

July 9, 2009

Mass Intentions:

Sunday, July 12-

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

Sunday, July 19-

9:15 a.m.-Living & Deceased Members
of the Prasek Families

Sunday, July 26-

9:15 a.m.-Anastazie & Alfons Janak
& William (Bill) Chovanetz

Sunday, August 2-

9:15 a.m.-Frank & Mary Matula

Lectors:

July 12-Maria Hermes
July 26-Erik Svetlik
Aug. 2-Daniel J. Matula

Cantors:

July 12-Ruth Rouse
July 19-Emily Schimcek
July 26-Richard Rouse
Aug. 2-Lucille Klekar

Rosary Leaders:

July 12-Dorothy Schneider
July 19-Ruth Rouse
July 26-Sandy Konvicka
Aug. 2-Janie Fikac

Altar Servers:

July 12-Shelly & Shawn Rainosek, Joshua
Bludau & Kelly Janak
July 19-Erin Svetlik, Jacob Janak, Hunter &
Kolby Janak
July 26-Ross & Clay Rother, Adam Hermes
& Michael Perdziak
Aug. 2-Mikayla, John & Derek Konvicka &
Alexius Mizera

Ministers of Holy Communion:

July 12-Evelyn Konvicka, Nancy Etzler
& Vivian Mozisek
July 19-Patrick Pesek, Janice Rother &
Angela Hermes
July 26-Edward & Sandra Pustka &
Evelyn Bujnoch
Aug. 2-Patrick Pesek, Mary Urbish &
Evelyn Konvicka

Church Ushers:

July 12-Leon Matula, Al Svetlik, Francis
Klekar & Sidney Jasek
July 19-Eugene Gillar, Robert Sciba,
Alois Bujnoch & Richard
Sommerlatte
July 26-Bubba Kocian, Scott Blaschke,
Gilbert Mozisek & Marvin
Bujnoch
Aug. 2-Roman Henke, Robert Pustka,
Charles Grafe & Gilbert Urbish

Offertory Gift Bearers:

July 12-M/M Mark Threadgill & Family
July 19-M/M David Tobola & Sons
July 26-M/M Gilbert Urbish
Aug. 2-Rosalie Tobola

Church Cleaners:

July 11-Katherine Kahanek & Angela
Hermes
July 18-Barbara Matula & Monica Matula
July 25-Joyce Janak & Anita Steffek
Aug. 1-Viola Konvicka, Vivian Mozisek,
Joyce Bludau & Rita Migl

Our Gift to God:

	<u>Loose</u>	<u>Envelope</u>
June 7-	\$145.00	\$504.00
June 14-	\$121.00	\$274.00
June 21-	\$121.00	\$261.00
June 28-	\$113.50	\$425.00

Mass Attendance:

June 7—	305	June 14—	310
June 21—	315	June 28—	295

From the Pastor's Desk:

Thank you to everyone who helped make our St. Mary's picnic a big success. I received a letter from a parishioner this week saying how the picnic continues to be a fund raiser for the parish but more than that has become a great community builder. Not only does the parish community come together but also those who help from other parishes, especially Hallettsville & Shiner. We are truly blessed here at St. Mary's in so many ways.

This weekend we celebrate our Independence Day, July 4th. Let us pray for our nation always, but especially on this day.

A Prayer For Our Nation

Gracious and loving God, we come to you in humble prayer for the United States of America.

Bless our President. Give him wisdom and strength to serve the American people and lead our country in ways that are pleasing to you.

Bless our Congress. Instill in them knowledge and understanding to enact laws that protect the sanctity of life-from the unborn to the elderly; and promote the good of all people.

Bless the People of the United States.

Make us aware of our responsibility as citizens to uphold the principles of life, liberty, justice and equality.

Send your Holy Spirit upon our beloved country. Make us people of faith in time of uncertainty. Make us people of hope in times of trouble. Make us people of compassion with those who are less fortunate. Make us people of peace in our homes, our communities, our country and our world.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior. Amen!

Thank you!!!!!!!!!!

Thank you to the Wied KJZT Society #53 for having the flooring replaced in the men's Restroom in the church.

Thank you to the St. Mary's KJZT Society #3 for the \$100 donation to the St. Mary's CCD program.

Thank you to Victor & Katherine Kahanek for providing a combination washer & dryer to the parish to be used in the rectory.

Dear St. Mary's Church-Thank you for considering me for scholarship. It will be very helpful in the Fall when I attend Texas A&M in College Station. I really appreciate your assistance in helping me achieve in my education. Thank you so much!
Sincerely, Chris Janak

Memorials to St. Mary's Altar Society

In Memory of Louis F. Rother

Larry & Denise Bujnoch.....	\$10.00
Dennis & Ora Nell Satsky.....	10.00
Charlene Leopold.....	5.00
Douglas & Rhonda Syamken.....	10.00
Wilbert & MaryLee Supak.....	10.00
Daniel & Monica Matula.....	20.00

In Memory of Alfonse Steffek

Melvin & Joyce Janak.....	\$20.00
Tony & Joyce Bludau.....	20.00

Memorials to St. Mary's Church

In Memory of Louis F. Rother

M/M Herman Hanslik.....	\$10.00
Melba Armstrong.....	30.00
R.L. & Elsie Orsak.....	10.00
Dennis & Barbara Chovanetz.....	20.00
Fred & Dorothy Kubecek.....	30.00
Frank & Jonell Janecek.....	25.00
Ronald & Virginia Henke Family.....	10.00
Timothy Klerhege.....	10.00
Paul & Sandra Migl.....	10.00
Royce & Anna Brown.....	10.00
Charles & Angie Netardus.....	10.00
Leroy Loth.....	20.00
Leon & Nancy Etzler.....	25.00
Glenn Leopold Family.....	20.00

**Memorials to St. Mary's Church
In Memory of Louis F. Rother**

Leon & Sheryl Barnes.....	\$25.00
Jeanette Greer Cobb & Hedwig Greer.....	10.00
James, Kandyace & Allyshia Grahmann.....	10.00
Kubena Funeral Home- Dan, Barbara, Eugene, Andy & Alison.....	20.00
Shannon & Kari DeForest & Family...	25.00

In Memory of Patricia Steffek

Bernard & Mazeline Patek.....	\$20.00
Michael, Janice & Steven Jares.....	10.00

**Memorials to St. Mary's Cemetery Fund
In Memory of Patricia Steffek**

M/M Leo Haas, M/M Leslie Haas, M/M Larry Haas, Lamar Haas & Louis Haas.....	\$125.00
Leonelle Klekar.....	5.00
Patrick & Bernadette Matusek.....	20.00
Diane Hybner.....	5.00
Anton & Emma Bujnoch.....	10.00

In Memory of Louis F. Rother

Chuck Grafe.....	\$ 5.00
Marvin & Susan Bujnoch.....	15.00
Jim & Marcie Appelt.....	10.00
Allen & Anita Steffek.....	25.00
Leroy Schoeder.....	25.00
Robert & Carol Rother.....	20.00
Leo & Dorothy Henke.....	10.00
M/M Thomas J. Sitka.....	10.00
Rodney & Kelly Haas & Family...	10.00
Arthur Spies.....	20.00
Doug & Sherri Grahmann & Sons	10.00

Financial Report for April

Income	
Sunday Collections.....	\$2,473.30
Children's Collections.....	68.01
Special Collection-Holy Land.....	256.00
Special Collection-Rice Bowl.....	541.35
Memorials to St. Mary's Church.....	30.00
Other Church Donations.....	220.00
Hall Rental & Deposits.....	600.00
Votive Stand.....	<u>51.91</u>
Total Income.....	\$4,240.57

Financial Report for April

Expenses	
Utilities.....	\$ 459.64
Health Insurance.....	649.85
Church Expenses.....	306.37
Special Collections.....	797.35
Hall Expenses.....	102.28
Priest Pension Plan.....	451.00
Salaries.....	675.00
Repairs & Maintenance.....	<u>140.00</u>
Total Expenses.....	\$ 3,581.49
Balance from March.....	\$ 3,131.52
April Income.....	+ 4,420.57
April Expenses.....	<u>- 3,581.49</u>
Operating Balance.....	\$3,790.60

Financial Report for May

Income	
Sunday Collections.....	\$2,467.00
Children's Collections.....	53.26
Special Collection-Home Missions..	172.00
Other Church Donations.....	250.00
Hall & Pavilion Rental & Deposits.	725.00
Donation to Church-Honoring Angela Hermes' 85 th Birthday.....	15.00
Memorials.....	395.00
Bulletin Sponsor.....	<u>40.00</u>
Total Income for May.....	\$ 4,117.26
Expenses	
Utilities.....	\$ 739.98
Health Insurance.....	649.85
Church Expenses.....	401.32
Hall Supplies.....	206.30
Hall Checking.....	160.00
Special Collection-Home Missions..	172.00
Priest Pension Plan.....	451.00
Salaries.....	675.00
Repair & Maintenance.....	<u>269.03</u>
Total Expenses.....	\$ 3,724.48

Balance from April	\$ 3,790.60
Income from May.....	+ 4,117.26
Less May Expenses.....	<u>- 3,724.48</u>
Operating Balance.....	\$4,183.38

Attention: The Diocese of Victoria is offering Pastoral Institute Classes this summer with some being presented via distance learning. Below are classes to be held in July and August. People may call 361-573-0828 for more information.

Sr. Digna Vela, IWBS
Office of Catechetical Ministry

Sacraments is a six-hour class. It is open to all parishioners. However, Catholic school religion teachers, catechists, and liturgical ministers are expected to take this class. An *Echoes of Faith Plus* companion booklet (\$4.00), needed for this class, can be purchased at the Chancery or at the course site.

Date/Time: July 7, 9:30-4:30 p.m.

Places: Chancery/Victoria, St. Joseph/Yoakum, and St. Anthony/Columbus

Date/Time: July 14 & 16, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Places: Chancery/Victoria, St. Joseph/Yoakum, and St. Anthony/Columbus

The Learner is a six-hour class for Catholic School religion teachers and catechists. An *Echoes of Faith Plus* companion booklet (\$4.00), needed for this class, can be purchased at the Chancery or at the course site.

Date/Time/Place: Aug. 4 & 6, 6:30-9:30 p.m., St. Philip/El Campo

Date/Time/Place: Aug. 5 & 6, 6:00-9:00 p.m., Sts. Cyril & Methodius/Shiner

Getting Started is a three-hour class for Catholic school religion teachers and catechists. An *Echoes of Faith Plus* companion booklet (\$4), needed for this class, can be purchased at the Chancery or at the course site.

Date/Time/Place: July 8, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Holy Cross/East Bernard

Date/Time/Place: Aug. 4, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Our Lady of Lourdes/Victoria

Roles of the Catechist is a three-hour class for Catholic school religion teachers and catechists. An *Echoes of Faith Plus* companion booklet (\$4), needed for this class, can be purchased at the chancery or at the course site.

Date/Time/Place: July 15, 6:30-9:30, Holy Cross/East Bernard

Date/Time/Place: Aug. 5, 6:30-9:30, Our Lady of Lourdes, Victoria

Person of the Catechist is a three-hour class for Catholic school religion teachers and catechists. An *Echoes of Faith Plus* companion booklet (\$4), needed for this class, can be purchased at the Chancery or at the course site.

Date/Time/Place: July 22, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Holy Cross/East Bernard

The Scriptures is a six-hour course that is open to all parishioners who are interested in learning about the Scriptures, but catechists and Catholic school religion teachers are expected to take this course. An *Echoes of Faith Plus* companion booklet (\$4), needed for this class, can be purchased at the Chancery or at the course site.

Date/Time/Place: July 13 & 15, 6:30-9:30 p.m., St. John/Moravia

Prayer & Spirituality is a six-hour course that is open to all parishioners, but catechists and Catholic school religion teachers are expected to take this course. An *Echoes of Faith Plus* companion booklet (\$4), needed for this class, can be purchased at the Chancery or at the course site.

Date/Time/Place: July 22 & 29, 6-9 p.m., St. Michael/Cuero

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July 2009

One Minute Meditations

Keep the parish lights on

No matter where you go this summer, don't forget your parish back home. If you will be out of town on a Sunday, please make your weekly donation by mail before you leave. Your parish depends upon your help to pay the bills even when you're not home.

Aching shoulders

When you see a need, prayerfully consider whether it's yours to fill. When leading the Israelites through the desert, Moses felt responsible for mediating disputes. The long lines of unhappy people soon exhausted him. Moses' father-in-law told him that by taking the whole job upon his shoulders, he was denying others the chance to serve God, too.

Second chances

Don't give up if you feel you failed to please God. Remember St. Peter. Although he deserted Jesus when he was most needed, Jesus gave him another chance to affirm his love (John 20:19). He will do the same for you.

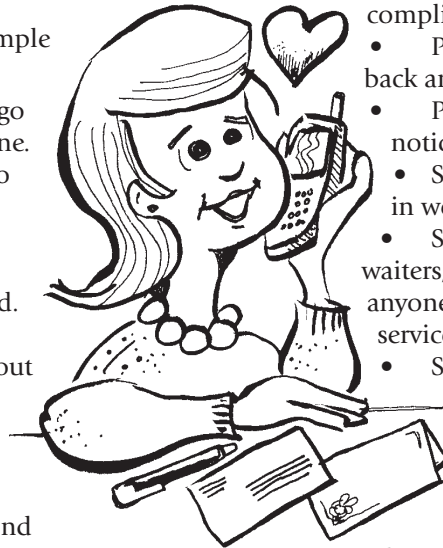


Twenty easy ways to show love

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:34-35).

Try some of these simple ways to show love:

- Let someone else go ahead of you in line.
- Call someone who was absent from work or a social gathering and tell him he was missed.
- Resist the urge to talk negatively about someone.
- Find something good in everyone.
- Always give a second chance.
- Ask "How are you?" and listen to the answer.
- Go an entire day without raising your voice in anger.
- Help someone carry a burden.
- Listen patiently. Don't interrupt or correct.
- Make others feel welcome.
 - Offer a sincere compliment each day.
 - Pat someone on the back and smile at her.
 - Praise others when you notice their success.
 - Shake someone's hand in welcome.
 - Show appreciation to waiters, receptionists, and anyone who works in a service capacity.
 - Smile at a stranger.
 - Treat everyone as if you like them – even if you don't.
 - Try to cheer up someone who is having a bad day.
- Write a "thank you" note when someone does a favor for you.
- Do a good deed for someone who can't repay you.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics pray?

As Catholics we know that God created us out of love and continually summons us to love him back. Prayer is our response to God's love.

Catholics pray because we believe in God's existence in our lives.



We pray because we have the hope that our salvation is coming. And we pray because during prayer the Holy Spirit brings us hope, joy, and peace.

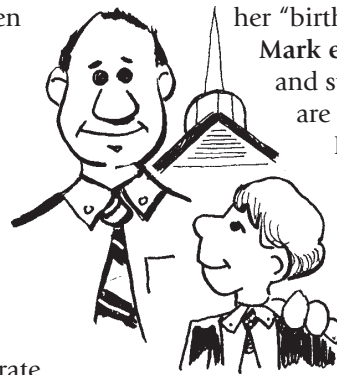
Prayer is what connects us to God directly, intimately, and lovingly.

Help your godchild on the journey to Christ

God has called all of us to follow him. Yet when we are asked to be godparents, we are not only called to follow, we are called to lead. Aiding in a child's spiritual growth is an awesome responsibility but you can teach the importance of our faith in simple ways.

Go to Mass. Inviting your godchild to attend Sunday Mass with you is a great way to spend time together and show commitment to the faith.

Send cards. On the anniversary of the child's baptism each year, send a birthday card to celebrate



her "birth" into the life of Christ.

Mark each sacrament received. Offer lots of attention and support during these Catholic milestones. These are steps on our journey toward Christ.

Prayer cards. Promote prayer and a devotion to the saints by sending an occasional prayer card pertinent to his life situation.

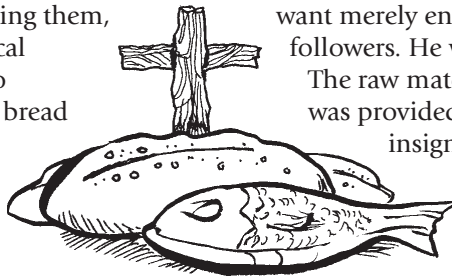
Reevaluate your role. Being a godparent doesn't stop at the Baptism celebration. It is a lifelong commitment. Remember to stay active into your godchild's adulthood.

from **S**cripture

John 6:1-15; the loaves and the fishes.

Jesus' fame spread because of the healings and other signs he performed. People came from all over hoping to share in the material benefits he offered. By feeding them, he met their physical need, but then also offered the eternal bread - himself.

The crowd was so awed by the miracles he performed, they wanted to make Jesus king. They thought that the miracles were proof that he was the "Prophet, the one who is to come into the world," as foretold in Deuteronomy 18:15, 18.



After all, the great prophet Moses fed the people with manna and Jesus used bread. But Jesus wasn't fooled by their enthusiasm and left quickly. He doesn't want merely enthusiasm from his followers. He wants faith.

The raw material for this miracle was provided by a boy - an insignificant child. By choosing him, though, Jesus showed that nobody is insignificant when it comes to proclaiming

the gospel. So, what bread or fish can you offer to God? If you have true faith, whatever you offer just might become a miracle, too.

Feasts & Celebrations

July 2 - St. Thomas (1st century). Known as "doubting Thomas" for requesting proof of the Resurrection, he made a beautiful profession of faith when he faced the truth (John 11:16). Tradition says that Thomas evangelized the Parthians, Medes, and Persians and India. He was martyred at Calamine.

July 6 - St. Maria Goretti (1902). Twelve year-old Maria was afraid of her neighbor but kept silent for fear of causing trouble for his family. One day, while alone, Maria was attacked by the neighbor who had evil intent toward her. He stabbed her when she

wouldn't submit. Still, she forgave him before she died just hours later. Her attacker dreamed of Maria while he was in prison and repented. His first act when released 30 years later, was to beg her mother's forgiveness. He attended and wept tears of joy at Maria's canonization.

July 26 - St. Joachim and St. Anne (?). Little is known about Jesus' grandparents, but we know Mary was raised in a devout home. Her unshakeable faith, her devotion to the laws of her religion, and her steadiness in moments of crisis indicate the values with which she was raised.



Q & A I get flustered when I'm asked about my faith. Can you help?

One good way to be sure you can explain what you believe is to have solid information at your fingertips.

To start, read some common questions and answers about Catholic faith and practices by Church experts. For example, a popular series by Fr. Peter Stravinkas may be helpful. *The Catholic Answer Book* is published by Our Sunday

Visitor books (www.osv.com, 800-348-2440). Or, ask your priest for a Church-approved recommendation.



Keep a copy of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* handy.

It summarizes what we believe and why, with an excellent glossary to help navigate. Your

library may have one or you can buy it from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (www.usccb.org, 800-235-8722).

Start a record. Write down the answers to common questions you have been asked or wonder about yourself. Keep them in one place, like a notebook or on note cards, so you can refer to them often.

Don't forget to rely on the Holy Spirit. In fact, next time you are asked a tough question, let the Spirit do the talking.

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