

March 15 – Fourth Sunday of Lent



“For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.” – Jn 3:20-21

LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, March 15 (2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21)

8:00 am- Our Parish Family
10:30 am- Living & deceased members of Catholic Life

Monday, March 16 (Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54)

7:00 am- Anton Bujnoch, Sr.
10:00 am- Special Intention (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, March 17, St. Patrick, Bishop (Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16)

7:00 am- Henry Sitka

Wednesday, March 18, St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30)

7:00 am- C.W. & Ludmilla Brown
8:05 am- Bill & Helen Mitchon
12:05 pm- Kayleigh Foster

Thursday, March 19, St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (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- Lee Roy & Mary Hardcastle
10:00 am- Julius & Agnes Seitz (Stevens)

Friday, March 20 (Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30)

7:00 am- Ernest Stryk
8:05 am- Rebecca & Julie Steffek
12:05 pm- Urban & Theresa Hemmi
6:00 pm- Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 21 (Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53)

3:00 pm- Henry Pavliska (K.C. Hall)
5:30 pm- Living & deceased members of William & Theriza Dornak Family

Sunday, March 22, Fifth Sunday of Lent (Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33)

8:00 am- Our Parish Family
10:30 am- Living & deceased members of Rudolph & Elizabeth Schindler Family

Bulletin Sponsor: Bob Kubena in memory of Srs. Anne and Constance Kubena and Sr. Florence Broz.

Radio Broadcast Sponsor: In memory of Bill & Helen Mitchon by their family.

Vigil Light: In honor of St. Joseph and in memory of Brice Lucario on his birthday (March 19).

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$7,540.50; Loose-\$913; Children-\$33; Rice Bowl-\$1,504; Catholic Ed.-\$860; Church Endowment-\$80; School Endowment-\$5

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

-Catholic Life Branch #22 Social, 12 p.m., Family Center.
-Youth Night, 5:00-7:30 p.m., Church & Youth House.

MONDAY, MARCH 16

-Rosary & Evening Praise, 5:30 p.m.
-Adult Choir Practice, 6:00 p.m., Church.
-Catholic Daughters Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Family Center.
Program on herbs. Bring a friend!

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

-Quilting Circle, 9:00 a.m., K.C. Hall of Fame Room.
-Serra Club Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Jalisco's Café.
-K.C. Officers' Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

-RCIA Class, 7:00-8:30 p.m., SHCS New Computer Lab.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

(Day of Abstinence from meat)

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

-Baptism Preparation Class, 9:00 a.m., Family Center.
Please call the Rectory in advance to register.
-Blood Drive, 9:00am-12:00pm, SHCS Gym Parking Lot.



Among our sick: Donna Avant, Lorene Christ, Josephine Muniz, Wilbert Kalinec, Barbara Kubena, Kathy Davis, Elrose Ehler, Marilyn Palmquist, Doug Blumberg, Becky Pekar, Amanda Gutierrez, Karen Kahanek, Harvey Drozd, Monte Staha, Marie Hermes, Karen Perez, Georgie Meyer, Doris Anders, Jack Crandall, Gary Trojcak, Brian Wisnoski, Jeanne McClain, Frances Kutach, Sweet Hrcncir, Henry Konvicka, Clorisa Hartensteiner, Betsy Brown, Leo Haas, Jr., Marcella Henke, Mark Henneke, Kirk Remmers, Richard Grahmann, Margie Becker, Dollie Parr, Joyce Tesch, Msgr. Celestino Say, Steve Grasshoff, Buddy Boehm, Sr. Rosalyn Henke, John Moore, Jr., Lillian Haas, nursing home residents, and the homebound.

Catholic Life Branch #22 Social for Branch Members and their immediate family on Sunday, March 15 at 12:00 noon in the Family Center. Roast Beef Dinner with all the trimmings. Attendance prizes*Refreshments* Election of Officers. (No take home plates). *Join the fun!!!*

South Texas Polka & Sausage Fest, K. C. Hall, Friday-Sunday, March 20-22. Dance: \$9 per person per day.

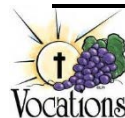
March 20: Fried Fish Dinner 5:00-7:00 pm.

Texas Dutchmen Band & The Moravians 6:00-11:00 pm.

March 21: Holy Mass 3:00 pm. Dujka Brothers & Jodie Mikula 5:00-11:00 pm. Sausage Dinner 4:00 pm-close.

March 22: Shiner Hobos 11 am-1 pm. Red Ravens, Ennis Czech Boys & Czechaholics 1-8 pm. Concert 4:30-5 pm. Fried Chicken Dinner serving begins 10:30 am.

Chicken Noodle Soup available Saturday and Sunday.



Please pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life!

From the Desk of Msgr. John

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Lent, traditionally known as Laetare Sunday, Rejoicing Sunday. We rejoice that we have come this far in our Lenten journey. We rejoice in our faith and look forward to Holy Week when we will walk more closely with Jesus on His journey of suffering, dying and rising.

By now you should have received your Diocesan Services Appeal for 2015 from Bishop Fellhauer. Each year each parish is assessed a certain percentage of the annual Sunday collection. Parishioners are asked to contribute to this appeal to help run the Diocese.

Our goal for Sacred Heart for this year is \$43,304.00. Since we have a Catholic School, our goal is a little less than it would be if we didn't have a school. We do get a break. Whatever is not collected from the parishioners is paid from the general fund of the Parish. Please be generous in helping the Bishop operate the Diocese.

The Texas Catholic Conference Education Department accreditation visit for Sacred Heart Catholic School finished Wednesday afternoon. It was a very good, positive visit. When we get the final report from Austin we will give you the final statistics.

Sacred Heart Youth News ~~

Youth Night this Sunday March 15th from 5-7:30. All youth, grades 8-12th are encouraged to attend. Also please bring your Steubenville interest form if you are interested in our Summer trip.

Sacred Heart CCD News ~~

Mar. 18: 9th-12th Grade Penance.

Mar. 25: 6th-8th Gr Penance.

2nd Gr Last Supper Feast.



Sacred Heart School News ~~

Registration Fees: If paid by March 24 - \$100 per student. After March 24 - \$200 per student.

Raffle prize donors are needed for our Spring Picnic on May 24. Please come by the Rectory at your earliest convenience if you are able to donate a prize.

Building the Domestic Church – Leading our Families to Christ, Sunday, March 22, 10:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Holy Family Catholic Church, Victoria. Mass at 4:30 p.m. celebrated by Bishop David Fellhauer. Keynote speaker: Dr. Michael Fonseca. Afternoon workshops, prayer and music. Registration fee is \$25 per couple, which includes lunch. For more information or to register, visit www.hfccvic.org/celebratefamily.

Fourth Sunday of Lent –

Walk
in the
Light
of the
Lord



"But whoever lives the truth comes to the light." Think about the sun for a moment. The

light from this gigantic celestial orb provides so many things for us. Most obviously, it provides brightness by

which we see, by which we work, play, and navigate the world around us. It also provides the warmth necessary for our comfort and our survival. The sun sustains plant life, which in turn sustains our lives as well. It helps us mark the passing of time, the change of seasons, and the rhythm of every day. The sun is a tremendous gift from God, and our lives--just like our planet--quite literally revolve around it.

When Jesus uses the image of light in today's Gospel, it may help us to understand Him if we think of the sun. Just as this magnificent star nourishes our physical existence, so too Jesus, "the light [Who] came into the world," nourishes our spiritual existence. He gives us the "brightness" to see the right choices in front of us through His teaching and His example. He warms our hearts through His mercy and forgiveness, changing our coldhearted sinfulness into burning charity. He sustains our spiritual lives by offering us the gift of salvation: eternal life in heaven that never sees death. And He helps us mark the passing of time as we grow ever closer to Him, entering more and more deeply into the knowledge and love of our Lord.



But of course, just as we are free to hide in a dark room with the shades drawn, so too we are free to "shade" ourselves from the light of Christ: "for everyone who does wicked things hates the light." To choose wickedness is to cut ourselves off not just from light, but from life. May we choose instead to stay always in the light of the Son.

A PRAYER FOR LENT –

Dear Lord, we are now in the holy season of Lent. We begin to realize anew that these are the days of salvation, these are the acceptable days.



We know that we are all sinners. We know that in many things we have all offended Your infinite majesty. We know that sin destroys Your life in us as a drought withers the leaves and chokes the life from the land, leaving an arid, dusty desert.

Help us now, Lord, in our feeble attempts to make up for past sin. Bless our efforts with the rich blessing of Your grace. Make us realize ever more our need of penance and of mortification. Help us to see, in our ordinary difficulties and duties, in the trials and temptations of every day, the best opportunity of making up for past infidelities.

Every day we are so often reminded in field and wood, in sky and stream, of Your own boundless generosity to us.

Help us to realize that You are never outdone in generosity, and that the least thing we do for You will be rewarded, full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and flowing over.

Then we shall see, in our own souls, how the desert can blossom, and the dry and wasted land can bring forth the rich, useful fruit that was expected of it from the beginning. Amen.

Financial Report – February, 2015

Church Income:

Sunday Collection	\$ 34,917.00
Other Donations	3,606.02
Religious Articles	946.00
Family Center Rental	450.00
Rice Bowl Collection	1,247.00
Church in Eastern Europe	1,824.00
Interest Income	14,986.44
Total Church Income	<u>\$ 57,976.46</u>

School Income:

Tuition	\$ 73,250.00
Student Fees	1,077.00
Extended Care	1,885.00
Catholic Education Envelopes	3,314.00
Memorials	1,730.00
Extravaganza	51,052.00
Donations	1,873.03
Sweepstakes	725.00
Miscellaneous	319.60
Interest Income	22,705.78
Total School Income	<u>\$157,931.41</u>

Church Expenses:

Salaries	\$ 8,350.44
Utilities	1,848.96
Church Expense	2,650.07
Rectory & Office Expense	1,621.16
Family Center Expense	178.49
Insurance	2,000.00
Religious Articles	497.93
Special Collections	3,071.00
Medical Insurance & Pension	2,678.78
Repairs & Maintenance	110.26
Total Church Expenses	<u>\$ 23,007.09</u>

School Expenses:

Salaries	\$ 94,898.44
Contracted Services	599.08
Office & Teaching Supplies	610.58
Postage	162.71
Staff Development	1,775.89
Public Relations	156.50
Library Expense	200.50
Utilities	4,190.52
Plant Repairs	2,882.64
Bus & Vehicle Expense	3,191.27
Payroll Taxes	7,003.11
Medical Insurance & Pension	22,461.70
Building Insurance	5,000.00
Convent Expense	585.00
Acquisition of Equipment	51,226.99
Miscellaneous Expense	2,046.97
Technology	319.09
Extravaganza	11,266.83
Total School Expenses	<u>\$208,577.82</u>

Parish Income	\$215,907.87
Parish Expenses	<u>-231,584.91</u>
Parish Deficit	<u>\$ (15,677.04)</u>



SACRED HEART CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Bill Curley: Mike & Shirley Johnson-\$20.

In memory of Terry Wick: Elsie & Lawrence Kurtz-\$10; Louis & Helen Spann-\$10; Robert & Barbara Grahmann-\$20; Don & Barbara Rainosek-\$20; Paul & Doris Patek-\$20; Michael & Janice Jares-\$20.

In memory of Viola Strauss: Robert J. Pesek Family-\$50; Charles, Frances & Lana Franta-\$50; Robert & Rita Chase-\$20; Boogie & Cheryl Jansky-\$10; Lillian Harned-\$10; Marvin & Virginia Warzecha-\$30.

In memory of Sylvester Grahmann: Kevin & Susan Logan-\$100; R.L. & Elsie Orsak-\$10; Bernard & Mary Grahmann-\$20; Donald & Mildred Grahmann-\$25; Brenda Grahmann-\$20.

SACRED HEART CHURCH CCD PROGRAM

In memory of Terry Wick: Mike & Shirley Johnson-\$25; Steven Jares-\$10; Daniel & Dorothy Rother-\$20; Louis Satsky Family-\$20; Keith & Joan Mudd-\$20; Glenn Leopold Family-\$20; Buck & Janice Bludau-\$40; Alan & Laura Jirkovsky-\$50; Robert & Rita Chase-\$20.

In memory of Viola Strauss: Patrick & Carol Steffek-\$20.

In memory of Sylvester Grahmann: Marilyn Hajek Family-\$20.

SACRED HEART CHURCH FLOWER FUND

In memory of Anita Pesek: Harvey & Doyleen Drozd-\$10.

SACRED HEART CHURCH MUSIC FUND

In memory of Sylvester Grahmann: Kubena Funeral Home-\$20.

**Father, help me to see this holy season
of Lent as a time of spiritual renewal,
rather than a time of deprivation.
Motivate me to reach a new level of
experiencing Your grace.**

SACRED HEART SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Anita Pesek & Leonard Marvin: John & Charlene Pillow-\$40.

In memory of Terry Wick: Leon & Margaret Steffek-\$10; Frances Holley-\$10; Robert & Louise Pesek-\$20; Edith Konarik-\$20; Lucille Klekar-\$10.

In memory of Viola Strauss: Linda Pavliska-\$25; David & Kathy Bujnoch-\$25; Phillip & Evelyn Bujnoch-\$25.

In memory of Sylvester Grahmann: Jim & Melba Hynes-\$15; Mary Ventura & Grace Steinberg-\$25; Dorothy Bujnoch-\$25; Andrew & Pamela Kutac-\$20; Carolyn & Richard Roos-\$20; Marjorie Hlavac-\$20; Bob & Carol Franks-\$25.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL OPERATING FUND

In memory of Anita Pesek: Paul & Dolores Janak-\$15; Emma Bujnoch & Joseph-\$10; Dennis & Gerardette Haas-\$20.

In memory of Bill Curley: Dennis & Gerardette Haas-\$20; Margaret Bludau-\$10; Patricia Schindler-\$10.

In memory of Annie Mae Pesek: Margaret Bludau-\$10.

In memory of Terry Wick: Lillian & Marvin Rabel-\$25; Raymond Henke-\$10; Marty & Debi Bludau-\$20; Crimp & Sammie Grahmann-\$25; Charles Franta Family-\$20.

In memory of Sylvester Grahmann: Sylvester Grahmann Family-\$500; Raymond & Virginia Steffek-\$20; Glenn & Shara Steffek-\$20; Bubba & Sheryl Barnes-\$25; Russell Obelgoner-\$25; Katie Amore-\$100; Clarence & Josie Klesel, Donnie & Shirley Machicek-\$5; Leroy & Patricia Klesel-\$60; Charles & Geralyn Klimitchek-\$20; Ronnie & Shirley Hollas Family-\$40; Robert & Virginia Axtell-\$20; Gladys DeVall-\$20; Edward & Patty Grahmann-\$20; William & Charlene Bradbury-\$25; Fred & Debra Huser Family-\$20; Jim & Sally Kolos-\$20; Leo & Dorothy Henke-\$10; Robert & Barbara Grahmann-\$25; Frank & JoNell Janecek-\$25; Arthur Etzler, Jr.-\$25.

In memory of Viola Strauss: Robert J. Pesek Family-\$50; Robert & Barbara Grahmann-\$15; Daniel & Shirley Steffek-\$15; Andrew & Jane Pesek-\$10; Rosemary & Phil Hemmi-\$15; Anonymous-\$5.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL ALUMNI FUND

In memory of Anita Pesek: Harvey & Betty Woytek-\$10; Robert & Leona Steffek-\$25; James Bujnoch-\$50.

In memory of Terry Wick: Bernard & Mary Grahmann-\$10; Dennis & Cynthia Matula-\$19.

In memory of Sylvester Grahmann: Mark & Ruth Schneider-\$25; Frank & Rita Zaruba-\$20.

DOROTHY HENNEKE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In memory of Anita Pesek: Roy & Loretta Hardcastle-\$20.

In memory of Sylvester Grahmann: Tommy & Elsie Grahmann-\$10; Roy & Loretta Hardcastle-\$20; Richard Grahmann-\$5.

PAM DORNAK SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In memory of Anita Pesek: Florine Bohac-\$20.

GEORGE BUJNOCH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In memory of Viola Strauss: Dorothy Bujnoch-\$25.

HILDA ELSTNER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In memory of Kris Wells: Paul & Dolores Janak-\$15.

In memory of Sylvester Grahmann: Vickie & Pat Sobotik-\$20; Paul & Dolores Janak-\$25.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL LEARNING CENTER

In memory of Viola Strauss: Pat & Kay Fawbush-\$25.

SACRED HEART CHURCH BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE FUND

In memory of Bill Curley: Harvey & Betty Woytek-\$10; Harvey & Doyleen Drozd-\$10.

In memory of Sylvester Grahmann: Allan & Jamie Grahmann Family-\$60.

MSGR. JOHN C. PETERS SEMINARY BURSE

In memory of Terry Wick: Edwin & Rosanne Gallia-\$30.

In memory of Viola Strauss: Robert J. Pesek Family-\$50.

SACRED HEART CHURCH QUILTING CIRCLE

In memory of Viola Strauss: Kubena Funeral Home-\$20.

**Create in
me a clean
heart, O
God, and
put a new
and right
spirit
within me.
Psalm 51:12**

