

## February 22 – First Sunday of Lent



After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." — Mk 1:14-15

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## LITURGY

### MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

#### Sunday, February 22 (Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15)

8:00 am- Louis R. & Julia Kallus, & Carolyn Steffek  
10:30 am- Joe & Bernadina Bludau  
5:00 pm- Steven Lehman (Spanish Mass)

#### Monday, February 23, St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr (Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46)

7:00 am- Anthony & Florence Grahmann, & Connie  
10:00 am- Mary Grafe, Benefactor (H'ville Rehab)

#### Tuesday, February 24 (Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15)

7:00 am- William "Suggie" Grahmann

#### Wednesday, February 25 (Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32)

7:00 am- Karen Steffek  
8:05 am- Ben Brosch

12:05 pm- Edward & Louise Kubena Family

#### Thursday, February 26 (Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12)

7:00 am- Ray Earwood  
10:00 am- Frankie Klekar (Stevens)

#### Friday, February 27 (Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26)

7:00 am- Mass of Thanksgiving – Frank & JoNell Janecek's 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
8:05 am- Irene Jurica Palmer  
12:05 pm- Jo Erlene Lanik

**6:00 pm-** Stations of the Cross

#### Saturday, February 28 (Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48)

5:30 pm- Leon & Emogene Kahanek

#### Sunday, March 1, Second Sunday of Lent (Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10)

8:00 am- Alton & Bea Heinzl  
10:30 am- Our Parish Family

**Bulletin & Radio Broadcast Sponsor:** In memory of Raymond & Elizabeth Brosch and Helen Marie.

**Vigil Light:** Special intention for employment.

**Our Gift to God:** Envelopes-\$6,254.50; Loose-\$1,375; Children-\$73; Catholic Education Envelopes-\$3,314; Church Endowment Envelopes-\$80; School Endowment Envelopes-\$25.

### Happy Anniversary!

Frank & JoNell Janecek	55 years	Feb. 27
Fred & Kay Strauss	50 years	Feb. 27
Melvin & Mary Ann Jurica	55 years	Feb. 28



Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence from meat.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

- Baptism Preparation Class, 9:00 a.m., Family Center.
- Covered Dish Supper after Spanish Mass, Family Center.
- Youth night! 5:00-7:30 pm. Join us for a great time

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

- Blood Drive, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Family Center.
- Rosary & Evening Praise, 5:30 p.m.
- No Parish Finance Council Meeting.
- No Parish Advisory Council Meeting.

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

- Quilting Circle, 9:00 a.m., K.C. Hall of Fame Room.
- P.I. Classes, 9:30-11:30 a.m. & 7-9 p.m., Family Center.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

- CCD: K-12<sup>th</sup> Grade, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- Divine Mercy Study/Prayers, 7:00 p.m., Church Cry Rm.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

- God's Embrace, 6:30-9:00 p.m., Family Center.
- RCIA Class, 7:00-8:30 p.m., SHCS New Computer Lab.

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27 (Day of Abstinence)

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



Among our sick: Donna Avant, Lorene Christ, Josephine Muniz, Wilbert Kalinec, Barbara Kubena, Kathy Davis, Elrose Ehler, Marilyn Palmquist, Doug Blumberg, Becky Pekar, Amanda Gutierrez, Karen Kahanek, Harvey Drozd, Monte Staha, Marie Hermes, Karen Perez, Georgie Meyer, Doris Anders, Jack Crandall, Gary Trojcak, Brian Wisnoski, Jeanne McClain, Frances Kutach, Sweet Hrcir, Henry Konvicka, Clorisa Hartensteiner, Betsy Brown, Leo Haas, Jr., Marcella Henke, Mark Henneke, Kirk Remmers, Richard Grahmann, Margie Becker, Maurice Parr, Dollie Parr, Joyce Tesch, Msgr. Celestino Say, Steve Grasshoff, nursing home residents, & the homebound.

**Gabriel Project Workshop & Training, March 7, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Mary's House, 300 S. Dowling, Hallettsville.** Light breakfast, lunch & free materials will be provided. For information or to register, call Theresa Kostelnik 772-4153 or email [takostelnik@att.net](mailto:takostelnik@att.net). The Gabriel Project is a ministry providing help to pregnant women in need. Become a Gabriel Angel – accompany a woman throughout her pregnancy; serve as positive role model for parents-to-be; assist with collection of monetary, maternity and baby items from parishioners; maintain inventory of donated items; work telephone hotline; prepare meals for new mothers; provide childcare for children of the mother; provide money management instruction; pray for mothers and volunteers of The Gabriel Project.



**Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas – Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you, and a hope of finally embracing you. Amen.**

*From the Desk of Msgr. John*

This Sunday at the 10:30 a.m. Mass we will celebrate the Rite of Sending with the catechumens (unbaptized) and candidates (baptized) in the RCIA. This offers our parish community an opportunity to acknowledge the spiritual progress these catechumens and candidates have made, express approval of their election or recognition, and send them forth to our bishop with assurance of our parish's care and support. To send a catechumen or candidate to the bishop means that a parish has discerned that the person is ready to enter the Catholic Church. In the Rite of Sending, those preparing for Baptism are invited to come forward and sign a book, which we call the "Book of the Elect," as a sign of their desire to be numbered among the chosen of God. The catechumens will then be referred to as the "Elect." The candidates will sign their name in the "Book of Promise" as a sign of their desire to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church and receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Godparents and Sponsors will give testimony as to the readiness of each catechumen and candidate.

Later in the day the Elect and Candidates, along with their Godparents and Sponsors, will celebrate the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion with Bishop David Fellhauer in Victoria. Across the entire world, Catholic bishops on the first Sunday of Lent welcome those sent by their parishes. May we keep these Elect and Candidates in our prayers as we offer our support and example.

Msgr. Celestino Say, our former pastor, is recovering from some falls recently. He is presently in Twin Pines North, 1301 Mallette Dr., Victoria. If you wish to send him a get well card, you may send it to Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 105 N. William St., Victoria, Texas 77901.

I will be in Mexico City from this Monday morning until Friday evening visiting families that I know there.

**Sacred Heart Youth News ~~**

**YOUTH NIGHT!!** This Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup>, 5:00-7:30 p.m. Great food, great fun, and great time with the Lord. All those interested in Steubenville on the Bayou this summer are encouraged to attend and bring their interest forms. Also, be sure to bring a Youth Group Registration Form if you have not done so already.

**Sacred Heart CCD News ~~**

**Feb. 25:** Regular class.

**Sacred Heart School News ~~**

**Feb. 23:** Student Council Blood Drive, 10:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Family Center.



**REV. MSGR. JOHN C. PETERS SEMINARY BURSE**

**In memory of William "Bill" Curley:** Charles & Doloris Leopold-\$100; Bernard & Mary Grahmann-\$10.  
**In honor of Msgr. John C. Peters 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination:** Raymond & Lois Dornak-\$20.

**1st Sunday of Lent –**

"And He remained in the desert for forty days." Lent is meant to be like our journey into the desert. Just as Jesus spent these days fighting with temptation and ultimately building up His spiritual strength, we too are called to spend the next forty days doing battle with the things that tempt us. We are invited during this holy season to grow in self-discipline by giving something up for Lent. The long-standing Christian practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are also important elements of this spiritual battle. When we pray, we open ourselves to the Holy Spirit, thereby squeezing out any spirit of selfishness or evil that threatens to control our hearts. When we fast, we exercise the virtue of temperance, or self-control. This virtue is of tremendous value when we are tempted to indulge our bodily senses in ways that are not healthy or holy. And almsgiving--when it is truly generous--also strengthens us spiritually by shifting our gaze to the needs of others, even to the point of making a personal sacrifice.



Today's Gospel tells us that Jesus "was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to Him." What a contrast! The brutal, vicious, bloodthirsty beasts and the pristine, heavenly angels were both there at the same time: each with radically different intentions. And so it is with us. Our reality is also marked by the contrast between the brutality and vice of sin and the grace and goodness of faith. During Lent, we acknowledge the battle between



good and evil within our own souls and do what we can to stir up a victory for goodness. This season of purification can help each of us to become a

better, holier, and therefore happier person. May we make good use of this, our journey into the desert.

**REV. MSGR. JOHN C. PETERS SEMINARY BURSE**

**In memory of Anita Pesek & Terry Wick:** Frank & Rita Zaruba-\$50.

**SACRED HEART CHURCH CCD FUND**

**In memory of George Koncaba, Sr.:** Steven & Cheryl Leopold-\$15. **In memory of Terry Wick:** Glenn & Shara Steffek-\$20; Robert & Barbara Grahmann-\$15; Forrest & Carol Sevcik-\$10; Denise & Michael Drozd-\$20; Frances Holley-\$10; Bill & Virginia Grafe-\$40; Kurt & Tracy Swoboda Family-\$50; Vera Rabalais-\$20; Larry & Doris Grubert-\$20. **In honor of Bill & Fran Byrd's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Frances Holley-\$10.

**SACRED HEART CHURCH BEREAVEMENT FUND - In memory of William**

**"Bill" Curley:** John & Sherry Henke-\$20; Laurence & Carol Bludau-\$20; Rita & Frank Zaruba-\$20.



**Parish Financial Report – January, 2015**

**Church Income:**

Sunday Collections	\$ 40,064.00
Other Donations	3,401.54
Religious Articles	746.00
Family Center Rental	1,350.00
Interest	326.69
Church in Latin America Collection	388.00
Total Church Income	<u>\$ 46,276.23</u>

**School Income:**

Tuition	\$ 72,280.00
Student Fees	1,089.25
Extended Care	2,005.00
Catholic Education Envelopes	1,292.00
Memorials	565.00
Extravaganza	16,650.00
Miscellaneous	4,491.06
Total School Income	<u>\$ 98,372.31</u>

**Church Expense:**

Salaries	\$ 8,359.45
Utilities	1,554.19
Church Expense	3,851.40
Rectory & Office Expense	1,284.45
Building & Car Insurance	2,271.65
Family Center Expense	249.15
Religious Articles	615.28
Church in Latin America Collection	388.00
Medical Insurance & Pension	3,278.78
Repairs	96.30
Total Church Expense	<u>\$ 21,948.65</u>

**School Expense:**

Salaries	\$ 91,877.90
Contracted Services	792.00
Library Expense	1,396.86
Extended Care	142.02
Postage	198.08
Utilities	5,313.74
Plant Repairs & Maintenance	5,295.58
Custodial Supplies	2,123.83
Bus & Vehicles Expense	2,398.63
Payroll Taxes	6,769.15
Medical Insurance & Retirement	22,461.70
Property Insurance	5,000.00
Convent Expense	527.66
Miscellaneous	422.00
Technology & Supplies	300.43
Marathon Expense	1,480.00
Extravaganza	158.88
Annual Gifting Expense	87.30
Total School Expense	<u>\$146,745.76</u>

<b>Parish Income</b>	<b>\$144,648.54</b>
<b>Parish Expense</b>	<b>(168,694.41)</b>
<b>Parish Deficit</b>	<b>\$ (24,045.87)</b>

**SACRED HEART CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND**

**In memory of George Konkaba, Sr.:** Glenn & Anita Schulte-\$10; Forrest W. Timm, Jr.-\$10; Robert & Louise

Pesek-\$10; Connie Holub Swetlick-\$25; Michael, Janice & Steven Jares-\$20; Bobby & Clara Smith-\$10; Helen Konkaba-\$10; Harvey & Vivian Janak-\$10; Mr. & Mrs. George E. Migl-\$20; Anthony & Patrick Petru-\$5; Larry & Doris Grubert-\$10; Jim & Vicki Netardus-\$5; Franklin Billimek-\$15; B.J. Janak-\$20; James Horecka-\$50; Dennis & Barbara Janak-\$25; Betty Pohler Family-\$60.

**In memory of James Liska:** P.A. & Helen Flessner-\$20. **In memory of William "Bill" Curley:** Lucille Klekar-\$10; Martha Sitka-\$10; Ed & Peggy Scherer-\$20; Paul & Doris Patek-\$15; Larry & Carolyn Munsch-\$25; Knights of Columbus #2433-\$25; Linda Maiorana-\$20.

**In memory of Anita Pesek:** Irene & Charles Coldewey-\$20; Alton & Bernice Michalcik-\$15; Alvin Paul & Barbara Grahmann-\$15; Ricky & Barbara Steffek-\$10.

**In honor of Bill & Fran Byrd's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Alton & Bernice Michalcik-\$25.

**SACRED HEART CHURCH MUSIC FUND**

**In memory of George Konkaba, Sr.:** Bob Kubena-\$20. **In memory of William "Bill" Curley:** Kubena Funeral Home-\$20.

**SACRED HEART SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND**

**In memory of George Konkaba:** Lucille Klekar-\$15; Charles & Annabeth Neumeyer-\$100; Andrew, Sheila & Noah Henke-\$5. **In memory of Bill Curley:** Alfred & Marilyn Chovanetz-\$40; David & Carol Bohuslav-\$20; Frank & JoNell Janecek-\$25; Doris & Bob Zumwalt-\$25.

**SACRED HEART SCHOOL OPERATING FUND**

**In memory of George Konkaba, Sr.:** Jimmie & Sylvia Steffek-\$20; Anonymous-\$20; Victor Konkaba Family-\$20; Alton & Debbie Fojtik-\$10; Michael & Jennifer Liska-\$20; Paul & Annette Henke-\$20; Viola Konvicka-\$20; Evelyn Schaefer-\$10. **In memory of James Liska:** Glenn & Shara Steffek-\$20. **In memory of William "Bill" Curley:** Pam & Everett Bludau-\$25; Robert & Barbara Grahmann-\$15; Tommy & Angela Henneke-\$20; Frank & Bernadette Bludau-\$10; Henry Joe & Delores Jasek-\$20; Bill & Virginia Grafe-\$20; James & Tonie Brooks-\$10; Marcus & Cheryl Meyer-\$50; Evelyn Schaefer-\$10; Mr. & Mrs. Jimmie Steffek-\$20; George & Irene Knebel-\$25; Steven & Jennifer Steffek-\$25; Emma Bujnoch & Joseph-\$10. **In memory of Leonard "Len" Marvin:** Carol Wysocki-\$100.

**SACRED HEART SCHOOL ALUMNI FUND**

**In memory of George Konkaba, Sr.:** Charles & Dorothy Jansky-\$10; Irene Remlinger-\$20; Marcus & Marjorie Grahmann-\$25. **In memory of William "Bill" Curley:** Mary Ann Pavliska-\$10; Marcus & Marjorie Grahmann-\$25.

**SACRED HEART SCHOOL LEARNING CENTER**

**In memory of William "Bill" Curley:** Harry & Linda Cull-\$25.

**SACRED HEART QUILTING CIRCLE**

**In memory of George Konkaba, Sr.:** Kubena Funeral Home-\$20. **In memory of William "Bill" Curley:** Daniel & Dorothy Rother-\$20. **In honor of Bill & Fran Byrd's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Daniel & Dorothy Rother-\$25.