

March 10, 2013: Fourth Sunday of Lent



"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'let us celebrate with a feast because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'" — Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24c

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LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, March 10 (Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32)

8:00 am- For our Parish Family

10:30 am- Living & deceased members of Catholic Life Branch #22

Monday, March 11 (Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54)

7:00 am- David Morisak

10:00 am- Living & deceased members of Victor Grafe Family (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, March 12 (Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16)

7:00 am- Elizabeth Hermes

Wednesday, March 13 (Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30)

7:00 am- Gene Schindler

8:05 am- Julie Whiddon

12:05 pm- August & Emilia Linhart

Thursday, March 14 (Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47)

7:00 am- August & John Pastucha, & Tonie Clark

10:00 am- Special Intention for Health (Stevens)

Friday, March 15 (Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30) Day of Abstinence from Meat

7:00 am- Anton Bujnoch, Sr.

8:05 am- John & Annie Novak

12:05 pm- Shawn & Ryan Drozd

5:00 pm- Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 16 (Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53)

5:30 pm- Henry Sitka

Sunday, March 17 (Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11)

8:00 am- For our Parish Family

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

Bulletin Sponsor: Bob Kubena in memory of August & Emilia Linhart.

Radio Broadcast Sponsor: Mary Ann Pavliska in memory of Harvey Pavliska, Sr.

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$6,860.90; Building Repair Fund-\$1,802; Rice Bowl-\$1,504; Loose-\$1,323.

Promise of Marriage: Brandi Pustka & Cameron Joines on March 16.

Anniversaries:

Dan & Jacquelyn Boone 62 years Mar. 10

Please pray for the repose of the souls of *Edward Woody Nesrsta*, brother of Buddy Boehm; and, *Earline Chovanetz*. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

-St. Rose Spring Festival, KC Hall, Schultenburg. Turkey Dinner 10:30 am. Live auction 11:30 am, cake walk, surprise packages, sweepstakes at 1:00 pm. Proceeds benefit St. Rose of Lima Church & School.

-Catholic Life Insurance Branch 22 meeting and social, 12:00 noon, Family Center. All members are invited.

MONDAY, MARCH 11

-Rosary & Evening Prayers, 5:30 p.m., Church.

-Choir Practice, 6:15 p.m., Church.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

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

-No Adult Education Class.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

-No CCD – Spring Break.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

-Stations of the Cross, 5:00 p.m., Church.

-Penance Service, 5:30 p.m., Church.

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, Milissa Zamora, Chris Layton, Hank Morris, Frances Moore, Frank, Patrick & Robben Nemeck, LaNora Konvicka, Delores Grahmann, Benedict Bujnoch, Lorene Christ, Donna Coldewey, Matt Pohler, Donna Avant, Wilbert Kalinec, Mary Bonorden, Dorothy Allen Hass, Rev. Lundy Hooten, Josephine Muniz, Vivian Janak, Rose Mary Etzler, Rosalee Gaskamp, Helen Kresta, Clinton Henneke, Tillie Schott, Bobbie Lee Drozd, Lucille (Cudlum) Werner, Donna Steffek, Dr. Harvey Renger, Jr., nursing home residents, & the homebound.

Penance Services for Lent:

Tuesday, Mar. 12: St. Joseph, Moulton – 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, Mar. 14: St. Joseph, Yoakum – 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Mar. 15: Sacred Heart, H'ville – 5:30 p.m.

If you would like to contribute towards the Easter Flowers, you may place your donation in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket or drop it off at the Rectory.



Silent Retreat & Day of Fasting, March 23, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, St. Mary's Church, Hallettsville. Mass, confessions, adoration, stations, rosary, Divine Mercy. Bread and water will be provided. Bring your rosary and bible. For more information, call Lorrie Adamek at 293-1300 or 293-6190. Families are encouraged to attend.

Women's ACTS Retreat, Mar. 21-24. Registration forms at entrance of church. Mail form to address on application.

Men's ACTS Retreat, Apr. 18-21. Registration forms are at entrance of church. Mail form to address on application.



Please pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life!

From the Desk of Msgr. John

As we continue our Lenten journey, Jesus teaches about His Father's forgiveness in the parable of the prodigal son. It is a story about a young son who goes astray, only to be welcomed back by his father. "His father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him" (Luke 15:20). The elder son, who has stayed by his father's side, struggles with the justice of his younger brother's return. This parable has meaning for modern ears when we put ourselves in the story.

In this parable, the father represents a loving, compassionate, and forgiving God. He loves his elder son and rejoices when his young son returns. Do we show compassion for people who have made poor choices? Do we forgive people who have sinned against us?

The young son in the parable abandons his father and leaves home. He even asks for his inheritance early, which was a great insult while his father was still alive. After much struggle, the young son returns to his father and begs for forgiveness. When have we abandoned the Father only to receive His grace and forgiveness when we returned?

The eldest son remains faithfully at his father's side, tending the fields and maintaining his responsibilities. He is angry with his brother for leaving and even angrier at what seems to be the injustice of celebrating upon his return. The parable concludes with the elder brother standing outside the party. Will he go in? Are we like the elder son, faithfully staying by our Father, but resenting another who is forgiven and welcomed back?

Just5Days Youth thank you for your generous support in their cookie baking activity and in the recent pizza sales. A big component of the mission trip is for the youth to have monthly meetings to build community while learning different skills to help others in need. After baking cookies all morning, the youth visited Stevens Nursing Home and played bingo with the residents. It was a good experience for both young and old! Next month they will participate in the TxDot Highway Clean-up Day.

The Passion, Tuesday, March 12, 7:00 p.m., Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church, Shiner. From the epitome of pain and agony to the world's most amazing act of love, *The Passion* takes you on an emotional journey through the most pivotal moment in history. It is a brilliant and gripping story that demonstrates not only the depth and power of God's love, but His ability to transform a symbol of death – the cross – into a symbol of everlasting hope and life. Featuring Doug Barry of RADIX and EWTN's "Life on the Rock," and world-renowned pianist Eric Genius. "The Passion" is a presentation of the ultimate act of courage, love and sacrifice ever made.

Religious Education (CCD) –

Mar. 13: No Class - Spring Break.

Mar. 20: 2nd Gr. Last Supper, Family Center.

Mar. 27: Stations of the Cross, 2nd-12th Grades.

Mar. 28: Jr. Class participates in Holy Thursday Mass.



Sacred Heart Catholic School –

Mar. 11: School Advisory Council meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Mar. 12: High School Retreat.

Mar. 13: Early dismissal 12:00 noon. No extended care.

Mar. 14-15: Spring Break – no school.

K.C. Fish Fry, Friday, March 22, K.C. Hall. Drive thru 5-6:30 p.m. Dine in 5-7 p.m. Tickets \$8.00 each.

South Texas Polka & Sausage Fest, March 22-24, K.C. Hall, Hallettsville. Great music, good food and happy times! Dance \$8.00 per person per day.

Friday: Texas Legacy Czech Band 7:00-10:30 p.m. Fish Fry Meal \$8 per person serving 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Saturday: Polka Mass 3:00 p.m. Dujka Brothers & Jodie Mikula 5:00-11:00 p.m. Serving Sausage & Sauerkraut Dinner with Kolaches - \$8 per plate.

Sunday: Shiner Hobo Band 11:00 a.m. Czechaholics & Fritz Hodde 1:00-8:00 p.m. Concert 4:30-5:00 p.m.

Serving Fried Chicken, Sausage & Sauerkraut Dinner with Kolaches- \$8 per plate. Serving begins 10:30 a.m.

Chicken noodle soup available Saturday and Sunday.

Sacred Heart Youth – Thank you to those who attended the 2013 Youth Spectacular recently. Sacred Heart represented one of the largest single groups to attend the spectacular with over 30 youth from our area!

Youth Night, Sunday, March 24: Adoration at 5:00 p.m. in church followed by fellowship and games at the Youth House. Be sure to check us out as we hope to give some surprising good news! Also, during this Lenten time we encourage all of you to continue your efforts in prayer for the good of our nation and our world.

Please pray for the blessing of rain:



Almighty God, we are in need of rain. We realize now, looking up into the clear, blue sky, what a marvel even the least drop of rain really is. To think that so much water can fall out of the sky, which now is empty and clear! We place our trust in You. We are sure that You know our needs. But You want us to ask You anyway, to show You that we know we are dependent on You. Look on our dry hills and fields, dear God, and bless them with the living blessing of soft rain. Then the land will rejoice, and the rivers will sing Your praises, and the hearts of men will be made glad.

Amen.

4th Sunday of Lent –

Last October forecasts were predicting higher pork prices in the spring and summer, based on a larger than normal sow slaughter in the fall. Market analysts viewed the trend with some trepidation. They saw the greater than average weekly slaughter as a sign of some herd liquidation, a result attributed to the higher feed prices brought about by last summer's drought. With pork producers unwilling to foot the bill for the increased cost of feeding, there was a surge in animals brought to market. While consumers realized an initial benefit with lower prices in the fall and winter, the lack of feeder animals in the production pipeline means higher prices at the grocery store this spring. The Easter ham may be a little more expensive this year.

This weekend's Gospel is so familiar that most of us could probably relay the events the parable recounts by heart. The younger son ends up hiring himself out to a hog farmer, a particularly despicable trade in the cultural context of Jesus' time, since swine were considered unclean according to Jewish law. In his suffering the young man longed to eat the food that he was feeding to the pigs. He finally came to his senses, realizing that he needed to change his life. His profligate spending and former life of excess had brought him to a low point from which he needed to recover.

The economic situation of the past few years might serve as a reminder to all of us that life is more than a healthy bank account. A year ago spring, it looked like farmers would have a bumper crop. Then the drought came, affecting food prices and a lot more. Even



when we think we have it all, we are still dependent. In the Gospel, the younger son turned back to his father in his need. The older son needed to turn back to his father because he had forgotten that he was always there.

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Loving God, during this precious time of Lent, you call us to be reconciled. Reconciled to one another: forgive us for the times we have been impatient, unkind, and inconsiderate. Reconciled to all our brothers and sisters: forgive us for the times we could have cared about those in need and thought only of ourselves. Reconciled to You: forgive us for the times we didn't put You first. Loving God, help us to make this Lent a time of peace-filled reconciliation.

Financial Report – January, 2013

Church Income:

Sunday Collections	\$ 36,350.00
Other Donations	2,228.66
Religious Articles	1,004.00
Church in Latin America Collection	190.00

Interest	3,088.77
Family Center Rental	195.00
Total Church Income	\$ 43,056.43

School Income:

Tuition	\$ 61,825.00
Extended Care	2,265.00
Registration Fees	1,050.00
Athletic Fees	100.00
Bus Fees	125.00
Catholic Education Envelopes	3,565.00
Memorials & Donations	2,659.33
Extravaganza	16,650.00
Library	80.00
Grants	63,860.00
Miscellaneous	1,870.79
Total School Income	\$154,050.12

Church Expenses:

Salaries	\$ 7,810.46
Utilities	1,191.05
Church, Rectory & Office Expense	4,305.56
Religious Articles	1,004.77
Building Insurance	1,773.21
Family Center Expense	263.32
Church In Latin America Collection	190.00
Medical Insurance & Retirement	2,672.36
Repairs & Maintenance	1,520.94
Car Insurance	492.50
Taxes	140.36
Total Church Expenses	\$ 21,364.53

School Expenses:

Salaries	\$ 82,058.38
Contracted Services	451.60
Office & Teaching Expense	1,000.15
Staff Development	3,000.00
Public Relations	130.65
Library	464.78
Utilities	3,000.87
Plant Repairs	1,876.46
Bus & Vehicle Expense	3,365.40
Payroll Taxes	5,979.47
Medical Insurance & Retirement	20,131.50
Property Insurance	3,245.66
Convent Expense	618.16
Miscellaneous	2,103.83
Technology	879.97
Extravaganza	1,183.90
Alumni Gifting	930.00
Total School Expenses	\$130,420.78

Parish Income	\$197,106.55
Parish Expenses	-151,785.31
Parish Balance	\$ 45,321.24

SACRED HEART CHURCH MUSIC FUND – In honor of Bob Kubena's 80th Birthday: Tommy & Charlotte Sitka-\$20

SACRED HEART CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Helen Mitchon: Erwin & Helen Chaloupka-\$10; Christian Mothers Society-\$25; Steven & Shandlyn Koehne-\$15. **In honor of John Haas, Jr.'s 70th Birthday:** Sherry Hale-\$15. **In memory of Joe Fabian:** Shirley Speckman, Mary & Freddie Kays-\$100 **In memory of Billy Moore:** J.C. & Esther Kelley-\$10; Mitchel & Irene Harbus-\$10. **In memory of Marcella Chaloupka:** Pat Zabransky & Helen Zabransky-\$20. **In memory of Frank Teltschick:** Dale Decote-\$50. **In honor of Wink & Ida Bludau's Anniversary:** From their Children-\$250. **In memory of Frankie P. Klekar:** Edna Bludau-\$10; Robert & Rita Chase-\$25. **In memory of Annette Krupala:** Frank & Joyce Yeats-\$20; Harvey & Helen Appelt-\$20; Wilbert & Carol Etzler-\$10; Roman & Miranda Henke-\$20; Mr. & Mrs. Martin Muschalek-\$10; Judy & Larry Krupala-\$40; Wink & Ida Bludau-\$10; Ed & Judy Aulick-\$25; Joan Berger-\$20; Gene Henkhaus-\$100; Virginia & Welden Lell-\$20; Betty Jean Janak-\$10; Glenn & Donna Leopold-\$20; Sharon Janak-\$20; Mark & Karen Abbruscato-\$50; Peoples State Bank-\$10. **In memory of Serapo DeLaRosa:** Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Rollins-\$10; George & Bernadette Kramer-\$20; Albert & Rosie Gutierrez-\$10. **In memory of Frankie E. McElroy:** Steven & Shandlyn Koehne-\$10.

SACRED HEART CHURCH CCD – **In memory of Helen Mitchon:** Patrick & Christie Steffek-\$25

SACRED HEART SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Marcella Chaloupka: Evelyn & Phillip Bujnoch-\$15; Leo & Evelyn Hoffer-\$20. **In memory of Helen Mitchon:** Rodney & Glenda Cobb-\$50; Robert & Rita Chase-\$25. **In honor of Robert & Barbara Grahmann's 40th Anniv.:** Robert & Rita Chase-\$25. **In memory of Annette Krupala:** Dorothy Bujnoch-\$15; Melvin & Ann Pavlicek-\$20; Sam & Lynette Morrison-\$25; Robert & Louise Pesek-\$20. **In memory of Serapo DeLaRosa:** Phillip & Rosemary Hemmi-\$5; Henry & Frances Kallus-\$100; Doris Etzler-\$7.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL ALUMNI FUND – **In memory of Annette Krupala:** Virginia Mae Kocian-\$20

SACRED HEART SCHOOL OPERATING FUND –

In memory of Helen Mitchon: Peoples State Bank-\$100; Steve & Dorothy Bosch-\$20; Bill & Margaret Bludau-\$10; Robert & Leona Steffek-\$10; Carrie Besetsny-\$25. **In memory of Dorothy Lenertz & Madden Machac:** Robert & Leona Steffek-\$20. **In honor of John Haas, Jr.'s 70th Birthday:** Arthur Etzler, Jr.-\$25; Harry & Linda Cull-\$20; Gus Janak-\$10; Emma Wick-\$10; Gordon & Mary DeLoach-\$20; Dennis & Gerardette Haas-\$20. **In memory of Joe Fabian:** Mark & Marcia Hrcir-\$50; Harry & Linda Cull-\$15. **In memory of David Bludau:** Bill &

Margaret Bludau-\$25. **In honor of Robert & Barbara Grahmann's 40th Anniv.:** Wilton Hrcir-\$10; Andy & Kim Pesek-\$20; Andrew & Jane Pesek-\$20; Bill & Sweet Hrcir-\$10; William & Charlene Bradbury-\$30. **In memory of Billy Moore:** Bea Butschek-\$10. **In memory of Marcella Chaloupka:** Willie Barborak-\$10. **In memory of Frankie E. McElroy:** Bill & Cookie Crandall-\$100. **In memory of Serapo DeLaRosa:** Jimmie & Sylvia Steffek-\$10. **In memory of Annette Krupala:** A.J. & Alice Kallus-\$10.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL LIBRARY – **In memory of Helen Mitchon:** John & Carolyn Smolik-\$50

SACRED HEART SCHOOL SHOP FUND – **In memory of Vickie Klmitchek:** Donnie & Mary Jo Bludau-\$25; Family of Vickie Klmitchek-\$165

SACRED HEART SCHOOL BAND FUND – **In honor of Robert & Barbara Grahmann's 40th Anniv.:** Ronnie & Agnes Huser-\$20. **In memory of Frankie McElroy:** Ronnie & Agnes Huser-\$20

SACRED HEART SCHOOL ATHLETICS FUND – **In memory of Helen Mitchon:** Bobby & Carol Bludau-\$20

CAROLYN DWORSKY SCHOLARSHIP FUND – **In honor of Victor & Barbara Schindler's 50th Anniv.:** Emil & Joyce Hermes-\$10

HENRY & ELIZABETH HENKE SCHOLARSHIP FUND – **In honor of Robert & Barbara Grahmann's 40th Anniv.:** Leon & Margaret Steffek-\$20

DOROTHY HENNEKE SCHOLARSHIP FUND – **In memory of Billy Moore:** Roy & Loretta Hardcastle-\$15

PAM DORNAK SCHOLARSHIP FUND – **In memory of Annette Krupala:** Tommy & Evelyn Dornak-\$15

JEROME HAAS SCHOLARSHIP FUND – **In memory of Annette Krupala & Frankie Klekar:** Anthony & Joan Corte-\$30

SACRED HEART DAYCARE – **In memory of Annette Krupala:** Leroy & Anita Etzler-\$20

MSGR. JOHN C. PETERS SEMINARY BURSE – **In honor of Msgr. John Peters:** KJZT Lodge No. 9-\$30; Terry & Trina Patek-\$25; Bill & Margaret Bludau-\$25. **In honor of Ed & Peggy Scherer's 50th Anniv. & Robert & Barbara Grahmann's 40th Anniv.:** Pat Mladenka-\$40. **In memory of Marcella Chaloupka:** Willie Barborak-\$10. **In memory of Frankie Klekar:** Lillian Gohlke-\$25.

SACRED HEART QUILTING CIRCLE – **In memory of Marcella Chaloupka:** Daniel & Dorothy Rother-\$10. **In memory of Serapo DeLaRosa:** Kubena Funeral Home-\$25

