

March 29, 2009: Fifth Sunday of Lent



Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." — Jn 12:23-24

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LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, March 29 (Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33)

8:00 am- Deceased members of Frank Tupa & Joe Smolik Families

10:30 am- Deceased members of Henry Grahmann Family

5:00 pm- For our Parish Family (Spanish Mass)

Monday, March 30 (Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30, 33-62/Jn 8:1-11)

7:00 am- Living & deceased members of John & Laura Grahmann Family

10:00 am- Deceased members of Ed Wanek Family (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, March 31 (Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30)

7:00 am- Louis & Annie Krenek

Wednesday, April 1 (Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42)

7:00 am- Buster & Anne Hale

8:05 am- Ludwig & Louise Pustejovsky

12:05 pm- Bill Mitchon

Thursday, April 2, St. Francis of Paola (Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59)

7:00 am- Stephen Bludau

10:00 am- Josephine "Terry" McCain (Stevens)

Friday, April 3 (Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42)

7:00 am- Living & deceased members of Theo & Mary Golsch Family

8:05 am- Victor F. Butschek

12:05 pm- Living & deceased members of John & Emily Patlovany Family

Saturday, April 4, St. Isidore of Seville (Ez 37:21-28/

Jn 11:45-56)

5:30 pm- Marie (Voelkel) Holy

Sunday, April 5 (Mk 11:1-10/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1;

15:47)

8:00 am- For our Parish Family

10:30 am- Darren, Gina & Chris Conniff

Bulletin Sponsor: Matthew, Martha & John Bludau.

Radio Broadcast Mass Sponsor: In memory of Louis Wick & Darlene Knezek by Dennis & Gerardette Haas.

Vigil Light: Special intention for the blessing of rain.

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$4,374; Rice Bowl-\$804; Loose-\$1,258; Children's-\$40; Manna Food Pantry-\$611.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Helen Zak, sister of Dorothy Henneke, & Lucy Kowalik, sister of Dan Bordovsky. *May they & all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.*

Area Penance Services:

Sacred Heart – Monday, March 30 at 5:30 p.m.

Moulton – Tuesday, March 31 at 5:30 p.m.

Yoakum – Thursday, April 2 at 5:30 p.m.

Shiner – Friday, April 3 at 5:30 p.m.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

-Sausage & Polka Fest, KC Hall. Fried Chicken & Sausage Dinner 10:30 am. Music by Shiner Hobo Band, Red Ravens, Czech & Then Some, & Czechaholics.

-Covered dish supper in Family Center after Spanish Mass.

MONDAY, MARCH 30

-Penance Service at 5:30 p.m. in the church. (No rosary & evening prayer.)

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

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

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

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

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

-Divine Mercy Prayers, 7:30 p.m., Church Cry Room.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

-First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 6 pm in church. The intention this month is for *rain*.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

-First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ends with Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

-Stations of the Cross following Benediction.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

-Serra Club Mass, 8:30 a.m., St. Mary's, Praha.

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

-Meeting at 3:00 p.m. in the Family Center for Sacred Heart & St. Mary's parishioners who have attended an ACTS Retreat.

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, 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, Anita Kallus, Hubert Etzler, Jeff Zavesky, Renae Ross, Alma Jurena, Kate Kopecky, Michael L. Drozd, Bill Biehunko, Lindal Finley, Gertrude Janak, Frank Fishar, Pam Dornak, Clayton Patek, Ronnie Dierschke, Elsie Steffek, nursing home residents & the homebound.

Anniversaries

Leon & Sheryl Barnes	30 years	March 31
Billy & Jackie Bludau	25 years	March 31
Michael & Diana DeLaRosa	25 years	March 31

Rosary Leaders for the weekend Masses are needed.

Please call the Rectory to sign up for this ministry.

*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst,
for they are sticking to their diets!*

From the Desk of Father John

Thank you to everyone who helped with the John Michael Talbot concert Thursday evening. It was a very inspirational evening.

Thank you to James & Marsha Steffek for fully funding the new ramp/sidewalk in front of the church. The total cost was \$3,426.00.

Thank you also to Bludau Fabrication for donating the rails by the ramp.

Thank you to the following for their contributions to Mary's House: Robert & Mary Kendall donated a dining room table & chairs, and Frank & Jo Nell Janecek donated the religious pictures on the walls. Pat Mladenka & Irene Knebel took care of doing the window curtains.

If anyone is interested or knows of anyone interested in buying the Pavlu property at 800 N. Ridge St., it is back on the market. The house & approximately 22 acres in front are for sale at \$20,000 per acre. The back acreage, approximately 43 acres is for sale at \$5,300 per acre. If interested, please contact Marcus Grahmann with Laredo properties at 798-5655.



The Youth ConneXion



Thank you to everyone who supported our Sausage Dinner last Sunday. Your continued support of the youth of our parish is appreciated!

Interested in worshipping through music? Bring your voice and/or instrument to the Youth House & let's play or learn together on Mondays 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. Call Lee Ann 798-5005 for more information.

Religious Education ~ Janice Busselman 798-3124

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

April 8: Stations of the Cross – all grades.

April 9: Holy Thursday Mass – Confirmation students participate.

April 18: First Communion practice at 9:00 a.m.

April 19: First Communion at 10:30 a.m. Mass.

April 25: Confirmation practice at 9:00 a.m.

April 26: Confirmation at 10:30 a.m. Mass.

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

Perpetual Adoration: An adorer needs a partner on Tuesday's at 12:00 a.m. If you are able to spend this hour with our Lord in prayer, please call Charlene at 798-3224.

Washington Youth Group Chicken Fried Chicken plates to go, Wed., April 8, 4:30 – 6:30 pm, KC Hall. Tickets \$7. Call Debra Huser 798-4311 or Laurie Janak 798-4361.

Sacred Heart Catholic School News (361) 798-4251

***Marathon:** Friday, April 17, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon on SHCS grounds. All funds raised will benefit SHCS. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

***2009-2010 School Year Registration:** March 2–April 6. Please call the school office for registration information.

***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.

A class for Extraordinary Ministers of Communion will be held in the future. If you currently serve as Extraordinary Minister & would like to retire or if you would like to become a new one, **please call the Rectory this week to let us know.** Thank you.



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.

5th Sunday of Lent

At a wedding recently, we were seated next to a retired couple we had not previously met. After introductions, the gentleman proceeded to share with us every detail of his life, beginning with his income and where he spent it, and then relished in telling us all of the famous people he had known and places he had traveled. It was clear that his ego and his desire for worldly possessions dominated his every thought. Like a panhandler, he begged for acceptance and praise, rattling the few coins of his existence in a tin cup that was his life. Never once did he mention his wife sitting next to him or the beautiful wedding we had all just attended. I realized that everything he valued would mean nothing after he was gone.

In today's Gospel reading from John, there is a quote from Jesus that is very much worth discussing. He says, "Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life." In this sense, Jesus is asking us to recognize that all of the things in this worldly life that we seem to value so greatly have no value whatsoever. This is how we "lose our life" and enjoy a new life in the loving arms of Jesus and can begin to bear the fruit of new life just as He describes with a grain of wheat, unable to bloom until it dies.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that our baptism is birth into a new life in Christ (CCC 1277). So, too, are we given an opportunity every day to renew this new life. In daily prayer, we are giving thanks for God's many blessings. We must also ask for assistance in "dying unto ourselves," giving up those things which have gathered around us and prevented us from living fully in the light of Christ.

FINANCIAL REPORT – FEBRUARY, 2009**Church Income:**

Sunday Collections	\$ 25,454.70
Other Donations	2,436.00
Interest	22,228.96
Family Center Rental	190.00
Religious Articles	<u>1,172.30</u>
Total Church Income	<u>\$ 51,481.96</u>

Church Expense:

Salaries	\$ 6,233.73
Utilities	1,965.46
Church Expense	2,273.83
Rectory Expense	186.70
Office Expense	1,363.03
Religious Articles	1,104.00
Family Center Expense	371.32
Medical Insurance & Pension	2,572.00
Repairs & Maintenance	29.08
Building Insurance	1,528.12
Car Insurance	<u>520.68</u>
Total Church Expense	<u>\$ 18,147.95</u>

School Income:

Registration Fees	\$ 200.00
Book Fees	400.00
Athletic Fees	2,250.00
Bus Fees	175.00
PreK Tuition	5,425.00
K – 12th Tuition	45,725.00
Extended Care	1,795.00
Catholic Education Envelopes	2,705.20
Memorials	425.00
Shop Donations	25.00
HSA Donations	10,000.00
Extravaganza	36,757.00

FINANCIAL REPORT – FEBRUARY, 2009 (contd.)**School Income Continued:**

Library	20.00
Donations	3,562.37
Interest	9,199.73
Technology	220.00
Book Fair	2,229.76
Miscellaneous	<u>590.00</u>
Total School Income	<u>\$ 121,704.06</u>

School Expense:

Salaries	\$ 65,451.42
Contracted Services	595.56
Office & Teaching Supplies	217.40
Utilities	3,600.17
Plant Repairs & Maintenance	1,070.23
Bus & Vehicle Expense	1,323.08
Payroll Taxes	4,832.97
Medical Insurance	11,112.84
Retirement	3,188.49
Property Insurance	2,438.71
Convent Expense	531.10
Acquisition of Equipment	22,605.86
Technology	506.18
Book Fair Expense	1,848.42
Extravaganza Expense	15,990.60
Staff Development	825.65
Public Relations	219.75
Conferences / Seminars	185.00
Miscellaneous	<u>774.63</u>
Total School Expenses	<u>\$ 137,318.06</u>

Parish Income **\$ 173,186.02****Parish Expense** **- 155,466.01****Parish Balance** **\$ 17,720.01****SACRED HEART CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND**In memory of David Janak, Sr.:

Doris Holtkamp 15.00

In honor of Marie Grafe's 90th Birthday:

Frances Holley 15.00

In memory of Millie Gerlich:

Robert & Louise Pesek 10.00

Eugene & Lisa Klekar 5.00

Joseph & Diane Kallus 20.00

Mike & Lois Kallus 20.00

Julia Kallus 10.00

Ervin & Lucille Dornak 25.00

Gene & Betty Bujnoch 10.00

Albert Steffek 20.00

SACRED HEART CHURCH MUSIC FUNDIn memory of Charles Bock:

Bob & Lou Kubena 20.00

In memory of Millie Gerlich:

Kubena Funeral Home 20.00

SACRED HEART DAYCARE CENTERIn memory of Millie Gerlich:

James & Mary Lee Honish 10.00

SACRED HEART SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUNDIn memory of Edwin Rother:

Bob & Carol Franks 35.00

SACRED HEART SCHOOL VOCATIONAL SHOPIn memory of Millie Gerlich:

Kenneth & Annie Mae Henneke & family 20.00

SACRED HEART SCHOOL ALUMNI FUNDIn memory of Thelma Owen: 20.00In memory of Emma Meyer: 20.00In memory of Julia Satsky: 20.00In memory of James Kouba: 20.00

Marcus & Marjorie Grahmann

SACRED HEART SCHOOL OPERATING FUNDIn memory of Anita Drabek:

Gene & Gertrude Janak 10.00

In memory of David Janak:

Harvey Jahn 25.00

Charles & Dorothy Jansky 10.00

Alice & Leroy Janak 20.00

Anthony, Joan & Therese Corte 10.00

In memory of Charles Bock:

Gene & Maureen Schott 10.00

In memory of Millie Gerlich:

Melvin & Joyce Janak 20.00

Mike & Helen Technik & family 50.00

Leroy & Janice Kallus 20.00

Liz Blahuta & Edwin Gerlich 50.00

Erwin & Lorene Biehunko 25.00

Edward & Gail Kallus 20.00

Marguerite Grahmann 15.00

Ron & Judy Skipper & Kyle 40.00

In memory of Edwin Rother:

Charles & Dorothy Jansky 10.00