

March 17, 2013: Fifth Sunday of Lent



Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." — Jn 8:6-7

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LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, March 17 (Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11)

8:00 am- For our Parish Family

10:30 am- Lou Kubena, Eugene & Eva Brent

Monday, March 18, St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:12-20)

7:00 am- David Janak, Sr.

10:00 am- Henrietta Fabian (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, March 19, St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (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- Alfred & Antonia Jahn

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

7:00 am- Gussie Kainer

8:05 am- Henry & Sylvia Kallus

12:05 pm- Bennie, Lucille & Otto Linhart, & Sis

Thursday, March 21 (Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59)

7:00 am- Josephine Matejek

10:00 am- Agnes Seitz (Stevens)

Friday, March 22 (Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42)

Day of Abstinence from Meat

7:00 am- Elroy & Judith Koerth

8:05 am- Tom & Rosie Tousek, & Jim & Bessie Kouba

12:05 pm- Herbert J. Goedrich

6:00 pm- Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 23, St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop (Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56)

3:00 pm- Henry Pavliska (Polka Mass, K.C. Hall)

5:30 pm- William Gohlke

Sunday, March 24, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14-23:56)

8:00 am- Ludwig Lanik

10:30 am- For our Parish Family

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Anniversaries:

Tim & Cindy Spanihel 30 years Mar. 19



Please pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, MARCH 18

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

-Choir Practice, 6:15 p.m., Church.

-Catholic Daughters Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Cafeteria.

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

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

-Fr. Tommy's Adult Ed. Class, 7:00 pm, Family Center.

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

-K.C. Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

-JCDA Meeting, 3:45-5:00 p.m., Family Center. Each girl is asked to bring her favorite children's book to read to the children at Sacred Heart Day Care.

-CCD: K-12th Grades, 6:00-7:15 pm.

-Divine Mercy Study/Prayers, 7:30 pm, Church Cry Rm.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

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

-K.C. Fish Fry, K.C. Hall. Drive thru 5-6:30 p.m. Dine in 5-7 p.m. Tickets \$8.00 each.

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

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

-Community Palm Sunday Service, 3:00 pm, St. James Episcopal Church.

-Youth Night. Adoration of Blessed Sacrament, 5 pm in church. Parishioners are invited to attend Adoration.

Among our sick: Edna Key, Frank Fishar, Faith Del Castillo, Michael Gerdes, Renae Ross, Doug Blumberg, Rose Thumann, Sterlin Ritchie, Ed Aulick, Ricky Skelton, Larry Appelt, Milissa Zamora, Chris Layton, Hank Morris, Frances Moore, Frank, Patrick & Robben Nemeck, LaNora Konvicka, Delores Grahmann, Benedict Bujnoch, Lorene Christ, Donna Coldewey, Matt Pohler, Donna Avant, Wilbert Kalinec, Mary Bonorden, Dorothy Allen Hass, Rev. Lundy Hooten, Josephine Muniz, Vivian Janak, Rose Mary Etzler, Rosalee Gaskamp, Helen Kresta, Clinton Henneke, Tillie Schott, Bobbie Lee Drozd, Lucille (Cudlum) Werner, Donna Steffek, Dr. Harvey Renger, Jr., Frank Gutierrez, Glenn Rabel, nursing home residents, & the homebound.

South Texas Polka & Sausage Fest, March 22-24, K.C. Hall, Hallettsville. Great music, good food and happy times! Dance \$8.00 per person per day.

Friday: Texas Legacy Czech Band 7:00-10:30 p.m. Fish Fry Meal \$8 per person serving 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Saturday: Polka Mass 3:00 p.m. Dujka Brothers & Jodie Mikula 5:00-11:00 p.m. Serving Sausage & Sauerkraut Dinner with Kolaches - \$8 per plate.

Sunday: Shiner Hobo Band 11:00 a.m. Czechaholics & Fritz Hodde 1:00-8:00 p.m. Concert 4:30-5:00 p.m. Serving Fried Chicken, Sausage & Sauerkraut Dinner with Kolaches- \$8 per plate. Serving begins 10:30 a.m. **Chicken noodle soup available Saturday and Sunday.**

From the Desk of Msgr. John

Habemus Papam – We have a new Pope! On Wednesday, March 13, 2013, Argentinian Jorge Cardinal Bergoglio became Pope Francis, our 266th Pope. We pray for his intentions and for him as he guides the Catholic Church in our world at this time.

Today we celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Lent. “Let the one among you who is without sin, be the first to throw a stone.” The season of Lent calls us to recognize our own sinfulness. This familiar passage from the Gospel of John urges us to look at our sins before we condemn another. Jesus silences the scribes and Pharisees by fulfilling the Law of Moses without condemning the woman. Jesus grants forgiveness to the woman (and to us), and this authority comes from God.

God offers eternal forgiveness. Sin separates us from God. The only sins that remain unforgiven are the ones we haven’t repented. Examine your conscience this Lent.

The scribes and Pharisees in this passage seem not to care about the woman and care more about putting Jesus in a difficult situation in an attempt to entrap Him. Jesus, in contrast, treats the woman with dignity. Our faith demands that we treat people with dignity and respect.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus says to the woman, “Go and sin no more.” How might we break the patterns of sin in our lives?

Religious Education (CCD) –

Mar. 20: 2nd Gr. Last Supper, Family Center.

Mar. 27: Stations of the Cross, Grs. 2-12.

Mar. 28: Jr. Class participates in Holy Thursday Mass.



Sacred Heart Catholic School –

Mar. 28: Live Stations 11:30 a.m. Classes dismissed 12:00 noon. No extended care.

Mar. 29: Classes dismissed for Good Friday.

Apr. 1-5: No school. NCEA Convention for faculty.

Raffle Prizes for our Spring picnic are needed. If you are able to donate a prize, please call or come by the Rectory at your earliest opportunity.

If you would like to contribute towards the Easter Flowers, you may place your donation in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket or drop it off at the Rectory.



Silent Retreat & Day of Fasting, March 23, 10am-4pm St. Mary’s Church, Hallettsville. Mass, confessions, adoration, stations, rosary, Divine Mercy. Bread and water will be provided. Bring your rosary and bible. For more information, call Lorrie Adamek at 293-1300 or 293-6190. Families are encouraged to attend.

YOUTH NIGHT! We will be having our second to last youth night of the semester on Sunday, March 24, at Sacred Heart Church with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:00 pm followed by games & pizza at the Youth House!! Also, the surprise previously mentioned will happen. We have been blessed with a donation of a new ping pong table for the Youth House by Catholic Life Insurance! The evening will end with a short presentation & discussion titled "Saved by Faith and Works," based on a common criticism of Catholics by Protestant Christians. As Catholics we are often asked, "Are you saved?" or "Have you accepted Jesus Christ into your heart?" The answer is "Yes, I am saved. I am Catholic!" We will discuss what this means & how this applies to the way we live out our daily lives. Don't miss out on the opportunity to learn how to defend your faith, & be the first to play on the new ping pong table!!

Men’s ACTS Retreat, Apr. 18-21. Registration forms are at entrance of church. Mail form to address on application.

Please pray for the blessing of 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. To think that so much water can fall out of the sky, which now is empty and clear! We place our trust in You. We are sure that You know our needs. But You want us to ask You anyway, to show You that we know we are dependent on 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 – The woman in the Gospel is unexpectedly brought before Jesus today. She is exposed in front of everyone. Here she is, being confronted with shame, and sin, and all the condemnation that the indignant elders could heap upon her. Jesus points out to her accusers their own shortcomings, and in light of that, they all fade away. She is left before Him alone, and He admonishes her to avoid sin in the future.

While alcoholism is understood to be a disease and not so much a moral failing, there is human suffering that can be fallout from such an affliction. That's why one of the Twelve Steps in Alcoholics Anonymous is to be willing to make amends to all persons that have been harmed. Making amends is also part of the sacrament of penance. When confessing our sins, there is the expectation that we will have to make some sort of restitution. That's what real penance is: an amendment, that is, a correction of one's life. We've spent part of Lent examining our lives and assessing where we have failed in living according to God's will. Like Kate in the movie, maybe we've had a sudden moment of insight. Or maybe we've just come to the realization of what we need to correct. Now is the time for us to confess, to do penance, and to be reconciled to God and neighbor. (2013 Liturgical Publications, Inc.)