



# Spirit of Life Catholic Church Lenten Luncheons 2012

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Serving Soup & Sandwiches Thursdays 11:30 am, Guest Speaker 12:00 – 12:20 pm

Bring friends and family, all are welcome!

## Opening Lenten Luncheon Thursday, February 23, 2012

*Sunday Readings: 1 Peter 3:18-22,  
Genesis 9:8-15, Mark 1:12-15*

### Speaker – Fr. Chad Gion

**Reconciliation:** What could possibly be a better way to experience a clean conscience than going to confession? “Thank you, Lord, for all the grace that comes with reconciliation! Give me more confidence in your mercy and love.”

## First Week of Lent Thursday, March 1, 2012

*Sunday Readings: Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18,  
Romans 8:31-34, Mark 9:2-10*

### Speaker – Chris Moe

**Believe:** *If God is for us, who can be against us? (Romans 8:31).* It is not always easy to trust in these words – especially when things aren’t going very well. Even if we don’t believe that God is for us, it is still true. He is faithful. He is always standing by our side. “Father, you are my hope, my joy, and my strength! I will believe in you today!”

## Second Week of Lent Thursday, March 8, 2012

*Sunday Readings: Exodus 20:1-17,  
1 Corinthians 1:22-25, John 2:13-25*

### Speaker – Rodger Wetzel

**Persevere:** It is said that it takes three weeks to break a habit. Next Wednesday will mark three weeks since Lent began; it is usually at this point the will begins to weaken. Take heart, Jesus sees and understands your struggle. Think of the progress you’ve made and set your sights on Wednesday. “Lord, help me persevere.”

## Third Week of Lent Thursday, March 15, 2012

*Sunday Readings: 2Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23,  
Ephesians 2:4-10, John 3:14-21*

### Speaker – Fr. William Ruelle

**Unfailing Mercy:** Heavenly Father, I am amazed at the depth of your mercy toward me. When I was helpless and could do nothing on my own, you poured out grace so that I could believe in you and receive your help and power. You loved me first, so that I could turn and love you. “I rejoice in your amazing grace. I glory in your unfailing mercy. It is such a privilege to belong to you!”

## Fourth Week of Lent Thursday, March 22, 2012

*Sunday Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34,  
Hebrews 5:7-9, John 12:20-33*

### Speaker – Marnee Peterson

**Grow:** Like a patient farmer, God is always planting seeds in our hearts, waiting for them to “die” so that they can bear fruit. As children, we may be bearing the fruit of obedience and trust, where as seasoned adults, our fruit may be that of more active involvement in our community or church. Look back over your life and try to identify times when a “seed” had to die so that God could bring something new into your life. “Lord, I want to bear fruit for your kingdom! Help me to shed my comfortable shell so that I can grow in ways even I can’t imagine!”

## Fifth Week of Lent Entering into Passion (Palm) Sunday Thursday, March 29, 2012

*Sunday Readings: Mark 14:1-15:47,  
Isaiah 50:4-7, Philippians 2:6-11*

### Speaker – Bishop David Kagan

**Grace:** So often we think that what we do is what matters most. It does matter, but what God wants to do in us matters even more. This is why it is so important to contemplate the Passion, opening ourselves to God’s grace as we do. God wants to fill us with grace as we ponder the Passion this week. “Jesus, I am amazed at your love. Your mercy leaves me at a loss for words. All I can say is Thank You!”