

December 23, 2012: Fourth Sunday of Advent



“And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.” — Lk 1:43-45

LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, Dec. 23 (Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45)

8:00 am- For our Parish Family

10:30 am- Eugene & Eva Brent, & Lou Kubena

Monday, December 24 (Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79. Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25. Night: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14) Vigil of Christmas

4:00 pm- Hilbert & Agnes Bludau

6:00 pm- Paul P. & Mary J. Janak

12:00 am- Ora Nell Satsky

Tuesday, December 25, The Nativity of the Lord

(Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18)

8:00 am- Otto Lee & Ethlyne Zappe

10:30 am- For our Parish Family

Wednesday, December 26, St. Stephen, The First

Martyr (Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22)

7:00 am- Jim Bludau & Rose Trojcak

8:05 am- Frank Rocha

Thursday, December 27, St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

(1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8)

7:00 am- Living & dec. members of Frank Bujnoch Fam.

10:00 am- Leon Sitka (Stevens)

Friday, December 28, The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

(1 Jn 1:5--2:2/Mt 2:13-18)

7:00 am- Special Intention

8:05 am- Agnes & Laverne Grahmann

Saturday, December 29, St. Thomas Becket, Bishop &

Martyr (1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35)

5:30 pm- Joe N. Steffek

Sunday, December 30, The Holy Family of Jesus,

Mary & Joseph (Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21/Lk 2:41-52)

8:00 am- Fred & Angeline Pustejovsky

10:30 am- John D. Henneke

Bulletin Sponsor: Bob Kubena in memory of Eugene and Eva Brent, and Lou Kubena.

Radio Broadcast Sponsor: Ella Mae Bludau in memory of Ervin Bludau, Sr.

Vigil Light: In memory of Hilton & Hilda Elstner and Bill Sobotik.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of *Alvin T. Schindler*, brother of Josie Zappe. *May he & all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.*



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

-Blood Drive, 8:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Blood Mobile in SHS Gym parking lot.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

-No Rosary & Evening Prayers.



Among our sick: Edna Key, Frank Fishar, Faith Del Castillo, Michael Gerdes, Renae Ross, Doug Blumberg, Rose Thumann, Sterlin Ritchie, Ed Aulick, Ricky Skelton, Larry Appelt, Irene Bordovsky, Milissa Zamora, Rhonda Janak, Chris Layton, Hank Morris, Frances Moore, Frank, Patrick & Robben Nemec, Geneva Strmiska, Joyce Bucek, Chibana Alfaro, Steve Smith, LaNora Konvicka, Delores Grahmann, Bernice Neskora, Glenn Rabel, Benedict Bujnoch, Lorene Christ, Donna Coldewey, Braxton & Bentley Rother, Donna Avant, Matt Pohler, Wilbert Kalinec, Annette Krupala, Mary Bonorden, Bobbie Lee Drozd, Richard Terry, Richard Staha, Rev. Lundy Hooten, Tonie Brooks, Mary Ann Pustejovsky, Joyce Pesek Hermes, Lucille Werner, Annie Mae Pesek, Josephine Muniz, Franklin Billimek, Dorothy Allen Hass, nursing home residents & homebound.

Christmas Confession Schedule

Sacred Heart: Sunday, December 23, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Moravia: Sunday, December 23, 10:30 a.m.

Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule

St. Mary: Christmas Eve, 12:00 Midnight

Christmas Day, 9:15 a.m.

New Year's Day, 9:15 a.m.

Moravia: Christmas Eve, 5:00 p.m.

New Year's Eve, 5:00 p.m.

St. John: Christmas Day, 9:30 a.m.

New Year's Day, 10:00 a.m.

Sacred Heart: New Year's Eve, 6:00 p.m. & 11:30 p.m.

New Year's Day, 8:00 a.m.

Anniversaries:

Frank & Shirley Conniff 53 years Dec. 26

Victor & Doris Janak 52 years Dec. 27

Philip & Patricia Schlageter 63 years Dec. 27

Roland & Georgia Schaefer 59 years Dec. 28



Christmas Flowers: Donations are being accepted for the Poinsettia's that beautify our church during the Christmas Season. You may drop off your donation at the Rectory, or place it in an envelope with your name and drop it in the collection basket. *Thank you!*

The Rectory will close at noon on Monday and all day Tuesday and Wednesday for Christmas.

Calendar Membership: Dec. 13: Helen Mitchon-\$100;

Dec. 14: Ervin Bludau, Jr.-\$100; **Dec. 17:** Daniel &

Monica Matula-\$50; **Dec. 18:** Bailey Grahmann-\$50;

Dec. 19: David & Mary Polasek-\$50.

Please pray for the blessing of beneficial rainfall!

From the Desk of Msgr. John

Time goes so quickly. We are already celebrating the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Tuesday we will be celebrating the birthday of Jesus. It seems as if Advent began only yesterday. Hopefully, we have all taken some time during this Advent season to stop and examine ourselves and our relationship with God and with others and to prepare ourselves well to meet Jesus both at Christmas and at His Second Coming.

On behalf of Fr. Tommy, the Deacons, the Sisters and our parish staff, I pray that each of you and your loved ones will have a very holy and happy Christmas season, and also a very blessed and healthy 2013. Thank you for your kindness, generosity and wonderful spirit of cooperation this past year.

At this time in our lives, we want to remember all the innocent children who were needlessly killed in Connecticut on December 14 and the adults who were killed trying to save the children. We pray also for their families and for all the youngsters who witnessed this tragedy.

As we celebrate the birth of Our Lord on Tuesday and the Feast of the Holy Innocents on December 28, let us pray for a greater respect for life in all its forms.

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$5,921.50; Retirement Fund for Religious-\$736; Catholic Education-\$2,378; Loose-\$862; Children-\$45.

Religious Education (CCD) –

Dec. 19 & 26: No classes.



Sacred Heart Catholic School –

Dec. 20-Jan. 1: Classes dismissed.

2013-2014 Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten early

registration, notification – We are in the process of planning for the 2013-14 school year. Please notify the school now if you are planning to enroll a child in Pre-K and/or Kindergarten for next year. Your child must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2013 for Pre-Kindergarten and 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2013 for Kindergarten.

Sacred Heart Youth – Join us at Hallettsville Rehab on Sunday, December 23 at 2:00 p.m. to play dominoes with the residents. Snacks and hot chocolate will be provided. This is a great way to spread the love of Christ during the blessed season of Advent!

Perpetual Adoration will continue through the Christmas and New Year’s Holidays. If you are unable to fulfill your normal adoration hour, please find a replacement, contact your hourly captain or call Charlene Bradbury at 798-3224.

For those who attended Fr. Tommy's Adult Ed Class on the Book of Revelation during the Fall and who purchased the binder, but did not pick up the Answer Packet during the last two classes, packets are still available for pick-up at the church office.

4th Sunday of Advent –

Thanksgiving weekend, with its compressed timeline, is the busiest time for travel. But Christmas is not that far behind. The days immediately before Christmas involve people returning home to be with family for the holiday. The days after Christmas are packed with families traveling for a quick vacation while the children are out of school for a week. The 1844 poem "Over the River and through the Woods" by Lydia Maria Child was originally about journeying to grandfather's house for Thanksgiving Day. Later recorded versions turned it into a Christmas song describing the sleigh ride to grandmother's house. Either way, for a long time these winter holidays have involved traveling.

This weekend's Gospel is another traveling story. Pregnant with Jesus, Mary leaves the confines of Nazareth in Galilee and heads south, up into the hill country of Judea. Is she fleeing because she has no husband yet? Is she going to seek the counsel of an older kinswoman? Or is she just heading off on a friendly little visit? We don't really know. Luke doesn't tell us, and so her journey is open to speculation. But Mary's arrival is the first occasion of an expression of joy about the birth of the Savior. Elizabeth proclaims that the infant in her own womb leaped for joy because of the nearness of salvation.



We know that experience. Think of what happens when family or friends finally arrive after a long journey to spend some time over the holidays. They are welcomed and greeted and made to feel at home. This is our natural reaction to seeing folks who have not been around for a while. We are glad that they are here. Now, take that very natural human reaction and imagine what it will be like to welcome Christ. Through baptism, we are His brothers and sisters. We are family. And when He returns we will welcome Him with great joy! 2012 Liturgical Publications, Inc.



Merry Christmas

Veselé Vánoce

Fröhliche Weihnachten

Feliz Navidad



O Come all Ye Faithful!

REV. MSGR. JOHN C. PETERS SEMINARY BURSE

#5 – In honor of Rev. Msgr. John Peters: James & Dana Daughtry-\$100; Mary Grahmann-\$5; Thomas & Georgia Schneider-\$100; Theresa Hemmi-\$20; Melvin & Ann Pavlicek-\$20; Lillian M. Haas-\$25; Jimmy & Lorene Roznovsky-\$25; Lawrence & Kathy Korenek-\$50; Rev. Msgr. Doug Fater-\$50; Allan & Evelyn Lanik & family-\$100; Bob & Louise Pesek-\$100; Patrick & Carol Steffek-\$25; John & Frances Bock-\$50; Raymond & Helen Janak-\$25; Doris Opela-\$25; Theo & Gail Kocian-\$100; Charles & Kathy Haas-\$40; Irene Szwarc-\$50; Robert & Rita Chase-\$25; Andrew & Jane Pesek-\$40; Robert & Barbara Grahmann-\$25; Ed & Peggy Scherer-\$30; Charles & Dorothy Jansky-\$30; Tommy & Elsie Grahmann-\$30; John & Charlene Pillow-\$20; Daniel & Dorothy Rother-\$25; George & Irene Knebel-\$100; Gilbert & Mary Rose Schindler-\$25; Margie Fuller-\$10; Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Jurica-\$20; Dennis & Sheila Jansky-\$30. **In memory of Angela Hermes:** Georgia Bujnoch-\$10. **In memory of William Gohlke:** Daniel & Dorothy Rother-\$10. **In honor of Ed & Peggy Scherer's 50th Anniv.:** George & Irene Knebel-\$50.

REV. MSGR. CELESTINO SAY SEMINARY

BURSE- In honor of Rev. Msgr. Celestino Say: Andrew & Jane Pesek-\$20; Raymond & Helen Janak-\$25; Patrick & Carol Steffek-\$25; Bob & Louise Pesek-\$50; Robert & Rita Chase-\$25; Robert & Barbara Grahmann-\$25; Ed & Peggy Scherer-\$30; Charles & Dorothy Jansky-\$20; John & Charlene Pillow-\$20; Daniel & Dorothy Rother-\$20; Gilbert & Mary Rose Schindler-\$25; Dennis & Sheila Jansky-\$20.

SACRED HEART CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND –

In memory of Jeremy Mozisek: Alvin Paul & Barbara Grahmann-\$15; Earl & Janice Schacherl-\$20; Pat & Barbara Pesek-\$20; Franklin & Henrietta Filip-\$10. **In memory of Dorothy Lenertz:** Josie Zappe-\$10. **In memory of Billy Joe Sitka:** Allen & Anita Steffek-\$10. **In memory of Angela Hermes:** Daniel & Carolyn Malik-\$20. **In honor of Rev. Msgr. John C. Peters:** Franklin & Nola Bohuslav-\$30. **In memory of Alvin Lorke:** Anonymous-\$1,000. **In memory of Frank Teltschik:** Peoples State Bank-\$10.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL ALUMNI FUND –

In memory of Angela Hermes: Bob & Carol Franks-\$10. **In memory of Jeremy Mozisek:** Mark & Ashley Hermes Family-\$10.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND –

In honor of Daniel & Dorothy Rother's 55th Anniversary & Ed & Peggy Scherer's 50th Anniversary: Bill & Virginia Grafe-\$75. **In memory of Julius Hanslik:** Pat & Barbara Pesek-\$25; Marcus & Marjorie Grahmann-\$20. **In memory of Angela Hermes:** Dorothy Bujnoch-\$20; Charles & Dorothy Jansky-\$15. **In memory of Jeremy Mozisek:** Chris, Sandra & Tyler Steffek-\$10. **In memory of Judith Koerth & William Gohlke:** Marcus &

Marjorie Grahmann-\$40. **In memory of David Bludau:** R.L. & Elsie Orsak-\$25; Gene & Trudy Janak-\$20.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL OPERATING FUND –

In memory of Judith Koerth: Darren & Jamie Steffek-\$20; Allan & Charlene Janak-\$20; William & Charlene Bradbury-\$10. **In memory of Doris Pugh:** Allan & Charlene Janak-\$20. **In honor of Rev. Msgr. John Peters & Rev. Msgr. Celestino Say:** Ronnie & Agnes Huser-\$40. **In memory of Julius Hanslik:** Ronnie & Debi Sevcik-\$10; James & Tonie Brooks-\$10. **In honor of Robert Pesek's 90th Birthday & Ed & Peggy Scherer's 50th Anniversary:** Ronnie & Debi Sevcik-\$20. **In memory of Leroy Rybak:** Marvin & Barbara Koehne-\$10. **In memory of Jeremy Mozisek:** Robert & Carol Rother-\$20; Charles & Dorothy Jansky-\$15. **In memory of Angela Hermes:** Margaret Bludau-\$10. **In memory of Herbert Marek:** Ronnie & Agnes Huser-\$20. **In memory of David Bludau:** Robert & Brenda Haas-\$10. **In memory of Bill Biehunko:** Victor & Mary Ventura-\$20. **In memory of Charles Ransome:** Thomas Hawxhurst-\$45.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CEMETERY –

In memory of Angela Hermes: Rosemary Hermes-\$15.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL ATHLETICS –

In memory of Judith Koerth: Jim & Sandra Mullen-\$20.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL BAND FUND –

In memory of Jeremy Mozisek: Keith & Joan Mudd-\$20

SACRED HEART SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND –

In memory of Emily Susil Thoede: Barbara & Alvin Paul Grahmann-\$15.

JEROME HAAS SCHOLARSHIP FUND –

In memory of Angela Hermes & Jeremy Mozisek: Anthony & Joan Corte-\$30.

DOROTHY HENNEKE SCHOLARSHIP FUND –

In memory of Julius Hanslik: Roy & Loretta Hardcastle-\$20; Roland Henneke-\$20; Magdalene Steffek-\$10. **In memory of Judith Koerth & Billy Joe Sitka:** Roy & Loretta Hardcastle-\$35. **In memory of Dorothy Lenertz:** Gary & Carol Pustejovsky-\$30. **In memory of Frances Simons:** Tommy & Elsie Grahmann-\$10.

SACRED HEART DAY CARE –

In memory of Dorothy Lenertz & Julius Hanslik: John & Frances Bock-\$35. **In memory of Jeremy Mozisek:** David & Glenda Tobola-\$20. **In memory of Victoria Klimitchek:** Albert & Margaret Pozzi-\$25

DWAYNE JANAK SCHOLARSHIP FUND –

In memory of Billy Joe Sitka & Julius Hanslik: Bea Butschek-\$20. **In honor of Rev. Msgr. John C. Peters, Rev. Msgr. Celestino Say & Com. Charles Netardus:** Guntram & Elaine Janak Family-\$60.

HENRY & ELIZABETH HENKE SCHOLARSHIP

FUND – In memory of Angela Hermes: Henry Joe & Marcella Henke-\$25.