

SUNDAY, MARCH 6TH OF 2011

MASS INTENTIONS:

Wednesday, March 9-

6:00 p.m.-Ash Wednesday

Sunday, March 13-

9:15 a.m.-Mary Bujnoch

Saturday, March 19-

4:00 p.m.-Confirmation Mass

Sunday, March 20-

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

Sunday, March 27-

9:15 a.m.-Melvin & Sybil Janak

First Friday, April 1-

6:00 p.m.-Living & Deceased Members of
K.J.Z.T. Society #53 of Wied

Sunday, April 3-

9:15 a.m.-Laddie Konvicka

Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent
at 6:30 p.m.

Rosary Leaders:

March 9-Sandra Konvicka

March 13-Ruth Rouse

March 20-Lucille Klekar

March 27-Dorothy Schneider

April 1-Angela Hermes

April 3-Janie Fikac

Lectors:

March 9-CCD Class

March 13-Maria Hermes

March 19-Confirmation Class

March 20-DeDe Dobbs

March 27-Daniel J. Matula

April 3-Anthony Matula

Cantors:

March 9-Richard Rouse

March 13-Pat Mladenka

March 19-Ruth Rouse

March 20-Emily Schimcek

March 27-Richard Rouse

April 3-Lucille Klekar

Extraordinary Ministers:

March 9-Vivian Mozisek & Janice Rother

March 13-Leon & Nancy Etzler & Trina
Sommerlatte

March 19-Anthony & Joyce Bludau

March 20-Billy & Bev Hrnecir & Pat Mladenka

March 27-Janice Rother, Vivian Mozisek &
Evelyn Konvicka

April 3-Edward & Sandra Pustka &
Richard Sommerlatte

Altar Servers:

March 9-CCD Class

March 13-Samuel & Simon Machicek, Abigail
& Joshua Bludau

March 19-Eric Klekar, Erin Svetlik, John &
Derek Konvicka

March 20-Adam & Ryan Hermes, Kaitlyn
Rother & Jacob Janak

March 27-Michael Perdizak, Luke Scherer &
Ross & Clay Rother

April 3-Mikayla, John & Derek Konvicka
& Alexius Mizera

Offertory Gift Bearers:

March 9-CCD Class

March 13-M/M Glenn Janak & Family

March 19-Confirmation Class

March 20-Helen Janak

March 27-M/M Ludwig Janak

April 3-M/M Melvin Janak

Church Cleaners:

March 12-Ruth Rouse, Joyce Janak, Anita
Steffek & Helen Technik

March 19-Dorothy Schneider & Margaret
Smolik

March 26-Katherine Kahanek & Angela Hermes

April 2-Barbara Matula & Monica Matula

*Avoid not those who weep, but mourn
with those who mourn; Neglect not to*

visit the sick for these things you will be loved. Sir 7:34-35

From the Desk of Fr. John

Lent is the penitential season of the church's year. It begins on Ash Wednesday and ends with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. Lent has six Sundays. The sixth is called Passion or Palm Sunday and marks the beginning of Holy Week.

The Easter Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. It commemorates the Lord's passion and death on Good Friday, reaches its high point at the Easter Vigil and ends with evening Prayer on Easter Sunday. Then the joyful Easter Season of 50 days begins.

Traditionally, the Lenten season is a time of penance throughout the Catholic Church. Lent is a season in which prayer, the reception of the sacraments, charity and almsgiving are emphasized. Fast and abstinence are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.

During the weekdays of Lent there is no obligation to fast. However, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence from meat. There is a limit of one full meal on these days for all between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive.

All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence. All who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat.

After they have received their First Holy Communion, Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess serious (mortal) sins at least

once a year, but this is not limited to the Lenten/Easter Season.

Church Ushers:

March 9-Eugene Gillar, Robert Sciba, Bernard Patek & Richard Sommerlatte
March 13-Alois Bujnoch, Scott Blaschke, Gilbert Mozisek & Marvin Bujnoch
March 19-Roman Henke, Robert Pustka, Charles Grafe & Gilbert Urbish
March 20-Leon Matula, Al Svetlik, Francis Klekar & Sidney Jasek
March 27-Eugene Gillar, Robert Sciba, Bernard Patek & Richard Sommerlatte
April 3-Alois Bujnoch, Scott Blaschke, Gilbert Mozisek & Marvin Bujnoch

Mass Attendance:

Feb. 6—290	Feb. 13—295
Feb. 20—310	Feb. 27—305

Our Gift to God:

	<u>Loose</u>	<u>Envelope</u>
Feb. 6-\$206.00		\$395.00
Feb. 13-\$138.75		\$403.00
Feb. 20-\$220.00		\$617.00
Feb. 27-\$293.00		\$433.00

Children's Collection: \$77.35
Building Repair Fund: \$875.00

Messages & Announcements

Ash Wednesday Mass is on March 9th at 6:00 p.m. The collection will be for the Holy Land.

Meeting Notice

The KJZT Society#53 meeting will be held April 1st, after the 7 PM First Friday Mass at St. Mary's.

**Donations to St. Mary's Church
In Memory of Alfonse Rabel**

By M/M Marvin Rabel & Family ...\$40.00

CCD CALENDAR

March 9th-Ash Wednesday, Mass @6PM

Youth Mass-Students arrive @ 5:40 PM

March 16th-No CCD-Spring Break

March 19th-Confirmation

March 23rd-Grades K-11 extended classes until 7:30 PM

April 9th-First Reconciliation @ 9:00 AM

April 10th-First Communion Mass @ 9:15 AM

Please pray for our First Communion Class as they continue to prepare for the Sacrament:

Jayde Ferlet, Ty Gerke, Kendra Hermes,

Kirsten Kremling & Hayleigh Orsak

CONFIRMATION NEWS

Confirmation Retreat-On Sunday, February 20th the St. Mary's Confirmation Candidates made their spiritual retreat. Mikayla Konvicka, Alexis Louden, Kyndall Mixon, and Katie Wagner attended the Diocesan Youth Spectacular in El Campo.

Confirmation Practice-Saturday, March 19th @ 8:00 AM, St. Mary's Church-A sponsor or parent(s) must attend with the candidate.

Confirmation Mass-Saturday, March 19th at 4:00 PM with the Bishop David Fellhauer will preside over the Rite of Confirmation Mass for St.

Mary's Confirmation Candidates. All parishioners are invited to attend. (The Saturday Confirmation Mass will fulfill the Sunday Obligation to attend Mass on Sunday.)

Confirmation Reception-The Wied KJZT is sponsoring a reception for the newly confirmed and the parish outside of church following picture-taking with Bishop Fellhauer and Father John. Thank you Wied KJZT for providing the punch and cookies!

St. Mary's Confirmation Candidates are: Mikayla Konvicka, Alexis Louden, Kyndall Mixon, and Katie Wagner. You are asked to

remember these young women in your prayers as they fully embrace the Church in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The goal for the 2011 Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA) is \$1,471,384.00. The goal for St. Mary's Parish is \$5,931.00. Whatever amount not paid by the parishioners will have to be paid out of the parish's general fund to reach this goal.

St. Isidore Society Kettle Fried Chicken Dinner, St. Mary's Hall, Sunday, March 20, 10:30 am-12:30 pm. Plates to go only- \$7 per plate.

Tickets available at Hoffer's, Morton's, Peoples State Bank, Moravia Store & Blasé's Place.

**Memorial to St. Mary's Altar Society
In Memory of Debbie Technik**

Mike & Helen Technik, Brian & Tina Technik, Mark & Alison Technik.....\$100.00

Donations to St. Mary's Altar Society by Lucille & Frankie Klekar in honor of their 60th Wedding Anniversary.....\$150.00

Financial Report for January 2011

Income

Sunday & Holy Day Collections.....	\$4,056.05
Special Collection (Church-Latin America).	140.00
Children's collection.....	41.74
Hall Rental & Deposits.....	900.00
Pasture Rental (Witting).....	150.00
Memorial to St. Mary's Church.....	<u>10.00</u>
Total Income for January.....	\$5,297.79

Expenses

Utilities.....	\$1,366.05
Health Insurance.....	849.50
Church Expenses.....	145.00
Priest Pension Plan.....	519.00
Special Collection-(Church-Latin America)...	140.00
Salaries.....	675.00
Repair & Maintenance.....	<u>340.20</u>
Total Expenses for January.....	\$4,034.75
Balance from December.....	\$7,260.46

Income from January.....	<u>+5,297.79</u>
	\$12,558.25
Less Expenses from January.....	<u>-4,034.75</u>
Operating Balance.....	\$8,523.50

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March 2011

Sacred Heart, St. Mary, St. John and Ascension Churches

Fr. John C. Peters, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

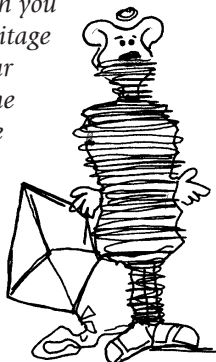
The Commandment imbalance

Of the Ten Commandments – God’s most important laws – only the first three address how we are to respect the Creator of the universe. The other seven detail how we are to treat each other. It is one more way God lets us know how very much he wants us to love one another.

Just adore

Do you ever run out of things to say during your prayer time? Or worse, do you ever get weary of saying the same things over and over? Why not just sit in silent adoration of the one who loves you more than you can imagine? What words can be better or more appropriate than that?

"Then you shall delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth; I will nourish you with the heritage of Jacob, your father, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." (Isaiah 58:14)



Lent is life getting back on track

Baptism begins our journey to Heaven. Unfortunately, life in a sinful world can cause us to veer off course but Lent is a good time to get our bearings back.

Try refreshing some of the promises made at Baptism and renew them with resolve.

Reject Satan.

If we don't take Satan seriously, he will tempt us away from God before we realize what is happening just like he did to our first parents.

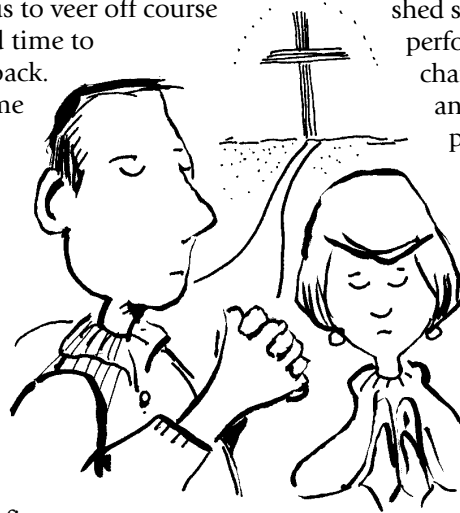
Whenever you feel drawn to something you know isn't right, reject that choice and you will fulfill a baptismal promise to reject Satan.

Believe in God. Believing in God is more than just saying he exists. It means serving God, dedicating time to

him, and putting him first in your life. Spend more time in prayer this Lent, shed some possessions, perform more works of charity and you will act on another baptismal promise.

Believe that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, became one of us, suffered, died, and rose from the dead for us. Believing in Jesus gives us hope. Daring to hope for life everlasting fulfills another baptismal promise.

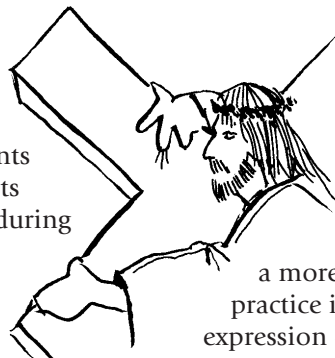
Believe in the Holy Catholic Church. Honor the teachings of the Church, follow the precepts, and faithfully attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days, and you fulfill another important baptismal promise during Lent and throughout the year.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

What are the Stations of the Cross?

Also called "The Way of the Cross," this is a popular devotion that represents fourteen specific events experienced by Jesus during his trial, crucifixion, death, and burial. While it is practiced year round, it is



particularly appropriate during the season of Lent.

In the early days of the Church, pilgrims visited Jerusalem and prayed at certain points on Jesus' actual path to Calvary. Now

a more symbolic version of this practice is encouraged as an expression of devotion and piety.

Get **INTENSE** for Lent

Jesus spent 40 intense days in the desert fasting, praying, and preparing for the most important time of his life. During that time, Jesus focused on preparing his body and spirit for the challenges that lay ahead. Our challenges are difficult, too, so the Church modeled the season of Lent after Jesus' time in the desert. Fill your Lent this year with intense fasting, prayer, and preparation.

Fast and abstain. As your health allows, go beyond the requirements for fasting and abstinence. Don't just abstain from meat on



Fridays, add extra days during the week. Don't just fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, skip a few more meals each week. (Check with your doctor if you have health concerns.)

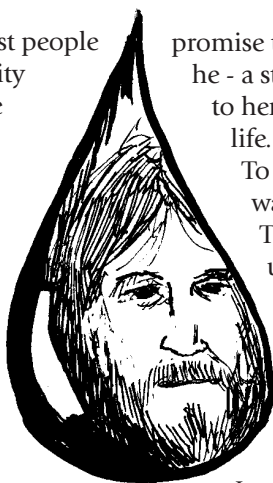
Pray with fervor. Consider attending daily Mass, praying the Rosary once or twice each day, performing the Stations of the Cross each day, prayerfully meditating on Scripture.

Give as he did. Jesus sacrificed himself for others. Take up his Cross by sharing what you have with people who have less.

from **Scripture**

John 4:5-42, Everyday water

In a region like Samaria, most people drew water from the community well in the morning before the day's work began or at dusk when the sun was low. That the woman Jesus approached was alone at the well at noon meant she wasn't welcome when her neighbors were there. They probably didn't even speak to her. Further, Samaritans were considered enemies by Jews. So Jesus' gentle request for a drink should have told the woman that he was someone special.



promise to give her living water until he - a stranger and a Jew - revealed to her details about her personal life. Finally, he got her attention. To people like the Samaritans, water is a life-giving substance. Thus it was easy for her to understand the life-giving nature of the living water Jesus offered her. God often does the same for us. He uses our every day experiences to teach us of his love. Each day during Lent, look for ways God is offering you living water through your familiar routine.

Q & A What is so bad about using God's name in vain?

In Jesus' day, even speaking God's name could be punished by death. Today, we can hardly sit through a movie or television show without hearing it used as a swear word. Using God's name in a disrespectful manner doesn't make it any less holy, but it does make it less holy in the eyes of the world.



We who are Christians and followers of Christ have promised to uphold God's laws. If we allow those around us to use God's name in vain, or worse, do it ourselves, we tell the world that we don't think God's laws are important. For example, God said, "You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain" (Exodus 20:7) and Jesus told us to say, "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name" (Matthew 6:9). Yet, if we disobey and use the precious name in vain or sit idly by while others do, we demonstrate our disdain for the honor of his name and his instructions. Neither is wise or desirable.

Feasts & Celebrations

Lent begins this month, and it is devoted to the Passion of Our Lord. One form of observance is to pray before the Stations of the Cross in church and meditate on Jesus' walk to Calvary.

March 9 — Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. Ashes are worn on the forehead as a sign of penance. Catholics who are 18 years old and under 60 years old are required to fast (one full meal only) and all who are 14 years and older are required to abstain from meat.

March 19 – St. Joseph (1st century).

Jesus' earthly father and husband to the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph is a model of fatherhood and a protector of families.

March 23 – St. Toribio de Mogrovejo (1606). A brilliant scholar, he was serving as professor of law at the University of Salamanca when he was chosen to lead the archdiocese of Lima in Peru. He was ordained priest and bishop and worked with intense fervor to strengthen his diocese.



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