

February 3, 2013

Mass Intentions:

Sunday, February 10-

9:15 a.m.-Lambert Pollock

Ash Wednesday, February 13-

6:00 p.m.-(Youth Mass) Gilbert Butschek

Friday, February 15

6:30 p.m.- Stations of the Cross

Sunday, February 17-

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

Friday, February 22

6:30 p.m.- Stations of the Cross

Sunday, February 24-

9:15 a.m.-Ben A. Janak

Friday, March 1-

6:00 p.m.-Living & Deceased Members of
The KJZT #53, Wied

Stations of the Cross after Mass

Sunday, March 3-

9:15 a.m.-Margaret Bujnoch

Rosary Leaders:

Feb. 10-Joyce Janak

Feb. 17-Dorothy Schneider

Feb. 24-Sandy Konvicka

Mar. 3-Ruth Rouse

Lectors:

Feb. 10-Daniel Matula

Feb. 17-Marie Hermes

Feb. 24-Dedie Dobbs

Mar. 3-Dorothy Schneider

Cantors:

Feb. 10-Lucille Klekar

Feb. 17-Richard Rouse

Feb. 24-Pat Mladenka

Mar. 3-Emily Schimcek

Extraordinary Ministers:

Feb. 10-Billy & Bev Hrnecir, Richard Sommerlatte

Feb. 17-Leon & Nancy Etzler, Vivian Mozisek

Feb. 24-Edward & Sandra Pustka,
Evelyn Konvicka

Mar. 3-Tony & Joyce Bludau, Dedie Dobbs

Offertory Gift Bearers:

Feb. 10-Steve & Susan Janak

Feb. 17-Thomas & Jane Janak

Feb. 24-Sharon Janak, Roman & Miranda
Henke

Mar. 3-Tim & Wendy Janak Family

Altar Servers:

Feb. 10-Derek & Kevin Konvicka, Allexus Mizera
& Kaitlyn Rother

Feb. 13-CCD Youth Mass

Feb. 17-Emilie & Ryan Mudd, Michael &
Robbie Perdziak

Feb. 24-Eric Klekar, Adam & Ryan Hermes
& Luke Scherer

Mar. 3-Erin Svetlik, Samuel & Simon Machicek
& Josh Bludau

Ushers:

Feb. 10-Stanley Orsak, Scott Blaschke, Gilbert
Mozisek & Marvin Bujnoch

Feb. 17-Roman Henke, Robert Pustka, Gilbert
Urbish & Charles Grafe

Feb. 24-Leon Matula, Al Svetlik, Frances Klekar
& Sidney Jasek

Church Cleaners:

Feb. 9-Helen (Dornak) Janak, Gussie Kelnar &
Helen Janak

Feb. 16-Charlene Klekar, Janice Rother &
Sue Cinadr

Feb. 23-Joyce Janak, Anita Steffek, Helen
Technik & Ruth Rouse

Mar. 2-Katherine & Vic Kahanek, Sharon Janak

CCD News

February 6, 20, 27 CCD Classes @ 6 pm

February 13-Ash Wednesday Youth Mass
@ 6 pm. All students are asked to arrive
at 5:45 pm.

February 24-Youth Spectacular-Victoria

Open to all Junior High and High School
Students. Registration forms were handed out
January 23rd.

Early registration deadline is Feb. 14.

Please mark your calendar:

March 13-No CCD CLASSES due to Spring Break



From the Desk of Msgr. John

Today, February 3rd, is the Feast of St. Blaise. Traditionally on the Feast of St. Blaise we have the blessing of throats. Especially during this flu season, it is good to have our throats blessed. We will have the blessing this weekend.

Congratulations to all of our young people who participated in the Livestock Show this past weekend and especially to those who placed and won in the various categories.

The "Disciples on the Journey" books are available at the Sacred Heart Rectory for \$2.50 each. Deacon Linard Harper will be conducting a Disciples on the Journey Program on Thursday afternoons during Lent from 1:30-3:00 p.m. at Mary's House. If you are interested in participating, please call the Sacred Heart Rectory.

Messages & Announcements

Any family/individual in need of church envelopes are to contact Pat Mladenka @ 798-2128.

February Bulletin Sponsor: Evelyn Bujnoch in honor of her 85th Birthday on Feb. 17th.

Thank you to *Francis & Charlene Klekar* for the beautiful job they did on relining the collection baskets.

The Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays during Lent at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise announced. Please check the "Mass Intentions" for the scheduled times.

Promise of Marriage: Dillon Leopold & Lauren Rooke on February 23, 2013.

Attendance: Jan. 1st-153 Jan. 13th-199
Jan. 20th-225 Jan. 27th-187

Memorials to St. Mary's Altar Society

In memory of Angela Hermes by
Doris Opela.....\$10.00



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 having received 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.

Memorials to St. Mary's Church

In memory of Jeremy Mozisek by
R. D. Lawrence Jr.....\$50.00

In Memory of Julius Hanslik by
Hubert & Betty Lou Novak.....\$20.00

Sacred Heart Federal Credit Union Annual Meeting, Monday, Feb. 4, K.C. Hall.

Registration 6:00 p.m. Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by a meal. There is no charge for the event. Door prizes will be awarded.

Hallettsville Sacred Heart Women's ACTS Retreat, March 21-24.

Registration forms available at the entrance of the church. Please mail the completed form to the address on the application.

Christian Mothers Meeting, Monday, Feb. 11, 6:00 pm, Cafeteria. After a short meeting, enjoy a noodle soup supper & Bunco!

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry, Friday, Feb. 15, 5:00-6:30 p.m. Dine in or drive-thru plates to go - \$8 per plate. Workers are needed. Please call Ricky Steffek.

Financial Report for January 2013

Income:

Sunday Collections.....	\$4,590.62
Children's Collections.....	36.00
Hall Rentals.....	1,150.00
Memorial Funds.....	795.00
Church in Latin America.....	<u>21.00</u>
Total Income.....	\$6,592.62

Expenses:

Hall Expenses.....	\$ 920.41
Office Expenses.....	618.10
Maintenance.....	232.05
Utilities.....	2,481.57
Health Insurance.....	211.00
Pension Plan.....	349.00
Administration.....	300.00
Church Expense.....	2,677.00
Retired Priests fund.....	<u>91.00</u>
Total Expenses.....	\$7,880.13

Beginning Balance.....	\$28,306.70
Parish Income.....	+ 6,592.62
Parish Expense.....	- <u>7,880.13</u>
Balance January 31, 2013.....	\$ 27,019.19

Building Fund: \$631.00

Altar Society Annual Report 2012

Income:

Sunday 2 nd Collections.....	\$1,007.00
Memorials.....	2,230.00
Donations.....	495.00
Seasonal Flower Donations.....	630.00
(Easter-\$270.00 & Christmas-\$360.00)	<u> </u>
Total Income.....	\$4,362.00

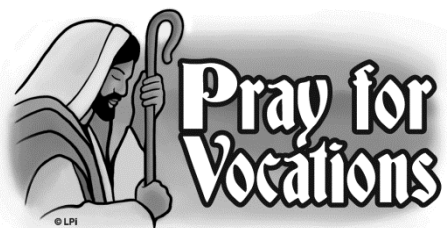
Expenses:

Sacco (Altar Supplies, Sanctuary Candles)....	\$ 565.87
Jo's Green Hut (Seasonal Flowers & Plants)	864.25
Christmas Ribbon.....	25.00
Checks (Printing).....	31.82
Altar Server-Christmas Party.....	200.00
Wal-Mart (Cleaning Supplies).....	97.61
Discalced Nuns (Altar Bread).....	261.00
First Communion Brunch & Rosary Supplies.....	98.95
Designs by Donna (2-Pentecost Floral Arrangements).....	86.40
Mass (Living & Deceased Members).	10.00
May Crowning Flowers.....	28.94
Star Cleaners (Altar Albs-Cleaned)...	215.00
Christmas Gifts-(3)Priests & (1) Deacon..	100.00
Gift Card to Deacon Joey Targac's 25 th Anniversary.....	50.00
Msgr. John Peter's Seminary Burse Investiture of Fr. John to Msgr.....	<u>50.00</u>
Total Expenses.....	\$2,684.84

Balance 12/31/11.....	\$2,044.42
2012 Income.....	+4,362.00
Expenses 2012.....	-2,684.84
Balance 12/31/12.....	\$3,721.58



Please pray for the blessing of beneficial rainfall!



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February 2013

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

Fr. John C. Peters, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

February's saint

The Year of Faith saint for February is St. Rose Philippine Duchesne.

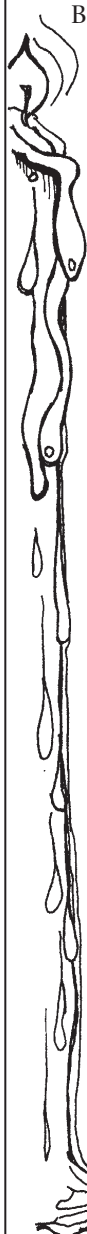
Born in Grenoble, France, she joined the Visitation nuns at age 19 but suffered when convents were closed during the French Revolution. At its end, she became a member of the Society of the Sacred Heart and came to the Louisiana Territory as a missionary in 1818. She opened the first free school for girls west of the Mississippi river, and the first Catholic school for Native Americans.

Advice from Brother Lawrence

Have you ever wondered if your desires were in harmony with God's will? Brother Lawrence said to be sure they are, simply develop an attitude of faith, hope, and love. Then you won't want anything else. (*Practice of the Presence of God*, Brother Lawrence)

The Cross

"If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his Cross daily and follow me" (Luke 9:23).



Lent leads us back to God

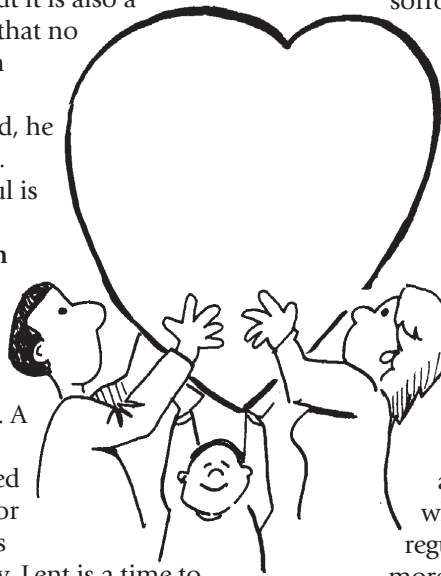
"For gracious and merciful is he, slow to anger, rich in kindness, and relenting in punishment" (Joel 2:12). Lent may be a penitential season, but it is also a wonderful reminder that no matter how we let sin interfere in our relationship with God, he always wants us back. Gracious and merciful is he.

"Return to me with your whole heart." Throughout the year, sin creeps into our daily lives almost without our noticing. A bad habit such as becoming preoccupied with material goods or gossiping can keep us from loving God fully. Lent is a time to examine our lives and sweep aside whatever keeps us from giving God our whole heart.

"Rend your hearts, not your

garments." God doesn't just want outward acts of repentance because they can be performed without real sorrow. Our Father wants a change of heart. Start with Confession and then determine to practice virtues such as prudence, temperance, and fortitude.

"Gather the people, notify the congregation." Help spread God's love to his people. Make a point of inviting someone to attend Mass with you who may not attend regularly or become more active in your parish to build it up. Lent is also the time to attend Mass more often than just once a week and join in the prayers of Christ's Church.



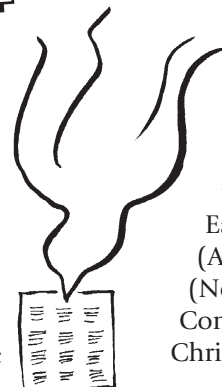
Why Do Catholics Do That?

Holy days of obligation "complete the Sunday observance by participation in the principal liturgical feasts which honor the mysteries of the Lord, the Virgin Mary, and the saints." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2043)

Different countries can have

What are Holy Days of Obligation?

different holy days. In the United States we have six: the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (January 1), the Ascension (40 days after Easter), the Assumption (August 15), All Saints (November 1), the Immaculate Conception (December 8), and Christmas (December 25).



The keys to holiness

To many of us, prayer means using a Bible or a Rosary and committing exclusive time to God. Yet St. Paul exhorts us to *“pray without ceasing”* (1 Thessalonians 5:17). How can we do that and still function during the day?

Do God’s will. It can be tempting to reserve God only for prayer time or Mass time and go it alone the rest of the time. However, if we also determine to do God’s will throughout the day, all that we do becomes a prayer and we *“pray without ceasing.”*



Think Godly thoughts. God is always with us. We can speak directly to him whenever we want, especially when we need help or advice, or just want to talk. Of course, this continuous conversation should include praising and thanking him and saying, *“I love you.”* But this means rejecting thoughts that won’t lead to God – resentments, grudges, or sinful thoughts. Eventually we will find that we are praying without ceasing and our prayers will be fruitful beyond our imaginings.

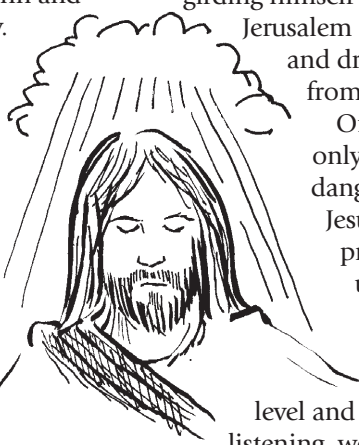
from Scripture

Luke 9:28-36, Transfiguration of the Lord

The Transfiguration of the Lord is one of the most spectacular events in Scripture. Jesus took Peter, John and James up a mountain to pray. While there, Jesus was transformed and became dazzling. Elijah and Moses appeared and the three discussed Jesus’ travel to Jerusalem and what awaited him there: his death and resurrection. A cloud came over them and the Apostles heard a heavenly voice say, *“This is my chosen Son, listen to him.”*

This Gospel shows that Jesus was a man of prayer. In fact,

one interpretation is that this was a glimpse into Jesus’ prayer. He was girding himself for the final trip to Jerusalem and what awaited him and drew prayerful comfort from the great prophets.



Often we turn to prayer only in times of trouble or danger but, by example, Jesus showed us that prayer is something for us to learn and to do regularly. When we do so, our prayer reaches a higher level and a greater meaning. By listening, we learn to hear God’s voice in us.

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Q & A How do we know Mary was conceived without sin?

This is called the Immaculate Conception. Contrary to what many think, it refers to the conception of Mary, not of Jesus (that’s the Annunciation).

When the archangel Gabriel appeared to Mary at the Annunciation, he greeted her with, *“Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you”* (Luke 1:28). *“Full of grace”* is the key to the Immaculate Conception.

When Adam and Eve disobeyed God, they committed the first (Original) sin and their descendants (us) were all born with the stain of Original Sin. We also have personal sins we commit. We are not full of grace until we are baptized. Of course after baptism we still commit sin. At that point we need the Sacrament of Penance to get back to a state of grace.

For Gabriel to say Mary was full of grace means that she was without sin, even Original Sin. God granted Mary this gift since she was to be the mother of the Savior. She was a pure vessel for carrying Christ in her womb.

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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.

February 10 - St. Scholastica (543?). Twin sister to St. Benedict, St. Scholastica established a community of religious women about five miles south of her brother’s monastery.

February 13 – Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday. The first day of Lent. Ashes from the burnt palms of the previous Passion Sunday are blessed and placed

on the forehead as a sign of penance. Lent is our chance to amend our ways and become *“new”* at Easter.

February 23 – St. Polycarp (156). Bishop of Smyrna, Asia-Minor, Polycarp was a disciple of the apostle St. John and a friend of St. Ignatius of Antioch. Before being martyred, he faithfully cared for his flock despite being surrounded by pagans and a government opposed to his religion.





LENT 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>“Lent is the liturgical season of forty days which begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with the celebration of the Paschal Mystery (Easter Triduum). Lent is the primary penitential season in the Church’s liturgical year, reflecting the forty days Jesus spent in the desert in fasting and prayer” (<i>Catechism of the Catholic Church</i>).</p>		February	13 Ash Wednesday Wear ashes today as a sign that you are seeking both forgiveness and eternal life from Christ.	14 Start a prayer book and record those for whom you pray or for what you pray. Also keep track of how God answers your prayers.	15 It is our Christian responsibility to abstain from meat on Fridays during Lent as a form of penance.	16 The Bible teaches us to deny ourselves and give instead to those in need. Read Matthew 6:1-4 to learn more about sacrificial almsgiving.
17 After Mass today, go to breakfast with other parishioners from church.	18 Read the seven penitential psalms in the Old Testament book of Psalms that express remorse for sins: 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130 and 143.	19 Pope Benedict said, “We are not owners but rather administrators of the goods we possess.” Find a way to share what you have.	20 Choose for your Lenten sacrifice something that will truly challenge you.	21 Grow in faith by believing that God is there for you. Pray about what worries you and know that God will take care of it.	22 Support your parish’s Lent collections, whether it is the Bishop’s Lenten campaign, Operation Rice Bowl or a mission collection.	23 The season of Lent is solemn. Read Matthew 26 and 27 to gain a true understanding of the magnitude of Jesus’ sacrifice.
24 Go to Mass early so you can take a drive to visit a friend you haven’t seen in a long time.	25 Jesus was killed despite his innocence. Pray a Rosary for all unborn children so they don’t suffer the same fate through abortion.	26 Look for someone who has fallen on hard times and send an anonymous card with a cheering message and a grocery store gift card.	27 Root out anger from your heart and bring in kindness. Do one small thing for someone today to show God reigns in your heart.	28 When older people become less active, they can also become forgotten. Visit a senior you know, take one to lunch, and just listen.	1 March Attend a Stations of the Cross service if your parish offers one. If not, find them here: www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/devotionals/stations-of-the-cross/	2 To avoid sin, one must understand what God expects. Refresh yourself on the 10 Commandments in Genesis:20.
3 Make Sunday special. Invite friends and neighbors over for a potluck brunch after Mass.	4 Consider making today a day of fasting. When you feel hungry, remind yourself of those for whom hunger isn’t a choice.	5 Mother Teresa once said, there is a terrible hunger for love. “The poor you may have right in your own family. Find them. Love them.”	6 Jesus taught us to serve others. Do one nice thing for someone today without the expectation of thanks or appreciation.	7 Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, given to the world through St. Faustina to help repair the hurt caused by sin. Find it at www.usccb.org .	8 Lent is a demanding time for parish priests. Call your parish office to offer extra support or help.	9 Being more aware of sin helps to avoid it. Make a list of all you did today putting what would please God in one column and all that would not in the other.
10 Go to a later Mass so you can wake up slowly, have a leisurely breakfast and enjoy a good book.	11 Spend time before the Eucharist in prayer and adoration. If there is no adoration chapel close by, find time when the church is open to be with Jesus.	12 Jesus made Eve so that Adam would not be alone. What can you do today to be a good friend to someone in your life?	13 Do Corporal Works of Mercy during Lent: give food/drink to the hungry/thirsty, shelter homeless, clothe the naked, visit the sick or imprisoned, bury dead.	14 Consider giving more time to God by volunteering in your parish. Join the choir or become a lector, usher or Eucharistic Minister.	15 Show Jesus you are willing to carry your cross by tackling something difficult you’ve been putting off.	16 Perform an examination of conscience and seek healing in the Sacrament of Reconciliation today.
17 Enjoy beauty. After Mass, stop by a store and pick up some flowers to cheer up your home.	18 Ask St. Thérèse of Lisieux to inspire you to show “little ways of love” to those around you today.	19 Deny yourself something you would like to buy. Then, give the money you saved to the poor.	20 Evaluate your day. Did you add to someone’s sense of peace today? Did you do anything to take peace away?	21 Turn off the TV or computer for 20 minutes today. Offer this time to God in prayer or reading the Bible.	22 Children are the future of the Church. Explore ways to support your parish religious education program or youth group.	23 Light a candle to represent the light Jesus brought to the world. Let the light dwell in you by spreading the good news of salvation to others.
24 Place your Palm Sunday palms in a prominent area in your home or car.	25 Add prayer to your day by praying the Rosary or Divine Mercy Chaplet on your way to work, while waiting in line, or during your lunch hour.	26 Pray today and each day this week for the catechumens coming into the Church at the Easter Vigil.	27 Pray for someone you know who is facing a challenge.	28 Early Christians visited seven basilicas in Rome on Holy Thursday as a pilgrimage. Make a pilgrimage to churches in your area today.	29 Today is Good Friday, a day of fasting and abstinence. Read and compare all four Gospel accounts of the passion and death of Jesus.	30 Jesus suffered and died so that we would have hope. Today, make a list of everything for which you have hope in this life and the next.