

MARCH 2, 2014

Mass Intentions:

Ash Wednesday, March 5-

6:00 p.m.-For our Parish Family

First Friday, March 7-

6:00 p.m.-Ed & Frances Ulcak
Leo & Henry Ulcak

Sunday, March 9-

9:15 a.m.-Living & Deceased Members of
the Guntram & Annie Janak Family
& Agnes Pesek

Sunday, March 16-

9:15 a.m.-Anton Bujnoch, Sr.

Sunday, March 23-

9:15 a.m.-Zachary Grafe

Sunday, March 30-

9:15 a.m.-Ben, Ewald, Frederick & Frances
Shimek & Laddie Konvicka

First Friday, April 4-

7:00 p.m.-Emily Kremling & Earline Lucas

Sunday, April 6-

9:15 a.m.-Joe & Lydia Kostelnik,
Patricia Steffek

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held on
Fridays during Lent at 6:30 p.m.**

Rosary Leaders:

Mar. 9-Joyce Janak
Mar. 16-Lucille Klekar
Mar. 23-Dorothy Schneider
Mar. 30-Sandy Konvicka
April 6-Ruth Rouse

Lectors:

Mar. 9-Dedie Dobbs
Mar. 16-Dorothy Schneider
Mar. 23-Anthony Matula
Mar. 30-Daniel Matula
April 6-Pat Mladenka

Cantors:

Mar. 9-Lucille Klekar
Mar. 16-Ruth Rouse
Mar. 23-Richard Rouse
Mar. 30-Emily Schimcek
April 6-Laurence Bludau

Extraordinary Ministers:

Mar. 9-Leon & Nancy Etzler, Vivian Mozisek,
Evelyn Konvicka
Mar. 16-Billy & Bev Hrnrcir, Edward & Sandra
Pustka
Mar. 23-Tony & Joyce Janak, Trina Sommerlatte
& Richard Sommerlatte
Mar. 30-Janice Rother, Carol Rother, Pat Pesek
& Dedie Dobbs
April 6-Trina Sommerlatte, Billy & Bev Hrnrcir,
& Vivian Mozisek

Altar Servers:


Mar. 9-Jacob Janak, Emilie & Ryan Mudd &
Luke Scherer
Mar. 16-Adam & Ryan Hermes, Michael &
Robbie Perdziak
Mar. 23-Samuel & Simon Machicek, Clay &
Blake Rother
Mar. 30-Derek & Kevin Konvicka, Allexus Mizera
& Kaitlyn Rother
April 6-Josh Bludau, Michael & Robbie Perdziak
& Luke Scherer

Ushers:

Mar. 9-Leon Matula, Al Svetlik, Francis Klekar
& Sidney Jasek
Mar. 16-Eugene Gillar, Robert Sciba, Bernard
Patek & Richard Sommerlatte
Mar. 23-Stanley Orsak, Scott Blaschke, Gilbert
Mozisek & Marvin Bujnoch
Mar. 30-Roman Henke, Robert Pustka, Gilbert
Urbish & Charles Grafe
April 6-Leon Matula, Al Svetlik, Francis Klekar
& Sidney Jasek

Offertory Gift Bearers:

Mar. 9-Aaron & Shelly Summers & Girls
Mar. 16-Al & Cindy Svetlik
Mar. 23-Gary & Beverly Svetlik
Mar. 30-Carolyn & Larry Svetlik
April 6-Mike & Helen Technik

**Come to
Church
with me
for Lent** 

From the Desk of Msgr. John

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent.

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.



SAVE THE DATE

I will be celebrating my 40th Anniversary of Ordination on Sunday, March 30 at Sacred Heart Church, Hallettsville at 3:00 p.m. with a Mass. Supper will follow at the Hallettsville KC Hall at 5:15 p.m. Everyone is invited. If you plan to attend please RSVP by signing the sheet in the Foyer of the church.

Msgr John

Church Cleaners:

- Mar. 8-Rosalie Tobola, Glenda Tobola, Angeline Ulcak & Mary Jo Bludau
- Mar. 15-Helen Janak, Gussie Kelnar & Helen Janak
- Mar. 22-Charlene Klekar, Janice Rother, & Sue Cinadr
- Mar. 29-Joyce Janak, Anita Steffek, Helen Technik & Ruth Rouse
- April 5-Katherine & Vic Kahanek, Sharon Janak

CCD News

- March 5th-Ash Wednesday- (Youth Participation Mass)
- March 12th-No CCD-Spring Break

Messages & Announcements

The **KJT District III** annual meeting is Sunday, March 9th @ St. Mary's. Mass will be celebrated at 9:15 a.m. followed by registration, activities, meal & meeting. All members are asked to bring a dessert.

The **KJT Wied Society #43** will hold a meeting on April 6, 2014. Mass will be at 9:15 a.m. and the meeting to follow at St. Mary's Parish Hall.

On April 12, 2014, a **silent retreat** is being held at St. Mary's .

St. Rose Spring Festival, Knights of Columbus Hall, Schulenburg – March 9th. Turkey Dinner served 10:30 am to 1:00 pm. Live Auction 11:30 a.m. Sweepstakes at 1:00 p.m. Cake Walk, Music, Surprise Packages. Come join the fun!

Memorial – St. Mary’s Church

In memory of Henry E. Ulcak: Patrick & Deborah Wagner-\$2500

Financial Report for February 2014

Income:

Sunday Collections.....	\$ 4,050.00
Children’s Collections.....	77.42
Church in Latin America.....	4.00
Memorials to St. Mary’s	265.00
Hall Rental.....	400.00
Church Rental.....	<u>50.00</u>
	\$4,846.42

Expenses:

Office.....	\$ 465.00
Utilities.....	635.66
Maintenance.....	262.80
Health Insurance.....	406.00
Administration.....	357.00
Church Expense.....	576.40
Hall Expense.....	570.00
Pension Plan.....	<u>188.00</u>
	\$ 3,460.86

Beginning Balance.....	\$47,674.69
Income.....	4,846.42
Expenses.....	<u>3,460.86</u>
Balance.....	\$49,060.25

Building Fund: \$610.00

Prayer for Rain



Heavenly Father,
We believe that it is You Who created our world with all of its beauty and life.

We believe that it is You Who put into place the systems of nature that sustain, nurture and renew this work of Your hands.

We believe it is You Who hears Your children when they call upon You.

Hear then, this prayer which comes from a heart filled with confidence and trust.

Grant to us and to all who seek it, the gift of a bountiful rain.

Water our lands so that they may once again spring to life and reflect the beauty of Your creation.

Fill our lakes and rivers with sufficient rain so that they may continue to provide life giving and refreshing water to all who depend upon it for their livelihood and well-being.

Please do not let many more days pass without sending us this most needed blessing of rain.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, Your Son Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

Amen.



*Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, “All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me.”
At this, Jesus said to him, “Get away, Satan!”*

— Mt. 4:8-10a

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LENT 2014

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>		March	<p>5 Ash Wednesday <small>(a day of fast and abstinence)</small> Wear ashes today as a sign that you are seeking both forgiveness and eternal life from Christ.</p>	<p>6 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.</p>	<p>7 It is our Christian responsibility to abstain from meat on Fridays during Lent as a form of penance.</p>	<p>8 Choose for your Lenten sacrifice something that will truly challenge you.</p>
<p>9 After Mass today, go to breakfast with other parishioners from church.</p>	<p>10 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.</p>	<p>11 Pope Benedict once said, "We are not owners but rather administrators of the goods we possess." Find a way to share what you have.</p>	<p>12 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.</p>	<p>13 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.</p>	<p>14 Support your parish's special Lent collections, whether it is the Bishop's Lenten campaign, Operation Rice Bowl or a mission collection.</p>	<p>15 The season of Lent is solemn. Read Matthew 26 and 27 to gain a true understanding of the magnitude of Jesus' sacrifice.</p>
<p>16 Go to Mass early so you can take a drive to visit a friend you haven't seen in a long time.</p>	<p>17 Jesus was killed despite his innocence. Pray a Rosary for all unborn children so they don't suffer the same fate through abortion.</p>	<p>18 Look for someone who has fallen on hard times and send an anonymous card with a cheering message and a grocery store gift card.</p>	<p>19 Root out anger from your heart and bring in kindness. Do one small thing for someone today to show God reigns in your heart.</p>	<p>20 When older people become less active, they can also become forgotten. Visit a senior you know, take one to lunch, and just listen.</p>	<p>21 Attend a "Stations of the Cross" service if your parish offers one. If not read through them here: http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/devotionals/stations-of-the-cross/index.cfm.</p>	<p>22 To avoid sin, one must understand what God expects. Refresh yourself on the 10 Commandments in Genesis:20.</p>
<p>23 Make Sunday special. Invite friends and neighbors over for a potluck brunch after Mass.</p>	<p>24 Consider making today a day of fasting. When you feel hungry, remind yourself of those for whom hunger isn't a choice.</p>	<p>25 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."</p>	<p>26 Jesus taught us to serve others. Do one nice thing for someone today without the expectation of thanks or appreciation.</p>	<p>27 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.</p>	<p>28 Lent is a demanding time for parish priests. Call your parish office to offer extra support or help.</p>	<p>29 Becoming more aware of sin helps to avoid it. Make a list of all you do today putting what would please God in one column and what wouldn't in another.</p>
<p>30 Go to a later Mass so you can wake up slowly, have a leisurely breakfast and enjoy a good book.</p>	<p>31 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.</p>	<p>1 April God made Eve so that Adam would not be alone. What can you do today to be a good friend to someone?</p>	<p>2 Perform Corporal Works of Mercy during Lent: feed the hungry, shelter homeless, clothe the naked, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned, give drink to the thirsty, bury the dead.</p>	<p>3 Consider giving more time to God by volunteering in your parish. Take action to join the choir or become a lector, usher or Eucharistic Minister.</p>	<p>4 Show Jesus you are willing to carry your cross by tackling something difficult you've been putting off.</p>	<p>5 Perform an examination of conscience and seek healing in the Sacrament of Reconciliation today.</p>
<p>6 Enjoy beauty. After Mass, stop by a store and pick up some flowers to cheer up your home.</p>	<p>7 Ask St. Thérèse of Lisieux to inspire you to show "little ways of love" to those around you today.</p>	<p>8 Deny yourself something you would like to buy. Then, give the money you saved to the poor.</p>	<p>9 Evaluate your day. Did you add to someone's sense of peace today? Did you do anything to take peace away?</p>	<p>10 Turn off the TV, computer, or other electronics for 30 minutes today. Offer this time to God in prayer or reading the Bible.</p>	<p>11 Children are the future of the Church. Explore ways to support your parish religious education program or youth group.</p>	<p>12 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.</p>
<p>13 Use your Palm Sunday palms to make a cross to place in a prominent area in your home or car.</p>	<p>14 Add prayer to your day by praying the Rosary or Chaplet of Divine Mercy during your commute today, while waiting in line, or during your lunch hour.</p>	<p>15 Pray today and each day this week for the catechumens coming into the Church at the Easter Vigil.</p>	<p>16 Pray for someone you know who is facing a challenge.</p>	<p>17 Early Christians visited seven basilicas in Rome on Holy Thursday as a pilgrimage. Make a pilgrimage to churches in your area today.</p>	<p>18 Today is Good Friday, a day of fasting and abstinence. Read and compare all four Gospel accounts of the passion and death of Jesus.</p>	<p>19 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.</p>

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March 2014

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

Fr. John C. Peters, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. Patrick

Born in Scotland, St. Patrick was kidnapped as a teenager and brought to 5th century Ireland as a slave to a warlord. He worked as a shepherd for six years before he escaped. Back home, he became a priest and returned to the land of his captivity as a missionary. While many legends are told about him, it is enough to say that St. Patrick eventually became bishop of Ireland and is credited for having established the Church there.



A hearty welcome

Welcome is part of our Christian life. We are asked to extend a warm welcome to anyone who may be new or unfamiliar to our parish church. Jesus said, *"whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me"* (Matthew 10:40).

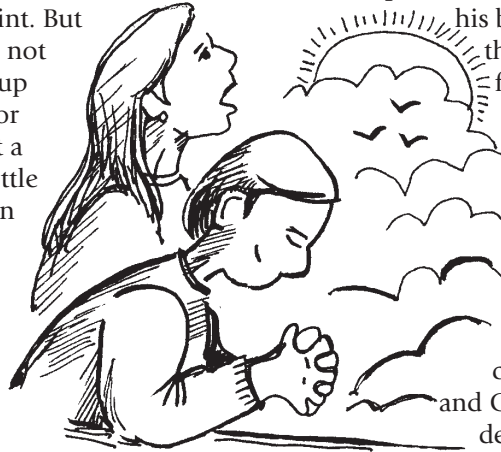
Our choice

"I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of the wicked" (Psalm 84:11).



Plunge into the desert during Lent

Humans are doers. When faced with a problem, we want to make a list, clean it up, or put on a fresh coat of paint. But during Lent, it's not enough to give up a favorite food or drink and call it a season. That's little more than a thin coat of paint. Lent is when we can do battle with sin in our lives, eliminate it, and greet Easter as creatures born anew.



rewarded by God's grace to begin to live differently.

Escape distractions. God often sent his best prophets into the desert to prepare for important tasks he chose for them. Consider Lent your trip to the desert. There are minimal distractions in the desert – no electronics, no fancy food, no daily concerns. Just you and God. Create a Lenten desert by removing as many distractions as are

practical during the season.

Take the long view. Life can be difficult and painful but it won't last forever. Life in Heaven will. Eliminate whatever you may have chosen to make this life bearable if it distracts from your goal of Heaven.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

How do we define "neighbor"?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that our neighbor is someone whose origins we know and who deserves particular attention. This includes our relatives since they share our origins. Fellow citizens



share residence in our country. Anyone who is baptized is a fellow child of our mother the Church and shares our spiritual origin. And every person is another child of God.

By all these definitions, we are responsible for looking after anyone who needs our help or care.

The Eucharistic Dance

The celebration of Mass is not confined to our minds, hearts, and voices, but is meant to involve our bodies as well. Like a joyful dance, each posture is significant and has meaning.

Standing. Standing is a sign of respect, so we stand when the celebrant – representing Christ – enters and leaves. We also stand for the Gospel, and the bishops of our country decided to have us stand when receiving the Eucharist.



Kneeling. From the early days of the Church, kneeling has been a gesture of penance but more recently has come to show adoration. Thus we kneel for the Eucharistic prayer.

Sitting. We sit for the pre-Gospel readings and the homily in a posture of listening and meditation.

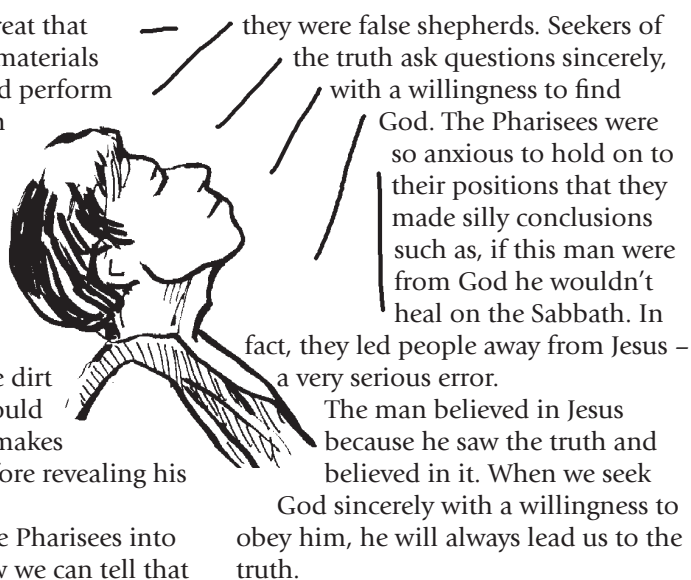
Bowing. In our culture a bow usually expresses reverence and honor, and the bishops have decided that we are to bow before we receive Communion.

Note: for more information ask your parish priest or refer to Postures and Gestures at Mass, available from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, (202)542-3000, www.usccb.org.

from Scripture

John 9:1-41, A blind man sees the truth

God's power is so great that he can take ordinary materials like dirt and water and perform miracles. A blind man came to Jesus for healing and Jesus made a paste out of clay and saliva and spread it on the man's eyes. Then he encouraged the man to wash to cleanse the dirt from his eyes so he could see. Sometimes God makes us uncomfortable before revealing his truth to us.



This miracle sent the Pharisees into a tizzy and this is how we can tell that

Q Who goes to & Purgatory after death?

Sincere repentance includes a desire to repair the damage done by our sins. That may or may not be complete before we die. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that, "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven" (1030). The Church calls this final purification, "Purgatory," since this is our last chance to be purged of our sins.

There is suffering during this purification because the souls in Purgatory long to be with God, but there is also joy. Purgatory is a sure stepping stone to Heaven.

What is important is that we recognize Jesus' power over our eternity. When the world ends at the Final Judgment, there will be only two possibilities: Heaven or Hell. We who celebrate Jesus' Resurrection look forward to sharing in that victory, and we pray that our loved ones may do the same.

Feasts & Celebrations

March 3 - St. Katharine Drexel (1955). A Philadelphia heiress, St. Katharine Drexel gave up her fortune to become a nun. She established 50 missions for Native Americans in 16 states and founded Xavier University in New Orleans, the first university for African-Americans in the U.S.

March 4 - St. Casimir (1483). Born a prince of Poland, St. Casimir was endowed with a very strong conscience by a great teacher, John Dlugosz. When his father sent him to take over

Hungary, fifteen-year-old Casimir assessed the odds against winning the war and turned back out of concern for his troops. He resolved never to be involved in war again.

March 5 - Ash Wednesday. To mark the first day of Lent, ashes from the burnt palms of the previous Passion Sunday are blessed and placed on foreheads as a sign of penance.

March 19 - St. Joseph (first century). Husband to the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph is a model of fatherhood and a protector of families.



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