



The Courtyard



Inside this Newsletter Issue

1. Pastor's Message
2. Lenten Schedule of Events
3. Stewardship Pillar of Hospitality
Stewardship Pillar of Formation
Parish Mission
4. Photos and Holy Week Schedule
Parish by the Numbers

Our Parish Mission Statement

"We are a Spirit-led Catholic Community that welcomes all to celebrate the Eucharist, to pray, and to know, love, and serve Christ."

Our Parish Vision Statement

"To foster Stewardship as a way of life, by engaging our community in works of ministry founded on hospitality, prayer, formation and service."

Pastor

Fr. Patrick Robinson
frpat@blessedsacramentscotts.org
480-948-8370 X206

Courtyard Editor

Dr. Honora Norton
480-948-8370 X223
hnorton@blessedsacramentscotts.org

The Community of the
Blessed Sacrament
11300 N. 64th Street
Scottsdale, AZ 85254
480-948-8370

www.blessedsacramentscotts.org
blessed_sacrament@diocesephoenix.org

Join the Parish's Email list

Send your email address to
mabateman@blessedsacramentscotts.org
If you have spam blocker, add this address to your authorized email list.

The Community of the Blessed Sacrament February 2011 Parish Newsletter

Pastor's Message

It's that time of year again – a time to slow down, take an accounting of our lives. Lent will soon be upon us. Lent brings visions for dark colors, somber music and beating of breasts. But the real meaning of Lent is "spring," of new life budding forth. As nature comes alive in spring, so are we to come alive in Lent. Like any seed planted in the soil that must die to itself before it can experience new life, so is Lent a time to "die" to our old ways, our sinful ways, so that we can live again.

We all have brokenness in our lives. For some it is a difficult relationship with a spouse, a child, a parent or loved one. For others, it is the deep pain of having been hurt by someone and misunderstood. Often we like to think we are the only ones suffering and try to carry our burdens silently. I don't know about you, but sometimes I feel overwhelmed when someone tells me that line that "God never gives you more than you can handle." I feel that surely God has me confused with someone else! But part of our humanness is pain. And it is this pain that often separates us from God. We forget to call on Him to lean on. We for-

get to follow His example of kindness and forgiveness.

Take time to feel whatever keeps you from coming closer to God and deal with it. Maybe you can do something about your brokenness, or you may have to just accept it. Acknowledge it, pray about it. For this season, we are a broken people coming home.

This year's Lenten Mission will be led by Fr. Dominic Briese, O.P. Some of us may remember him from a few years back. We really enjoyed his talks and I know you will enjoy him this time also. Fr. Dominic will speak at all the Masses on the weekend of March 19-20 and then will preach at 9:00am Monday through Wednesday after 8:00am Mass and, again in the evenings at 7:00pm. During this week we will also have Communal Reconciliation so make plans to join us for this very special time.

Lent can be a happy time to begin anew, to start over, to renew relationships with God and one another. It is a time for new life, fresh life. It is a time to rise from the ashes and allow God to resurrect ourselves.

Fr. Pat



**8th Annual
Blessed Sacrament Golf Classic**

*Benefitting Blessed Sacrament
RRR Fund
Facility Repair, Renew & Replace*

Saturday, April 30, 2011
Stonecreek Golf Club
4435 E Paradise Village Pkwy S.
Phoenix

11:30-12:30pm: Registration
1:00pm: Shotgun Start
Buffet & Awards After Tournament

**Registration/Sponsorship
Forms in Parish Office,
Church Lobbies, Parish Website**

Contact:
Dr. Honora Norton
at the Parish Office
480-948-8370 X223



Save the Dates



Living Last Supper

7:00pm—Friday, April 15
*A reprise of last year's theatrical tableau
of Da Vinci's painting, as portrayed by
men of the parish.*

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
Sat., May 21 after 4:30pm Mass

Lent 2011 Schedule of Events

(subject to change—see bulletins)

Alms Giving is the general practice of giving to the poor; each week Sunday through Tuesday in-kind gifts are collected for the charities listed below. Giving alms, Jesus teaches, means making the needs of others our own, especially the needy of our world—children and the old, the sick and the suffering, families and individuals, neighbors and people in lands faraway.

Tuesday Soup Kitchen (5:30-6:30pm) everyone—families, seniors, singles, guests are invited to enjoy a wide-variety of home-made soups served and supplied by various ministry members.

Tuesday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 7:30am and ends with 7:00pm Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Benediction and Rosary. Come spend some time with the Lord. See weekly bulletin for earlier schedule during Mission Week.

Lenten Fridays begins with fish fry 4:00 – 7:00pm; 6:00pm Stations of the Cross followed by 7:00pm Musical and Meditation Lenten Series.

🕯 Mar 9, Ash Wednesday

Masses with Ashes: 7:00am, 8:00am, 12:15pm, 6:00pm

🕯 Mar 11, Friday

Taize Prayer: 7:00pm contemplative prayer, led by the Crosier and our Community and Blessed Sacrament Choir

🕯 Mar. 13, 1st Sunday of Lent

Theme: Desert (homelessness)

Alms Giving Recipient: *Save the Family Foundation of Arizona*—empowers families to conquer homelessness and achieve life-long independence."

Website: www.savethefamily.org

In-Kind Needs: *Household items:* bedding, cleaning supplies, cooking utensils, dishes, glasses, pillows, pots, pans, silverware, towels, paper towels, toilet paper; *Baby items:* diapers, powder, oil, shampoo, wipes, instant formula.

Mar 15, Tues Soup Kitchen Hosts: Musician and Choir Ministries

🕯 Mar 18, Friday

The Sorrowful Mysteries: 7:00pm musical and visual meditation with Julie Carrick and Leighton Drake

🕯 Mar. 20, 2nd Sunday of Lent

Theme: All the Communities of the Earth shall find a blessing in Him

Alms Giving Recipient: *St. Vincent de*

Paul—dedicated to serving the poor and providing opportunities to serve.

Website: See parish website

In-Kind Needs: non-perishable food items -canned meats, canned fruits, canned vegetables and canned soups.

Tuesday Soup Kitchen Hosts: St Vincent de Paul Parish Conference

🕯 Mar. 21-23 - Lenten Mission

Leader: Fr. Dominic Briese, O.P. presenting positive and healing message "Why be down, when you can be up!"

Sessions:

- Mon, Tues and Wed 9AM
- Mon, Tues and Wed 7PM

🕯 Mar 23, Wednesday

Communal Reconciliation: 7:00pm

Lenten Mission will include Communal Reconciliation.

🕯 Mar 25, Friday

Passover Fulfilled: 7:00pm Brandon Eckerson presenting "A Father Who Keeps His Promises" by Scott Hahn

🕯 Mar 27, 3rd Sunday of Lent

Theme: Woman at the Well

Alms Giving Recipient: *Chrysalis Transitional Housing* – Provides 24-hour domestic violence hotline, counseling, group therapy, education and residential shelter and treatment for women who have been abused and their children.

Website: www.noabuse.org

In-Kind Needs: Household goods for young mothers (with 2-3 children) or single women setting up a new household, i.e. towels, bedding, hygiene items, kitchen and bathroom supplies. Gift (scrip) certificates for groceries would be appreciated.

Tuesday Soup Kitchen Hosts: Liturgy – EM, MOC and MOW Ministries

🕯 Apr 1, Friday

Lenten Praise Concert: 7:00pm by Sunday Worship Team from 10:15am Sunday Mass

🕯 Apr 3, 4th Sunday of Lent

Theme: Christ will give you light

Alms Giving Recipient: Packages from Home via Knights of Columbus Council 10050—To send care and comfort packages to deployed American military heroes who are stationed in active duty around the world.

Website: <http://packagesfromhome.org/>

In-Kind Needs: Let your imagination guide you as you collect things anybody might miss from home. Dona-

tions should be new, in original packaging, no glass containers, and have at least two months shelf life; avoid larger items/packages, such as, quart size shampoo or large mouthwash bottles.

Food: Pre-sweetened powdered drink mixes, coffee, beef jerky, boxed cookies, chewing gum, hard candies; **Hygiene:** Foot powder, eye drops, lip balm, stick-type men's deodorant, hand sanitizer, band aids, Cool-tie type neck raps, disposable razors, Lysol/Clorox cleaning wipes, mouth wash (small plastic containers), thick/white/cotton socks, toothbrushes, toothpaste; **Other:** AA & AAA batteries, disposable cameras, insoles for shoes, book lights, travel size pillows & pillowcases, washcloths; **Recreational Items:** Footballs, frisbees, hand-held games, playing cards, ping pong paddles and balls, puzzle books

Tuesday Soup Kitchen Hosts: Pastoral Council, Finance Council and Parish Staff

🕯 Apr 8, Friday

Revised Roman Missal: 7:00pm Sr. Ginger Downey presenting "Faith on Fire Ministries"

🕯 Apr 10, 5th Sunday of Lent

Theme: Exiles are still God's people

Alms Giving Recipient: *Catholic Charities of Arizona Refugee Services*—helps refugees get settled in their new homes and provide support that will enable them to attain employment and affordable permanent housing

Website: <http://www.catholiccharitiesaz.org/catholiccharities/refugee.aspx>

In-Kind Needs: *Toiletries & Grooming Aids:* Toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, blow dryers, bar soap, deodorant, body lotion, feminine hygiene products, shaving cream, band-aids, disposable razors, thermometers, brushes, combs; *Household Needs:* wastebaskets, bath mats/rugs, light bulbs, brooms, mops, buckets, sponges, scrubbers, laundry baskets, laundry detergent, hangers, kitchen/bath cleanser, dish soap, toilet bowl cleaner/brush, toilet paper

Tuesday Soup Kitchen Hosts: Catechetical Ministries

🕯 Apr 15, Friday

Living Last Supper: 7:00pm Theatrical tableau of DaVinci's painting, portrayed by men of the parish.

**Stewardship Pillar of Hospitality
Welcome Ministry Invites you to
Continental Breakfast**

Donuts, Bagels, Fruit, Juice & Coffee
After 7:00am, 8:30am, 10:15am Masses
Social Hall Lobby/Free-will Offering

**Knights of Columbus Invite you to
Pancake Breakfast**

Mar 13, Apr 10, May 1, Jun 26
After morning Masses in Social Hall

Family Social Dinners

Mar 19 (St. Joseph's Table), Apr 9,
May 7, Jun 11
6:30 pm in Social Hall

Blood Drives

May 1 and Jun 26

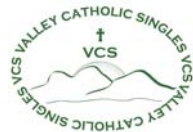
JustCoffee Sales

1st Weekend of each Month

As coffee lovers know, **JustCoffee**, is not just another *cup of joe*. Now being sold for the second year in the parish's courtyard, **JustCoffee** is available to all following the Masses on the first weekend of each month through May 2011. The cost of all one pound bags is \$11 and only \$20 for two bags. Six excellent and very popular varieties are sold, including 100% pure ground decaffeinated and 100% pure *Arabica* ground. Both whole bean and ground coffees are available in the *Robusta* and *Marago* varieties. If you miss a weekend sale, you can pick up a bag at the Parish Office. Special orders can be handled too.

Catholic Singles

Check out the parish website "**Valley Catholic Singles**" under the pillar of



Hospitality. If you are single and Catholic, you can join a Catholic ministry, participate in socials, prayer, learn about your faith and do community service projects.

Parish School

2011-12 Registration

We are starting to get ready for the 2011-2012 school year! Registration forms will be ready starting February 28th! Please stop by the school office

or call us at 480-998-9466 for the form or for a school tour! We have openings in our 3 year old, PreK and Kindergarten classes for the fall. Please call Heather Fraher at 480-998-9466 for more information! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us! We look forward to being a part of your child's education.

**Mardi Gras Celebration
March 4, 2011**

Our Parish School is preparing for a great **Mardi Gras celebration**. It will be the 12th Annual Dinner and Silent Auction Adults-only fundraiser. The entire community is invited to participate. Tickets are on sale now. Keep an eye out for the Big Raffle to win a new iPad! For more information, contact the school office at 480-998-9466 or go to our parish website and click on the school link. Thank you for supporting Catholic Education in our parish. We are very blessed to have this program here at Blessed Sacrament.

**Catechetical Ministries (CM)
Stewardship Pillar of Formation**

Monday Night Faith continues the exploration of the eras of Church History on Mondays, March 28 and April 8. Sessions last from 6:30pm – 8:00pm and are in the Social Hall. Watch weekly bulletins for more information- Many thanks to all who have attended thus far!"

Confirmation and First Communion will be celebrated together in one liturgy with Bishop Eduardo Nevares, Auxiliary Bishop of Phoenix, at 6:30pm on Tuesday, May 3. Please join us as we celebrate the completion of Christian Initiation for 75 children. For further information contact: Larry Fraher, Director, Catechetical Ministries, 480-998-1665 x216.

CDA

The **Charity and Development Appeal (CDA)** is the one Diocesan appeal that asks every Catholic family to financially and prayerfully support the more than 70 charitable, educational, and spiritual organizations which counsel, feed, clothe, house, edu-



cate, and comfort those in need throughout the four Arizona counties (Mohave, Maricopa, Coconino and Yavapai). Through your gifts, more people are served across the community. Please consider a financial gift to CDA.

Our parish goal is 100% participation and \$272,000. Consider a prayer commitment and/or financial gift. For families who support the CDA, we thank you. Giving forms are in parish office or donate via diocesan website: www.phoenixstewardship.org.

**Knights of Columbus
Council 10050
Lenten Friday Fish Fry**
Join us in the Social Hall
every Friday in Lent
From 4:00pm to 7:00pm
Support Our Troops
Wear Red On Fridays!



Fried & Baked Fish W/French Fries
Soda and Dessert
\$8 – Adults, \$4 – kid
Mac & Cheese for kids




Lenten Mission
Date: March 21, 22 & 23 (Mon-Wed)
Sessions:

- 9:00am on Mon, Tues & Wed
- 7:00pm on Mon, Tues and Wed; Wednesday evening session ends with Communal Reconciliation

Facilitator: Fr. Dominic Briese, O.P.
Fr. Briese is a member of the Western Dominican Province Preaching Band. In the last 12 years he has shared the Word of God throughout the United States. He has produced two CD's– one on the Rosary and Healing Mass and the other called "Family Insights." He is a cancer survivor and enjoys every day of life. See briese.opwest.org

Topic: Positive and healing message "Why be down, when you can be up!": Fr Briese will cover issues: "We are God's Super-Nova," "Bouncing Back and Beyond," "Forgive - Forget - Forever," "Our Future's So Bright - We're Gonna Need Shades!"





Parish Business Expo



Valley Catholic Singles Cook-off



Holiday Concert



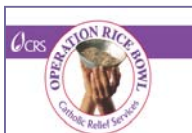
Thanksgiving Morning Mass



Interfaith Scottsdale Gives Thanks

Parish's Elementary Faith Formation Lenten Rice Bowl

You are invited to participate with our children in **Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl** and take home a Rice Bowl packet found in Church Lobbies & Parish Office. Return the bowl with coins on Palm Sunday.



Financial Report Notes

Parish Expense: Additional \$39,593 expense compared to same period last year, included facility projects: i.e. parking lot repairs, resurface, and re-striping; roofing and tile repair for most of parish buildings; repair expense for water leaks; and out of the ordinary HVAC repairs.

Parish Income: Compared to same period last year, there was an 5% decrease in Other Gifts.

40 Days of Life Campaign

The largest ever **40 Days for Life Campaign** is on the way!

The campaign will run from March 9 to April 17 in 246 cities — locations from coast to coast in the United States as well as sites in Canada, England, Ireland, Australia, Spain, Georgia, Armenia and Belize.



The **40 Days for Life Campaign** is firmly rooted on a foundation of prayer and fasting. To help maintain focus on the Lord and stay in tune with His guidance, a series of 40 daily devotionals are available; see www.40daysforlife.com to sign up on the home page "Get the Latest" corner to receive the 40 days of devotionals. Want to know when this Ministry meets or request more information? Contact Deacon Bernie at the parish office - 480-948-8370.

Apr 17-Palm Sunday

Masses: Sat 4:30pm, Sun 7:00am, 8:30am; 10:15am & 5:00pm



Triduum

Apr 21-Holy Thursday

Mass 7:00pm – Foot washing

Apr 22-Good Friday

Noon – Stations; 3:00pm – Seven Last Words; 7:00pm – Service

Apr 23-Holy Saturday

2:00pm – Blessing of the Food
7:30pm – Easter Vigil

Apr 24-Easter Sunday Masses

6:30am – Courtyard;
8:30am – Church & Social Hall
10:15am – Church, Social Hall & Courtyard

Parish by the Numbers for July 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010

\$	Parish Expense
\$245,228	Facility Operations/ Depreciation (25%)
\$160,861	Outreach/Diocese (16%)
\$173,887	Parish Office (18%)
\$122,679	Parish School (13%)
\$108,569	Spiritual Formation (11%)
\$112,712	Worship (12%)
\$38,085	Facility Utilities (4%)
\$8,388	Gift Shop (1%)
\$970,409	Total Parish Expenses
\$	Parish Income
\$729,178	Plate Income (81%)
\$106,473	School Income (12%)
	Other Gifts (%)
\$20,105	Other Income (2%)
\$14,620	Gift Shop (2%)
\$20,896	Spiritual Formation (2%)
\$7,250	Votive Candles (1%)
\$898,522	Total Parish Income
(\$71,887)	Net Deficit
\$	Other Donations
\$16,614	St. Vincent de Paul
\$2,428	Peter's Pence
\$2,988	Respect for Life
\$2,492	Mission Sunday
\$6,369	CCHD
\$12,736	Religious Retirement
\$2,422	Black & Native Americans
\$2,888	Latin Americans
\$48,937	Total Other Donations

Thank you for your gifts. Stewardship is about our need to return a portion of the gifts God has blessed us with in thanksgiving and gratitude for these blessings. Stewardship helps us to develop more faith in God and more trust that He will take care of us.