



**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 14, 2010**

"Blessed are you who are poor,
for the kingdom of God is yours.
Blessed are you who are now hungry,
for you will be satisfied."
-- Luke 6:20-21a



Week of February 15th - 20th

- Monday: 8:00 Jack Shahoian+
- Tuesday: 8:00 Peggy Greene+
- Wednesday: 8:00 Eleanor McMahon+
- Thursday: 8:00 Randy Ellis+
- Friday: 8:00 Special Intentions
- Saturday: 8:00 Nancy Deau+



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Bruce Barr, Ray Buhl, Betty Edgar, Doris Whitaker, Patty Charlton, Frank Lou, Joshua Bracciotti, John Murphy, Rebecca Bodle, Nancy Lee, Lucia Del Bagge & Robert Johnson.

Please pray for the faithful departed, especially Joyce Lombard, mother of Denise Lombard. Our condolences to their family.

Weekly Collections	February 7, 2010
Plate	\$10,487.50



The Parish Family of Corpus Christi has been increased and enriched through the recent baptisms of:

Stella Julihn Canoles, daughter of Marisa Hurlbut and Christopher Canoles.

Lucas Clarke Childers, son of Kristine Rolefson and Kyle Childers.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!

RICE BOWL



Operation Rice Bowl

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of our Parish's involvement in **Operation Rice Bowl**, sponsored by Catholic Relief Services and the Diocese of Oakland. All families are asked to take home a cardboard Rice Bowl, available at the entrances to the Church and at the Parish Office. At the end of Lent, families will be asked to bring the filled bowls back to our Parish. Proceeds will be sent to CRS. Thank you for your involvement!



Fr. Basil's Message
for Lent

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent is upon us. What are we to make of this holy season, no longer marked by the fasting of an earlier time, except for the day itself and Good Friday? Of course another kind of fasting is very common: Americans keep the diet industry booming even as we experience the plague of obesity as a real threat to health.

Maybe we need a shift in focus away from food, or lack of it, to an emphasis on clearing our minds of the distractions that impose themselves on us, largely with our own cooperation. Many parents laudably limit the amount of television their children can watch. But other electronic junk is rapidly becoming even more of a problem. Video games, texting, and incessant twitching of thumbs are not only causing physical accidents but also disrupting personal interaction and replacing reading as sources of truly human activity. That goes for adults as well as children.

Lent has traditionally been a time of greater quiet, increased reflection and immersion in spiritual activity, prayer above all. There is tremendous pressure just to give in to all the distractions offered, maybe imposed, by the world around us. It's an uphill battle, but worth the effort, for individuals and for families. Lent can be a drag or it can be an island of light and peace on an ocean of noise and empty motion. Choose.

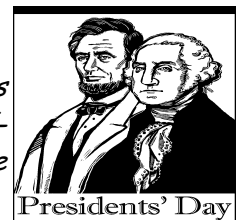
Fr. Basil

2010 Bishop's Appeal!

The official Bishop's Appeal collection for 2010 is this weekend, February 13th and 14th, when thousands throughout the Diocese of Oakland gather together to make a pledge in support of the many important ministries of our Diocese. Your gift will support a variety of programs, including Catholic schools, long-term clergy care, seminary education, schools for pastoral ministry, youth services and the work of our Bishop. **Make checks payable to Corpus Christi.** Thank you for your support!

President's Day!

Tomorrow, February 15th, is President's Day. The Parish Office will be closed! Enjoy the holiday!



Raph's News!

Looking Ahead: The Monday morning class on **Contemporary Issues** of the day will be held on February 15th from 10:45 a.m. until Noon in the Rectory. The Friday morning class on **Women in the Bible** will be held on February 19th from 10:45 a.m. until Noon in the Rectory.

A **Parish Lenten Series** is being planned and details will be made available in the weeks ahead. Meanwhile, if you have any topics or videos that you think parishioners would like to discuss, please leave your name and number with Raph at the Parish Office.

Maggie's News!

The next session of **High School Gospel Study** is next Sunday, February 21st, at 9:30 a.m. See you there!

A huge **Retreat Planning Session for all Teen and Adult Leaders** is scheduled for Sunday, February 21st, from Noon to 4:00 p.m. in the Gibson Center.

The **Retreat for Confirmation** (10th graders) is on Friday, February 26th, until Sunday, February 28th. Carpools leave from the Church at 6:30 p.m. that Friday!

Cory & Erin's News!

The next **Junior High** gathering for 7th and 8th graders will be a **Mardi Gras style Bingo Night!** The date is Friday, February 19th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Gibson Center. Bring a prize under \$10.00 and food to share. Let the good times roll!



Ash Wednesday & Lenten Observances

The Lenten fast begins with Ash Wednesday. On this day, we are signed with a cross for we live under that sign and in that sign. Lent in a very special way points out that we are pilgrims. For seven weeks, we walk with Christ in response to his invitation, "Let us go up to Jerusalem." The penances, the fasting and all the other aspects of Lent are the hardships of the journey. The Church gives us the cross of ashes on Ash Wednesday to show that we have pledged ourselves to walk with Christ during Lent. On Ash Wednesday, Ashes will be distributed during the 8:00 a.m. Mass, the 7:30 p.m. Mass and also during the School Mass at 9:00 a.m. Don't forget, all Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat and meat products. This law obliges everyone who is fourteen (14) years of age and older. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence (one full meal, two lesser meals, no meat, no eating between meals). The law on fasting obliges all persons who are between the ages of eighteen (18) and fifty-nine (59).

Monthly



Around the Parish!

Plan to come to the **Annual Boy Scout Troop 6 Pancake Breakfast** on Sunday, March 7th, from 8:00 a.m. until Noon. They will be serving up stacks of hot pancakes and delicious ham with all the extras! The price is \$8.00 per adult, \$15.00 for two or \$20.00 for the entire family. Troop 6 hopes to see you there and appreciates your support!

The **11th Annual Corpus Christi Women's Group Lenten Retreat** will be held on Saturday, March 13th, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Church and Gibson Center. Our facilitator, Sr. Kathleen McCabe, will lead on the topic, "*Living Lovingly in Turbulent Times.*" Please see the flyer in this week's Bulletin. For more information, contact Kitty de Jong at 530-4249 or email her at: peerke@sbcglobal.net.

Annual Runts & Grunts!

The Corpus Christi Men's Club is sponsoring the **20th Annual Runts & Grunts, "2-on-2" Basketball Tournament.** All boys and girls, grades 3rd through 8th, in the Parish are invited to participate. Teams are comprised of 1 Runt (3rd to 8th grade) and 1 Grunt (any elder). The event is open to everyone. If you do not have a player partner, sign-up anyway. You will be matched with a Runt or Grunt as needed. Come join in a fun day of hoops and hustle in the School Auditorium. If you have any questions, contact Brad Edgar at 579-3138 or email him at: brad.edgar@sbcglobal.net.

Lenten Prayer

Good and Gracious God,
 You who are full of compassion,
 Help us to show compassion towards others this Lent.
 During this Holy Season we:
 pray that we may be transformed,
 fast in solidarity with those who are hungry,
 learn to live with less,
 and Give so that others may live.
 May we join in solidarity as one human family
 and love one another as you love each of us.

Amen.

A former parishioner is looking for part-time work in child-care or taking care of the elderly, Mondays through Saturdays. She is experienced and has her own car. Contact Ester at 530-6469. References available upon request.

