

March 30, 2014: Fourth Sunday of Lent



When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him. — Jn 9:35-38

LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, March 30 (1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38)

8:00 am- Hilbert & Agnes Bludau

10:30 am- For our Parish Family

Monday, March 31 (Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54)

7:00 am- Marjorie Chanek & Elrose Haas

10:00 am- Martha Repka (H'ville Rehab)

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

7:00 am- Marie Voelkel Holy

Wednesday, April 2 (Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30)

7:00 am- Delores Hrcncr

8:05 am- Ernest & Janie Hermes, William & Emma Meyer Families

12:05 pm- Raymond & Elizabeth Linhart Brosch, & Helen Marie

Thursday, April 3 (Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47)

7:00 am- Gilbert Butschek; living & deceased members of Fred & Elizabeth Butschek and Guntram & Annie Janak Families

10:00 am- Alfons Cejka (Stevens)

Friday, April 4, St. Isidore, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30)

Day of Abstinence from Meat

7:00 am- Frank, Annie & Gene Holik

8:05 am- Richard Wachel

12:05 pm- Adele Richardson

6:30 pm- Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 5, St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest (Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53)

5:30 pm- For our Parish Family

Sunday, April 6 (Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45)

8:00 am- David Kostelnik

10:30 am- Louis & Tillie Schott

Church Bulletin Sponsor: Bob Kubena in memory of Raymond & Elizabeth Linhart Brosch & Helen Marie, and Adele Richardson.

Radio Broadcast Sponsor: In memory of Hilbert & Agnes Bludau.

Vigil Light: Special intention for family & health.

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$5,567.50; Manna Food Pantry-\$919; Rice Bowl-\$1,212; Loose-\$1,968; Children's-\$42.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

-Msgr. John Peters' 40th Anniversary Celebration, Mass at 3:00 p.m. in church. Supper at 5:15 p.m., KC Hall **for those who made a reservation.**

MONDAY, MARCH 31

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

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 1

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

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

-CCD: K-12th Grades, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

-First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins 6:00 p.m. *Intention for April: For all of the sick & suffering, especially those who are seriously ill.*

-RCIA, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Youth House.

-Holy Hour for Priestly Vocations, 7:00 p.m., church.

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

-First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ends with Benediction at 6:00 p.m., church.

-Stations of the Cross, 6:30 p.m., church.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

-Serra Club Mass for Vocations, 8:30 a.m., Praha.

-Blessing of expectant mothers, 5:30 p.m. Mass.

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

-Blessing of expectant mothers, 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Masses.

-KJZT District I meeting, Family Center. Registration 11:30 a.m. followed by meal.

Among our sick: Donna Avant, Lorene Christ, Wilbert Kalinec, Mary Bonorden, Josephine Muniz, Vivian Janak, Bobbie Lee Drozd, Donna Steffek, Glenn Rabel, Lisa Grissom, Richard Grahmann, Colin Grahmann, Emil Hermes, Georgia Schaefer, Pat Hanslik, Leroy Loth, Barbara Kubena, Kathy Davis, Russell Janak, Elrose Ehler, Marilyn Palmquist, Doug Blumberg, Terry Mitchon Bludau, Amanda Gutierrez, Melissa Pilat, Becky Pekar, Kyle Stellige, Victor Vasek, Kassia Kubena, Barbara Gummelt, Louise Tesch, Robert Butschek, Karen Kahanek, Harvey Drozd, Monte Staha, Marie Hermes, Karen Perez, Doris Anders, Kynlee Klekar, Jack Crandall, Georgie Meyer, Theresa Hemmi, nursing home residents, & the homebound.

Anniversaries:

Sheryl & Leon Barnes	35 years	March 31
Billy & Jackie Bludau	30 years	March 31
Michael & Diana DeLaRosa	30 years	March 31

Please pray for the repose of the soul of *Yvonne Muska* of our parish family. *May she and all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.*

From the Desk of Msgr. John

This weekend we welcome Bishop Fellhauer, Bishop Grahmann, and Bishop Olson, the priests, religious, and out of town guests who are here to help me celebrate my 40th anniversary of priesthood. We all gather to celebrate the Priesthood of Jesus Christ.

We will have our Lenten Parish Mission from April 5th-9th. Our Mission priest will be Fr. Bob Hogan. The topics of the Mission will be –

Jesus, Revealer of God's Love (having a relationship with Jesus, experiencing His transforming love, how to pray).

Jesus as Savior and Lord (repentance, healing, the cross, discipleship).

Jesus as the Christ, the Giver of the Holy Spirit (the risen Lord imparting the Spirit; role of the Holy Spirit in our lives).

We are progressing nicely with our Capital Campaign for the school. With everyone's continued support, I am sure we will reach our goal and then some by June 1st when we start the renovation and expansion. Thank you to all who have contributed in any way.

CCD News ~~

April 2: Penance for 6th-12th Grade.

April 9: 2nd Grade students & parents Last Supper, Family Center.

April 16: Stations of the Cross for 2nd-12th Grade.

April 17: 11th Grade participate in Holy Thursday Mass.

YOUTH NEWS: We hope everyone is having a week of blessings! We join together this week especially in prayer for those in our community who are suffering. Each moment of our day brings the mixed message of suffering as well as thanksgiving. Suffering in the things we have lost and thanksgiving for the things we have. Yet we rejoice in the faith that Jesus is suffering with us and can give us strength. Our upcoming **Youth Night!** taking place on April 13 will be our last Youth night of the semester. We will end the semester with a farewell to the seniors to be scheduled at a later date, as well as our trip to Splashway as a youth group! God Bless!

Picnic Raffle donors are needed. Please call or come by the Rectory if you are able to donate a prize.

Looking for former students of St. John-Assumption

Seminary: The Committee for the Celebration of the Centennial Anniversary of St. John-Assumption Seminary would like to send former students a formal invitation to the celebration of 100 years of Ministry and Service. If you are a former student or know a former student, please contact Mike Davis at Assumption Seminary: mike.davis@archsa.org or 210-734-5137 with your contact information. Thanks.

“Come & See” Discernment Weekend for single Catholic women 18 to 50 years old, April 12-13, Incarnate Word Convent, Victoria. For information or to register, call 575-7111, email iwbsvoc@yahoo.com or check us out at www.iwbsvictoria.org.

Blessing ceremony of Rosary Path, Stations, and prayer space at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, April 13, on East lawn of Incarnate Word Convent. The public is invited to attend.

Raffle tickets (\$100 each) for a 2014 Chevy Silverado LT 1500 4x4 crew cab truck are available for purchase at the Rectory. The truck is on display at Grafe's and will be given away at the Parish Picnic on May 25th.

Lenten Silent Retreat & Day of Fasting, Saturday, April 12th, 10am-4pm, St. Mary's Church. Confession, Mass, adoration, stations, rosary, Divine Mercy. Bread & water will be provided. Families are welcome. For information call Lorrie Adamek 293-1300 or 293-6190.

Bluebonnet Youth Ranch Spring Fling, April 6, Yoakum Community Center. BBQ Chicken Plates 10:30am-1pm. Shiner Hobo Band, classic car show, live auction, raffle.

4th Sunday of Lent – "So he went and washed, and came back able to see." The man born blind was healed by the power of Christ. But the man played his part as well. First, he let Jesus spread the clay on his eyes, which was probably just as strange as it sounds. This wasn't a typical practice for curing blindness! In fact, there was no such practice; as the blind man said, "It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind." Yet the man trusted Jesus enough to submit to this odd therapy. Then, still caked in mud, the man followed Christ's direction to wash in the Pool of Siloam. Only after this washing was the healing complete.

If the man had doubted Jesus, if he had been too skeptical to participate in this unusual ritual, he would not have been cured. But he believed. He took Jesus at His word and obeyed His command. Ironically, this man without physical vision "saw" what those around him did not. He recognized that Jesus was a prophet. The Pharisees, on the other hand, were "blinded" by Jesus' boldness in curing the man on a Sabbath day. They thought they were looking at a sinner.

Jesus tells us He came, "so that those who do not see might see." Where do we fall on this spectrum of spiritual vision? Are we like the man who followed Christ without question? Like him, do we respond to Jesus with obedience, even when it doesn't "appear" to make sense at the time? Or do we struggle to see Christ in the trials of life? During this season of Lent may we identify any areas where doubt has created a blind spot in our hearts. Let us pray that our eyes may be opened to recognize, even amidst struggles, the One who is "the light of the world." ©Liturgical Publications, Inc.