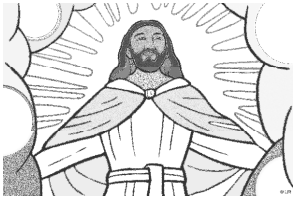


March 8, 2009: Second Sunday of Lent



Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; then from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. — Mt 9:7-8

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LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, March 8 (Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10)

8:00 am- Stacey Rabel

10:30 am- For our Parish Family

Monday, March 9, St. Frances of Rome (Dn 9:4b-10/

Lk 6:36-38)

7:00 am- Lucille McCord Jones

10:00 am- Deceased members of Frank & Anna Kahanek Family (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, March 10 (Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12)

7:00 am- Charles "Buddy" Rohan

Wednesday, March 11 (Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28)

7:00 am- Anthony, Florence & Connie Grahmann

8:05 am- Pauline Vana

12:05 pm- Elizabeth & John Hemmi

Thursday, March 12 (Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31)

7:00 am- Alvin J. Grahmann

10:00 am- Gary Dowden (Stevens)

Friday, March 13 (Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/

Mt 21:33-43, 45-46)

7:00 am- Living & deceased members of Julius & Helen Grahmann and Florentine & Adele Janak Families

8:05 am- Deceased members of John Michna Family

12:05 pm- Mildred & Henry Leon Koerth

Saturday, March 14 (Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32)

5:30 pm- For our Parish Family

Sunday, March 15 (Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/

1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25)

8:00 am- Shawn & Ryan Drozd

10:30 am- Daniel & Eddie Stock

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Promise of Marriage: Devonne Michalcik and Charlie Bock on March 14th.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Fr. Jerry Caponi; Geneva Malik, sister of Mary Ann Pustejovsky; Charlie Bock, father of John Bock and Leah Rother; and Julia Satsky of our parish family. *May they and all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.*

Flowers in the Adoration Chapel last week were in memory of Emma Meyer by Steve & Donna Kossa.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

-St. Rose Spring Festival, KC Hall, Schulenburg, Turkey Dinner 10:30 am – 1:00 pm. Auction 11:30 am. Raffle, cake walk, music. *Fun for all!*

MONDAY, MARCH 9

-Rosary & evening prayer, 5:30 p.m. in the church.

-KJZT meeting, 6:30 p.m., Family Center.

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

-Quilting Circle, 9:00 a.m., KC Hall of Fame Room.

-RCIA Class, 7:00 – 8:15 p.m., Family Center.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

-CCD: Grades K – 11th, 6:00 – 7:10 p.m.

-Spiritual Book Study Group, 6:00 p.m., Mary's House.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

-Stations of the Cross, 6:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

-Firefall, 6:00 p.m. in the church. Parishioners are invited to join the youth in Eucharistic Adoration.

AMONG OUR SICK: Hubert Grahmann, Deacon Marvin Fikac, Mary Laas, Jacque Holchak, Alvin Rosenauer, Frank Luke, Macey Moeller, Margaret Flores, Mary Ann Gaitan, Odessa & Doug Blumberg, Debbie Fishbeck, Josie Ohnheiser, Clint Brewer, Mason Leibham, Josie Muniz, David Tomek, Riley Mika, Joyce Svetlik, Louise Tesch, Mary Bonorden, Marie Grafe, Loraine Butschek, Jesse Cavazos, Bernice Woytek, Evelyn Henke, Lillie Sitka, Annette Krupala, Anthony Corte, Thelma Mikulenska, Alphonse Steffek, Bill Chapline, Maggie Volcik, Matthew Walker, Amanda Conniff, Marcella Henke, Margaret Timm, Madeline Lakey, Sylvester Garza, Harry Jackson, Helen M. Appelt, Luke Bludau, Mary Kaiser, Michael Kutac, Rosalie Simpson, Hedwig Greer, Josephine Matejek, Ed Aulick, Paige Haas, Milada Netardus, Agatha Janak, Anita Kallus, Leonard Kubena, Hubert Etzler, Jeff Zavesky, Renae Ross, Anita Drabek, Alma Jurena, Kate Kopecky, Michael L. Drozd, Bill Biehunko, nursing home residents & the homebound.

Raffle Prize Donors are needed for the Spring Picnic. The raffle donors list must go to the printers soon. If you are able to donate a raffle prize, please call the Rectory as soon as possible. *Thank you for your generous support of the Sacred Heart Parish Picnic!*

Perpetual Adoration: An adorer is needed on Fridays at 1:00 p.m. If you are able to spend this hour with our Lord, please call Charlene Bradbury, 798-3224.

Junior Catholic Daughters (JCDA) meeting on Monday, March 9, from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. in the Family Center. We will read to the children at Sacred Heart Daycare, so bring your favorite children's book or bible story. Hope to see you there!

Anniversaries

Charles & Mary Chapman	35 years	March 9
Tommy & Patricia Henke	25 years	March 10
Dan & Jacquelyn Boone	58 years	March 10

From the Desk of Father John

During Lent, you might want to give God and yourself a little extra time together.

The image of an hour with Jesus has been part of Catholic Tradition since the very beginning. Jesus, in the Garden of Gethsemane, mournfully asked His disciples, "Could you not watch with me one hour?" (Mt 26:40).

A Holy Hour gives us the opportunity to honor Our Lord's request and place ourselves before Him. We join our own prayers, works, joys and sufferings with His and "by the mercies of God, present [our] bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is [our] spiritual worship" (Romans 12:1).

There are many ways to celebrate a Holy Hour. All that is required is to make ourselves as present as we can be to God.

For instance, we may choose to focus on the offertory we celebrate at each Mass. We know that, in addition to the bread and wine that is offered to God on the paten and in that chalice, we also offer ourselves. When we make that offering, our Eucharistic Lord does with us what He does with the Eucharist: "Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said, 'Take, eat; this is my body.'" (Matthew 26:26)

In the same way, Jesus takes our lives, our gifts, our talents, even our weaknesses, all of which we bring to Him during our Holy Hour. He gives thanks to His Father, breaks us, and offers us as food for the world. This "breaking" comes in the form of refining, purging, challenging, and "growing" us into the people He calls us to become. During our Holy Hour, we can become aware of this refining, this formation, of which Isaiah spoke: "I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations." (Isaiah 42:6)

At its most basic, however, a Holy Hour can be summed up in a simple story: A visitor to a Catholic parish noticed an old man just sitting in the back of the church with his eyes on the tabernacle. After some time, curiosity got the better of the visitor and he asked the old man, "What are you doing?"

The man replied, "I look at Him, and He looks at me."

A perfectly good Holy Hour can be made simply by sitting in the presence of God. Place yourself in front of the tabernacle or monstrance, and just *be* (cf. Psalm 46:10). Quietly allow the silence: just you and Jesus, sitting in each other's presence. Some Catholics have jokingly described this simple exercise as "spiritual radiation therapy," because being in the presence of Christ, with a heart open to His love, can change and heal you.

St. Isidore Society Fried Chicken Dinner, Sunday, March 22. Tickets sold at Hoffer's Drive-In, Morton's Drive-In, Peoples State Bank, Moravia Store & Blasé's Place.



The Youth ConneXion



Champs: Sunday, March 15th, 3:00 p.m. at the Youth House. We will participate in Firefall (adoration) at 6:00 p.m. Champs will be released from Firefall.

March 15: Music ministry meet in church at 3:00 p.m. Members of the Youth meet at 5:00 p.m. in church. High School youth gathering & social after Firefall. Guest speaker (You don't want to miss this one!).

Sausage Dinner, March 22: High School Youth come by Blahuta Advertising to pick up tickets. Proceeds benefit all youth activities.

The Jr. High Lock-In was a HUGE success (95 youth) THANK YOU to all the members of the parish that helped with this event!!

We would like to thank John Allen & Carlotta Henry for attending the High School Spectacular with us.

A big thank you to Catholic Life for donating the concrete slab for our new picnic tables.

Religious Education – Janice Busselman 798-3124

March 11: Penance Service for 6th – 8th Grades.

March 18: No CCD classes; Spring Break.

April 1: Penance Service for 9th – 11th Grades.

Sacred Heart Catholic School News (361) 798-4251

***School Advisory meeting,** Monday, March 9, 6:15 p.m., Teacher's Work Room.

***Jr. High Academic Meet,** Thursday, March 12th.

***Early Dismissal** on March 12 at 2:00 p.m. There will be no extended care.

***2009-2010 School Year Registration:** March 2–April 6. Details & forms will be included in the March newsletter.

***Kindergarten visitation & day in school:** March 23 – April 3 for prospective students for the 2009-2010 school year. Please call the school office for more information.

KJT Society No. 43, Wied meeting on Thursday, March 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Wied Hall. All members are invited.

KJT Society No. 5, Hallettsville & KJT Society No. 43, Wied, will jointly hold a family dinner on Sunday, March 15 in the Family Center after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Members & their families are encouraged to attend. A fried chicken dinner will be served followed by a short presentation & door prizes. For more information, please call Kathleen Chovanetz at 798-5876 or Susan Bujnoch at 798-2242.

Contribution Statements for 2008 are available upon request. **Please call to request your statement BEFORE coming by the Rectory to give us time to prepare your statement.** Thank you for your consideration.

Chicken Fried Chicken Breast Dinner, April 8 at the KC Hall. Drive thru plates to go only from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Tickets \$7.00 each. Call Debra Huser 798-4311 or Laurie Janak 798-4361. Benefits the Washington Youth Group.

Christian musician John Michael Talbot will perform in concert on Thursday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m. in Sacred Heart Church. John Michael's concert ministry has blessed millions over the past thirty years. Admission at the door will be \$10 per person. No advance tickets will be sold. For information, please call the Rectory.

2nd Sunday of Lent

We have a family friend who simply loves to entertain. No matter what the occasion, she can be counted on to provide the perfect entertainment, accommodations, and most importantly, the most imaginative and delicious food one could imagine. She thinks of everything, and has even been called on by our pastor to cater special parish events, such as the welcoming dinner for our new associate pastor. And on such occasions, we can always be assured that she will cook enough food to feed three times the invited guests, though miraculously nothing goes to waste.

The story of the Transfiguration in today's Gospel from Mark contains a smaller lesson within the lesson, but one no less important. As the brilliant light transfigures Jesus, there appear Moses and Elijah to Peter, James, and John. All three disciples were stunned, but Peter, always one to speak up, offers that it's a good thing Jesus brought them along, because they can build tents for everyone! Of course, God must remind them of why they were really brought along – to bear witness to God's declaration that Jesus is His Son, and that they should listen to Him.

It is upon a mountain that God first spoke to Moses and Elijah. At the Transfiguration, Peter, James and John are witness to the presence of the Holy Trinity. And it is here that they first hear of Jesus' rising from the dead, though they are cautioned not to speak of any of what they have seen (CCC 554). What a request! Could we, having witnessed such a glorious event, contain ourselves? Like the generous hostess who has provided far more than seems to be required, we are forever filled with the promise of salvation. Let Jesus Christ speak to you today, and don't just hear Him, listen to Him!

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In memory of Johnny Rainosek:
Dan & Mathilda Melnar 10.00
In memory of Emma Meyer:
John & Evelyn Pavliska 10.00

SACRED HEART BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

In memory of Rita Grafe:
Marvin Steffek & Libertha Einkauf 25.00



Prayer for Rain: Almighty God, we are in need of rain. We realize now, looking up into the clear, blue sky, what a marvel even the least drop of rain really is. We place our trust in You. Look on our dry hills and fields, dear God, and bless them with the living blessing of soft rain. Then the land will rejoice, and the rivers will sing Your praises, and the hearts of men will be made glad. Amen.

Bulletin Bloopers: "The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals."

SACRED HEART CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Leona Haase:
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Henry & Elrose Muenster 20.00

In memory of Geneva Malik:
Royce & Elizabeth Rother 5.00
Bohumir & Mary Ann Pustejovsky 25.00

In memory of Eugene Novak: 25.00
In memory of James Kouba: 25.00

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SACRED HEART CCD PROGRAM

In memory of Ray Kelnar:
Darren & Jamie Steffek 10.00
Annie Henneke 5.00
Charlene Leopold 5.00
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In memory of Leona Haase:

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William & Charlene Bradbury	10.00
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In memory of Leona Haase:

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Judith Schneider	10.00
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Martha Sitka	10.00
Patrick & Joan Janak	10.00
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In memory of Emma Meyer:

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Henry Joe & Marcella Henke

*Please pray for the blessing
of rain!*