

December 7, 2008



Mass Intentions:

Sunday, December 14-

9:15 a.m.-Wence & Jonathon Shimek

Sunday, December 21-

9:15 a.m.-Rudolph & Henrietta Pesek

Thursday, December 25- (Midnight Mass)

12:00 a.m.-S. J. & Annie K. Janak & Sons
John & Mary Klekar

Christmas Day-Thursday, December 25-

9:15 a.m.-Living & Deceased Members of
the Theo Hermes Family

Sunday, December 28-

9:15 a.m.-Leon D. Sitka

New Year's Day-Thursday, January 1-

9:15 a.m.-Joe & Olga Targac

First Friday, January 2-

6:00 p.m.-Matthew & Dorothy Klekar

Sunday, January 4-

9:15 a.m.-Frank & Albina Novak &
Kathy Gillar

Rosary Leaders:

Dec. 14 –The Wence Shimek Family
Dec. 21- Ruth Rouse
Dec. 25 (Midnight Mass)-Dorothy Schneider
Dec. 25-Sandy Konvicka
Dec. 28-Lucille Klekar
Jan. 1-Janie Fikac
Jan. 2-Angela Hermes
Jan. 4-Janie Fikac

Cantors:

Dec. 14 –The Wence Shimek Family
Dec. 21-Emily Schimcek
Dec. 25-(Midnight Mass)-Ruth Rouse
Dec. 25-John Hemmi
Dec. 28-Richard Rouse
Jan. 1-Ruth Rouse
Jan. 4-Lucille Klekar

Lectors:

Dec. 14-The Wence Shimek Family
Dec. 21-Garrett Henke
Dec. 25(Midnight Mass)-Daniel J. Matula
Dec. 25-Anthony Matula
Dec. 28-Maria Hermes
Jan. 1-Dorothy Schneider
Jan. 4-Deddie Dobbs

Altar Servers:

Dec. 14-The Wence Shimek Family
Dec. 21-Erik & Erin Svetlik, Kelton
Koehne & Kasey Hairell
Dec. 25-(Midnight)-Sterling Hrcir,
Eric Klekar, Shelly & Shawn Rainosek
Dec. 25-Mikayla, John & Derek Konvicka,
& Adam Hermes
Dec. 28-Kyle Rother, Ross & Clay Rother &
Samuel Machicek
Jan. 1-Eric Klekar, Kelly Janak, Hunter &
Kolby Janak
Jan. 4-Shelly & Shawn Rainosek,
Kasey Hairell & Adam Hermes

Ministers of Holy Communion:

Dec. 14-Ray Janak, Patrick Pesek,
& Mary Urbish
Dec. 21-Edward & Sandra Pustka &
Evelyn Bujnoch
Dec. 25(Midnight)-Ray Janak, Patrick Pesek,
& Mary Urbish
Dec. 28-Evelyn Konvicka, Nancy Etzler &
Vivian Mozisek
Jan. 4- Edward & Sandra Pustka &
Angela Hermes

Church Ushers:

Dec. 14-The Wence Shimek Family
Dec. 21-Bubba Kocian, Scott Blaschke,
Gilbert Mozisek & Marvin Bujnoch
Dec. 25(Midnight)-Roman Henke, Charles
Grafe, Robert Pustka & Gilbert Urbish
Dec. 25-Leon Matula, Al Svetlik Jr., Francis
Klekar & Michael Konvicka
Dec. 28-Eugene Gillar, Robert Sciba, Alois
Bujnoch Jr. & Richard Sommerlatte
Jan. 1-Bubba Kocian, Scott Blaschke,
Gilbert Mozisek & Marvin Bujnoch
Jan. 4-Roman Henke, Charles Grafe,
Robert Pustka & Gilbert Urbish



Offertory Gift Bearers:

Dec. 14-The Wence Shimek Family
 Dec. 21-M/M Ray Kelnar
 Dec. 25(Midnight)-M/M Steven Koehne
 & Sons
 Dec. 25-M/M James Konvicka & Sons
 Dec. 28-M/M Francis Klekar & Family
 Jan. 1-M/M Blasé Konvicka Jr.
 Jan. 4-M/M Michael Konvicka & Family

Church Cleaners:

Dec. 13-Ruth Rouse, Joyce Janak &
 Anita Steffek
 Dec. 20-Dorothy Schneider & Margaret Smolik
 Dec. 27-Barbara Matula & Monica Matula
 Jan. 3-Katherine Kahanek & Angela Hermes

Our Gift to God:

	<u>Loose</u>	<u>Envelope</u>
Nov. 2-	\$170.05	\$431.00
Nov. 9-	\$138.00	\$321.00
Nov. 16-	\$140.10	\$317.00
Nov. 23-	\$134.00	\$399.00
Nov. 30-	\$146.75	\$303.00

Children's Collection: \$71.90
 Building Repair Fund: \$601.00

Mass Attendance:

Nov. 2-300	Nov. 9-310
Nov. 16-320	Nov. 23-305
Nov. 30-325	

Messages & Announcements

Monday, December 8th-Feast of the Immaculate Conception-Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 p.m. and a chicken noodle soup dinner will be served at the parish hall immediately following Mass. Everyone is invited.



Anyone wishing to donate flowers for Christmas may put the money in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket or come by the rectory. Donations may be made in memory of a loved one, which is a special way of remembering them during the holidays.

From the Pastor's Desk:

Monday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary is the only human being conceived without sin. This was a special gift God gave to Mary because she was going to be the mother of His Son, Jesus Christ. **Since this is our parish Feast Day, we will have Mass on Monday, December 8, at 6:00 p.m. followed by soup and sandwiches in the Parish Hall. You may bring a dessert. Please come out and celebrate our Feast Day.**

On December 12th we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Under this title, she is the Patroness of Mexico and also of all the Americas. We have a special celebration at Sacred Heart Church on the morning of the Feast with Mass at 6:30 a.m. with music by the Spanish Choir and then breakfast tacos, pan dulce (sweet bread), coffee and juice afterwards in the Family Center.

On January 1, we honor Mary in a special way as the Mother of God.

At this time of the year, Mary is given much recognition because of her special role. She brought Jesus into the world and she continually points the way to Jesus for all of us. Through her intercession and direction, let us always follow Jesus more closely.

CCD NEWS

December 10th-Advent Penance Service for CCD Students @ 6:00 p.m.

December 17th, 21st, & 28th Christmas Holidays
January 7th-CCD resumes @ 6:00 p.m.

Mark your calendar for.....

Feb. 22nd-Youth Spectacular @
 Holy Family Catholic Church in Victoria.



St. Zdislavy KJZT Society #53, Wied annual meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 10th at Wied Hall. Election of officers, meeting dates and other events for the coming year will be discussed. A social will follow the meeting.

Answers to last month's Commandments/ Beatitudes Quiz are as follows: 1) (A) This saying comes from Matthew 5:38-39. Jesus' followers would have been familiar with the old law that Jesus is quoting. You can read it in Leviticus 24:19. But he's bringing them a new law, urging his followers to be peacemakers; 2) (A) Cain & Abel were the sons of Adam & Eve. Cain murdered his brother Abel out of anger and jealousy. See Genesis 4:3-8; 3) (B) The Bible tells us that the commandments were written on stone tablets by the finger of God. See Exodus 31:18; 4) (C) In Matthew 5:1, we read that Jesus gave the Beatitudes to his disciples. Disciple is a word that means "student" and is used to describe those who hear and listen to the teaching of Jesus, not only in New Testament times, but in all ages.

Greetings! May we be filled with God's Holy Spirit as we continue to bring the good news of Jesus Christ to all we meet.

The Diocesan Catechetical Office will again sponsor a **Catholic Knowledge Bowl** scheduled for **Sunday, January 25, 2009** at **Holy Family Parish** in Victoria from **1:30 to 4:30 p.m.** This year's bowl will include teams of adults, teens and families. The registration fee is \$20 per team and the deadline for registering is January 16, 2009. Everyone is encouraged to register early because there is a limited amount of space.

All persons interested in forming a team are invited to do so. **Adult teams** can be made up of individuals, catechists, Knights of Columbus, Catholic Daughters, ACTS, etc. **Teen teams** can be made up of youth group members, school friends, etc. **Family teams** can be made up of parents, children, grandparents, aunts, etc. (Family teams must include one or more children.)

Study questions, contest information, and registration forms are posted on the diocesan website. The purpose for this event is to encourage adults and youth alike to study their faith.

Clergy, religious, and diocesan personnel cannot be team members, but we will again be counting on their help to monitor participants and check the answers for each round.

Thank you for your support of this exciting and unique event.

Sister Digna Vela, IWBS

(Knowledge Bowl registration forms are available in back of the church.)

Admit it – you are already making yourselves crazy, what with decorations and gifts and special meals and travel plans, not to mention sending out the cards and annual letters. Some of you may even be thinking, "I'll be glad when all of this is over!" though I certainly hope not! Think back to those days over 2,000 years ago; under the quiet cover of night's darkness, a young couple set out on a journey. There was nothing of what we've added to this season, only quiet anticipation and prayer as they slowly made their way to an as yet unknown destination.

The Gospel of Mark is the shortest of the four, but is often described as the most striking and descriptive. Today's reading, from the beginning of the book, introduces us to John the Baptist. He is described as a voice of one, crying out in the desert, announcing to everyone who will hear him that the Messiah is coming. Imagine

the excitement of those who listened to John; after centuries of waiting, the Christ was coming to baptize with the promised Holy Spirit.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church describes St. John the Baptist as "the Lord's immediate precursor or forerunner, sent to prepare his way" (CCC 523). Indeed, he was the last of the prophets to proclaim the coming of Jesus Christ. Appearing with the characteristics of an Old Testament prophet, this holiest of men had waited all of his life for the moment when he could announce the coming of the Savior. He was patient; he was faithful. During this Advent season, as we remember the promise of a Savior who would save us from our sins, let us pray for patience and faith through the Holy Spirit. Now is the time for peace in our lives and in our hearts.

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Financial Report for October 2008

Income

Sunday Collections.....	\$2,133.62
Children's Collections.....	49.75
Other Church Donations.....	125.00
Hall Rental for 2009.....	200.00
Special Collection(World mission Sunday)	247.00
Pavilion & Hall Rental.....	575.00
Votive Stand.....	31.20
Total Income for October.....	\$3,361.57

Expenses

Utilities.....	\$ 751.43
Health Insurance.....	649.85
Church Expense.....	139.00
Parish Hall Supplies.....	106.27
Parish Hall Checking.....	120.00
Year 2009 Church Envelopes.....	342.78
Year 2009 Church Calendars.....	278.86
Special Collection(World Mission Sunday)	247.00
Priest Pension Plan.....	451.00
Salaries.....	615.00
Repair & Maintenance.....	282.15
Total Expense for October.....	\$4,043.34

Balance from September.....	\$3,800.89
Income from October.....	+3,361.57
	\$7,162.46
Less October Expenses.....	-4,043.34
Operating Balance.....	\$3,119.12

*Wishing you a Merry
Christmas & a Happy New
Year from St. Mary's!!!!!!*

