

March 16, 2014: Second Sunday of Lent



Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." — Mt 17:4-5

LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, March 16 (Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9)

8:00 am- Ludwig Lanik

10:30 am- For our Parish Family

Monday, March 17, St. Patrick, Bishop (Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38)

7:00 am- Frances Meneley

10:00 am- Arthur & Ruby Kloesel, Benefactors (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, March 18, St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12)

7:00 am- Larry Appelt

Wednesday, March 19, St. Joseph, Spouse of the BVM (2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a)

7:00 am- Elroy & Judith Koerth

8:05 am- S.E. & Mary Golsch

12:05 pm- Frank & Georgie Edar

Thursday, March 20 (Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31)

7:00 am- Siegmund & Theresa Oppinger

10:00 am- Dan Lannen (Stevens)

Friday, March 21 (Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46) Day of Abstinence from Meat

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

8:05 am- Rebecca & Julie Steffek

12:05 pm- John & Frances Valigura

6:00 pm- Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 22 (Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32)

3:00 pm- Henry & Bobby Pavliska (Polka Mass, KC Hall)

5:30 pm- For our Parish Family

Sunday, March 23 (Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42)

8:00 am- Martin Z. & Mary Staffa Orsak

10:30 am- Timothy Brosch

5:00 pm- Leo Flores (Spanish Mass)

Church Bulletin Sponsor: Bob Kubena in memory of John & Frances Valigura.

Radio Broadcast Sponsor: Alton & Bernice Michalcik in memory of their parents.

Vigil Light: In honor of St. Joseph's Feast Day and in remembrance of Morris Joseph Lucario's birthday.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

-Blood Drive, 8:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m., Gym Parking Lot.

MONDAY, MARCH 17

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

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

-Catholic Daughters Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Family Center.

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

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

-Serra Club Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Jalisco's Café.

-K.C. Officer's Meeting, 7:30 p.m., K.C. Hall.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

-CCD: K-12th Grades, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

-Divine Mercy Study/Prayers, 7:30 p.m., Cry Room.

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

-RCIA, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Youth House.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

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

-Fish Fry, K.C. Hall. Dine in 5:00-7:00 pm. Drive thru 5:00-6:30 pm. Tickets \$8. Benefits Sacred Heart School.

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

-Baptism Preparation Class, 9:00 a.m., Family Center.

Please call the Rectory in advance to register for the class.

-Covered dish supper after Spanish Mass, Family Center.

Among our sick: Donna Avant, Lorene Christ, Matt Pohler, Wilbert Kalinec, Mary Bonorden, Josephine Muniz, Vivian Janak, Bobbie Lee Drozd, Donna Steffek, Glenn Rabel, Lisa Grissom, Richard Grahmann, Colin Grahmann, Emil Hermes, Georgia Schaefer, Pat Hanslik, Leroy Loth, Barbara Kubena, Kathy Davis, Yvonne Muska, Russell Janak, Elrose Ehler, Marilyn Palmquist, Doug Blumberg, Terry Mitchon Bludau, Amanda Gutierrez, Melissa Pilat, Becky Pekar, Kyle Stellige, Victor Vasek, Kassia Kubena, Barbara Gummelt, Louise Tesch, Robert Butschek, Karen Kahanek, Harvey Drozd, Monte Staha, Marie Hermes, Karen Perez, Doris Anders, Kynlee Klekar, nursing home residents, & the homebound.

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$6,388.50; Church in Eastern Europe-\$1,202.91; Rice Bowl-\$1,240; Loose-\$1,095; Children-\$69.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of *Mrs. Thelma Mikulenka* of our parish family. *May she and all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.*

Anniversaries:

Michael & Peggy Jansky 35 years March 17

Promise of Marriage: Jason Kubeczka and Brittia Hollingsworth on March 29.

KJZT District I meeting & meal, April 6, Family Center. Registration 11:30 a.m. followed by meal & meeting. Society #2 to please bring a dessert. RSVP by March 21 to Mary Ann Pavliska 798-5033 or Renee Hardt 798-3886.

From the Desk of Msgr. John

We recently had the statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which stands under the bell tower, refurbished. It is bright and shiny like it used to be.

We thank Mr. Vic Roeber for repaving the driveway on the south side of the Vocational Shop. It was in dire need of repair.

We are now in the second week of Lent. It is important that we take this season of Lent seriously. We need to always try to turn away from sin and stay close to God each and every day. If you haven't tried to improve in some way, it is not too late to start.

SAVE THE DATE! Msgr. John Peters will be celebrating his 40th Anniversary of Ordination on **Sunday, March 30** beginning with Mass at 3:00 p.m. in church followed by a supper at the KC Hall at 5:15 p.m. Everyone is invited. If you plan to attend, please **RSVP by March 17** by signing the sheet in the Church Foyer and indicating how many are attending.

CCD News ~~

March 26: Penance for 3rd-5th Grades.

Youth Night!!! ~~

We thank everyone who attended this weekend's youth night! We had a lot of fun once again.

Also, congratulations to our students who participated in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo!

We will be sending information very soon to complete the next stage of registration for our summer trip to Steubenville on the Bayou!! God bless!!

PARISH DIRECTORY: You're in luck! We have been given three additional days of photography – March 23, 25 & 26, from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Family Center. Times are going fast so call Linda Pavliska 798-3253 to schedule your appointment.

Complimentary pictures are arriving daily for those who did not buy additional pictures. Those pictures will be in the church foyer during weekend Masses on March 29 & 30. Someone will be there to assist you.

Looking for former students of St. John-Assumption

Seminary: The Committee for the Celebration of the Centennial Anniversary of St. John-Assumption Seminary would like to send former students a formal invitation to the celebration of 100 years of Ministry and Service. If you are a former student or know a former student, please contact Mike Davis at Assumption Seminary: mike.davis@archsa.org or 210-734-5137 with your contact information. Thanks.

Hospice Volunteer Training, Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., March 18 thru May 6, Hospice of South Texas Office, 306 N. Texana. If interested, call Volunteer Services at 798-2077. Training and materials are free.

South Texas Polka & Sausage Fest, March 21-23, Knights of Columbus Hall, Hallettsville. Great music, good food & happy times! Dance \$8 per person per day. **Friday:** Texas Legacy Czech Band and The Moravians 6:00-11:00 pm. Fish Fry Meal \$8, serving 5:00-7:00 pm. **Saturday:** Polka Mass 3:00 pm. Dujka Brothers and Jodie Mikula 5:00-11:00 pm. Sausage & Sauerkraut Meal \$8, serving 4:00 pm until end. **Sunday:** Shiner Hobo Band 11:00 am-1:00 pm. Red Ravens, Czechaholics and Ennis Czech Boys 1:00-8:00 pm. Concert 4:30-5:00 pm. Fried Chicken, Sausage & Sauerkraut Meal \$8, serving starts at 10:30 am. Chicken Noodle Soup available on Saturday & Sunday.

“Come & See” Discernment Weekend for single Catholic women 18 to 50 years old, April 12-13, Incarnate Word Convent, Victoria. For information or to register, call 575-7111, email iwbsvoc@yahoo.com or check us out at www.iwbsvictoria.org.

Mark your calendars: Quo Vadis Vocation Camp for young Catholic men 15-21, July 6-9, Coopers Farm near LaGrange. The cost of this Camp is \$65 and includes food and lodging. A \$15 non-refundable deposit by **June 25** guarantees your spot. Spaces are limited. The retreat will be facilitated by priests and seminarians of the Diocese of Victoria. The 2014 Vocation Camp Flyer and registration form is on the Diocesan website at www.victoriadiocese.org. Please email Fr. Dan Morales at pastor@hfccvic.org or vocations@victoriadiocese.org or call 361-573-4328 for more information.

Scheduled Events at Incarnate Word Convent:

Lenten Vespers: Amor Meus Spirituality Center on Sundays of Lent from 5:00-6:00 p.m. This liturgical prayer of the Church focuses on praying the psalms, giving thanks for the day and offering evening praise to God. This prayer can prepare us for the great feast of Easter.

Directed Retreats: March 28-30, May 16-18, Aug. 8-10. Includes liturgy or prayer service and daily meeting with a retreat director focusing on the participant's experience of God and discerning the interior movements of the Holy Spirit.

Taize Prayer: April 3 & August 26 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Prayer is held in the atmosphere of quiet and candlelight. Includes chants, songs, scripture, and meditations.

Guided Retreat: April 12 from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Lenten Theme directed by Fr. R.B. Williams, OP.

Prayer Circles: Amor Meus Prayer Room, Tuesdays of Lent from 10:00-11:30 a.m.

For more information or to register for any of these events, please contact Sr. Emilie Eilers at 575-7111, email amormeus@yahoo.com or go on-line at www.amormeusspiritualitycenter.org.

Holy Land Pilgrimage, November 7-17 with Fr. Gabriel Bentil (Parochial Administrator of St. Joseph Church, Inez) who will serve as the Spiritual Director. There is a deposit, passport picture and paperwork that is due May 9. Please contact Fr. Bentil at 361-782-3181.

Thank God for the rain we received & continue to pray for the blessing of beneficial rainfall, especially in the drought stricken areas.....

Heavenly Father,

We believe that it is You Who created our world with all of its beauty and life.

We believe that it is You Who put into place the systems of nature that sustain, nurture and renew this work of Your hands.

We believe that it is You Who hears Your children when they call upon You.

Hear then, this prayer which comes from a heart filled with confidence and trust.

Grant to us and to all who seek it, the gift of a bountiful rain.

Water our lands so that they may once again spring to life and reflect the beauty of Your creation.

Fill our lakes and rivers with sufficient rain so that they may continue to provide life giving and refreshing water to all who depend upon it for their livelihood and well-being.

Please do not let many more days pass without sending us this most needed blessing of rain.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, Your Son Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.

2nd Sunday of Lent –

This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him. When they heard this divine declaration, Peter, James, and John fell on the ground, trembling in fear. The gleaming vision of Jesus miraculously transfigured before them, and the appearance of the two prophets who had been dead for ages, didn't knock them over. Rather, the clear voice of God that followed this apparition struck fear into their hearts. The first part of the heavenly announcement certainly confirmed what they had just seen, the unveiled glory of Jesus – divinity. But these words included another element, a command from on high: Listen to Him. Perhaps part of the fear that shook these men was the solemn realization that Christ's divinity demands more than our respect. It demands our response.

Knowing that Jesus is God is only part one. We are also called to follow Him, by heeding His teachings and imitating His example. Lent is a special time to examine just how well we are listening to Christ. It is a season to



uncover the areas where we are deaf to His word, or at least where we are pretending not to hear it. To this end, we have the Lenten exercises of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. First and foremost, in prayer we literally pause to listen. We do our best to quiet ourselves and ask God to speak to us in the depths of our hearts. By fasting, we learn to silence the demands of those physical cravings that too often take first priority in our lives. And through the practice of giving alms, we train ourselves to hear the voice of the least of these, in whom Christ Himself is present. This Lent, may we respond wholeheartedly to God's command to listen to His Son.
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Parish Financial Report – February, 2014

Church Income:

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| Sunday Collections | \$ 30,161.70 |
| Other Donations | 3,897.54 |
| Family Center Rental | 665.00 |
| Religious Articles | 735.00 |
| Interest | <u>15,173.12</u> |
| Total Church Income | <u>\$ 50,632.36</u> |

School Income:

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| Tuition | \$ 64,400.00 |
| Extended Care | 2,000.00 |
| Student Fees | 515.00 |
| Catholic Education Envelopes | 2,867.00 |
| Memorials | 595.00 |
| Extravaganza | 33,159.50 |
| Interest | 8,689.35 |
| Book Fair | 2,191.91 |
| Miscellaneous | <u>418.40</u> |
| Total School Income | <u>\$ 114,836.16</u> |

Church Expenses:

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| Salaries | \$ 8,443.67 |
| Utilities | 1,753.42 |
| Church Expenses | 2,115.40 |
| Rectory Expenses | 241.75 |
| Office Expenses | 1,857.51 |
| Religious Articles | 702.24 |
| Building Insurance | 1,800.00 |
| Family Center Expenses | 352.62 |
| Medical Insurance & Pension | 2,588.78 |
| Repairs & Maintenance | <u>406.25</u> |
| Total Church Expenses | <u>\$ 20,261.64</u> |

School Expenses:

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| Salaries | \$ 84,881.46 |
| Contracted Services | 580.23 |
| Office & Teaching Supplies | 842.57 |
| Postage | 220.01 |
| Staff Development | 978.77 |
| Public Relations | 286.00 |
| Textbooks & Testing | 160.61 |
| Utilities | 5,422.86 |

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| Custodial Supplies | 813.94 |
| Plant Repairs | 1,741.57 |
| Bus & Vehicle Expenses | 3,323.73 |
| Payroll Taxes | 6,078.81 |
| Medical Insurance | 16,261.50 |
| Retirement | 5,280.00 |
| Convent Expenses | 826.04 |
| Academic Meets | 1,008.00 |
| Technology | 231.94 |
| Book Fair Expenses | 1,575.45 |
| Extravaganza | 11,001.99 |
| Miscellaneous | 261.50 |
| Total School Expenses | <u>\$141,776.98</u> |

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| Parish Income | \$165,468.52 |
| Parish Expenses | <u>-162,038.62</u> |
| Parish Balance | \$ 3,429.90 |

SACRED HEART SCHOOL OPERATING FUND

In memory of Viola Grahmann: Ella Mae Bludau-\$10; Rosemary Hermes-\$10; Alvin & Estella Barta-\$20; Daniel & Shirley Steffek-\$10. **In memory of Lucille Werner & Bernice Bates:** Leroy & Alice Janak-\$20. **In memory of Dorothy Halata:** Andrew & Jane Pesek-\$15. **In memory of Frances Jurena:** Elizabeth Orsak-\$25. **In memory of Rosie Bludau:** Nancy & Larry Harlan-\$50; Doris Opela-\$10; Leon & Nancy Etzler-\$20; Roger & Beverly Janak-\$20.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL ALUMNI FUND – **In memory of Rosie Bludau:** Duane & Jane Labay Family-\$25. **In memory of Viola Grahmann:** Robert & Louise Pesek-\$10.

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

SACRED HEART SCHOOL BAND FUND – **In memory of Lucille Werner:** Arthur Etzler, Jr.-\$25. **In memory of Rosie Bludau:** Ronnie & Agnes Huser-\$20. **In honor of Donna Sobotik's 50th Birthday:** Ronnie & Agnes Huser-\$20.

JEROME HAAS SCHOLARSHIP FUND – **In memory of Rosie Bludau, Lucille Werner, & Glen Poole:** Georgia Haas-\$30. **In honor of Msgr. John Peters 40th Anniversary of Ordination:** Georgia Haas-\$20.

DOROTHY HENNEKE SCHOLARSHIP FUND – **In memory of Dorothy Henneke:** Jim & Colleen Henneke-\$200. **In memory of Rosie Bludau:** Roy & Loretta Hardcastle-\$20; Tommy & Elsie Grahmann-\$10; Richard Grahmann-\$5. **In memory of Frances Meneley:** Loretta & Roy Hardcastle-\$10. **In memory of Bernice Bates, Gilbert Gerdes, Dr. & Mrs. Loredo:** Tommy & Elsie Grahmann-\$40. **In memory of Rosie Bludau:** Richard Grahmann-\$5.

REESE & RILEY MANNING SCHOLARSHIP FUND – **In memory of Rosie Bludau:** James & Mary Honish-\$15.

CAROLYN DWORSKY SCHOLARSHIP FUND – **In memory of Rosie Bludau:** Charles & Kathy Haas-\$20. **In memory of Frances Jurena:** Emil & Joyce Hermes-\$10. **In memory of Rose Ann Sakally:** Emil & Joyce Hermes-\$20.

SACRED HEART QUILTING CIRCLE – **In memory of Theresa Jalufka:** Kubena Funeral Home-\$20. **In memory of Rosie Bludau:** Beatrice Butschek-\$10; Kubena Funeral Home-\$20. **In memory of Viola Grahmann:** Kubena Funeral Home-\$20.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL LEARNING CENTER
In memory of Marie Grafe: Frank & Jo Nell Janecek-\$25. **In memory of Lena Grafe:** Donnie & Nicole Belicek-\$10; Robert & Leona Steffek-\$20. **In memory of Lena Grafe, Bobby Pavliska, Victor Steffek, Jr., Lucille Werner, Bernice Bates, Sedra Gutierrez, Dan Lannen & Rosario Loredo:** David & Joyce Smolik-\$150. **In memory of Theresa Jalufka:** Victor & Doris Janak-\$15; Fred & Debra Huser-\$10; Margaret Henneke-\$10. **In memory of Rosie Bludau:** John Paul & Shanna Clark Family-\$20; John & LaVerne Trojcek-\$20; Robert & Barbara Grahmann-\$20; John & Charlene Pillow-\$20; Ronnie & Katie Steffek-\$20; Jamie, Darren & Brantley Steffek-\$15; Soila Sanchez-\$10; Brad & D'Jean Yeater-\$20; Leo & Dorothy Henke-\$20; Pat Mladenka-\$10; Melba Armstrong-\$50; Kelly & Betty Franke-\$50; Chris & Julie Kubena-\$50; Brian & Christine Haas-\$20; Monica Chambers-\$20; Dennis & Lisa Dworsky-\$20; Paul & Annette Henke-\$20; Harvey & Vivian Janak-\$10; Mark & Karen Janak-\$20; Arthur & Rose Mary Etzler-\$20; Frank & Rita Zaruba-\$20; Carolyn Kasprzyk-\$20; Willie Pastucha, Jr.-\$15; Daniel & Dorothy Rother-\$10; Franklin Billimek-\$15; Stanley & Vanessa Bludau-\$100. **In memory of William J. Goeser:** Bob & Debra Technik-\$200. **In memory of Frances Meneley:** James & Monica Vanek-\$20; Robert & Barbara Grahmann-\$10. **In memory of Annie Etzler:** Robert & Leona Steffek-\$20. **In memory of Bernice Bates:** Margaret Henneke-\$10. **In memory of Lucille Werner:** Margaret Henneke-\$10; Roger & Julia Henneke-\$200. **In memory of Dan Lannen:** Charles & Geraldyn Klmitchek-\$20. **In memory of Viola Grahmann:** Edward & Georgie Kusak-\$100; Garland & Carolyn Kolle-\$10; Arthur Etzler, Jr.-\$25; Richard & Ruthie Rouse-\$20; Dorothy Bujnoch-\$30. **In memory of Larry Ross:** Dennis & Lisa Dworsky, Bryan & Kristin Henke-\$20. **In honor of Rev. Msgr. John Peters' 40th Anniversary of Ordination:** Raymond & Virginia Steffek-\$100. **In memory of Frances Jurena:** Robert & Leona Steffek-\$20.