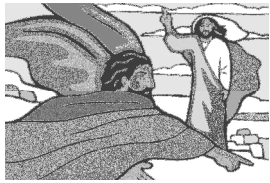


February 21, 2010: First Sunday of Lent



The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me."
 Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written:
 You shall worship the Lord, your God,
 and him alone shall you serve."
 — Lk 4:6, 7-8
 Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass 02/01, 1998, 1970 CCD.

LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, February 21 (Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13)

8:00 am- Louis R. Kallus

10:30 am- Living & deceased members of Catholic Life #22

Monday, February 22, The Chair of St. Peter, Apostle (1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19)

7:00 am- Leon Klekar, Sr.

10:00 am- Joe & Benita Pavlu (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, February 23, St. Polycarp (Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15)

7:00 am- Beatrice Melnar

Wednesday, February 24 (Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32)

7:00 am- Adolf, Mary, Jerome & Fred Jansky

8:05 am- Special Intention – in thanksgiving

12:05 pm- Manuel Loya, Sr.

Thursday, February 25 (Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12)

7:00 am- Alice Kleiber

10:00 am- Leon Sitka; living & deceased members of Paul & Hedwig Etzler Family (Stevens)

Friday, February 26 (Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26)

7:00 am- Julie & Clement Trlicek

8:05 am- Pete Steinberg

12:05 pm- Linda Cortney

6:00 pm- Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 27 (Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48)

5:30 pm- Clyde & Georgie Jobb

Sunday, February 28 (Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17; 4:1/Lk 9:28b-36)

8:00 am- Erwin F. Biehunko; Fred J. & Hattie Ehler

10:30 am- David Janak, Sr.

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



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Vigil Light: In memory of Eugene Novak.

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$6,272; Loose-\$1,096; Children-\$50.

Anniversaries:

Leo & Evelyn Hoffer	60 years	Feb. 21
Lester & Dorothy Sicko	50 years	Feb. 21
John & Evelyn Pavliska	61 years	Feb. 23
Frank & Jo Nell Janecek	50 years	Feb. 27
Fred & Kay Strauss	45 years	Feb. 27

Please pray for the repose of the souls of *Dorothy Zampini*, grandmother of Fr. Michael; *Anna Willingham*, mother of Linda Rodgers; *Geraline Morgenroth*, mother of Bob Morgenroth; & *Linda Cortney*, daughter of Ray & Hattie Earwood. *May they rest in the peace of Christ.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

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

-Parish Finance Council Mtg., 6:00 p.m., Mary's House.

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

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

-Altar Society Meeting, 5:30 p.m. in church.

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

-CCD: Grades K-11th, 6:00 – 7:10 p.m.

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

-Baptism Preparation Class, 9:00 a.m. in the Rectory.
Please call the Rectory in advance to register.

-Junior Confirmation Retreat, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.,
Family Center. Chaperons who have had Safe Environment Training are needed.

-Covered dish supper in Family Center after Spanish Mass.

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, Ed Aulick, 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, Robert Vasek, Georgia Schaefer, Joseph Ilardo, Dolores Ludwig, Denise Lewis, Evelyn Kutac, Emil Grahmann, Lillie Demny, Henry Morris, Bruce Fritz, Milada Netardus, Paula Nemecek, Ernest Schulte, Guntram Janak, Ray Palmer, nursing home residents, & the homebound.

2009 Contribution Statements are available upon request.

Please call BEFORE coming by the Rectory to give us time to prepare your statement. Thank you.

"Come & See" weekend, Feb. 27-28, Incarnate Word Convent, Victoria for single Catholic women up to 50. If interested, call 575-7111, email iwbsvoc@yahoo.com.

Perpetual Adoration: An adorer is needed 11:00 pm – 12:00 am on Thursday nights. If you are able to spend this hour with our Lord, call Charlene Bradbury 798-3224.

KJT Society #5 (Hallettsville) will meet at 5:30 p.m. on February 24 at Chovanetz Insurance Building. Plans for 2010 will be discussed. All members are asked to attend.

Christian Mothers Bunco Social, Thursday, February 25, 6:00-9:00 pm, Youth House. Chicken noodle soup will be served. Members asked to donate \$1.00 to cover expenses.

KJT #43, Wied will meet on Monday, March 1st at Wied Hall at 7:00 p.m.

From the Desk of Father John

Life goes along and then, all of a sudden, the bottom falls out. In these times, it's easy to feel despair. We want to crawl into bed and disappear.

Despair is a devastating emotion that drains our energy. As hard as we may try to avoid it, it's important to know what to do if we experience it. Surprisingly, the answer is simple: Just keep moving forward!

We can learn a lesson from Jesus' desert duel with the devil: The worst thing we can do is focus on the anguish that we're experiencing. Jesus' anguish came in three strong waves of temptations, but Jesus kept moving forward. We need to do the same.

Edmund Burke, a British statesman and philosopher said, "Never despair; but if you do, work on in despair." This advice is about as simple as it gets. Don't stop pursuing your dreams and goals. Don't forget the reason why you started your journey, whatever it may be. Get out of bed, and start moving!

If you've had a tragic event in your life, what thoughts could bring a measure of relief? What do you have to be grateful for? What have you accomplished in your life? Write it down.

If you've lost a job, brainstorm new ways to earn the revenue you need. What are you naturally good at? What do you do in your spare time that you enjoy? Keep your mind open and allow the ideas to flow.

Dear Jesus, when I'm faced with a hopeless situation, help me feel better and move forward. Amen.



The Youth ConneXion



Discount Cards are now \$5.00 each & offer discounts at various local businesses through Sept. 30th. Cards are available at the Rectory. Proceeds benefit S.H. Youth.
Music Practice: Mondays, 6:00 p.m., Youth House.

Religious Education (CCD) ~~ Office 798-3124

Janice Busselman, Coordinator
Angela McConnell, Assistant

February 24: 3rd-5th Grade penance service.

February 28: Junior Confirmation Retreat, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in the Family Center. We are in need of chaperons who have had safe environment training.

Sacred Heart Catholic School (798-4251)

2010-2011 School Year Registration: March 1 - April 9. Information & forms will be included in the March newsletter.

Library Grant: We thank the Arnold J. & Irene B. Kocurek Family Foundation for the \$3,000 grant for the Library media centers. Their kindness & generosity is greatly appreciated.

Stevens Nursing Home is in need of a new bingo machine (Cost \$600). If you would like to contribute towards the purchase of a new machine, you may drop off your donation at the Rectory. Thank you for your generosity.

Amor Meus Lenten Vespers, Incarnate Word Convent, Victoria, 5:00 - 6:00 pm, on Sundays of Lent beginning Feb. 21. Evening prayer (or Vespers) is an ancient form that predates the Church. It is a gift from our Jewish brothers & sisters & finds its base in the prayers of the Psalms. It calls us to give praise & thanksgiving to our loving God, & can prepare us for the great feast of Easter.

Lenten Reflection: In Luke's story of the temptations of Jesus we see we can be tempted by wealth, power, and esteem just as He was. Lent calls us to focus on our faith life by living it in deeper ways. As we begin our journey with Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, let us pray and sacrifice so that through our faith life we can make a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters in need.

1st Sunday of Lent

So what's your temptation? Chocolate ice cream? Gossip? Alcohol? Petty thievery? Pornography? Or just plain ignoring God?

Gratefully, none of us has to stand up in front of the whole assembly and confess the specifics of our sins (just to be clear, chocolate ice cream isn't one!). We simply admit to our sinfulness before we enter into the celebration of the Eucharist, leaving the specific confession of sin to the privacy of the sacrament of penance when we speak individually with a priest.

Sunday's Gospel directs our attention that Jesus truly was a human person just like all of us. He was subjected to temptation, just like we are. In our desire to conform our lives to be more like Christ, we seek to avoid temptation, just like He did.

For those of us who are already baptized, this Lenten season is one of renewal. We are praying more, fasting, and helping others so as to recover our baptismal innocence. These forty days are meant to get us ready for the renewal of our baptismal promises at Easter. In those promises we rejected Satan, his works, and his empty promises. We rejected sin so as to live in the freedom of God. These forty days will test our fortitude, but we don't go into them alone. We are surrounded by an entire community of faith, all of us working together to become even better Christians. Sometime during this season, we'll each confess our sins with a priest. But as we begin Lent, it might not hurt to tell one other person what you're striving for during this season. Ask them to pray for you, and to help you by being ready to ask how your Lent is going on a weekly basis from now until Easter.

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SACRED HEART SCHOOL OPERATING FUND

In honor of Frank & JoNell Janecek's 50th Anniversary:
Sacred Heart Federal Credit Union & Staff 100.00

FINANCIAL REPORT – JANUARY, 2010**Church Income:**

Sunday Collections	\$ 31,082.00
Other Donations	2,721.00
Family Center Rentals	185.00
Interest	12,865.32
Religious Articles	498.08
Latin America Collections	222.00
Calendar Raffle Transfer	4,500.00
Total Church Income	<u>\$ 52,073.40</u>

School Income:

Student Fees	\$ 475.00
Pre-K Tuition	6,475.00
K – 12 th Tuition	47,197.50
Extended Care	2,410.00
Catholic Education Envelopes	3,655.00
Memorials	345.00
Shop Donations	125.00
Home & School Assoc. Donations	12,000.00
Extravaganza	16,750.00
Donations & Gifts	1,025.00
Interest Income	3,692.67
Miscellaneous	294.00
Total School Income	<u>\$ 94,444.17</u>

Church Expense:

Salaries	\$ 7,041.62
Utilities	1,444.99
Church Expense	3,947.93
Rectory Expense	350.23
Office Expense	1,446.49
Religious Articles	936.99
Medical Insurance	1,668.00
Priests Pension	1,047.00
Family Center Expense	313.76

SACRED HEART CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUNDIn honor of Bill & Fran Byrd's 45th Anniversary:

Hollis & Barbara Magruder	25.00
Marie Grafe	10.00
Frances Holley	20.00

In memory of Gladys Dodds Koehn:

Stevens Nursing & Rehab Center	25.00
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In memory of Jerome Kocian:

Jim & Cissy Kocian	500.00
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SACRED HEART SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUNDIn memory of Peter Vorster:

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In memory of Herbert Kordsmeier:

	25.00
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St. John's Branch No. 564 Catholic Knights

In memory of Sr. Doloretta Leopold:

Dolores Schroller	10.00
Marcus & Marjorie Grahmann	20.00

SACRED HEART SCHOOL VOCATIONAL SHOP FUNDIn memory of Frank Mikes, Sr.:

Arthur Etzler, Jr.	25.00
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CAROLYN DWORSKY SCHOLARSHIP FUNDIn memory of Jerome Kocian:

Elroy & Barbara Holik	10.00
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In memory of Sr. Doloretta Leopold:

Emil & Joyce Hermes	10.00
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DOROTHY HENNEKE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDIn memory of Beatrice Melnar:

Roy & Loretta Hardcastle	10.00
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In memory of Jimmy Sanchez:

Tommy & Elsie Grahmann	10.00
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FINANCIAL REPORT – JANUARY, 2010 (Cont'd.)**Church Expense (Continued):**

Building Insurance	1,650.19
Taxes	334.34
Special Collection – Latin America	222.00
Repairs & Maintenance	689.34
Total Church Expense	<u>\$ 21,092.88</u>

School Expense:

Salaries	\$ 71,931.82
Contracted Services	817.06
Office & Teaching Expense	1,171.06
Extended Care	110.39
Postage	88.00
Public Relations	41.75
Textbooks	418.98
Library Expense	284.13
Utilities	4,790.59
Custodial Supplies	604.88
Bus Expense	3,511.74
Payroll Taxes	5,362.38
Medical Insurance	12,236.64
Retirement	3,526.07
Property Insurance	2,597.13
Convent Expense	542.36
Technology	462.65
Extravaganza	1,372.66
Alumni Expense	660.74
Academic Meets	420.00
Miscellaneous Expense	765.94
Repairs & Maintenance	761.95
Total School Expense	<u>\$112,478.92</u>

Parish Income **\$146,517.57****Parish Expense** **-133,571.80****Parish Balance** **\$ 12,945.77****SACRED HEART SCHOOL OPERATING FUND**In memory of Jerome Kocian:

Franklin & Nola Bohuslav	10.00
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In memory of Jimmy Sanchez:

Donnie & Nicole Belicek	10.00
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In memory of Frank Mikes, Sr.:

Freeman & Jackie Pettus Family	15.00
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In memory of Henry & Ann Kostelnik:

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In memory of Thomas Parks:

Leon & Nancy Etzler	15.00
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Margaret Bludau	20.00
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Sharon Bludau	20.00
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In memory of Rose Marie Pekar:

Ronnie & Agnes Huser	10.00
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In memory of Otto J. Kalischko:

Donnie & Nicole Belicek & family	10.00
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In honor of Olga Haas' 95th Birthday:

Arthur Etzler, Jr.	25.00
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In memory of Sister Doloretta Leopold:

Glenn & Donna Leopold	20.00
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Julius & Lisa Tobola	10.00
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Arthur Etzler, Jr.	40.00
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In honor of Frank & Jo Nell Janecek's 50th Anniversary:

S. E. & Mary Golsch	20.00
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Larry & Doris Grubert	20.00
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Andrew & Jane Pesek	20.00
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DOROTHY HENNEKE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDIn memory of Eugene F. Couch:

Roland Henneke	20.00
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Catholic Relief Services Operation Rice Bowl



Operation Rice Bowl began in 1975 in the Diocese of Allentown, PA as a response to the drought in the African Sahel. For 35 years, Operation Rice Bowl has called

participants to pray with their families and faith communities; fast in solidarity with those who hunger; learn about our global community and the challenges of poverty around the world; and give sacrificial contributions to support those in need.

Operation Rice Bowl offers Catholics in the United States a way to connect with our brothers and sisters around the world. We believe that through solidarity the world can be transformed.

Over the past 35 years, \$191 million has been collected through Operation Rice Bowl to support CRS' development projects that improve people's ability to access food in communities around the world and in the United States. Each Lent, faith communities across the United States participate in Operation Rice Bowl as a way to foster solidarity with the poor around the world.

Nearly 14,000 parishes, schools and faith communities participated in Operation Rice Bowl 2009. Approximately \$8 million was contributed through Operation Rice Bowl.

Seventy-five percent of Operation Rice Bowl proceeds come to Catholic Relief Services to help fund development projects designed to increase food security in communities in over 40 countries around the world. No Operation Rice Bowl funds are used for emergency programming.

CRS development projects include agriculture projects helping farmers improve crop yields and increase food security in communities; water projects bringing clean water to communities; microfinance projects encouraging the growth of small businesses; mother and child health projects providing basic health and nutrition services; education projects providing resources and training; HIV and AIDS projects supporting the local Catholic Church in communities around the world in addressing the many needs of people affected by this disease.

All CRS development projects help strengthen communities, foster self-reliance and respect the human dignity of its participants.

Twenty-five percent of Operation Rice Bowl contributions remain in dioceses in the United States to help fund local hunger and poverty alleviation projects. Catholic Relief Services believes that the twenty-five percent of Operation Rice Bowl contributions remaining in the dioceses affirms the importance of our global responsibility as Christians to assist those in need both around the corner and around the world. The contributions remaining in dioceses help participants understand the plight of the poor around the world through the experience of the poor in their own communities.

Operation Rice Bowl is not just about putting money in a Rice Bowl during Lent. It combines four equally important components: praying, fasting, learning and giving. The alms are collected in the home during Lent as one part of the program. Alms are a part of our Lenten sacrifice that includes praying and fasting. With the help of materials such as the Lenten Calendar, participants have a daily guide for prayer and fasting in solidarity with the poor. In addition to giving alms, participants also have the opportunity to learn more about the developing world and to deepen their Lenten experience with spiritual reflection.

Operation Rice Bowl Prayer. God of all people, hear us as we join in prayer with our brothers and sisters in need. Bless our Lenten fasting, learning, and giving. May your generous love for your people be our guide as we reach out to all who live with hunger and poverty. Amen.