

SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 2010



Mass Intentions:

Sunday, April 11-

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

Sunday, April 18-

9:15 a.m.-Patricia Steffek

Sunday, April 25-

9:15 a.m.-Blasé Konvicka Sr.

Sunday, May 2-

9:15 a.m.-Zachary Grafe

Rosary Leaders:

April 11-Dorothy Schneider

April 18-Sandy Konvicka

April 25-Lucille Klekar

May 2-Janie Fikac

Cantors:

April 11-Richard Rouse

April 18-Emily Schimcek

April 25-Ruth Rouse

May 2-Lucille Klekar

Lectors:

April 11-First Communicants

April 18-Anthony Matula

April 25-Confirmation Class

May 2-Maria Hermes

Altar Servers:

April 11-Shelly & Shawn Rainosek, Luke Scherer & Michael Perdziak

April 18-Kasey Hairell, Joshua Bludau, Kelly Janak & Kelton Koehne

April 25-Eric Klekar, Adam Hermes, Kyle & Kaitlyn Rother

May 2-Mikayla, John & Derek Konvicka & Alexius Mizera

Offertory Gift Bearers:

April 11-M/M Tony Machicek & Sons

April 18-M/M John Mixon & Family

April 25-M/M Anthony Mizera & Family

May 2-Miranda Moses & Daughters

Extraordinary Ministers:

April 11-Tony & Joyce Bludau & Scott Sommerlatte

April 18-DeDe Dobbs, Trina Sommerlatte, & Janice Rother

April 25-Patrick Pesek & Mary Urbish

May 2-Edward & Sandra Pustka & Pat Mladenka

Church Ushers:

April 11-Eugene Gillar, Robert Sciba, Alois Bujnoch & Richard Sommerlatte

April 18-Bubba Kocian, Scott Blaschke, Gilbert Mozisek & Marvin Bujnoch

April 25-Roman Henke, Robert Pustka, Charles Grafe & Gilbert Urbish

May 2-Leon Matula, Al Svetlik, Frances Klekar & Sidney Jasek

Church Cleaners:

April 10-Margaret Smolik & Dorothy Schneider

April 17-Katherine Kahanek & Angela Hermes

April 24-Barbara Matula & Monica Matula

May 1-Viola Konvicka, Vivian Mozisek, Joyce Bludau & Rita Migl

Church Attendance:

March 7—310 March 14—300

March 21—305 March 28—315

Our Gift to God

	<u>Loose</u>	<u>Envelope</u>
March 7-	\$118.50	\$390.00
March 14-	\$160.85	\$681.00
March 21-	\$135.00	\$463.00
March 28-	\$144.00	\$639.00

Children's Collections: \$45.61

Building Repair Fund: \$460.00

Memorials to St. Mary's Altar Society

In Memory of Gene Schindler

Gilbert & Evelyn Mozisek.....\$20.00

Melvin & Joyce Janak.....\$20.00

In Memory of Steven Castecka.....\$15.00

Memorials to St. Mary's Church

In Memory of Steven Castecka.....\$60.00

FROM THE DESK OF FR. JOHN

Happy Easter! We wish each other this joyful greeting on Easter Sunday – and yet, for Catholics, Easter is so much more than a single celebration. Easter is so important that we cannot celebrate it in one day. To fully celebrate the Easter Season it takes fifty days, or a Pentecost (the Greek word for *fifty*). And each one of these fifty days, in fact, *is* Easter. That is why the church speaks of the Sundays of Easter, rather than the Sundays after Easter.

And what do we celebrate during this fifty-day Alleluia? Jesus' resurrection from the dead, His eternal and ever-lasting victory over death, and the gift of salvation poured out upon the world. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (#638) reminds us, "The Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our faith." The heart of our very identity as Christians is this belief that God has radically changed the universe in the birth, life, passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

The Easter mystery celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus. But what does that really mean? Throughout the gospels, Jesus predicts His own Passion – the suffering, crucifixion and death that He will endure in fulfillment of the Scriptures. But it is only after we roll the stone away, and the tomb is found empty, that Jesus' predictions are truly fulfilled.

He appears in risen form first to Mary Magdalene (Jn 20:14) and then to the other women and disciples (Mt 28:9). His resurrection is bodily and complete. When the resurrected Christ visits His disciples in the gospel of Luke, He understands their disbelief and allows them to touch Him so that they may come to believe. He even eats with His disciples as a sign of His real presence among them. The disciples are filled with joy and amazement at the presence of the risen Christ! And we, too, are filled with joy and amazement at the real presence of the Risen Christ throughout the Mass. As Catholics, we believe that Christ is really and truly present in

the celebrant, in the Word, and in the full assembly gathered as the body of Christ, and most especially, in the Holy Eucharist.

The new life of the Resurrection "reinstates us in God's grace" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #654) "so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life" (Rom 6:4).

Messages & Announcements

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CATHOLIC FAMILY FRATERNAL OF TEXAS—
KJZT

2010 DISTRICT 1 MEETING

Sunday, April 18, 2010

Hosted by St. Mary's #3 & Wied #53

All society members & families are cordially invited to attend this year's district meeting at St. Mary's Parish Hall. Registration beginning at 1:30 p.m. The meeting begins at 2:00 p.m. Deceased members will be remembered & 50-year & other merit pins will be awarded. Lunch will be served & door prizes will be given.

Wied KJT Society #43 will be meeting on May 17, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at Wied Hall. Remember to mark your calendars.

Please note that the deadline for getting information into the St. Mary's bulletin is by 6:00 p.m. on the last Monday of the month. Contact Angela Hermes @ 798-2128 or Miranda Henke @ 772-8036. Thank you!

CCD NEWS

April 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th CCD Classes 6-7 pm
April 7th (WED.) 7pm-First Reconciliation and First Communion Practice
April 11th-First Communion Mass 9:15a.m.
April 24th-8:00 a.m. Confirmation Reconciliation & Practice
April 25th-Confirmation Mass 9:15 with Bishop Fellhauer (CCD News continued next page)

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May 2nd-Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 CCD students process in with flowers at the
 beginning of Mass.

May 5th-CCD Closing-Youth Mass at 6:00p.m.

May 23rd-Baccalaureate Service for Graduating
 High School Seniors at the 9:15 a.m. Mass.

Wear your cap and gown.

Please pray for our **First Communicants**:

- Cameron Bujnoch**
- Mathew Bujnoch**
- Hayes Henke**
- Chaysea Johnson**
- Tracer Judd**
- Kevin Konvicka**
- Joshua Koppenol**
- Blake Rother**
- Robbie Perdziak**

Also pray for our **Confirmation candidates**:

- Carla Hairell**
- Kyle Janak**
- Carson Nuese**
- Shelly Rainosek**
- Holly Threadgill**

“Thank You” to the Altar Society and KJZT of
 Wied #53. They are generously providing the
 coffee, juice and donuts after the Masses for
 First Communion (Altar Society) and
 Confirmation (KJZT). Thank you again!

Financial Report for February 2010

Income

Sunday Collections.....	\$2,288.00
Children’s Collections.....	65.96
Special Collections (Aid to Church in Europe).....	167.00
Operation Rice Bowl.....	179.02
Votive Stand.....	57.52
Other Church Donations.....	50.00
Hall Rental & Deposits.....	475.00
Pasture Lease (St. Mary’s).....	75.00
Total Income for February.....	\$3,357.50

Expenses

Utilities.....	\$1,318.23
Health Insurance.....	703.25
Special Collection (Aid to Europe).....	167.00
Church Expenses.....	142.00
Hall Expenses-checking & supplies.....	289.86
Priest Pension Plan.....	435.00
Salaries.....	675.00
Repair & Maintenance.....	144.38
Total Expenses for February.....	\$3,874.72
Balance from January.....	\$3,988.68
February Income.....	+3,357.50
	\$7,346.18
Less February Expenses.....	- 3,874.72
Operating Balance.....	\$3,471.46

Attention High School Graduates

**St. Mary’s Catholic Church Picnic
 Scholarships are available!**

- *Must be registered parishioner of St. Mary’s.
- *Must be a practicing Catholic.
- *Attended CCD or attended one of the local Catholic Schools.
- *Must be or have been active in parish life.
 Examples: Altar Server, Lector, Cantor, Usher;
 participated in Youth Masses; volunteered at the
 annual St. Mary’s 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.

Please contact Mrs. Svetlik @ 798-4654 to
 request a scholarship application. Scholarships
 will be awarded at the Baccalaureate Service on
 May 23 at the 9:15 a.m. Mass. All graduating
 seniors are asked to attend the Mass.



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April 2010

One Minute Meditations

Actions speak loudly

John the Baptist sent his disciples to Jesus to ask, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" (Luke 7:20). Instead of a long discourse on his spiritual genealogy, Jesus told them to watch him and report what they saw. His actions said it all. If you were to tell a friend about who Jesus is, what would you say?

Why obey?

Moses knew the people of Israel needed more incentive to follow the new commandments he presented to them. Asking for their obedience wasn't enough. So he said, "Observe them carefully, for thus will give evidence of your wisdom and intelligence to the nations" (Deuteronomy 4:5-9). Yet another reason to obey God; it shows how smart you are.

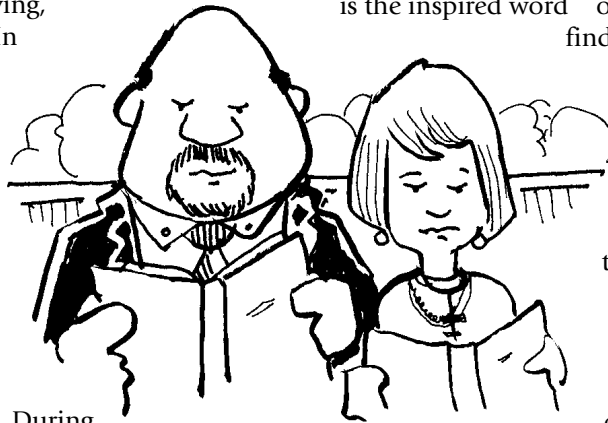
Overconfidence

Sin can be tricky. Just when you think have it beat, watch out. "Therefore, whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall" (1 Corinthians 10:12).



Meet God at "Little Easter"

One awesome fact of which Easter reminds us is that God lives and lives with us. Yet, as the joy of the celebration fades, we may feel distant from our loving, living God. In fact, we can renew our Easter joy every week at Mass on Sunday, our "little Easter." It's a great place to find God.



The Priest. During Mass, the priest is not acting on his own but in the person of Christ ("In Persona Christi"). Bishops and priests act in persona Christi when they offer Mass, forgive sins, preach on behalf of the Church, and perform other acts of shepherding and teaching. So, we find God in the priest.

The Word. Much of what goes on at Mass is directly from Scripture – the prayers we say together, the hymns we sing, the readings, etc. Since Scripture is the inspired word of God, we can find God in his Word.

The Eucharist. What starts as bread and wine becomes the body and blood of Christ. So we meet God in the consecrated Eucharist.

The People. When we unite to praise God, we are his Church. "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). So God is there when we worship with others at Mass.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

What is an Epiclesis?

In each Sacrament, the prayer asking for the power of the Holy Spirit is called an "Epiclesis." In the Epiclesis during the Eucharist, the priest petitions God to send the Holy Spirit so that the offerings may



become the Body and Blood of Christ.

When that happens, the faithful who receive them become a living offering to God, too. "He has also put his seal upon us and given the Spirit in our hearts as a first installment" (2 Corinthians 1:22).

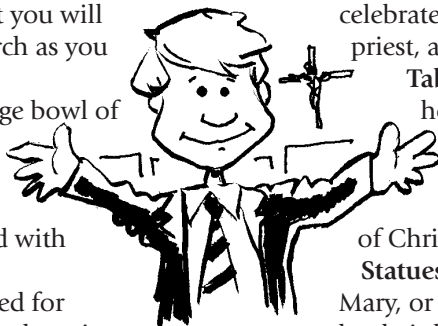
Feel at home in any Catholic church

Each Catholic church may be unique, but you will find familiar elements in any Catholic church as you find in your own parish home.

Baptismal font – A pool, fountain, or large bowl of water usually stands near the doors of the church and reminds us that baptism is our “door” to the Catholic faith.

Nave – The large open room usually filled with pews or seats is the main assembly area.

Sanctuary – The part of the church reserved for liturgical action that contains an altar where the priest



celebrates the sacrifice of the Mass, a chair for the priest, and the lectern for reading Scripture.

Tabernacle – Usually located in a place of honor in the sanctuary, this receptacle holds consecrated hosts. A candle nearby signifies when it is full.

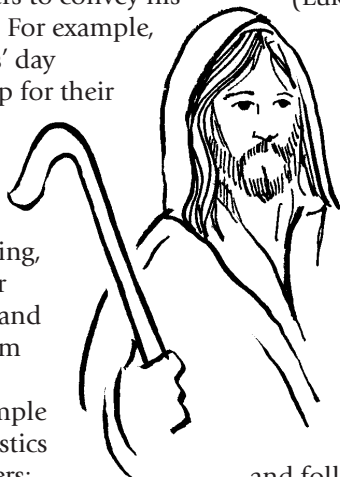
Crucifix – A prominent cross with an image of Christ crucified is usually located near the altar.

Statues - Statues and other forms of art of Jesus, Mary, or the Saints remind us of those who inspire us by their holy lives.

from Scripture

John 10:27-30, Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

As a storyteller, Jesus used images familiar to his listeners to convey his message of salvation. For example, many people in Jesus’ day depended upon sheep for their livelihood. A village might have a common pasture where the sheep were led in the morning, but at night an owner would call his sheep and they would follow him home.



Jesus used this example to describe characteristics of his faithful followers:

They hear his voice. Jesus said to his

Apostles, “He who hears you hears me” (Luke 10:16). Catholics recognize Christ’s voice in the successors of the Apostles: our pope and bishops.

They follow him.

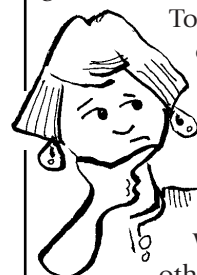
Catholics are called to follow Jesus. We follow out of love and we do what he asked us to do, including caring for the poor and vulnerable. We joyfully come when he calls us home.

They will have eternal life.

Listening to his voice and following Jesus will guide us safely to the pastures of eternal life.

Q & A Should I say something to people who come dressed to Mass inappropriately?

There was a time when reverential dress meant men and boys came to Mass in a coat and tie and women and girls wore a dress or skirt (and a hat).



Today’s idea of reverential dressing has many interpretations and what may be reverential to you could be different to someone else.

When you look at how other parishioners dress, ask yourself if they could be wearing their good clothes even if it doesn’t fit your idea of reverential. Then again, if they are dressed in clothing they would use to play a sport or clean the house, you may be right.

If you find how someone is dressed to be distracting, by all means offer a gentle, educational comment. Or, if in doubt, talk to your pastor.

The best way you can influence other people is by how you dress yourself. Wear your “Sunday best” and accessorize with a warm and welcoming manner to those around you, and you are sure to influence others to do the same.

Feasts & Celebrations

April 11 - St. Stanislaus (1079). As Bishop of Krakow in 1072, St. Stanislaus attempted to reform the violent and depraved king of Poland, Boleslas II. When his efforts failed, he excommunicated the king. In retaliation, Boleslas murdered the saint.

April 21 – St. Anselm (1109). A native of Italy, St. Anselm became a monk in France and reluctantly became bishop of Canterbury, England. He was exiled for rebuffing the king’s interference in Church matters.

April 24 – St. Fedelis (1622). In his native Prussia, St. Fidelis became a

lawyer and championed the poor and oppressed. Later, he joined the Franciscans and gave away his wealth. During a revolt against the Church, St. Fidelis worked to bring people back. He was murdered by an angry mob.

April 25 - St. Mark (1st century). St. Mark wrote the second Gospel based on St. Peter’s perspective. Mark accompanied Sts. Paul and Barnabas (Mark’s cousin) on their missionary journey to Cyprus and is credited with founding the Church of Alexandria.



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