

March 9, 2014: First Sunday of Lent



Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan!"

— Mt 4:8-10a
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LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, March 9 (Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11)

8:00 am- For our Parish Family

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

Monday, March 10 (Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46)

7:00 am- Helen Kresta

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

Tuesday, March 11 (Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15)

7:00 am- Delores Hrcir

Wednesday, March 12 (Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32)

7:00 am- August & Karolina Dornak

8:05 am- Daniel Strauss

12:05 pm- Joseph & Anna Labay Family

Thursday, Mar. 13 (Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12)

7:00 am- A.J. & Shirley Leopold

10:00 am- Julius & Sidonia Mikulenska, Benefactors (Stevens)

Friday, March 14 (Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15)

Day of Abstinence from Meat

7:00 am- Frank & Peggy Janak

8:05 am- David Janak, Sr.

12:05 pm- Living & deceased members of Rudolph & Elizabeth Schindler Family

6:00 pm- Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 15 (Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48)

5:30 pm- Clyde & Georgie Jobb

Sunday, March 16 (Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9)

8:00 am- Ludwig Lanik

10:30 am- For our Parish Family

Church Bulletin Sponsor: Martha Sitka in memory of Henry Sitka.

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Vigil Light: Special Intention.

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$7,266.50; Building Repair Fund-\$1,569; Loose-\$1,200; Children-\$54.

Promise of Marriage: Lindsay Hahn & Travis Jahn on March 15.

Please Note: Spanish Mass will be held on Sunday, March 23 and not on March 30.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

-KJT District III Meeting & Meal, St. Mary's Parish Hall after 9:15 a.m. Mass. Members bring dessert.

-Youth Night Holy Hour, 5:00 p.m., Church, followed by fellowship at the Youth House.

MONDAY, MARCH 10

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

-Cantors' & Organists' Practice, 6:05 p.m., Church

-Adult Choir Practice, 7:00 p.m., Church.

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

-No CCD – Spring Break.

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

-RCIA, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Family Center.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

-Blood Drive, 8:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m., Gym Parking Lot.

Among our sick: Donna Avant, Lorene Christ, Matt Pohler, 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, Yvonne Muska, 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, nursing home residents, & the homebound.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of *Mrs. Roman (Mary) Wenske, Sr.*, mother of Clarence Wenske of our parish family. *May she rest in the peace of Christ.*

Anniversaries:

Charles & Mary Chapman	40 years	March 9
Tommy & Patricia Henke	30 years	March 10
Dan & Jacquelyn Boone	63 years	March 10

KJZT District I meeting & meal, April 6, Family Center. Registration 11:30 a.m. followed by meal & meeting. Society #2 to please bring a dessert. RSVP by March 21 to Mary Ann Pavliska 798-5033 or Renee Hardt 798-3886.

St. Rose Spring Festival, K.C. Hall, Schulenburg, March 9. Turkey Dinner served 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Auction, cake walk, music, surprise packages, sweepstakes.

Hospice Volunteer Training, Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., March 18 thru May 6, Hospice of South Texas Office, 306 N. Texana. If interested, call Volunteer Services at 798-2077. Training and materials are free.

From the Desk of Msgr. John

Congratulations to Frances Kallus for having been selected as the Distinguished Alumna of Sacred Heart Catholic School for this year. Each year the Diocesan School Office honors one person from each of the Catholic schools in the Diocese of Victoria for his or her contributions to the school that he or she attended.

Frances has been very dedicated to her alma mater over the years. She has worked very hard on the Extravaganza for many years and has helped in many areas. She, along with her family, has been very dedicated and helpful to Sacred Heart School and is very deserving of this honor.

Lent has begun. Let us make good use of this season to renew our relationship with God and to continue to grow spiritually. We want to be properly prepared to celebrate Holy Week and Easter Sunday. We don't want to let Lent slip by us.

SAVE THE DATE! Msgr. John Peters will be celebrating his 40th Anniversary of Ordination on **Sunday, March 30** beginning with Mass at 3:00 p.m. in church followed by a supper at the KC Hall at 5:15 p.m. Everyone is invited. If you plan to attend, please **RSVP by March 17** by signing the sheet in the Church Foyer and indicating how many are attending.

CCD News ~~

March 12: Spring Break – no CCD class.

March 26: Penance for 3rd-5th Grades.

Sacred Heart Catholic School News ~~

March 12-14: No School – Spring Break.

Help Wanted: Worker/Cook in the Cafeteria. Call 798-2122 for information or to apply.

Registration for the 2014-2015 School Year for PreK through High School is underway. **PreK 3 is under consideration. It will need to be financially feasible before we can actually commit.** Registration forms have been mailed to current students, and must be returned by Tuesday, March 11. New and current students may register at the school office from 8:00 am–4:00 pm. Extended care is available until 5:30 p.m. for students in PreK–5th Grades. New students, including PreK, must provide birth and/or Baptism certificates, Social Security Number and immunization records.

For more information, please call the school office at 798-4251 or visit our website at www.shschool.org.

Youth Night!!! ~~ Please join us for Youth Night this Sunday, March 9th from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.!

We are still accepting deposits for the summer trip to Steubenville! If interested, please contact Troy Spring at troy@splashwaywaterpark.com. The cost is \$300 with an early deposit of \$40 due upon registration. You may

leave the deposit at the Rectory with a note including parent's name, contact information and name of the youth attending. Please note that fundraising and scholarships will be made available to those in need.

PARISH DIRECTORY: You're in luck! We have been given three additional days of photography – March 23, 25 & 26, from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Family Center. Times are going fast so call Linda Pavliska 798-3253 to schedule your appointment.

Complimentary pictures are arriving daily for those who did not buy additional pictures. Those pictures will be in the church foyer during weekend Masses on March 28 & 29. Someone will be there to assist you.

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.

1st Sunday of Lent –

Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. Today's Gospel brings us face-to-face with the reality of spiritual warfare. A battle is going on in the desert. The devil is out to win the allegiance of the Son of God. But Jesus fights back. Not with fists or knives, but with the Word of God. For every temptation the devil proposes, Jesus arms Himself with the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God (Eph 6:17). This strategy proves effective. Ultimately, the devil left Him, and then Jesus was consoled by the presence of angels.

In our modern era, we face a new temptation: to deny the existence of spiritual beings. Angels appear to be little more than lawn ornaments or Christmas crafts, and too often the devil is reduced to an analogy for the vague presence of evil. Perhaps the greatest achievement of the father of lies, as Pope Francis has suggested, is to make us believe that he does not exist. But the word of God gives us a different idea: Be sober and vigilant. Your opponent the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour (1 Pt 5:8). This is no fairy tale. Satan wants to win our allegiance, too.

During Lent, we have the opportunity to fortify ourselves for this serious, if silent, combat. Just as Jesus fasted and prayed for forty days before that diabolical encounter, we take these forty days of Lent to conquer the weak spots where we are susceptible to attack. We fast to strengthen our self-control, we give alms to strengthen our generosity, and we pray to strengthen our faith in God's power and providence. A sincere effort now, in the desert of Lent, can lead us to victory as we engage in the ongoing spiritual battle for the allegiance of our souls.

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