

*Dates
to
Remember*

October 24, 2010, after 10AM Mass

TRUNK OR TREAT

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October 24, 2010, 1-7PM

GRASTA DE

November 7, 2010, 11:15-1:15

Daylight Savings time ends

Generations of Faith

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November 14, 2010, 11:15-1:15

Generations of Faith

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November 15, 2010, 6—8PM

Generations of Faith

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November 28, 2010, 8AM

Healing Mass

December 5, 2010, 11:15-1:15

Generations of Faith

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December 12, 2010, 11:15—1:15AM

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Generations of Faith

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December 13, 2010, 6—8PM

Generations of Faith

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December 24, 2010

CHRISTMAS EVE

(See Christmas Letter for Mass times)

December 25, 2010

CHRISTMAS DAY

(See Christmas Letter for Mass times)

December 26, 2010, 10AM

Healing Mass

January 1, 2011

NEW YEAR'S DAY

(See Christmas Letter for Mass times)

January 6, 7, 2011, 6-7PM

Confirmation Workshop

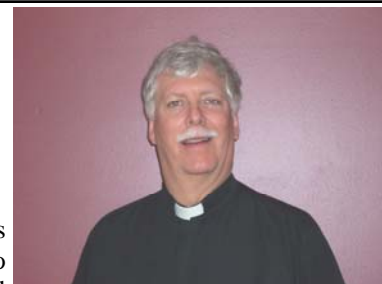
January 8, 2011, 9-10AM

Confirmation Workshop



Founded on the Spirit filled tradition of the Roman Catholic faith, we are a people called by God to make Christ real in the world. We are committed to support this mission with and for our neighbor through hospitality, worship, works of charity, formation and stewardship.

*A message from
Father Thomas E. Mischler*



Dear People of God at Holy Spirit,

When Bishop Melczek came to our parish to bless the new Fr. Joseph V. Murphy Parish Life Center and to install me as pastor of Holy Spirit, there was a wonderful exchange taking place during the installation. That exchange laid out the responsibilities I have to the parish, to the Pastoral Council and to the staff. It also defined the role of the Pastoral Council to me, the efforts of the staff and the responsibilities of the people to their pastor.

What I find fascinating about this exchange, is the interconnections that take place between each of the groups and me and my interactions with them. We all know Holy Spirit is a vibrant parish with many activities happening all around. It is truly an active parish and that is a good thing. Besides the various ministries buzzing in an effort to be of service to the people, there are other means by which the vibrancy of the parish can be measured. The life of any parish centers around the work of its people as they strive to make the body of Christ become real (nearly tangible) in their prayers, actions and general manner of living out the love of Christ in their lives.

We already experience an exchange with the Lord, each time we celebrate the Eucharist. We bring ourselves. The Church (our faith lived in the action of others) brings its rituals and God brings the grace. The liturgies we celebrate are the inner workings of these various components. Each facet of the parish works for the common good of the whole. As we recognize how much our lives intersect the life of the Church, the lives of others and our own crossroads, we discover the grace of God building us up to become the body of Christ in the world. St. Paul attests to this in his first letter to the Corinthians.

The point being this is all a common effort. Each component is working for the benefit of the whole. It is like a family when each of the members consciously works to support the other members of the family. When that happens there are stronger family ties, a feeling of support and accomplishment as well as an assurance that all is well. The Parish Community is a family too. We each have our roles and duties to do. We all benefit when we work together. In the coming months I am looking forward to finding ways with you to put the above reflections into practice. The home visits are a start. I am learning much from those gatherings. They are shaping my own reflections on how I should be a pastor at Holy Spirit. The interactions I spoke of above are opportunities for growth. I want to work with you building upon the good foundation you have already begun. I will be asking the Transition Team to help me in this endeavor. I see the Pastoral Council as an integral part of implementing a process to further the good work already begun here. Ultimately each parish is a means by which the body of Christ is built up. Christ's presence among us becomes more than just the Eucharist. It is also a result of our interaction with each other to become examples of love, compassion and mercy as we pray together, work together and we laugh and play together. (By the way, in a word this is all called stewardship.)

May you and your families have a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving. May Advent bring you much peace. And may the celebrations of Christmas truly touch your hearts.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Tom Mischler

All are welcome at Holy Spirit Church!

Our community welcomes all who come through our doors to worship and seek spiritual nourishment. As a stewardship parish, we respect and embrace an individual's time, talent and treasure. To join our faith community, please contact the parish office at (219) 661-0644.

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Mass Schedule

Saturday
4:00p.m.

Sunday
8:00a.m. &
10:00a.m.

Tuesday through
Friday
8:00 a.m.

Holy Days
8:00 a.m. &
6:00 p.m.

Pastoral Team

Pastor: Rev. Thomas E. Mischler
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Business Manager: Sue Mycka
Asst. Business Managers: Phyllis Zagotta, Dolores Ellingsen
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Director of Faith Formation: Della VanderPol
Asst. Dir. of Faith Formation: L.B. Angel
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Director of Music: Marshall Anderson
Ministry of Care: Deacon Gene & Trish
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RCIA—Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Have you ever wondered???

- ◆ Who are these people that call themselves Christian Catholics?
- ◆ What do my Catholic family members believe?
- ◆ Where do I go for information?



Web Site News

www.holy-spiritchurch.org

Are you homebound? Don't get the bulletin? You can easily look up the past bulletins on the website. Just go to the sidebar on the main page and click on BULLETIN. Also, Generations of Faith schedules and information is on the sidebar under FORMATION.

- ◆ Why do Catholics do the things they do?
- ◆ When am I going to decide?
- ◆ Is God calling you?
- ◆ Do you have any stirrings in your heart?

If so, we are always here to answer any questions you may have about our faith. If you ever want to talk, just call or come in and we will be happy to meet with you.

TIDBITS OF NEWS:

Funeral Luncheons: 100 people are involved in helping with Funeral Luncheons for families who have funerals here at Holy Spirit. Our first luncheon was for the Campbell Family. Our next luncheon will be for the Lehocky family on Oct. 22

Father's Dinners with Parishioners: 6 of the 72 dinners have been held already. Everyone enjoyed getting to know Father better on a social level and Father enjoyed getting to know his parishioners. Please note: These are social events. There is no request of money involved.

Passing on the Faith: This past weekend our Christ Renews His Parish sisters from the Wanatah and Otis churches put on their first CRHP retreat at Camp Lawrence. Here is a picture of the chapel they constructed out of hay bales.



INSTALLATION OF FR. TOM MISCHLER DEDICATION OF PARISH LIFE CENTER

On September 18, 2010, Holy Spirit celebrated the installation of our new pastor, Fr. Thomas Mischler; and the new Parish Life Center was dedicated. Bishop Dale Melczek presided at the function.

Thanks to the Transition Team, headed by Faye Iorio, for a celebration to be remembered. Fr. Murphy was delighted to see how beautifully his dream and the dream of the parish had become a reality.

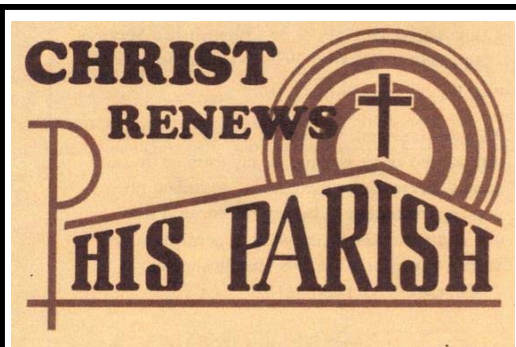


But, REMEMBER, our Campaign is still not over. As you may have noticed the construction of a new rectory is still in progress and many inside elements still need to be completed in the Parish Life Center, like a sound system. So, keep your pledges coming in and to those who have not pledged, please use the Building Fund envelopes to contribute. Our goal is to..**FINISH AND FURNISH** .



After the celebration of the Eucharist, Bishop Melczek led the community into the Fr. Joseph V. Murphy Parish Life Center where a potluck dinner was waiting and the Knights of Columbus prepared pork chops and hot dogs for the community.

Capital Campaign/Fund
 Goal: \$1,200,000
 Total received: \$1,139,722



JOIN US FOR A RETREAT

Want to give a jump start to your spiritual life? Get to know Jesus a little better? Meet and develop lifelong friendships with other great parishioners? Then, join us for the Christ Renews His Parish retreat. It is free to parishioners.

WOMEN'S RETREAT: February 19, 20, 2011

MEN'S RETREAT: February 26, 27, 2011

Contact: Nancy Reed (Women's) 219-226-1730

John Vidal (Men's) 219-988-3339

Hey there kids and Holy Spirit Parishioners.....

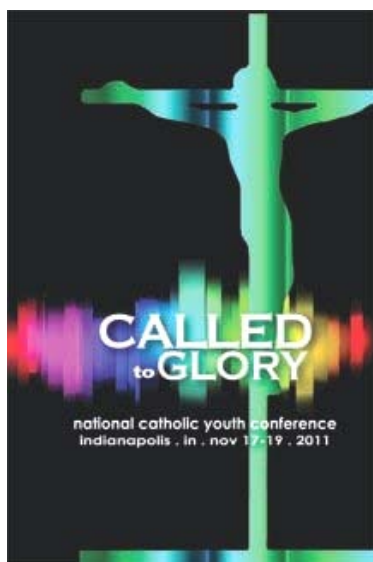
Trick or Treat for the Needy!

The children are asked to collect non-perishable food items from friends, neighbors, and family members to help fill the holiday baskets and the food pantry at our church!

- Please use the ¼ sheet flyers (*in all GOF packets and the church office*) to notify your neighbors a week or so BEFORE October 23rd. This will give them time to *shop or gather* items from their personal food pantries. (This is where YOU name the time...)
- **CAUTION!** Do not put these flyers inside any mailboxes. **IT IS AGAINST THE LAW.** Tuck them *behind* the flag on their mailbox, in the *newspaper box* or perhaps in their *front door*. *You may also deliver them personally.*
- On Saturday, the 23rd, go out and **collect this food**. **CHILDREN SHOULD NEVER GO ALONE.** Parents please chaperone your children and help carry the donations. *Use a wagon!?*
- The children should bring in their food donations to **Holy Spirit's 10 am mass** on this day.
- When the children bring in their donations, we will give them a **trick or treat bag** so that they may participate in our Trunk or Treat in the parking lot after mass!

Trunk or Treat! -- Sunday, October 24th

- We are inviting all parishioners to bring some treats, back up to the "island" in front of church, and "open their trunks" for the children so that we may reward them for all their hard work collecting the food donations.
- **PARENTS, PLEASE WALK WITH YOUR CHILDREN IN THE PARKING LOT.**
- Children are invited to wear their costumes to mass that day!
(Parents, please **use discretion**...Nothing *scary, bloody* or "revealing")
Maybe you could wear your costume and get an *extra day* out of them!!



2011 (NCYC)

NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE

Want to connect with Catholic teens throughout the country?

Want to reach a whole new level with Our Lord?

Want to escape our parent fr a weekend?

If so, then the National Catholic outh Conference (NCYC) is for you.

The retreat is held every other year so

The next one will be in November of 2011.

It is never too early to start thinking about attending.

Look for more information in bulletins to come!

WALK FOR LUPUS—A SUCCESS!



2010 TEAM HURST

A BIG THANK YOU to the many families from Holy Spirit that participated in the Walk for Lupus Now on September 11th. The Lupus Foundation raised \$50,000+ to support lupus education, awareness and research at the walk. Thank you to Marshall Anderson, the Angel family, Barbara Graham, the Harris family, the LaFrey family, the Mayersky family, the Natt family, Mary Reardon, Beverly Rinkenberger and the Shemen family for participating with the Hurst family on Team Hurst. Together, Team Hurst raised more than \$2,000!

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
TIME ENDS ON
NOVEMBER 7.**

**DON'T FORGET TO "FALL" BACK
AND SET YOUR CLOCK BACK
ONE HOUR.**

**BUT MAYBE
YOU LIKE
BEING AN
H O U R
EARLY FOR
C H U R C H
ONCE IN A
WHILE.**



GREEN TEAM

As we begin to hold events in our new Parish Life Center, let us remember to RECYCLE as much as possible.

Here are some household tips for you:

GREEN CLEANING

- Baking soda cleans and deodorize. Softens water to increase sudsing and cleaning power of soap. Good scouring powder.
- White vinegar or lemon juice. Cuts grease and freshens. For cleaning windows:
 - ⇒ Mix 2 teaspoons of vinegar and 1 quart of warm water.
 - ⇒ Rub dry with newspaper to avoid streaking.
- Rug cleaning—Sprinkle baking soda or cornstarch on dry rugs and vacuum.



GENERATIONS OF FAITH

Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it. Proverbs 22:6

CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW???????

The new Joseph V. Murphy Parish Life Center is officially the new home of our Generations of Faith formation sessions!! What we lacked in chairs and a sound system (both coming soon as possible) we made up for with wonderful family participation and appreciation of the building. It is by the strength and generosity of our community that our Parish Life Center was completed almost two years ahead of schedule!! Furnishings and other needs, as in most new homes, take a little time.

As the Generations of Faith program matures, so do our ties to each other as a community. Each year we as a formation team, come to know the families better. This is the most fulfilling part of the journey for us. We want to thank the families for allowing us to be part of their walk with Jesus. Actually, it is the entire parish that we want to thank for sharing their walk with us. Everyone including; the deep voice who sings slightly off key in mass, parents who struggle with little ones during mass, parents who struggle with bigger ones to get to mass, role models that reverently receive Christ, the anonymous who make donations, volunteers who share their TTT, ministries that work with us, the person reading this right now, all impact Generations of Faith. The challenge is to ACTIVELY impact Generations, especially the little ones.

A few weeks ago Father invited me to share a few thoughts about Generations in the bulletin. It was an exciting, yet humbling experience writing for something as important as the *FRONT* of the bulletin. Talk about not feeling worthy!! Anyway, if you have already read it, maybe you will find something new this “shopping trip”. If you have not read it, I pray it speaks to you in some way.

Every week most of us make a trip to the grocery store. We fill up our cart with things that nourish our families, help us grow and stay healthy. Sometimes we put a few treats in our cart. Breyer’s butter pecan ice cream is a personal favorite. We then pay the bill, which is usually more than we planned on paying. How often do we go in because we need bread and milk and come out with three bags of groceries?

Now would you go home, put the groceries on the table and let them sit there? What would happen if we didn’t unpack the groceries and we never used them? Our families would grow hungry and weak.

Every week most of us make a trip to church for Mass. At Mass we have the opportunity to “fill up our cart” with community, worship, prayer, song, blessings, and through Eucharist, Christ. Everything we need to be nourished, grow, stay healthy and enjoy the treats of God’s grace. When we are “sent” from mass, there is no bill to pay. Someone took care of the bill for us. If we go to Mass looking for something we need, God promises that our bags will overflow. Now we just have to go home and unpack and use them. After all, ice cream melts.

Mass is an integral part of our faith. It connects us to what our entire formation program Generations of Faith is and who we are as Catholic Christians. Mass is more than the other half of Generations, it is interwoven with the whole. The challenge is to walk in Jesus’ footsteps, not footstep. Is it a challenge to prioritize, participate and practice Mass, Generations, CRHP, Church activities, our faith? You bet, but God will give us the tools we need, especially in each other.

This is our seventh year of Generations of Faith. The past six years, we journeyed through the *Church Year, Sacraments, Creed, Prayer, Peace and Social Justice, and Morality*. This year we are reviewing and reflecting on how we can experience the different aspects of our faith and live as disciples, following in Jesus’ footsteps.

So let’s get a walkin’!

By His Grace, (and a great team)

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265 people attended the Fall Fantasy on October 10, 2010 at the Radisson Hotel. St. Vincent de Paul sponsors called it "A Huge Success."

The theme was PASSPORT TO ADVENTURE.

Over 173 items were donated for the silent auction, which generated ample funds to help the needy who come seeking assistance from our parish.

The style show featuring fashions from Chico's also starred both Fr. Murphy and Fr. Mischler, who delighted the audience with their humor and style.

Barb Graham and Fr. Mischler welcome the guests.

FALL FANTASY - HUGE SUCCESS



Yolanda Benard, June Ambrosia, Alice Burgess, and Phyllis Zagotta check-in the guests.



Father Murphy and his Irish friend are ready to travel.

Kudos to our high school group (FIRE), who collected 3 carts of food for our SVDP pantry.



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HAVE YOU NOTICED OUR NEW FOUNTAIN IN FRONT OF CHURCH?

Adam Parsons, who does the lawn work and snow removal for our parish, donated this lovely rock waterfall fountain to us. He also donated 2 fountains for the FALL FANTASY. Our SPIRITED GARDENING group has done a lot of work to enhance the surroundings of the fountain. Thanks to Adam and to our gardening group for making our grounds so beautiful.

All Natural Water Fountains

For information on installation call the
church office at 661-0644

or

Adam Parson at 219-808-7338