

**Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Mass Intentions:**

Sunday, March 14 -

9:15 a.m.-Ernest & Ella Morisak

Sunday, March 21-

9:15 a.m.-John L. & Mathilda Matula

Sunday, March 28-

9:15 a.m.-John P. Pustka

Good Friday, April 2-

3:00 p.m.-Liturgy of the Word, Veneration,  
of the Cross & Holy Communion

Easter Sunday, April 5-

9:15 a.m.-Laddie Konvicka

**Rosary Leaders:**

March 14-Dorothy Schneider

March 21-Lucille Klekar

March 28-Ruth Rouse

April 5-Janie Fikac

**Cantors:**

March 14-Richard Rouse

March 21-Emily Schimcek

March 28-Ruth Rouse

April 5-Lucille Klekar

**Lectors:**

March 14-Erik Svetlik

March 21-Dorothy Schneider

March 28-Garrett Henke

April 2-Daniel J. Matula

April 5-DeDe Dobbs

**Altar Servers:**

March 14-Sterling Hrcncir, Joshua Bludau,  
Kelly Janak & Kasey Hairell

**Altar Servers Continued:**

March 21-Hunter & Kolby Janak, Kyle &  
Kaitlyn Rother

March 28-Erin Svetlik, Kelton Koehne,  
Samuel & Simon Machicek

April 2-Erik Klekar, Adam Hermes,  
Ross & Clay Rother

April 5-Mikayla, John & Derek Konvicka  
& Alexius Mizera

**Extraordinary Ministers:**

March 14-Pat Mladenka, Mary Urbish  
& Richard Sommerlatte

March 21-Dede Dobbs, Janice Rother &  
Patrick Pesek

March 28-Billy & Bev Hrcncir & Vivian Mozisek

April 2-Edward & Sandra Pustka

April 5-Leon & Nancy Etzler & Evelyn  
Konvicka

**Offertory Gift Bearers:**

March 14-M/M Michael Migl & Daughters

March 21-M/M Joshua Mika & Family

March 28-M/M Bennie Mitchon

April 5-M/M Mark Mitchon & Daughters

**Church Ushers:**

March 14-Eugene Gillar, Robert Sciba, Alois  
Bujnoch & Richard Sommerlatte

March 21-Bubba Kocian, Scott Blaschke,  
Gilbert Mozisek & Marvin Bujnoch

March 28-Roman Henke, Robert Pustka, Charles  
Grafe & Gilbert Urbish

April 5-Leon Matula, Al Svetlik, Francis  
Klekar & Sidney Jasek

**Church Cleaners:**

March 13-Rosalie Tobola, Glenda Tobola &  
Angeline Ulcak

March 20-Helen (Dornak)Janak, Gussie Kelnar  
& Helen Janak

March 27-Lucille Klekar, Janice Rother &  
Sue Cinadr

April 4-Joyce Janak, Anita Steffek, Helen  
Technik & Ruth Rouse

**From the Desk of Father John:**

We welcome Fr. John Kollannur who comes to us from India. He is new to our diocese and will be staying with us for a while until he is ready to be assigned somewhere in the diocese. Welcome Fr. John and I'm sure you'll help him get adjusted to being in the U.S. and in our area.

Many people ask about cremation in the Catholic faith. Hopefully this will reassure people that cremation is now allowed.

Cremation was formerly forbidden by the church because it was promoted years ago, especially in Europe, by groups who used cremation as an argument against belief in the resurrection. How could God possibly collect all those ashes and smoke together to make us rise again?

It's been a long time since that argument was raised seriously by anyone. So cremation is no longer forbidden, provided the individual involved and his family intend no disrespect or contempt for the body or for our faith. In fact, the funeral rite of the church explicitly provides for cremation ceremonies.

Church teaching still prefers traditional burial of the body of the deceased. Economic, geographic, ecological or family factors, however, sometimes make cremation the only practical choice. At the present time, more than one-fifth of American Catholics choose cremation.

Even when cremation is chosen, the church urges that, if at all possible, the body of the deceased person be present for all funeral liturgies (vigil service, Mass and prayers of commendation at the end of the funeral liturgy), with cremation following. When circumstances require cremation beforehand, it is appropriate that the cremated remains be present for all the funeral rites, and then be buried in a cemetery or mausoleum. In other words, cremated remains should be treated with the same respect given to the deceased body.

**Our Gift to God:**

	<u>Loose</u>	<u>Envelope</u>
Feb. 7-	\$112.00	\$612.00
Feb. 14-	\$113.50	\$445.00
Feb. 21-	\$114.50	\$417.00
Feb. 28-	\$107.00	\$576.00
Children's Collection:	\$68.50	
Building Repair Fund:	\$405.00	

**Mass Attendance:**

Feb. 7-305      Feb. 14-310  
Feb. 21-300      Feb. 28-295

**Messages & Announcements**

**Good Friday Services at 3:00 p.m.**

Collection on Good Friday will be for the upkeep of the Sacred Places in the Holy Land.

**Stations of the Cross, every Friday in Lent at 6:30 p.m.**

Anyone wanting to donate money for the purchase of Easter flowers for the church altars, may call the rectory at 798-2128 or put the money in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket. Donations may be made in the memory of a loved one.

St. Isidore Society Kettle Fried Chicken Dinner, Sunday, March 21, St. Mary's Parish Hall. Plates to go only 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. \$7.00 per plate (4 pcs. chicken, giblet rice, green beans & dessert). Tickets available at Hoffer's Drive-In, Morton's, Peoples State Bank, Moravia Store & Blasé's Place. Proceeds benefit Agricultural Benevolent Society of St. Isidore, which was organized April 1, 1901 at Worthing.

**\*\*\*\*MEETING NOTICE\*\*\*\***

K.J.T. District III will hold its Annual Meeting on March 21, at Wied Hall. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. Mass will be celebrated at 11:30 a.m. followed by a meal and meeting. Door prizes will be awarded. Each family is asked to bring a dessert or pastry.

Wied KJT Society #43 held a meeting at Wied Hall on March 1<sup>st</sup>.



Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" — Lk 13:12-13

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## Financial Report for January 2010

### Income

Sunday & Holy Day Collection.....	\$2,565.55
Children's Collection.....	59.38
Special Collection-Earthquake Victims In Haiti.....	645.00
Special Collection-Church in Latin America.....	134.00
Bulletin Sponsor.....	40.00
Church, Hall Deposits & Rentals.....	1,075.00
Pasture Lease-Witting.....	150.00
Crib Donation.....	<u>14.32</u>
Income from January.....	\$4,683.25

### Expenses

Utilities.....	\$1,414.19
Health Insurance.....	705.20
Church Expenses.....	216.06
Special Collection-Haiti.....	645.00
Special Collection-Latin America.....	134.00
Priest Pension Plan.....	451.00
Salaries.....	675.00
Hall Expenses.....	60.00
Repair & Maintenance.....	<u>191.40</u>
January Expenses	\$4,491.94

Balance from December.....	\$3,797.37
Income from January.....	<u>+4,683.25</u>
	\$8,480.62
Less January Expenses.....	<u>- 4,491.94</u>
Operating Balance.....	<u>\$3,988.68</u>

Next week, March 14th, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This Collection helps to fund six Catholic organizations that improve the quality of life and protect human dignity. Your gift will support agricultural development to strengthen economies and create food sustainability, provide outreach services to survivors of human trafficking, and supply pastoral care and advocacy for immigrants and refugees. By helping the marginalized and impoverished, you give hope to Jesus in disguise. Please be charitable in next week's Catholic Relief Services Collection.

*Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited until you try to sit in their pews.*

**Lenten Reflection.** Today we hear the call of Moses to lead his people from oppression to freedom. God promises to be with them as they journey to a new life. Our participation in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl unites us in prayer, fasting, & giving with the millions of people through-out the world who are oppressed by poverty, injustice, war, disease, & lack of education and other opportunities.

### 3rd Sunday of Lent

The account of Moses and the burning bush that is not consumed is one of the early Bible stories that we learn as children. By the third or fourth grade a child can recite the story that is often illustrated in religious education text-books. So well-known is



the encounter between God and Moses that the name has even been given to a common landscape shrub. Euonymous alata is known as "Burning Bush" to gardeners throughout the country, because its leaves turn fiery red in the fall.

But the story in Exodus 3 is less about a bush that is not consumed and more about God's revelation of God's self. God speaks the sacred name to Moses in response to his question: "When I go to the Israelites if they ask me, 'What is his name?' what am I to tell them?"

God tells Moses, "I am who am." The Hebrew word is indefinite in its meaning. It could also be translated, "I will be who I will be," or "I am going to be who I am," or even "I am who I will be." In other words, it is hard to pin God down. As limited creatures, we will never exhaust the fullness of the Creator of all.

Those of us who have been baptized for a while may sometimes think that we understand all about God, and that we have settled into our relationship with Him. As parishes prepare men and women for baptism at the Easter Vigil, those of us who are long-baptized may want to listen to those who are coming new to the faith. They may have some insights about God or some stories of conversion that can help us on our own pilgrim way to the kingdom. Even after all these years, God is still doing something new!

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## One Minute Meditations

### Tough stuff

When you feel overwhelmed by your challenges, remember that God never allows us to be tested beyond our ability to cope. *"God is faithful and will not let you be tried beyond your strength; but with the trial he will also provide a way out, so that you may be able to bear it"* (1 Corinthians 10:13).

### Trust

When caring for the poor, Blessed (Mother) Teresa of Calcutta refused to accept donations beyond the current needs of her community. Accepting such help would mean she was no longer trusting God to provide for her needs each day. When we trust God with our needs, we demonstrate our faith that he will care for us as his children, just as Mother Teresa did.

### Year for Priests

Remember to pray for our priests each day. St. John Vianney said, "The priest is not a priest for himself; he is not for himself, he is for you."



## A good warm up makes for a great Eucharistic workout

Experts recommend warming up before exercising to adequately prepare the body and get the most benefit from the workout. The same applies to our participation in Mass.

When our hearts and minds are properly prepared, our experience is richer. Try these ideas to have a great Eucharistic workout:

### Prepare for exertion.

We come to Mass not as spectators but as participants. Prepare to join with other members of the Body of Christ in prayer, worship, thanksgiving, and communion.

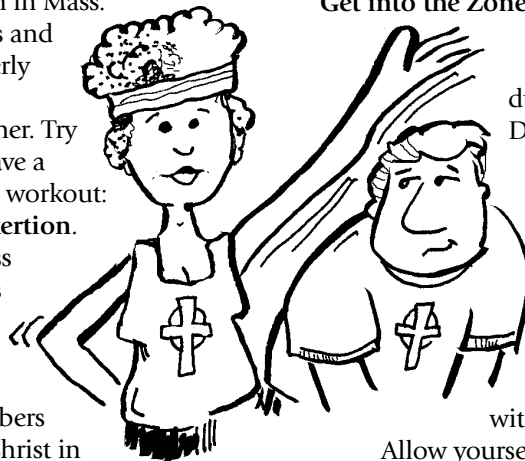
**Stretch out.** Is something holding you back from giving your whole love and attention to God? If you are carrying worry, anger, resentment, or guilt, spend a few moments letting it go.

**Start slowly.** Arrive early to review the readings. Ask what God is trying to tell you, personally, in the words of Scripture.

**Get into the Zone.** Something amazing happens every moment during the Mass. Don't miss a single one. Think about what you are saying as you recite the prayers. Enthusiastically speak the responses. Sing with your whole heart.

Allow yourself to be awed by receiving the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist.

**Cool down.** After the celebrant leaves the church, spend a few moments figuring out what God wants you to do for the next week as a result of what you just heard and said.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

God created each of us to love and serve him in a particular way. This calling or destiny is our vocation. Faithfully fulfilling our vocation will lead to eternal happiness. Catholics can fulfill their vocations through the priesthood, the diaconate,

## Why do Catholics believe in vocations?

consecrated life, or in marriage.

God has a unique plan for each of us and we all fit into his greater plan of salvation.

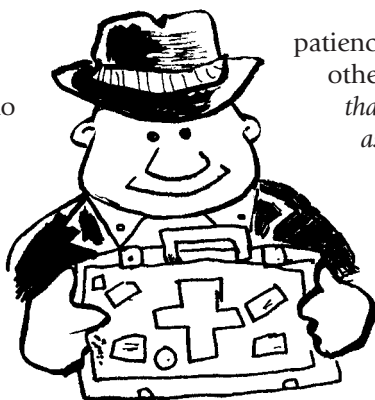
Discerning our vocation, understanding the place we have in God's plan, can only come through continual prayer.



## Carry your Catholic faith with you

One challenge of our Catholic faith is to take it from Mass on Sunday to real life on Monday. One way we can carry it with us is to look at the way we treat other people. For example:

**Think only the best of people.** St. Ignatius said, "Every good Christian ought to be more ready to give a favorable interpretation to another's statement than to condemn it." Assume everyone is good.  
**Practice patience.** God has infinite



patience with us and expects us do the same with each other. "But for that reason I was mercifully treated, so that in me ... Christ Jesus might display all his patience as an example for those who would come to believe in him for everlasting life" (1 Timothy 1:16).

Respect the interests of others even if you don't agree with them. "Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others" (Philippians 2:4).

Problems arise when we only look out for ourselves.

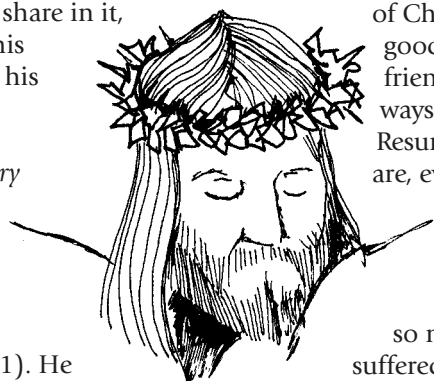
### from Scripture

### Luke 22:14-23:56, the Passion

It is important to recall the events of Jesus' Passion, but it is more important that we share in it, that we join with his suffering and with his love.

St. Paul said, "Continually we carry about in our bodies the dying of Jesus, so that in our bodies the life of Jesus may also be revealed" (2

Corinthians 4:10-11). He means that everything in our lives, the negative and positive, is part of our relationship with Jesus. Our frustrations, our fears, our loneliness,

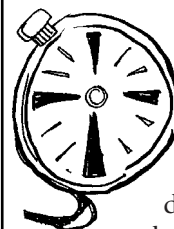


our temptations, all are ways of sharing in the suffering and death of Christ. So, too, our joys, our good health, our family, our friends; all are important ways to share in the joy of his Resurrection. Everything we are, everything we have, is joined to the life and experience of Christ.

St. Alphonsus wrote, "We should consider not so much the sorrows Jesus suffered as the love with which he bore them." Disciples of Jesus can have the same attitude toward suffering as he did, so that we can share in the joy of Resurrection.

### Q & A What is the Liturgy of the Hours?

In Jesus' day, Jews recited prayers at certain hours of the day or night, a custom which Christians have borrowed. The Liturgy of the Hours is the official prayer of the Church



and is prayed as many as six times throughout the day to sanctify it. It begins in the morning and has particular parts that are prayed at different times throughout the day.

As official representatives of the Church, clergy and religious are obliged to pray the Liturgy of the Hours daily. However, many lay people are beginning to pray it too. The prayer, also called the Divine Office or Breviary, can be found in approved liturgical books. It is considered the perfect prayer with Christ and to Christ.

Principally a prayer of praise and petition, the Liturgy of the Hours consists of Psalms, meditation of the Word of God, canticles, and blessings. The prayer is considered a faithful way to make holy the whole course of the day by the praising of God.

### Feasts & Celebrations

March is the month in which we honor St. Joseph, Jesus' earthly father and husband to the Blessed Mother. As head of the Holy Family, he has become a model of fatherhood and protector of families.

**March 3 – St. Katharine Drexel (1955)** Katharine Drexel gave up the family fortune (estimated at \$7 million at the time) to enter a convent and established schools and missions for Native Americans and African Americans. She founded Xavier University of New Orleans, the first university for African Americans

in the country.

**March 17 – St. Patrick (493).** Born in Scotland, St. Patrick was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave. Although he escaped, he later returned to become the bishop of Ireland and is credited with establishing the Church there.

**March 25 – The Annunciation.** The angel Gabriel visited the Blessed Virgin Mary with the extraordinary news of her role as the mother of God. Even at her young age, she had complete confidence in God's grace and trusted in his wisdom.



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