

March 14, 2010: Fourth Sunday of Lent



"His son said to him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'let us celebrate with a feast because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'" ... Lk 15:11-22a, 32b-24a
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LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, Mar 14 (Jos 5:9a,10-12/2Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3,11-32)

8:00 am- Shawn & Ryan Drozd

10:30 am- Alvin J. Grahmann

Monday, March 15 (Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54)

7:00 am- Living & deceased members of KJT #5

10:00 am- Wilhelm & Georgie Grahmann (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, March 16 (Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16)

7:00 am- John & Annie Novak

Wednesday, March 17, St. Patrick (Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30)

7:00 am- Living & deceased members of Louis & Frances Sobotik Family

8:05 am- Nicholas & Elizabeth Janak

12:05 pm- Living & deceased members of Alfred & Anna Etzler & Peter & Christina Kristek Families

Thursday, March 18, St. Cyril (Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47)

7:00 am- Living & deceased members of Willie & Lillie Muras Family

10:00 am- Mary Grafe (Stevens)

Friday, March 19, St. Joseph (2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a)

7:00 am- August & John Pastucha, Tonie Clark

8:05 am- Henry R. Kallus

12:05 pm- Special Intention

6:00 pm- Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 20 (Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53)

5:30 pm- Elroy Koerth

Sunday, March 21 (Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11)

8:00 am- For our Parish Family

10:30 am- George E. Bujnoch



Area Penance Services:

March 22 – St. Joseph's, Moulton, 5:30 p.m.

March 23 – Sacred Heart, Hallettsville, 5:30 p.m.

March 25 – St. Joseph's, Yoakum, 5:30 p.m.

March 26 – Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Shiner, 5:30 p.m.

Bulletin & Radio Broadcast Sponsor: Catholic Family Fraternal of Texas KJZT.

Vigil Light: In honor of Justin Voelkel entering Marines.

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$6,003; Loose-\$1,360; Children-\$52; Rice Bowl-\$853.27; Bldg. Repair Fund-\$530.

Promise of Marriage: Lindsey Rogers & David Riegor on March 20th.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of *Margaret Muhlstein & Pauline Huser* of our parish family; and, George Shimek, brother of Roman Shimek. *May they & all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.*

Don't give God instructions, just report for duty!!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

-St. Rose Spring Festival, KC Hall, Schulenburg, Turkey Dinner 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Dine in or drive thru.

Live auction, cake walk, raffle, music & more.

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

MONDAY, MARCH 15

-Blood Drive, 10:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. across from church sponsored by SHCS Student Council.

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

-Catholic Daughters meeting, 7:00 p.m., Family Center.

TUESDAY, MARCH 16

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

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

-KC's Officers meeting, 7:30 p.m., KC Hall.

-Serra Club meeting, 7:00 p.m., Jalisco's Café.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

-No CCD (Spring Break).

-Spiritual Book Study, 6:30 p.m., Mary's House.

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 19

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

-Fish Fry, KC Hall, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Dine in all you can eat. Drive thru plates to go available. Tickets (\$8 each) sold at Beauty Boutique, Hoffer's, Morton's, S.H. Credit Union, S.H. School & Rectory.

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

-Blood Drive, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Family Center.

AMONG OUR SICK: Hubert Grahmann, Alvin Rosenauer, Odessa & Doug Blumberg, Josie Ohnheiser, Mason Leibham, Riley Mika, Mary Bonorden, Annette Krupala, Anthony Corte, Amanda Conniff, Margaret Timm, Helen M. Appelt, Michael Kutac, Rosalie Simpson, Paige Haas, Anita Kallus, Jeff Zavesky, Renae Ross, Alma Jurena, Kate Kopecky, Michael L. Drozd, Bill Biehunko, Frank Fishar, Pam Dornak, Clayton Patek, Suzanne Romano, Alice Kocian, Mary Agnes Grahmann, Anita Bohuslav, Betty Toman, MacKenzie Fogle, Henri Mae Patek, Louise Pesek, Doyleen Drozd, Bryce Saldi, Travis Klimitchek, Judith Koerth, Thelma Mikulenska, Louise Tesch, Sandra Henneke, Mary Ann Koenig, Ronald Kanak, Marcella Henke, Helen Mitchon, Tillie Schott, Georgia Schaefer, Joseph Ilardo, Dolores Ludwig, Denise Lewis, Evelyn Kutac, Emil Grahmann, Lillie Demny, Henry Morris, Bruce Fritz, Milada Netardus, Paula Nemeck, Ernest Schulte, Guntram Janak, Ray Palmer, Candice Chandler, Dorothy Dworsky, Antonia Jahn, Alvin Steffek, Sr., nursing home residents, & the homebound.

The Parish Pictorial Directories are in. If you did not pick up your Directory after Mass last weekend, you may pick one up at the Rectory. Additional Directories are available for purchase for \$6.00 each.

Grief Support Group meet on Thursdays, Mar. 18–Apr. 29 5:30–7:00 pm, St. Rose Family Center, Schulenburg. No fee. To register, call Hospice of South Texas 798-2077.

From the Desk of Father John

During Lent we focus on more prayer. An excellent form of prayer is **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**. Many people do this on a regular basis. There is always room for more people to do this.

Here are some suggestions as to what you might do during Eucharistic Adoration:

1. Pray the Psalms or the Liturgy of the Hours.

Whether you are praising, giving thanks, asking for forgiveness, or seeking an answer, you'll find an appropriate psalm. The ancient prayer of the church called the Liturgy of the Hours presents an excellent way to pray through the Book of Psalms throughout the year.

2. Recite the "Jesus Prayer." Say "Lord Jesus, have mercy on me, a sinner," repeatedly as you quiet your heart and mind.

3. Meditate using Scripture. Choose a passage from the Bible. Read the words and ask God to let the passage speak to you. Pay special attention to anything that strikes you and ask God what He wishes for you to draw from that passage.

4. Read the life of a saint and pray with him or her. Most holy men and women have had a great devotion to Our Lord in the Eucharist.

5. Pour out your heart to Christ and adore Him. Speak to Jesus, aware that you are in His presence, and tell Him all that comes to your mind. Listen for His response. Pray the prayer that St. Francis instructed his brothers to pray whenever they were before the Blessed Sacrament: "*I adore You, O Christ, present here and in all the churches of the world, for by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.*"

6. Ask for forgiveness and intercede for others. Think of those who have hurt you and request a special blessing for them. Ask God to forgive you for all the times you have neglected or hurt someone else. Bring before the Blessed Sacrament all those who have asked you to pray for them. Ask the Lord to address their concerns.

7. Pray the Rosary. Pope John Paul II reminds us, "... is not the enraptured gaze of Mary as she contemplated the face of the newborn Christ and cradled Him in her arms that unparalleled model of love which should inspire us every time we receive Eucharistic communion?" (*The Church and the Eucharist*, 55) Ask Mary to join you as you gaze on Christ in the Eucharist and as you pray the Rosary.

8. Sit quietly and just "be" in the presence of God. Think of a visit to the Blessed Sacrament as coming to see your best friend. Sit quietly and enjoy being in each other's company. Instead of talking to the Lord, try listening to what He wants to tell you.

Perpetual Adoration Chapel: An adorer is needed 11:00 p.m. – 12:00 midnight on Thursday nights. If you are able to "keep watch" with our Lord during this hour, please call Charlene Bradbury at 798-3224.



The Youth ConneXion



March 14: Youth meet in church at 5:00 p.m. Firefall at 6:00 p.m., followed by youth gathering in the Youth House.

Discount Cards are still available for \$5 at the Rectory & can be used repeatedly at various local businesses through September 30th. Proceeds benefit SH Youth.

Music Practice: Mondays, 6:00 p.m., Youth House.

Religious Education (CCD) ~~ Office 798-3124

Janice Busselman, Coordinator

Angela McConnell, Assistant

March 17: No CCD (Spring Break).

March 24: Penance Service 9th – 11th Grades.

March 31: Stations of the Cross.

Sacred Heart Catholic School (798-4251)

2010-2011 School Year Registration: March 1 – April 5.

Open House, Sunday, March 14, beginning 6:00 pm for prospective 8th Grade & high school students & their parents. Staff, current students & parents will be on hand for questions, conduct video presentation & tours of school.

March 15: School Advisory Council meeting, 6:00 p.m.

March 18 & 19: No school (Spring Break).

Kindergarten Visitation, March 22 – 26 for prospective students. Please call the school office for information.

S.H.C.S. Washington Youth Group Fundraiser – Chicken Fried Chicken Breast Dinner, KC Hall, April 7, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Drive thru only. Tickets \$7.00 each. Call Debra Huser at Leopold Insurance 798-4311.

Hospice Volunteer Training on Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon through April 29, Hospice of South Texas, 404 N. Texana. Free of charge. Materials provided. For information or to register, call Linda Browning 798-2077.

St. Isidore Society Fried Chicken Dinner, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Sunday March 21, St. Mary's Parish Hall. Plates to go only \$7.00 each. Tickets sold at Hoffer's, Morton's, Peoples State Bank, Moravia Store & Blasé's.

Lenten Day of Reflection & Adoration, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Saturday, March 27, St. Mary's Church, Hallettsville. Confessions 9:00 a.m. Mass 10:00 a.m. followed by adoration, Stations of the Cross, rosary & Benediction. All are welcome. For info, call Patty Mabry (293-1665 or 741-6013) or Lorrie Adamek (293-1300 or 293-6190).

Contemplative Retreat conducted by Fr. Tommy, Sunday, March 21, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m., Sts. C&M Church, Shiner. This time will be spent in quiet meditation on the Seven Last Words of Jesus as He hung on the cross. Concludes with an hour of Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction. For information, call Joe Machacek 594-3836.

Raffle prizes are needed for our Spring Picnic. If you are able to donate a prize, please call the Rectory as soon as possible. The information needs to be sent to the printer soon. *Thank you for supporting our parish picnics!*

KJT District III annual meeting, March 21, Wied Hall. Registration 10:30 a.m. Mass 11:30 a.m. followed by meal & meeting. Each family is to bring a dessert. KJT members, their families & prospective members are invited to attend. Door prizes will be awarded.

Today, we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. You are invited to **give hope to Jesus in disguise**. Give hope to the community that has lost its livelihood to a crop disease. Give hope to the refugee child, separated from her mother. Give hope to the immigrant, trying to keep faith alive in a foreign land. The Catholic Relief Services Collection helps to fund programs that give hope to refugees, immigrants, and the impoverished, including victims of war, natural disaster, and drought. Through humanitarian, economic, pastoral, and advocacy efforts, The Catholic Relief Services Collection gives hope. Please be generous in today's Collection.

4th Sunday of Lent

Like last week's account of Moses and the burning bush, this Sunday's Gospel is another familiar Bible story. Various titles of the story of the prodigal son or the forgiving father, it has been the subject of countless stained glass windows, artistic masterpieces that hang in museums, and children's crayon renditions. While we commonly know this account as the parable of the prodigal son because of the younger son's spendthrift ways, I once heard a preacher turn the meaning on its ear. He talked about how we should really call this the story of the prodigal father, since he is the one who lavishes everything on his two sons. The younger one gets his half of the inheritance early, then, when he returns, he gets robes, rings, the fatted calf, and a feast. Subsequently, the father promises to the older son that everything he has is his. Dad is indeed lavish, that is, prodigal, with all he has.



We interpret the father in the parable as a stand in for God. He is that loving father who welcomes us back when we sin. But how often have we reflected on the extravagance of God's love? Though our God is a just God, this parable reminds us that God also puts justice aside so that we can know His eternal mercy. Certainly those who are the greatest sinners, and who have returned to the Lord, are the most aware of God's unending love. But just like the father in the parable, God wants us all.

Maybe a little Lenten project for us regular churchgoers would be to search the depths of our hearts and discover in what ways everything that the Father has is ours. The elder son wasn't aware of his blessings, even though they were always his. In what ways has God blessed us?

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Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord; cry out to the rock of our salvation. Let us greet Him with a song of praise...

Lenten Reflection. The story of the Prodigal Son helps us refocus on the meaning of Lent. This is a time to change our ways, to turn back to God our Father, and to appreciate and share the gifts we have received. As we begin the second half of our journey with Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, we remember that we are called to be stewards of what God has given us, and we connect our prayers and fasting with our giving.

SACRED HEART CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Robert Vasek:

Sherry Hale	10.00
Laurence & Carol Bludau	10.00
Macklin & Dolly Johnson & family	25.00
Charles & Dorothy Jansky	10.00
Lillian Harned	20.00
Welden & Virginia Lell	25.00
Robert & Louise Pesek	20.00
Leo & Evelyn Hoffer	20.00
Harvey & Elsie Goedrich	20.00
Peoples State Bank	10.00
Dale & James Throckmorton	25.00
Theresa & Ron Gray	25.00

SACRED HEART CHURCH MUSIC FUND

Robert & Louise Pesek 500.00

In memory of Pat Hrnecir:

John & Evelyn Pavliska 25.00

In memory of Robert Vasek:

Kubena Funeral Home	20.00
John & Evelyn Pavliska	10.00

SACRED HEART CHURCH FLOWER FUND

In memory of Robert Vasek:

Paul & Leona Najvar 20.00

SACRED HEART YOUTH GROUP

In memory of Dorothy Zampini:

Frank & Rita Zaruba 20.00

SACRED HEART SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Dorothy Marek:

Dorothy Bujnoch 20.00

In Memory of Robert Vasek:

Robert & Ann Bordovsky 25.00

In honor of Frank & JoNell Janecek's 50th Anniversary:

Charles & Doloris Leopold	100.00
Chuck Grafe	10.00
Jerome & Evelyn Grahmann	20.00

SACRED HEART SCHOOL ALUMNI FUND

In honor of Frank & Jo Nell Janecek's 50th Anniversary:

Marcus & Marjorie Grahmann 25.00

SACRED HEART SCHOOL OPERATING FUND

In honor of Frank & JoNell Janecek's 50th Anniversary:

Frank & Rita Zaruba, Jack & Sandy Zaruba & family	50.00
Bill & Sweet Hrnecir	25.00
James & Mary Lee Honish	20.00
Robert Polasek	20.00
William & Charlene Bradbury	20.00

In honor of Leon Steffek's 70th Birthday:

James & Mary Lee Honish 20.00

In memory of Robert Vasek:

Paul & Theresa Voelkel	10.00
Frank & Bernadette Bludau	10.00
Henry & Sandra Kostelnik	10.00
Dr. & Mrs. William Crandall	50.00
