

**April 9, 2009**

**Mass Intentions:**

Good Friday, April 10-

3:00 p.m.-Passion of Our Lord,  
Veneration of the Cross &  
Holy Communion

Sunday, April 12-

9:15 a.m.-Frank & Bessie Mozisek

Sunday, April 19-

9:15 a.m.-Living & Deceased  
Members of the Anton &  
Mathilda Tupa Family

Sunday, April 26-

9:15 a.m.-Joe & Lydia Kostelnik

First Friday, May 1-

7:00 p.m.-William (Bill) Grahmann

Sunday, May 3-

9:15 a.m.-Living & Deceased  
Members of the Adolph &  
Justina Matusek Family

**Lectors:**

April 10-Anthony Matula  
April 12-Dorothy Schneider  
April 19-Maria Hermes  
April 26-Daniel J. Matula  
May 3-First Communicants

**Cantors:**

April 10-John Hemmi  
April 12-Richard Rouse  
April 19-Emily Schmicek  
April 26-Ruth Rouse  
May 3-Lucille Klekar

**Rosary Leaders:**

April 10-Ruth Rouse  
April 12-Lucille Klekar  
April 19-Sandy Konvicka  
April 26-Dorothy Schneider  
May 1-Angela Hermes  
May 3-Janie Fikac

**Altar Servers:**

April 10-Shelly & Shawn Rainosek,  
Kasey Hairell & Kelly Janak  
April 12-Eric Klekar, Joshua Bludau,  
Hunter & Kolby Janak  
April 19-Kyle Rother, Ross & Clay  
Rother & Samuel Machicek  
April 26-Erin Svetlik, Sterling Hrcir,  
Kelton Koehne & Eric Klekar  
May 3-Mikayla, John & Derek  
Konvicka & Adam Hermes

**Ministers of Holy Communion:**

April 12-Ray Janak, Patrick Pesek,  
Janice Rother & Mary Urbish  
April 19-Evelyn Konvicka, Nancy Etzler  
& Vivian Mozisek  
April 26-Patrick Pesek, Janice Rother  
& Angela Hermes  
May 3-Edward & Sandra Pustka &  
& Evelyn Bujnoch

**Church Ushers:**

April 12-Roman Henke, Robert Pustka,  
Chuck Grafe & Gilbert Urbish  
April 19-Leon Matula, Al Svetlik Jr.,  
Francis Klekar & Michael  
Konvicka  
April 26-Eugene Gillar, Robert Sciba,  
Alois Bujnoch Jr. & Richard  
Sommerlatte  
May 3-Bubba Kocian, Scott Blaschke,  
Gilbert Mozisek & Marvin  
Bujnoch

**Offertory Gift Bearers:**

April 12-M/M Sam Pruett & Family  
April 19-M/M Patrick Pesek  
April 26-M/M Edward Pustka  
May 3-First Communicants

**Church Cleaners:**

April 11-Helen (Dornak)Janak, Gussie  
Kelnar & Helen Janak (Wied)  
April 18-Lucille Klekar, Janice Rother  
& Sue Cinadr  
April 26-Ruth Rouse, Joyce Janak &  
Anita Steffek  
May 2-Margaret Smolik & Dorothy  
Schneider

**Our Gift to God:**

	<u>Loose</u>	<u>Envelope</u>
Mar. 1-	\$172.00	\$530.00
Mar. 8-	\$120.00	\$606.00
Mar. 15-	\$114.00	\$328.00
Mar. 22-	\$137.00	\$464.00
Mar. 29-	\$159.00	\$314.00

Children’s Collection: \$38.75  
Building Repair Fund: \$767.00  
Operation Rice Bowl: \$1,286.08

**Messages & Announcements**

Good Friday Service is at 3:00 p.m.  
Collection on Good Friday is for the  
Holy Land.

**Bulletin Sponsor:** In Memory of  
Freddie Jansky & Timmy Kostelnik by  
Henrietta Jansky & Family.

**Promise of Marriage:**  
Melanie Schneider & Kevin Rother on  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May 2009.

**K.J.T. District III** will hold its annual  
meeting on April 19, 2009 at Wied Hall.  
Registration will begin at 10 A.M. Mass  
will be celebrated at 11 A.M. followed  
by a meal and short meeting. Each  
family is asked to bring a pastry or  
dessert. Door prizes will be awarded.

**CCD News**

**April 8**-Holy Week-Youth Mass @6  
PM

All parishioners are invited to attend this  
special Holy Week Mass.

**May 2**-First Confessions

**May 3**-First Communion Mass 9:15 AM  
Please continue to pray for the youth that  
are preparing for these sacraments:

- Abigail Bludau**
- Reid Henke**
- Ryan Hermes**
- Brandy Moses**
- Celton Rainosek**

**May 3**-May Crowning of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary –CCD Students process in  
with flowers at the beginning of Mass.

Coffee, juice and donuts will be served  
after Mass provided by the Altar  
Society. THANK YOU!

**May 6**-CCD Closing Youth Mass @  
6PM

**Upcoming Events**

Camp David Elementary Day Camp:  
Wednesday, June 17, Grades 3-5  
(entering 3<sup>rd</sup> and finishing 5<sup>th</sup>).

Camp David Junior High Camp: June  
14-16 & June 17-19 (for students  
entering 6<sup>th</sup> and finishing 8<sup>th</sup> grade).  
Both camps are held at the Spiritual  
Renewal Center in Victoria. Registration  
forms will be sent home with your  
children.

**CCD News...Check it out...**

National Youth Conference for grades 9-12  
November 18-22, 2009 Kansas City, MO  
Spaces are limited and fill quickly! We  
must know by April 30<sup>th</sup> if you are  
seriously considering attending.  
Contact Cindy Svetlik for additional  
information.

**\*\*\*\*\*Attention\*\*\*\*\***

All Graduating High School Seniors:  
Scholarships are now available. Please  
contact Cindy Svetlik(798-4654) and  
one will be mailed to you. All forms  
must be returned by April 27<sup>th</sup>.  
Scholarships will be awarded to  
qualifying seniors May 17<sup>th</sup> at the  
Baccalaureate Service.

**Guidelines/Requirements for St. Mary's  
Scholarships:**

- \*Must be a registered parishioner of St. Mary's
  - \*Must be a practicing Catholic
  - \*Attended CCD or attended one of the local Catholic Schools
  - \*Must be/have been active in parish life.
- Examples: Altar Server, Lector, Cantor, Usher;  
Participated in Youth Masses: Volunteered at the  
annual Church Picnic., etc.

\*\*If scholarship is awarded, you must  
show proof of registration to the College  
or Post Secondary Institution you are  
planning to attend to receive your  
scholarship money.

**Memorials to St. Mary's Church**

In Memory of Emily Kremling

E.J. & Helen Malick.....\$ 5.00  
 Rosalie Tobola.....\$ 5.00  
 Edith Konarik.....\$10.00  
 Harvey & Ellen Stary.....\$15.00

In Memory of Anita Drabek

Robert & Sally Janak.....\$40.00

**Memorials to St. Mary's Church**

In Memory of Blasé Konvicka Sr.

Steven & Shandlyn Koehne &  
Sons.....\$10.00

In Memory of Ray Kelnar

Steven & Shandlyn Koehne & Sons  
.....\$10.00

**Memorials to St. Mary's Altar Society**

In Memory of Emily Kremling

Angela Hermes.....\$ 5.00  
Tom & Peggy Kostelnik.....\$15.00

In Memory of Millie Gerlich

Margaret Konvicka.....\$10.00

In Memory of Melvin & Joyce Janak

Joyce & Melvin Janak.....\$50.00

**Memorials to St. Mary's Cemetery**

In Memory of Emily Kremling

Henry & Ann Kostelink &  
Family.....\$30.00  
David & Patsy Steffek.....\$20.00

**Easter Flower Donations:**

In Memory of Joe F. Bujnoch by  
Bernice Bujnoch & Family.....\$10.00;  
In Memory of Rudolph & Rosa Bujnoch,  
Anton & Mathilda Tupa & Jamie  
Bujnoch by Phillip & Evelyn Bujnoch  
.....\$20.00; In Memory of Joseph P.  
Opela by Cecilia Opela ....\$20.00; In  
Memory of Daniel Opela by Doris  
Opela....\$10.00; In Memory of Hubert,  
Frank & Mary Tobola by Rosalie Tobola  
& Family.....\$5.00; In Memory of  
Joe & Lydia Kostelnik by James &  
Barbara Matula & Family.....\$5.00; In  
Memory of John & Mathilda Matula by  
James & Barbara Matula &  
Family....\$5.00; In Memory of Joe &  
Lydia Kostelnik by David & Patsy  
Steffek .....\$10.00

## Financial Report February 2009

### Income

Sunday Collections.....	\$ 416.50
Children's Collections.....	31.13
Special Collection---	
(Aid to the Church in Europe)	200.00
Other Church Donations.....	60.00
Hall Rental & Deposits.....	300.00
Bulletin Sponsor.....	40.00
Memorials.....	160.00
Pasture Rental.....	75.00
Votive Stand.....	<u>62.61</u>
Total Income for February...	\$3,345.24

### Expenses

Utilities.....	\$1,921.04
Health Insurance.....	649.85
Church Expenses.....	139.00
Hall Expenses(Checking)....	40.00
Priest Pension Plan.....	451.00
Salaries.....	675.00
Repair & Maintenance.....	252.09
Special Collection.....	<u>200.00</u>
Total Expenses for February.	\$4,327.89

Balance from January.....	\$4,418.17
Income from February.....	<u>+3,345.24</u>
	\$7,763.41
Less February Expenses.....	<u>- 4,327.89</u>
Operating Balance.....	\$3,435.52

### From the Desk of Father John

- **On Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.**  
I would like all the members of Sacred Heart & St. Mary's parishes who have attended an ACTS Retreat to meet with Fr. Michael & me for about an hour in the Sacred Heart Family Center. We would like to share some ideas and get some feedback. Please mark your calendar.
- We will be preparing a class of Extraordinary Ministers of Communion in the near future.

However, before we do that, we would like to have an accurate list of those who will be serving in this ministry. If you are an Extraordinary Minister and would like to retire or if you would like to become a new one, please call the rectory this week to let us know. Those who would like to become an Extraordinary Minister will need to meet with me before any action can be taken.

- Our DSA, Diocesan Services Appeal, is different from the Capital Campaign for the Diocese. The DSA is done every year for the regular operation of the diocese.

Our DSA goal for 2008 was \$4,559.63. The total amount contributed by 26 parishioners was \$2,255.00. Therefore in order to meet our parish goal for 2008, we have to send the diocese \$2,304.63.

Our DSA goal for 2009 is \$4,636.14. This is based on our Sunday collections. We ask you to please be generous with your DSA contribution so that we will not have to send in a large amount from the parish funds.

This is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. Please make every effort to attend the various Masses and services throughout this holy season. This can be a time of great spiritual growth for all of us.

May all of you have a very blessed Easter.

Please mark Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, on your calendar. We will have an 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party at 7:00 PM in the parish hall honoring Miss Angela Hermes who has taught CCD here at St. Mary's over 60 years and has been a very important part of our parish family as secretary, sacristan and caretaker for many years. You may bring a side dish or snacks for the meal.

Come out and wish **Miss Angela** a **Happy Birthday** and show your appreciation for all that she has done and still does for us.

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April 2009

## One Minute Meditations

### Healthy worship

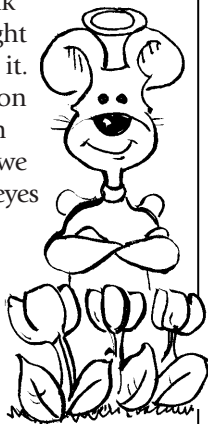
Recent medical studies revealed that people who attend church at least weekly have longer life expectancies and fewer complications from illnesses or surgeries than non-churchgoers. Going to church may not protect us from health crises, but it does help us cope with them.

### Empty and fill

There are times in our lives when we have to empty our minds of negativity so God can replace it with peace and joy. Each day, take time to rid yourself of anger, fear, self-pity, jealousy, and bitterness. Then look for God's gifts of peace, wisdom, friendship, forgiveness, and love.

### Our choice

Each day we have a choice of how we can live. We can waste time cursing the darkness or we can thank God for the light when we have it. We can focus on the ugliness in the world, or we can train our eyes to see and appreciate the beauty that is there instead.



## 5 reasons to be hopeful right now

It's hard not to worry these days. If we haven't been affected by economic troubles directly, we may be worried that we or someone we love will be soon. Yet we in God's family have more reasons to be hopeful no matter how bad things get ...

**God loves us with the warm love of a father.**

*"If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good things to those who ask him"* (Matthew 7:11).

**We can always count on our Father.**  
*"Know that the Lord works wonders for the faithful; the Lord hears when I call out"*

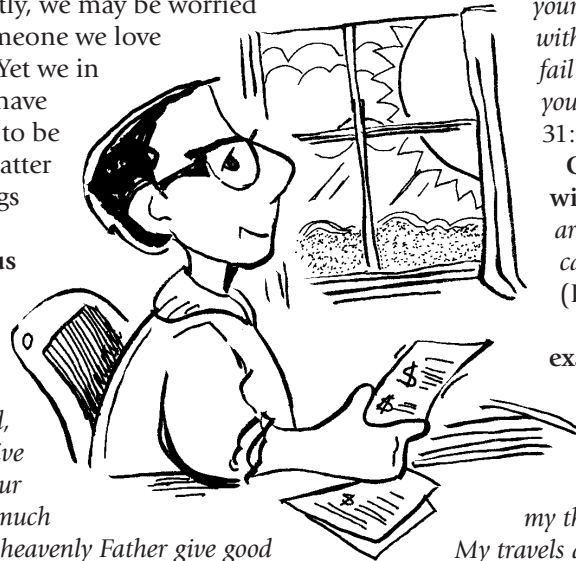
(Psalm 4:4). *"Be strong and of good courage, do not fear ... for it is the Lord your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you"* (Deuteronomy 31:6).

**God is always with us.** *"You, Lord, are near to all who call upon you ..."* (Psalm 145:20).

**God knows exactly what we need.** *"(Y)ou know when I sit and stand; you understand my thoughts from afar.*

*My travels and my rest you mark; with all my ways you are familiar."* (Psalm 139:2, 3).

**All we have to do is ask.** *"Cast all your worries upon him because he cares for you"* (1 Peter 5:7).



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

Catholics believe that the Holy Trinity is one God in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The concept of the Holy Trinity, though, is beyond our human ability to understand. That's why we call it a "mystery."

## Why do Catholics believe in a Holy Trinity?



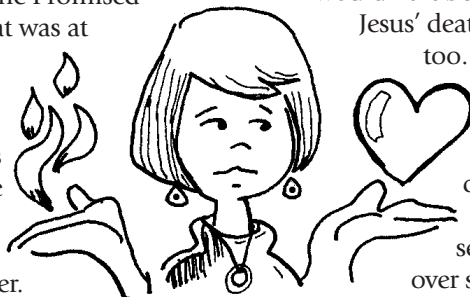
Before the time of Jesus, only the Father was known. Then Jesus revealed himself as God, *"the Father and I are one"* (John 10:30).

After his Ascension, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit – *God's Spirit* – on Pentecost (Acts 2).

## It's our Easter choice ...

Before the Israelites could finally enter the Promised Land, Moses delayed them to explain what was at stake. He wasn't going with them but he wanted them to be able to stay there with God's blessing. (Deuteronomy)

So he put the choice facing the Israelites (and us) in the clearest possible terms: we can choose to live in God's friendship or outside of it. One choice means eternal life and happiness, the other misery forever. After waiting so long for the Promised Land,

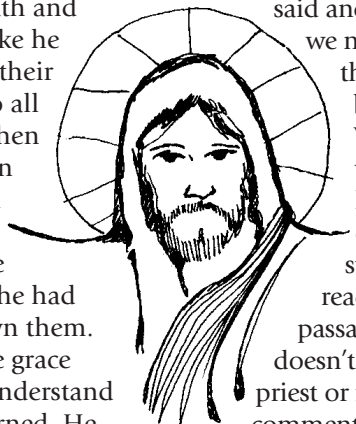


wouldn't it be a shame to make the wrong choice?

Jesus' death and Resurrection has given us a choice, too. Isn't it amazing that the Creator of heaven and earth lets us decide how we want to live? We can say "yes" or "no" to God's love. While our choices lead to consequences, the choice is still up to us. This Easter, choose honesty over deceit, self-control over sinful pleasure, generosity over selfishness. Then your Easter choice will be to choose life with God in his love.

### from Scripture **Luke 24:35-48, Loose ends get tied**

The disciples shouldn't have been surprised by Jesus' death and resurrection. It's not like he didn't warn them. Yet their minds weren't open to all that he revealed. So when he appeared to them in Jerusalem, he let them see him, touch him, and watch him eat. He reminded them of all he had taught them and shown them. Then he gave them the grace they needed to truly understand and live what they learned. He gave them what they needed to be his true followers.



In order to understand all that Jesus said and all that he expects from us, we need to know him the way the disciples did. We can start by carefully reading his Word. Some aspects of what we read in the Bible may be hard to digest and comprehend. When you get stuck on something you have read, read the surrounding passages and footnotes. If that doesn't help, consult your parish priest or find a good Catholic Bible commentary. Once you understand, ask the Holy Spirit to help you put God's Word into action.

### Q What are the 7 & themes of Catholic A social teaching?

Catholics have a history of speaking out for those who cannot speak for themselves. As a Church, we are committed to:

1. Life and dignity of the human person. Since we are created in the image of God, human life is sacred from conception to natural death.
2. Call to family, community and participation. We have a right to live in and contribute to our families and communities.



3. Human rights and responsibilities. Each person has a right to the things that make life decent – faith, family, food, shelter, etc.

4. Option for the poor and vulnerable. Jesus instructed us to care for those less fortunate.

5. Dignity of work and the rights of workers. Through work we participate in God's act of creation. The basic rights of workers, owners, and managers must be respected.

6. Demand for Solidarity. We work for the common good everywhere.

7. Care for God's creation. Our love for God inspires us to be good stewards of the earth and his creations.

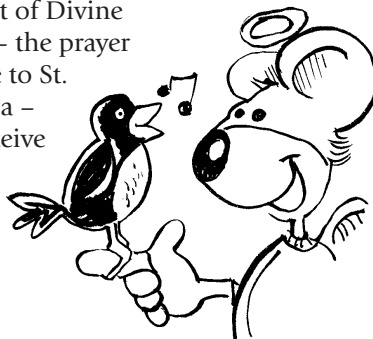
### Feasts & Celebrations

**April 4 – St. Isidore of Seville (636).** St. Isidore was born to a family that included three other saints and succeeded his brother as bishop of Seville. He was a peacemaker and is known as "The Schoolmaster of the Middle Ages" because the encyclopedia he wrote was used for 900 years.

**April 5 – St. Vincent Ferrer (1419).** Against his parents' wishes, St. Vincent Ferrer joined the Order of St. Dominic. He became a famous preacher and was known as the Angel of Judgment because his sermons aimed to prepare his listeners for judgment.

**April 12 – Easter Sunday.** The solemnity that marks Jesus' Resurrection.

**April 19 – Divine Mercy Sunday.** In 1931, Jesus appeared to St. Faustina and asked that the Sunday after Easter become the "Feast of Mercy." Jesus promised that anyone who honors him as the King of Mercy and prays The Chaplet of Divine Mercy – the prayer he gave to St. Faustina – will receive special graces and great mercy.



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