

March 11, 2012, Third Sunday of Lent



And to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me.

— Jn 2:16-17

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LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, March 11 (Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25)

8:00 am- Stacey Rabel & Albert Cernoch

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

Monday, March 12 (2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30)

7:00 am- Gene Schindler

10:00 am- Living & deceased members of Victor & Lena Grafe Family (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, March 13 (Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35)

7:00 am- Chris Jares

Wednesday, March 14 (Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19)

7:00 am- Helen M. Etzler

8:05 am- Ernest Schulte

12:05 pm- David Janak

Thursday, March 15 (Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23)

7:00 am- Emogene Kahanek

10:00 am- Annie & Charlie Henke (Stevens)

Friday, March 16 (Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34)

7:00 am- Henry Sitka *Day of Abstinence*

8:05 am- Daniel Wick

12:05 pm- John & Annie Novak

6:00 pm- Stations of the Cross

Saturday, Mar. 17, St. Patrick, Bishop (Hos6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14)

5:30 pm- Ora Nell Satsky

Sunday, March 18 (2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21)

8:00 am- Rudy & Dorothy Petru

10:30 am- Lou Kubena



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Vigil Light: Living & deceased members of the Neskora & Hermes Families.

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$6,414.50; Rice Bowl-\$1,289; Catholic Education-\$1,367; Loose-\$1,250; Children-\$29.

Perpetual Adoration – An adorer is needed on Mondays at 4:00 p.m. If you are able to spend this hour with our Lord in prayer and adoration, please call Charlene Bradbury at 798-3224.

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children) Volunteer Training, 5:30-7:30 p.m., on Mondays, March 12-April 9, First United Methodist Church, Hallettsville. For information or to register, call 573-3734 or visit www.goldencrescentcasa.org

Lenten Day of Reflection & Adoration, Holy Rosary Church, Hostyn, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Sat., March 17. For information, please call Pat Richter 979-247-4438.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

-St. Rose Spring Festival, KC Hall, Schulenburg.

-Catholic Life Branch 22 mtg, 12:00 Noon, Family Center

MONDAY, MARCH 12

-Rosary & Evening Prayer, 5:30 p.m., Church.

-SHCS Student Council Blood Drive, 10:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in front of Sacred Heart Day Care.

-KJZT meeting, 5:30 p.m., Mary's House.

-Choir Practice, 6:00 p.m., Church.

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

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

-No Adult Education Class.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

-No CCD – Spring Break.

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

-Blood Drive, 8:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Gym parking lot.

Among our sick: Edna Key, Frank Fishar, Faith Del Castillo, Michael Gerdes, Renae Ross, Doug Blumberg, Dan & Danielle Grady, Rose Thumann, Bill Gohlke, Sterlin Ritchie, Ed Aulick, Ricky Skelton, Larry Appelt, Victor Pavliska, Anita Bohuslav, Paul Najvar, Irene Bordovsky, Milissa Zamora, Rhonda Janak, Larry Korenek, Red Kahanek, Theresa (Alvin) Steffek, Hank & Marion Morris, Angela Hermes, Chris Layton, Wade Amsden, Vernell Bozka, Denise DeBord, Frank, Patrick & Robben Nemeck, Geneva Strmiska, Brenda Bludau, Lois Dornak, Patricia Schlageter, LaNora Konvicka, Bobby Lee Drozd, Anne Mae Technik, Sandra Mozisek, Grace Ritchie, Benedict Brosch, John Schlageter, Frank Konvicka, Sylvester Garza, Magdalene (Mrs. Joe N.) Steffek, Raymond Ben Steffek, nursing home residents & the home-bound.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Training and Refresher Course – All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who help to distribute Communion at Masses and to the homebound **AND** all those interested in becoming commissioned to serve as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, must attend a training course with Fr. Tommy on Tuesday of Holy Week, April 3 from 7:00-9:00 pm in the church. Bishop Fellhauer has asked that all those particularly in this liturgical ministry receive a theological and practical refresher on a regular basis. A sign-in sheet will be available for current Extraordinary Ministers on the day of the course. Those who wish to become Extraordinary Ministers should contact Fr. Tommy beforehand to sign up for the course.

St. Isidore Society Fried Chicken Dinner, St. Mary's Parish Hall, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Sunday, March 18. Plates to go only. Tickets \$7 at Hoffer's, Morton's, Peoples State Bank, Moravia Store & Blasé's Place.

From the Desk of Father John

Today we welcome Bishop Fellhauer and some of the Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament for the dedication of the monument honoring the sisters. We are grateful to the Sisters for having founded our school 130 years ago and continuing to serve in the school.

Today, we also dedicate a statue of St. Philomena. Pope St. Pius X gave to St. Philomena the title, "*Patroness of Youth.*" The future of the Church depends upon the faith and virtue of our youth.

St. Philomena's most glorious title was bestowed upon her by Pope Pius IX: "*Patroness of the Children of Mary.*" She is here to teach us childlike confidence in the Mother of God. Her mission is to form us into pure, trusting and perfect "*Children of Mary!*" How is she to accomplish this awesome task?

Pope Gregory XVI imparted to St. Philomena the title: "*Patroness of the Living Rosary.*"

The statue of St. Philomena has been donated in memory of Adolph E. and Caroline A. Polasek.

**Sacred Heart Catholic School News
Office 798-4251**

March 12: School Advisory Council meeting, 6:00 p.m.

March 14-16: Spring Break – no classes.

**Religious Education (CCD) ~ Office 798-3124
Angela McConnell, Coordinator**

Mar. 14: No class – Spring Break.

Mar. 21: Penance Service, 6th-8th Grades.

Mar. 28: 2nd Grade students & parents Last Supper Feast, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Family Center.

3rd Sunday of Lent – While the cleansing of the Temple offers a dramatic scene - and is the subject of many an artistic representation - the actual event is less important than Jesus' discourse about it. "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up," He says in response to the objections of the onlookers. John, the Gospel writer, makes it clear that Jesus is talking about the temple of His body. Like last week's Transfiguration story, we are once again directed to the Resurrection of the Lord. In the new dispensation under Jesus, the religious identification of a single place is no longer important. Worship, and an awareness of the presence of God, can take place anywhere.

The presence of the risen Lord can be experienced at any place and time. In just a few weeks we will hear how Jesus appears to His disciples after His resurrection despite locked doors. That the risen Lord can be anywhere is a key insight of early Christianity. Through baptism, the presence of Christ through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit is made manifest in each Christian. The three days of the Lord's Passion, death, and Resurrection have made all the difference. A lot can happen in three days!

Financial Report – January, 2012

Church Income:

Sunday Collection	\$ 40,709.50
Other Donations	5,282.70
Religious Articles	899.46
Latin America Collection	247.00
Family Center Rental	1,045.00
Interest	6,033.69
Total Church Income	\$ 54,217.35

Church Expense:

Salaries	\$ 8,919.82
Utilities	1,190.02
Church Expense	2,708.49
Rectory Expense	395.71
Office Expense	1,298.11
Religious Articles	1,253.83
Property & Auto Insurance	2,418.42
Family Center Expense	246.71
Special Collection - Latin America	247.00
Medical Insurance & Pension	2,688.68
Repairs & Maintenance	121.06
Total Church Expense	\$ 21,487.85

School Income:

Registration Fees	\$ 450.00
Bus Fees	90.00
PreK – 12 th Grade Tuition	58,970.00
Extended Care	2,190.00
Catholic Education Envelopes	2,001.00
Memorials & Other Donations	1,313.00
Extravaganza	12,060.00
Total School Income	\$ 77,074.00

School Expense:

Salaries	\$ 79,707.34
Contracted Services	650.30
Utilities	4,717.84
Office & Teaching Expense	1,844.92
Postage	150.48
Public Relations	181.09
Music	42.85
Library Expense	412.95
Plant Repairs	1,304.26
Custodial Supplies	1,321.93
Bus Expense	2,125.82
Payroll Taxes	5,869.76
Medical Insurance & Pension	18,520.40
Property Insurance	3,274.87
Convent Expense	716.65
Acquisition of Equipment	54,714.53
Technology	302.10
Extravaganza	924.81
Miscellaneous	1,322.59
Total School Expense	\$ 178,105.49

Parish Income	\$ 131,291.35
Parish Expense	- 199,593.34
Parish Deficit	\$ (68,301.99)

The Word of God This Week

Set time aside each day this week with other members of your household, with other members of your parish or alone to listen to and reflect on the living Word of God. Use these passages from the Lectionary that are assigned for Liturgy this week. Reflect on how the Lord is inviting you to a deeper union with him.

TODAY

Exodus 20:1–17
1 Corinthians 1:22–25
John 2:13–25

MONDAY

Luke 4:24–30

“... no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown.”

TUESDAY

Matthew 18:21–35

“... forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

WEDNESDAY

Matthew 5:17–19

“I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.”

THURSDAY

Luke 11:14–23

“... the kingdom of God has come to you.”

FRIDAY

Mark 12:28–34

“You shall love your neighbor...”

SATURDAY

Luke 18:9–14

“... all who exalt themselves will be humbled...”

The Anger of Jesus

Today’s narrative appears in all four Gospels, but John places his account at the beginning of Jesus’ ministry. This is in contrast to Mark, Matthew, and Luke, who placed it near the end of Jesus’ life on earth.

John’s portrayal of the cleansing of the temple reinforced the theme of Jesus as the expected Messiah and the Son of God. John also used this event to show how early on Jesus referred to his coming Resurrection, even though it was not understood at the time.

Although we commonly think of Jesus as a gentle, peace-loving man—children and sick people were comfortable approaching him—on occasion, Jesus displayed strong righteous indignation, or holy anger.

Jesus was angered by those who sold animals for sacrifice and money changers who exchanged money from foreign lands into the proper coinage for the temple tax. He thought they turned the

temple, a holy place, into a marketplace. Instead of a house of prayer and worship, it was a store.

After driving the exploiters out of the temple, the Jews wanted Jesus to give them a sign, or a display of miracles, to prove that he had the authority to act as he had. When Jesus provided an answer regarding the temple, he was misunderstood.

The temple to which Jesus referred was not the physical building, but the temple of the body. While the actual temple stood in need of purification, its function would be replaced by the risen body of Christ, resulting in the new Covenant.



The Faith of the Church

The cleansing of the temple indicates the replacement of the building by the person of Jesus, the living Temple of God. A description of the destruction of the temple is written in various forms, John uses, “I will destroy this temple made with hands and within three days I will build another not made with hands.” Here it is symbolic of Jesus’ resurrection and the resulting future Christian community (Cf. *New American Bible* 1991).



Questions of the Week

What a shock it must have been for the Jews in Jesus’ time to hear him say that the Temple in Jerusalem would be destroyed, and he would rebuild it in three days. How could they possibly know that he was referring to his own body?

Adults

As a Catholic today, what does this event in the Temple teach me about the Resurrection?

Children

Why do I think Jesus was so angry when he arrived at the Temple in Jerusalem? Was he right to get so mad?

Responding to God's Word . . .

I cannot imagine what my feelings would have been if I had arrived at the Temple and found the buyers and the sellers doing business and exploiting those coming in for Passover. Like Jesus, I would have been angered at the manner in which some made money and took advantage of others in the name of religion.

Obviously, Jesus was troubled when he saw people turning the Temple into a social club or an average marketplace.

Jesus reminded the disciples that God's house was meant to be a house of prayer. It was his zeal for God's

house that moved him to action.

If we have a zeal for the Lord's house, we will not rest silently when others pervert its intended purpose. Or might we be guilty of a similar offense ourselves?

I wonder if we sometimes attend church more as a form of "networking," to make contacts with friends and colleagues, or even to make social plans for the coming week.

God demands holiness from us. We must take care not to be irreverent when it comes to being at church and the times meant for worship.

SUGGESTIONS

Use one of these suggestions or one of your own to respond to God's Word this week.

In the home. Discuss with your family things that happen in the Church today that upset you and offer possible solutions.

In the workplace or in school. If any of your classmates or coworkers makes fun of your faith or religion, stand tall and don't allow this disrespect.

In the community. Try to organize a seminar in your area where several people representing different religions can talk and answer questions from the public.



Meditation Moment

A 1980s study showed that an average of 600 Catholics per parish were inactive in their faith. It also showed that most Catholics who return after being inactive did so because someone invited them back. Lastly, the study showed that the best recruiters of inactive Church members were those who had once been inactive themselves. In other words, they were people like the woman at the well in Samaria.

For reflection . . .

Who is one person I know to be inactive and whom I might invite back to church? How?

IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED,
YOU ARE RUNNING ABOUT AVERAGE.

M. H. ALDERSON

FROM *MISSION* BY MARK LINK, SJ

Saint Francis of Assisi's Prayer Before the Crucifix

Most High,
glorious God,
enlighten the darkness
of my heart
and give me true faith,
certain hope, and perfect charity,
sense and knowledge,
so that I may carry out your
holy and true command.
Amen.

Carry this thought in your heart as a guide for your faith journey this week.

Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.

St. Francis of Assisi

Profile in Faith

Saint Francis of Assisi

In Greccio, Italy, Saint Francis of Assisi created the first Christmas crib in the year 1223. Word went out to the people of the town; they came carrying torches and candles. For Francis, the simple celebration was meant to recall a savior who chose to become poor for our sake.

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