, and assorted cookies. Call 724-283-0363.

ST. MICHAEL, Lyndora - Ukrainian Food Platter Friday, March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. Platter consists of: Haluski, Halupki, Potato Pancakes, Homemade King Priohi (choice of flavor), Mini Bunt Cakes. Platters must be ordered by the Thursday before the sale. Cost \$14. Call 724-283-0363.

ST. JOSEPH, North Oakland- Sunday, March 4 - Pancake breakfast 8:30 to 1 PM. Adults \$5, children 6-11 \$3 5 and under free.

LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION FOR WOMEN

"Come Apart & Rest Awhile," a Lenten Day of Reflection for Women, will be held Tuesday, Feb. 27 at Doran Hall (433 Mt. Thor Rd., Greensburg) Facilitated by Sister of Charity Patricia Best, 9:30-3 PM. Prayer, discussion, Scripture sharing, etc. \$25 donation is requested which includes lunch., Call Sr. Patricia at 724-837-8645, ext. 120.

LENTEN FISH FRIES



Every Friday through Lent.
St. Mary, Herman - serving 4-7 PM
St. Fidelis, Meridian - serving 4-7 PM

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