

**Holy Family Church**  
**Fort Worth, Texas**

## **Whole Community Catechesis**

**WHOLE COMMUNITY CATECHESIS:** If you need information about elementary level sessions please call Pat Mancuso at 817.737.6768, ext. 108 during work hours; my home phone number is 817.246.2920 or on Sunday morning on the cell, 817.501.5770.

**RCIA:** Join us on **Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 P.M. in the Education Room. The topic will be “Sin and Temptation” and Mr. Lucas Pollice, Director of Adult Catechesis with the Diocese of Ft. Worth will be the facilitator. Questions, call Mary Ellen McBee at 817.737.6768, ext. 107.

**CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:** Our next session is today, **Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>** from 1:30 to 3:30 P.M. Please be on time and if you play an instrument, bring it with you!

**HFSA: Small Church Community/Why Catholic? Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>\***(will be held at Karen's house); **March 1<sup>st</sup>**; 7:00-8:30 P.M. at Holy Family Church. Small Church will be doing Why Catholic in 2010. This will consist of two six-week sessions. The first set of six weeks will be the section that most groups did in the fall. The book is required to participate. The cost of the book is \$10.00. Books will be available for purchase at the sessions. Dinner is potluck. Please bring a side, dessert or drink to share. For more information contact: Karen Lawson at [lawsonkaren@hotmail.com](mailto:lawsonkaren@hotmail.com) or Paul Dossett at [pdossett@apaienv.com](mailto:pdossett@apaienv.com).

**HFSA: HFSA Leadership Meeting Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**, 6:30 P.M. at St. Andrew. Holy Family/St Andrew Young Adults will hold its monthly leadership meeting. Are you interested in helping out with one of our ministries? Do you have some great ideas for new events? We'd love to have you! Please RSVP to Genni Sayers at [gennisays@aol.com](mailto:gennisays@aol.com). Dinner will be provided!

**HFSA: Sports Sunday! Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**, 1:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M., Holy Family Life Center. This will be a chance to hone your basketball & volleyball skills with the HFSA young adults. Show up ready to play! Questions? Contact Tim at [averbeck3@yahoo.com](mailto:averbeck3@yahoo.com) or Brad at [bsmorian@gmail.com](mailto:bsmorian@gmail.com)

**IN SYMPATHY:** The Parish Community of Holy Family extends their prayers and sympathy to Noel Faul on the death of his mother, Gertrude Faul Fletcher and to Sharon Werlinger on the death of her sister, Patty Broten. May their souls rest in peace and may their families and friends be consoled.

**February 21, 2010**

## **NEWS FROM SERVICE**

**30 & OVER SINGLES MINISTRY:** “Game Night and Fellowship” will be held on **Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center for all singles and single again. Please bring your favorite snack to share. Pizza and beverages will be provided. Contact Monica Molina for more information and to RSVP at 817.737.6768 or [mmolina@hollyfamilyfw.org](mailto:mmolina@hollyfamilyfw.org).

**MENS' CLUB:** The Holy Family Men's Club will be serving a fried fish dinner following the Friday evening Mass and Stations of the Cross on **February 26<sup>th</sup>, March 12<sup>th</sup> and March 19<sup>th</sup>**. Everyone is welcome!

**SENIOR SINGLES:** The Senior Singles meet the third Saturday of the month after 5:00 P.M. Mass for dinner and fellowship. Please call Judy Snyder at 817.480.8626 for more information about the next monthly gathering.

**SERVICE MINISTRY:** Save the Date! A workshop on parenting called “Becoming a Love & Logic Parent” will be provided on Monday evenings from **April 12<sup>th</sup>** through **May 17<sup>th</sup>**. This six week course in parenting is designed to give you practical skills that can be used immediately. Registration is required. Please contact Monica Molina for more information at 817.737.6768.

**IT'S OKAY TO BE HUMAN...** An important theme of the Lenten season is the humanity of Christ. In Jesus, God became human and fully experienced the wide range of emotions we all encounter in life. Jesus experienced times of loneliness, sadness, hurt, anger, disappointment, grief, and abandonment. That is part of being human. Another part of being human is needing help from each other. So when you are experiencing difficult times, don't struggle alone. Our Stephen Ministers will walk with you, listen to you, encourage you, pray with you, and provide confidential one-to-one care to help you through tough times. Stephen Ministers can bring the love of Jesus back into your life. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you! Questions, contact Karen Roach at 817.737. 6768, ext.103. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!

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### **OPERATION RICE BOWL**

In Luke's story of the temptations of Jesus we see how we can be tempted by wealth, power, and esteem just as He was. Lent calls us to focus on our faith life by living it in deeper ways. As we begin our journey with Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, let us be mindful that our Lenten sacrifices help to give hope to our brothers and sisters in need.

## First Sunday in Lent

### LITURGY NOTES

See **THE FAITH CONNECTION** insert

During the Lenten Season our Friday Mass will be celebrated at 5:30 P.M. in the Church followed by the Stations of the Cross.

**THE LAW OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE FOR LENT:** The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has determined that the following practices shall prevail in the United States: Fast and Abstinence are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all those who have celebrated their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday until one has celebrated his 59<sup>th</sup> birthday. Abstinence from meat is to be observed on the Fridays of Lent by all who have celebrated their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday. The Church recognizes that there are chronically or seriously ill individuals who cannot fast or abstain. The Church still calls for these individuals to participate in acts of penance and works of charity especially on Fridays during Lent.

#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 22

Monday, February 22	Frances Sutton
Wednesday, February 24	Souls in Purgatory
Thursday, February 25	Mary Alyce Bass +
Friday, February 26	Barbara Rudzinski +
Saturday, February 27	Sherie Sanders



#### CHALICE PARTICIPANTS

February 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>

5:00 P.M. – Mike Eder  
7:45 A.M. - Jerry & Nona Pannell  
9:15 A.M. – Paul & Nancy Smith  
12:00 P.M. – Susie Molina

**LET EACH OF US PRAY FOR VOCATIONS TO  
THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE.**

#### WELCOME VISITORS

The Community of Holy Family welcomes you! We are delighted you have joined us for Mass. If you are interested in becoming a member of our faith community, please call the Pastoral Center for a registration form. Registration forms may also be found in the racks, located at the entrances of the church. If you need additional information regarding our parish community please call Karen Roach or Monica Molina at 817.737.6768. However if you are just visiting, please know that you are always welcome.

**If you are going to another parish or moving from this area, or changing address or telephone number, please contact the Pastoral Center at [mpacheco@holvfamilvfw.org](mailto:mpacheco@holvfamilvfw.org) or 817.737.6768.**

**“ALL THINGS POSSIBLE” CAMPAIGN:** The Stewardship and Development Office of the Diocese is managing the remittance process for the “All Things Possible” Campaign. All checks should be made payable to “The All Things Possible” Campaign and can be sent to: All Things Possible, PO Box 151709, Fort Worth, TX 76108-1709. If you have any questions concerning your pledge or payments, please contact Karen Roach at 817.737.6768, ext. 103.



**REGISTRATION IN PROGRESS:** Holy Family Catholic School is now accepting applications for enrollment for the 2010 - 2011 school year. HFCS provides academic excellence from 3-year-old Pre-kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, while teaching the way of Jesus Christ. For a tour of our campus, please contact Pearl Middleton, 817.737.4201. Enrollment information and forms are also available on our website, [www.hfsfw.org](http://www.hfsfw.org).

**WAY OF THE CROSS:** Come and follow the Way of the Cross with HFCS students, families, faculty and staff on Friday's during lent. Since the times do vary, please call the school office for more information.

Have you heard what's cookin' at Holy Family? Holy Family Church & School are working on a cookbook - "We are Family!" All profits benefit the school through Pot O' Gold. Submit your favorite family recipes to [HFCookbook@gmail.com](mailto:HFCookbook@gmail.com) today and stay tuned for more info!

**FISH FRY:** Knights of Columbus 2813 is sponsoring Stations of the Cross at 6:00 P.M., followed by a Fish Fry Fridays during Lent (February 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, & 26<sup>th</sup>). Cost is \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children 6-12. The KC Hall is located at 4500 Columbus Trail. Bingo is also held on Friday Nights. For more information call 817.292.7441.

**LENTEN VOCATION AWARENESS PROGRAM:** Is God calling you to the religious life, the married life, or to be committed to the Church as you are? Come and see. All single men and women ages 18 thru 50, and ages 15-17 with parental support, are invited to attend the Lenten Vocation Awareness Program held every Monday night for men (beginning February 22<sup>nd</sup>) and every Tuesday night for women (beginning February 23<sup>rd</sup>) from 6:00 to 9:00 P.M. at St. Patrick Cathedral, 1206 Throckmorton. Women will be lead by the sisters and men will be lead by priests. For more information contact Father Kyle Walterscheid at [kwalterscheid@fwdioc.org](mailto:kwalterscheid@fwdioc.org). or visit the vocations website [www.fwdioc.org/vocations](http://www.fwdioc.org/vocations).

Please join us for the Annual

## Stewardship Fair of Time & Talent

# *“Tapestry of Gifts”*

Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>

Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>

Family Life Center following all Masses

AND THE

## Wellness Day

Hosted by



HFC Parish Nurse Ministry

Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital

Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

And

**Catholic Renewal Bookstore**

## First Sunday in Lent

### ***Holy Family Catholic Community*** ***“Stewardship . . . Our Way of Life”***

#### ***A TAPESTRY OF GIFTS...Time, Talent & Treasure***



#### **Sharing our Gifts**

*Through the Gifts of Time, Talent and Treasure that our parishioners so generously share, Holy Family is able to provide over 65 ministries to our parishioners. The ministries of Holy Family would not be possible without your gift of faithful stewardship. Many of our parishioners also share their gifts with the community of Tarrant County with such entities as Tarrant Area Food Bank, Meals on Wheels and many more.*

*During the Stewardship Fair, a banner will be available to write down the ministries our parishioners are involved in at the parish and parish school. We are also asking parishioners to share where else they offer their gifts of Time and Talent.*

*As a Christian steward, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord. Thank you for sharing your gifts with the Community of Holy Family and the World Community!*

Stewardship Commission

#### **Stewardship of “Treasure” Prayer**

Good and gracious God,  
We give You thanks for the many blessings  
You have given us –  
For shelter, clothing, food, love,  
and abundance in our lives,  
And for our parish, Holy Family Church  
which connect us so closely with  
You and Your people.  
We hear Your call to Stewardship, Lord.  
Give us generous hearts that  
we may respond by sharing our blessings.  
Give us courageous hearts that we may respond  
by living the Gospel message.  
Give us faith to believe in Your Goodness,  
so that with confident hearts  
we may return a generous portion  
of our monetary resources to you, oh Lord.  
We pray, with grateful hearts, through Christ, your Son.  
Amen.

#### **Giving Gifts During Lent**

*James Lamm, Director of Stewardship,  
St. Louis Catholic Church, Austin, Texas*

Christmas is the time most of us think about giving gifts. The three Magi in the Christmas story gave gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These gifts represented the infant Jesus as God, as High Priest, and as the Sacrificial Lamb who died on the cross for us. During the season of Lent we are also called to give gifts. The gifts of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are the traditional gifts of Lent. Unlike the gifts from the Magi, however, the gifts of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are sacrificial gifts of our selves, and therefore fitting gifts to our God.

Prayer allows us to be loved by God the Father. Prayer places us in the position to listen and to give God all that we are, our expectations and hopes. Prayer is a sacrifice of praise and intercession. The gift of prayer is the way we unite ourselves to Jesus and open ourselves to the Holy Spirit who makes all things new. Fasting is a great spiritual tradition. Fasting represents the element of expectation of the Lord. It is the opening of the heart, stripping oneself of everything that is an obstacle to the gift of Christ's coming. During Lent, fasting represents being pilgrims toward the great gift of Easter. We must rediscover the need and desire for God as the center of our existence, emptying ourselves in order to be full of God.

Almsgiving is more than an act of giving; it is an attitude of the heart. It is an attitude of heart that is humble, repentant, merciful, compassionate, and which seeks to imitate with others the experience of mercy that each of us receives from our God. Almsgiving, therefore, is care, is discernment, is gift – all of these being part of what we have experienced as believers when we contemplate the love of God that accepts and forgives us.

During Lent we need to rediscover the value of sacrifice through the gifts of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. A sacrifice is a gesture of love which costs something and is done in praise of God and for someone who is suffering and in need. There is no love without sacrifice, just as without love, sacrifice would be simply external restraint. Sacrifice is an offering of love. We must not forget the great example that Jesus gave us, and remember that “God so loved the world that He did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all. (John 3:16)”