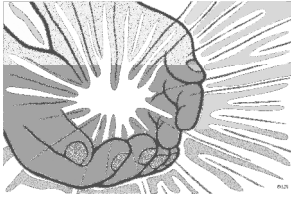


## March 22, 2009: Fourth Sunday of Lent



**"F**or everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God." — Jn 3:20-21

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## LITURGY

### MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

#### **Sunday, March 22 (2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/ Jn 3:14-21)**

8:00 am- Paul & Annie Henneke

10:30 am- For our Parish Family

#### **Monday, March 23, St. Toribio de Mogrovejo (Is 65:17- 21/Jn 4:43-54)**

7:00 am- Living & deceased members of Catholic Knights

10:00 am- Elroy Koerth (H'ville Rehab)

#### **Tuesday, March 24 (Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16)**

7:00 am- Dorothy Petru

#### **Wednesday, March 25, Annunciation of the Lord (Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38)**

7:00 am- Louis, Annie & Joseph Kartman

8:05 am- Henrietta Pesek

12:05 pm- In thanksgiving

#### **Thursday, March 26 (Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47)**

7:00 am- Randy Zavesky

10:00 am- Joe & Bessie Sitka (Stevens)

#### **Friday, March 27 (Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30)**

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

8:05 am- Helen Schulte

12:05 pm- Ryan Grahmann

#### **Saturday, March 28 (Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53)**

3:00 pm- Henry Pavliska (Polka Fest Mass at KC Hall)

5:30 pm- Paul H. Netardus

#### **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)

**Bulletin & Radio Broadcast Mass Sponsor:** St. John Branch #564 Catholic Knights of America.

**Vigil Light:** Special intention for the blessing of rain.

**Our Gift to God:** Envelopes-\$5,656.50; Rice Bowl-\$920; Loose-\$1,015; Children's-\$35; Catholic Ed.-\$2,112

**Please pray for the repose of the souls of** Millie Gerlich & David Janak of our parish family. *May they & all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.*

#### **Anniversaries**

James & Beatrice Jakubek 35 years March 24

**Rosary Leaders** for weekend Masses are needed. Please call the Rectory to sign up for this ministry.

#### **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 22**

-Baptism Preparation Class, 9:00 a.m. in the Rectory.

Please call the Rectory in advance to register.

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

-Youth Sausage Dinner, 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m., KC Hall.

Plates to go only – \$6.00 each

### **MONDAY, MARCH 23**

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

-Aim for Success parent program, 7 pm, Family Center.

All Sacred Heart Parish parents are welcome to attend.

-Parish Finance Council meeting, 6:00 p.m., Rectory.

-Parish Advisory Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Rectory.

-Mens ACTS meeting, 7:00 p.m., Shiner Family Center.

### **TUESDAY, MARCH 24**

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

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

### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25**

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

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

### **THURSDAY, MARCH 26**

-John Michael Talbot Concert, 7:00 p.m. in church.

### **FRIDAY, MARCH 27**

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

-Sausage & Polka Fest, KC Hall. Fish Fry Dinner begins at 5 pm. Music by Don Peachy 7–10:30 pm.

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 28**

-Sausage & Polka Fest, KC Hall. Polka Mass 3 pm featuring St. Mary's Czech Choir. Sausage Dinner begins at 4 pm. Dance 5–11 pm by Dujka Brothers & Jodie Mikula.

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 29**

-Sausage & Polka Fest, KC Hall. Fried Chicken & Sausage Dinner begins 10:30 am. Shiner Hobo Band 11 am – 1 pm. Red Ravens, Czech & Then Some, & Czechaholics 1–8 pm.

-Covered dish supper in Family Center after Spanish Mass.

**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 Mikulenka, 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.

## From the Desk of Father John

Prayer and reflection are guides on the path from Lent to Easter.

Prayer is conversing with God. It may involve asking for help, confessing sins, offering praise, listening to or just being with God. You may use your own words, repeat traditional prayers in a heartfelt way or just be silent in God's presence.

Reflection is a form of thoughtful examination of your life thus far, including your goals, priorities and accomplishments.

Prayer and reflection help you to better know yourself and God.

They are important for real conversion of the heart and spiritual renewal.

Pray the rosary every day. Meditate often on Christ's Passion and Resurrection. Reflect on your own attitudes and behavior to see how they could be more Christ-like and to examine the direction your life is taking. Set aside time every day for family prayer and spiritual discussions. Read aloud selections from the Lenten Sunday Masses. Recite appropriate psalms from the Bible (for example, Psalm 90). Read the Gospels and the New Testament, too.

### A daily prayer for Lent:

*Lord Jesus, help me take up my cross daily and follow in Your footsteps, especially during this time of Lent.*

*Turn my heart to You so that I may love You above all else and my neighbor as myself. Amen.*



## The Youth ConneXion



**Sausage Dinner, March 22:** 11:00 am, KC Hall. Tickets are available for purchase after each Mass this weekend. Proceeds benefit all youth activities. *Thank you for your support!!*

## 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.

**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.

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.

## Sacred Heart Catholic School News (361) 798-4251

### **\*“Aim for Success – Abstinence Education Program”**

for all parents as well as students in grades 6 – 12. The parent program, a presentation to help parents understand sexual education for their children, will be presented on Monday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Center. **All parents of Sacred Heart Parish are welcome to attend the parent program.** The student programs will be held during the school day on Tuesday, March 24. Sponsored by the Home & School Association.

**\*KC Sausage & Polka Fest, March 27–29.** Work lists & sign up sheets have been sent out. Proceeds benefit SHCS athletics, so students & parents are needed to work to help make this fest a success.

**\*2009-2010 School Year Registration:** March 2–April 6. Details & forms were 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.

The State Department estimates that nearly 5 million people have been displaced, forced to leave their homes, because of the war in Iraq. The Catholic Relief Services Collection supports resettlement services for refugees, serves victims of human trafficking, and provides pastoral care and advocacy. Of the 50,000 total refugees authorized to enter the United States in 2007, nearly one-third were helped by USCCB Migration and Refugee Services, one organization receiving funds from the Collection. The Collection also supports legal services for refugees, advocacy, relief and development, and disaster/emergency relief. When you donate to The Catholic Relief Services Collection, you give hope. Please be generous in today's collection.

Members of Sacred Heart & St. Mary's parishes who have attended an ACTS Retreat need to meet with Fr. Michael & Fr. John on April 5th at 3:00 p.m. in the Family Center.

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.

The Catholic Daughters will receive communion in a body at the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March 29.

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.

John Michael Talbot will perform in concert on Thursday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m. in Sacred Heart Church. Admission at the door will be \$10 per person; children 12 & under \$5. No advance tickets will be sold.

Lenten Retreat, April 4, St. Mary's Church, 10am – 4pm. For info or to RSVP call Patty 293-1665, Lorrie 293-1300

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

I want you to try something on your next birthday. When you've gathered with family or friends, and you have enjoyed a nice meal and maybe a little cake (but not too much!), gather the unopened gifts that may have been brought for you and have someone put them on a table just out of your reach. Then, as everyone gathers around you ready to listen to you read the cards and tear off the wrapping paper, tell them that even though you can see the gifts and you know they were given with love, you're not going to open them right now because it's too hard to reach across the table to them. Imagine their reaction!

It is probably one of the most well-known and oft-recited passages in the Bible and is part of today's Gospel reading from John: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life." In this simple yet so very powerful sentence, we are told that we all are recipients of the greatest gift ever given – eternal life – and all we need to do is to believe. We would never leave a birthday present unwrapped; why, then, do so many choose not to believe? Why do they choose not to unwrap the greatest gift that will ever be given to them?

Whether one attends Mass on a daily or weekly basis, we are forever invited to share in the gift that is Jesus Christ through the sharing of the Eucharist (CCC 1336). When we can finally accept the love from God that was manifested in Jesus Himself, and further accept Jesus' gift to us of the redemption of our sins through His willingness to die on the cross, then we will truly live in the glory of eternal life. On this Fourth Sunday of Lent, give thanks for not only for our smaller gifts, but for the greatest gift of all.



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**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.**

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### ***Why are we called Catholic?***

*Catholic* comes from the Greek word, *kaqolikos*, which means *universal*. It was used to describe the Church as early as the first century, although at that time there were no other Christian churches or denominations. Christians were simply followers of the Christ. Everyone who believed in Jesus Christ's teachings was a Christian. It meant that the faith was intended for all people of all time everywhere. The first split in the Christian faith came in the year 1054. Christians in the east (basically the area we call the Middle East today) separated from Christians in the west (basically Europe). In the sixteenth century, splits formed in the Western (Roman Catholic) church. From these came the many churches which today are called *Protestant* (based on the word *protest*). *Protestant* is a very general word. Baptists, Methodists, Lutherans, Presbyterians, and many others are all Protestants.

### ***Where are the Church Headquarters?***

The "headquarters" of the Catholic Church is in Vatican City, which is located in the heart of Rome, Italy. That is one of the reasons we are called Roman Catholics. The buildings that make up this headquarters are usually called the *Vatican*, and they're located within the very small (109 acres!) boundaries of this totally independent city-state. The chief bishop of the Catholic Church lives here. He is known as the pope, which comes from the Italian word for *father*, so we often refer to him as *the Holy Father*. The most recent Church council (1962-1965) met at the Vatican. Councils are named after the place where they are held. This was the second time a council had been held at the Vatican, so it's usually referred to as Vatican II. There have been twenty-one general or ecumenical councils in our two-thousand-year history. *Handbook for Today's Catholic Teen*

**SACRED HEART CHURCH  
ENDOWMENT FUND**

<u>In memory of Julia Satsky:</u>	
Mr. & Mrs. Chris Janak & family	10.00
Marilyn Strauss	20.00
Alice Brown	10.00
Peoples State Bank	10.00
<u>In memory of Emily Kremling:</u>	
Marty & Karen Steffek Family	10.00
<u>In memory of Lillie Grahmann:</u>	
Robert & Sandra McCord	20.00
Ben & Beverly Mozisek	10.00
Mark & Stephanie Klesel	25.00
<u>In memory of Ethel Bludau:</u>	
Larry & Kathy Svetlik	25.00
<u>In memory of Leona Haase:</u>	
Ed & Carolyn Aulick	10.00
<u>In memory of Anita Drabek:</u>	
Frankie & Lucille Klekar	10.00
<u>In memory of David Janak:</u>	
Robert & Joy Schulz	30.00

**SACRED HEART CHURCH BUILDING  
REPAIR FUND**

<u>In memory of Dennis Smirak:</u>	
Darcy & John Warren	100.00

**SACRED HEART CHURCH MUSIC FUND**

<u>In honor of John &amp; Evelyn Pavliska's Anniv.:</u>	
Mary Ann Pavliska	20.00
Madeline Migura	60.00
Mike & Milissa Zamora & family, John & Susan Pavliska & family, Tim Pavliska	60.00
<u>In honor of Dolores &amp; Ed Hrcir's Anniversary:</u>	
Judy Renger	25.00
<u>In memory of Jeanette Gandt:</u>	
Bob & Lou Kubena	30.00
<u>In memory of Lillie Grahmann:</u>	
Kubena Funeral Home	20.00

**SACRED HEART QUILTING CIRCLE**

<u>In memory of Julia Satsky:</u>	
Kubena Funeral Home	20.00
<u>In memory of Josephine Terry McCain:</u>	
Kubena Funeral Home	20.00

**SACRED HEART SCHOOL ATHLETICS  
FUND**

<u>In memory of Douglas Bludau:</u>	
Pat & Gayle Henke	30.00

**SACRED HEART DAYCARE BOOK FUND**

<u>In memory of Virginia Pederson:</u>	
Philip & Pat Schlageter	10.00
<u>In memory of Geneva Malik:</u>	
Harry & Linda Cull	15.00

**SACRED HEART CCD PROGRAM**

<u>In memory of Charles Bock:</u>	
Frank & Jo Nell Janacek	25.00
<u>In memory of Ray Kelnar:</u>	10.00
<u>In memory of James Kouba:</u>	10.00
<u>In memory of Douglas Bludau:</u>	10.00
<u>In memory of Julia Satsky:</u>	10.00
Helen M. Appelt	

**SACRED HEART SCHOOL ENDOWMENT  
FUND**

<u>In memory of Julia Satsky:</u>	
George & Dorothy Bujnoch	10.00
<u>In memory of Lillie Bohuslav:</u>	
Marvin & Georgie Bohuslav	6.00

**SACRED HEART SCHOOL OPERATING  
FUND**

<u>In memory of Julia Satsky:</u>	
Royce & Anna Brown	10.00

**SACRED HEART SCHOOL BAND FUND**

<u>In honor of Dolores &amp; Ed Hrcir's Anniversary:</u>	
Gene Renger	25.00

**DOROTHY HENNEKE SCHOLARSHIP  
FUND**

<u>In memory of Anita Drabek:</u>	
Richard Grahmann	5.00
Roy & Loretta Hardcastle	10.00
<u>In memory of Lillie Grahmann:</u>	5.00
<u>In memory of William Earl Dossey:</u>	5.00
Richard Grahmann	

**CAROLYN DWORSKY SCHOLARSHIP  
FUND**

<u>In memory of Emma Meyer:</u>	
Charlene Leopold & Evelyn Sklar	10.00
Glenn & Mary Ann Janca	10.00
Kenneth & Denise Barton & Lance	20.00

**DWAYNE JANAK SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

<u>In honor of Guntram Janak's Birthday:</u>	
Margaret Bludau	20.00