

## March 20, 2011: Second Sunday of Lent



Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. — Mt 17:1-3

## LITURGY

### MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

#### **Sunday, March 20 (Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9)**

8:00 am- Lucille Jalufka

10:30 am- Ellis, Agnes & Erma Weeks

#### **Monday, March 21 (Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38)**

7:00 am- Alfonse F. Grahmann

10:00 am- Elroy Koerth (H'ville Rehab)

#### **Tuesday, March 22 (Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12)**

7:00 am- Josephine Matejek

#### **Wednesday, March 23, St. Toribio de Mogrovejo, bishop (Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28)**

7:00 am- Florian & Martha Tomsu

8:05 am- Alfons & Anastazie Janak, Billy Chovanetz

12:05 pm- Deceased members of Joseph & Anna Labay Family

#### **Thursday, March 24 (Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31)**

7:00 am- Oscar Barta

10:00 am- Living & deceased members of Catholic Daughters Court Sacred Heart No. 797 (Stevens)

#### **Friday, March 25, The Annunciation of the Lord (Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38)**

7:00 am- Adolf, Mary, Jerome & Fred Jansky

8:05 am- Buck & Lillian Henneke

12:05 pm- Janie, Stasie & Rudy Billimek; & Otilia & Jim Zissa

#### **6:00 pm- Stations of the Cross**

#### **Saturday, March 26 (Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32)**

3:00 pm- Henry Pavliska (Polka Fest Mass at the KC Hall)

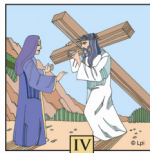
5:30 pm- Joe J. & Stella Smolik

#### **Sunday, March 27 (Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42)**

8:00 am- Deceased members of Ernest & Janie Hermes & William & Emma Meyer Families

10:30 am- For our Parish Family (Confirmation)

5:00 pm- For Rain (Spanish Mass)



Bulletin Sponsor: In memory of Joe, Mary, James, Stacey, Alphonse & Pauline Rabel by Vernell Bozka.

Radio Broadcast Mass: In memory of Ludwig Lanik.

Vigil Light: In memory of Josephine Matejek.

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$5,792.50; Loose-\$602; Children-\$72; Eastern Europe Churches-\$1,220; Rice Bowl-\$1,197.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of *Oretha McCord*, mother of Sharon Leopold & LeeAnn Rother. *May she & all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.*

Perpetual Adoration – an adorer is needed on Thursdays at 12:00 midnight. If you are able to spend this hour with our Lord, please call Charlene Bradbury at 798-3224.

KJT Wied #43 meeting, 7:30 p.m., Monday, March 21, St. Mary's Hall.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 20**

-Blood Drive begins 8:45 a.m., Family Center.

### **MONDAY, MARCH 21**

-Rosary & evening prayer, 5:30 p.m. in church.

-Dave Ramsey Course, 6:30 p.m., SHCS Band Hall.

-Catholic Daughters meeting, 7:00 p.m., Cafeteria.

-Ushers' meeting, 7:00 p.m. in church.

### **TUESDAY, MARCH 22**

-Quilting Circle, 9:00 a.m., KC Hall of Fame Room.

-Adult Education, 7:00 -8:30 p.m., Family Center.

-Lectors' meeting, 7:00 p.m. in church.

### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23**

-CCD: Grades K-12<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-7:15 p.m.

-Scripture Study, 6:00-7:15 p.m.

### **FRIDAY, MARCH 25**

-Fish Fry, 5:00-7:00 p.m., KC Hall.

-Stations of the Cross, 6:00 p.m. in church.

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 26**

-Confirmation Sponsor/Candidate Retreat, 8:00-11:30 a.m., Family Center.

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 27**

-Baptism Preparation Class at 9:00 a.m. in the Rectory. Please call the Rectory in advance to register.

-Covered dish supper in Family Center after Spanish Mass.

**Among our sick:** Edna Key, Frank Fishar, Helen M. Appelt, Faith Del Castillo, Michael Gerdes, Marge Rehm, Renae Ross, Hubert & Mary Grahmann, Odessa & Doug Blumberg, Danielle Grady, John Pavliska, Rose Thumann, Dr. Michael Moore, Theresa Steffek, John D. Henneke, Bill Gohlke, Donald Zabransky, Monica Barnes, Sterlin Ritchie, Brenda Grahmann, Ed Aulick, Ricky Skelton, Lou Kubena, Larry Appelt, Victor Pavliska, Robert Butschek, nursing home residents & the homebound.

Promise of Marriage: Justin Garza & Elizabeth Garza on March 26.

**Diocesan Boy's Vocation Camp set for July 18-20 –** Young men ages 15-21 are invited to attend the 5th annual vocation camp at Coopers Farms near La Grange. This camp is being sponsored by the Diocese of Victoria Vocations Office. The cost of the camp is \$50.00. Please contact Fr. Tommy if you have any questions or if you are interested in going. Financial assistance is available. Application forms are available in the church office.

**Usher's Meeting, Monday, March 21, 7:00 p.m.** in church for those who were unable to attend the first meeting and for those parishioners who are interested in becoming an usher. Please make every effort to attend.

**Lector's Meeting, Tuesday, March 22, 7:00 p.m.** in church for those who were unable to attend the first meeting and for those parishioners who are interested in becoming a lector. Please make every effort to attend.

Congratulations to the following Sacred Heart parishioners for placing in the Catholic Knowledge Bowl in Victoria on March 6<sup>th</sup>:

**Teen First Place** – Blue Albatross, Sacred Heart  
Students Hannah Hines, Emily Kossa, Mary Kossa & Emily Seyl.

**Family Third Place** – Hemmi Sphere, Phil & Rosemary Hemmi & Abby Hemmi.

**Adult Third Place** – The Four Mysteries, Robert & Mary Kendall, Ed & Peggy Scherer.

These parishioners represented us well. We appreciate the study and effort they all put into this. We also thank Sister Emiliana Grafe, IWBS, for her guidance and direction.

We thank the Alfonse Grahmann Estate for the bequest of \$5,000. \$2,685 went to the Art House in memory of Alfonse and Dorothy Grahmann to finish that fund drive and the remainder went into the Sacred Heart Church Endowment Fund in their memory.

Let us pray for the repose of their souls and pray for all of our benefactors, living and deceased.



*The Youth ConneXion*  
*Greg & Kris Hermes 798-0655*



**Mark your calendar:**

Discipleship Week 2011 (Victoria), June 27 – 30.

Teen ACTS Retreat, June 30 – July 3.

Young Adult Retreat (20-30 year olds), July 28 – 31.

NCYC – Indianapolis, November 17 – 20.

*Look for more details in coming months!*  
*For questions about these events, call Kris Hermes.*

***Adult Education***

**March 22: Lent: A Season of Penance and Purification**

Each year the Church gives us an intense season that we call Lent, so that we can prepare to celebrate the greatest feast of the Church, the Resurrection of our Lord from the dead on Easter. But where did all our Lenten practices come from which characterize this season ... abstaining from meat ... ashes ... giving up things? Come and learn about the origins of our Lenten observance.

**Religious Education (CCD) ~~ Office 798-3124**

**Angela McConnell, Coordinator**

**Mar. 23:** Penance Service – High School students.

**Mar. 26:** Confirmation Retreat for Sponsor/Candidate at 8:00-11:30 a.m., Family Center.

**Mar. 27:** Confirmation at 10:30 a.m. Mass.

**Truck Raffle tickets are now available at the Rectory** for a 2011 Chevrolet Silverado LT 1500 4x4 Z-71 Crew Cab (value \$37,240) & 13 other prizes! Drawing at Sacred Heart Spring Picnic, May 29. Tickets \$100 each.

**Fund Drive for house at 318 S. Texana: Goal \$40,000**

In memory of Alfonse F. & Dorothy Grahmann \$ 2,685

Robert & Lou Kubena in memory of Anton &

Agnes Kubena & Eugene & Eva Brent 500

Robert Hermes 15

Total Donations Received To Date \$40,000

***We have reached our goal! Our sincere thanks and appreciation to the generous donors listed on the insert in this bulletin who have supported our fund drive!***

***It's that time of year again! Donors are needed for the Spring Picnic Raffle. If you are able to be a donor, please call or come by the Rectory at your earliest opportunity! Thank you for supporting our parish picnic raffle!!***

**Afternoon Lenten Retreat: Seven Last Words of**

**Christ** – On the last Sunday before Holy Week, April 10, Fr. Tommy will be giving an afternoon retreat here in our church to prepare us for a deeper celebration of the Holy Week mysteries. The retreat begins at 2:00 p.m. and will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:00 p.m. This afternoon retreat will be composed of quiet meditations on the Seven Last Words of Christ. All are invited. There is no registration necessary.

– Fr. Tommy's Corner –

**The Confiteor – "I Confess"**

Form A of the penitential act (Confiteor), the "*I confess to almighty God...*" which is the most widely used, will have a graver tone to it. Sin is serious business, because it is our own free choice to turn away from what is good and to do what is evil. Therefore, we cannot take our own sinfulness too lightly, or casually dismiss our own culpability; otherwise we tend to ignore our personal responsibility for these sins and neglect to seek reconciliation with God and with others. The original Latin text of the "*I confess*" perceives all sin, no matter venial or mortal, as a great offense against God. This is because God is perfectly holy and perfectly good, and so when we set our sins (even the smallest ones) against the perfect holiness and perfect goodness of God, these sins are revealed as a stark contrast to God's perfection which is greatly noticeable to God. Therefore we confess, that we have not only sinned, but we have "greatly sinned." The path to forgiveness requires that we first "own up" to our sins and claim responsibility for these sins. We have to admit that these sins were committed through no one's fault other than our own. However, our fallen human nature is inclined to blame everyone else but ourselves. Just look at Adam. When God asked Adam why he ate the forbidden fruit, Adam blamed not only Eve, but also God who gave Eve to him! So to combat this ill tendency of ours to pass the blame to someone else, the Church has us admit three times that the sins we have committed were perpetrated "*through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault*" while striking our chest three times as a sign of our sorrow and repentance.

## Second Sunday of Lent



While it may be just a little early to plant outside, in much of the country there are plenty of folks who have already started seeds indoors. If you are one of the many individuals bitten by the gardening bug, you know how hard it is to wait for that first ripe tomato or the first picking of fresh lettuce. There are even plenty of commercial products that help gardeners push the envelope of the gardening season, with promises of early harvests such as, "Pick tomatoes three weeks before your neighbors." Novice gardeners are often easy prey to this kind of hype, while experienced growers know that there are only a few things that can be done to "push" the season. Even then, most of those techniques depend on the vagaries of spring weather.

We are only ten days into Lent and already we get an image of what can be. Like the home gardener who can taste the tomato even as the seeds are being planted in starter pots, the transfiguration of Jesus is an image for the disciples of what the Resurrection will be. In the Transfiguration, God's power is made manifest, revealing Jesus as the beloved Son. He fulfills the law (represented by Moses) and the prophets (represented by Elijah). Jesus is also the One who gives true teaching, as the voice commands the disciples to, "Listen to Him."



The story of the Transfiguration near the beginning of Lent is meant to spur us on to the final goal, which is the renewal of our baptismal vows at Easter. During these forty days we consider our sinfulness and reinvigorate our commitment to the faith. In the natural world, the signs of new life become evident in the seedlings that start to appear. In the same way, our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving show a renewed faith that will be affirmed at Easter along with those who will be baptized.

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Dear Sacred Heart Parish,

Thank you for your generous support and contributions. Your gifts give us the resources to strengthen our program. You can take comfort in knowing that The Manna Food Pantry is an all volunteer organization and your entire contribution will be used to benefit qualified, low income, and struggling families in our community. L.A.M.B. and Manna Food Pantry has a 501(C)(3) tax status and all gifts are tax deductible in accordance with the IRS regulations.

We are deeply appreciative of your support through your gifts, love and generosity. You make it possible for us, as volunteers to continue our mission even through economically challenged times as these.

Sincerely, Manna Food Pantry Staff

## SACRED HEART CCD PROGRAM

In memory of Oretha McCord:

Dennis & Sheila Jansky 10.00

## SACRED HEART CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Alfonse F. & Dorothy Grahmann:

The Estate of Alfonse F. Grahmann 2,315.00

In memory of Mary Butschek:

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In memory of Rudy Petru:

Darlene Appelt 10.00

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In memory of Dr. Donald Peterson:

Kubena Funeral Home 20.00

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In memory of Dr. Donald Peterson:

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In memory of Mary Butschek, Rudy Petru, Milada

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Marcus & Marjorie Grahmann 120.00

## SACRED HEART SCHOOL OPERATING FUND

In memory of Rudy Petru:

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## CAROLYN DWORSKY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In memory of Milada Netardus:

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In memory of Dr. Donald Peterson:

Dollie Leopold 50.00

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Georgie Mae Bludau 50.00

If you are new to our parish, please register at the Rectory. Upon registering, we will forward your address to *The Catholic Lighthouse*, the official newspaper of the Diocese of Victoria. *The Catholic Lighthouse* will be sent to your home on a monthly basis at no charge to you. If you are registered, but do not receive the diocesan newspaper, please let us know.

## Daily Lenten Prayer:



Today Lord I choose life. I choose your love and the challenge to live it and share it. I choose hope, even in moments of darkness. I choose faith, accepting You as Lord and God. I choose to let go of some part of my burdens, day by day handing them over to You. I choose to take hold of Your strength and power ever more deeply in my life. May this truly be for me a time of new life, of change, challenge and growth. May I come to Easter with a heart open to dying with You and rising to Your new life, day by day. Amen.

Our Father.....

Mary, Mother of Jesus, you were Jesus' gift for us from the Cross. He gave you to us as our mother. Intercede for all our needs.

Hail Mary..... Glory be.....

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In memory of Alfonse F. & Dorothy Grahmann	2,685.00

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Bill & Virginia Grafe	500.00
Walter & Janice Dutcher	500.00
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Robert & Lou Kubena in memory of Anton & Agnes Kubena & Eugene & Eva Brent	500.00

**BRONZE (\$250 - \$499)**

John & Charlene Pillow	300.00
Marie Grafe Family (living & deceased members)	425.00

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