

SUNDAY-AUGUST 7, 2011

Mass Intentions:

Sunday, August 14-

9:15 a.m.-Living & Deceased Members of the
Joe & Katherine Pesek Family

Monday, August 15- The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 p.m.- For Rain

Sunday, August 21-

9:15 a.m.-Daniel Opela

Sunday, August 28-

9:15 a.m.-Edwin & Selma Shimek

First Friday, September 2-

7:00 p.m.-Henry Ulcak

Sunday, September 4-

9:15 a.m.-Carolyn Migl

Rosary Leaders:

Aug. 14-Sandy Konvicka

Aug. 21-Ruth Rouse

Aug. 28-Lucille Klekar

Sept. 2-Angela Hermes

Sept. 4-Janie Fikac

Lectors:

Aug. 14-Anthony Matula

Aug. 21-Maria Hermes

Aug. 28-Dorothy Schneider

Sept. 4-Daniel J. Matula

Cantors:

Aug. 14-Ruth Rouse

Aug. 21-Laurence Bludau

Aug. 28-Richard Rouse

Sept. 4-Lucille Klekar

Extraordinary Ministers:

Aug. 14-Tony & Joyce Bludau & Evelyn Konvicka

Aug. 21-Billy & Bev Hrcir & Vivian Mozisek

Aug. 28-Patrick Pesek, Mary Urbish & Richard
Sommerlatte

Sept. 4-Leon & Nancy Etzler & Pat Mladenka

Altar Servers:

Aug. 14-Samuel & Simon Machicek, Joshua &
Abigail Bludau

Aug. 21-Adam & Ryan Hermes, Erin Svetlik &
Kaitlyn Rother

Aug. 28-Eric Klekar, Jacob Janak, Ross & Clay
Rother

Sept. 4-Mikayla, John & Derek Konvicka &
Alexius Mizera

Offertory Gift Bearers:

Aug. 14-M/M Michael Konvicka & Family

Aug. 21-M/M Joshua Mika & Family

Aug. 28-M/M Bennie Mitchon

Sept. 4-Michael & Rita Migl & Daughters

Church Ushers:

Aug. 14-Roman Henke, Robert Pustka, Charles
Grafe & Gilbert Urbish

Aug. 21-Leon Matula, Al Svetlik, Francis Klekar &
Sidney Jasek

Aug. 28-Eugene Gillar, Robert Sciba, Bernard
Patek & Richard Sommerlatte

Sept. 4-Alois Bujnoch, Scott Blaschke, Gilbert
Mozisek & Marvin Bujnoch

Church Cleaners:

Aug. 13-Katherine & Vic Kahanek & Angela
Hermes

Aug. 20-Barbara Matula, Monica Matula &
Susan Bujnoch

Aug. 27-Viola Konvicka, Vivian Mozisek, Joyce
Bludau & Rita Migl

Sept. 3-Betty Bujnoch, Lucille Bujnoch & Susan
Janak

Mass Attendance:

July 3—305 July 10—280

July 17—290 July 24—250

July 31—220

Memorial to St. Mary's Building Fund

In Memory of Grace Rother

Perry, Roxanne, Colleen & Caitlyn Deem.\$10.00

From the Desk of Father John...

Today’s families come in all shapes and sizes. Amid all those differences, one thing is certain: maintaining a strong family takes a lot of time, energy and work – oh, and a dose of prayer! Looking at who we are through the eyes of our faith, we see that although we may not be the image of the perfect family every day, we are holier, indeed “greater,” than we think.

Great Catholic families make Sunday Mass the center of their week. The foundation of solid Catholic family life – the glue that keeps us together – is Sunday Mass. If you have young children, getting out the door of church is almost as much a challenge as keeping the kids quiet during the homily. If you have teens, the biggest challenge (after getting them out of bed) is to get them to pay attention. Yet, going to Mass each week is worth the work. When we approach God’s altar to receive the Eucharist, our share in Christ’s Body and Blood deepens our communion with Him and, through Him, builds up His Body, the Church. Together in community, we sing hymns and learn how our voices blend. We listen to the Word of God and learn how to follow Jesus. We pray together and learn about silence and humility. On Sunday we are reminded that the center of our family life is Christ.

Faith Builder: *Enjoy Sunday brunch as a family and talk about the part of Mass that resonated most with each person. Hold on to that lesson for the week.*

Memorials to St. Mary’s Altar Society

In Memory of Grace Rother

- Mary & Gilbert Urbish.....\$5.00
- Douglas & Rhonda Syamken.....\$15.00

Memorials to St. Mary’s Cemetery Fund

In Memory of Grace Rother

- M/M Leon Steinocher & Family.....\$25.00
- Jennifer & Greg Janik.....\$10.00

Our Gift to God

	<u>Loose</u>	<u>Envelope</u>
July 3-	\$202.30	\$796.00
July 10-	\$164.00	\$707.00
July 17-	\$157.00	\$624.00
July 24-	\$134.00	\$397.00
July 31-	\$164.25	\$461.00
Children’s Collection:	\$67.53	
Building Repair Fund:	\$860.00	

Messages & Announcements:

Flowers at the front altar on July 3rd were a floral tribute to Grace Rother.

This month’s bulletin is sponsored in memory of Grace Rother by her family.

Praha Picnic, Mon., Aug. 15. Mass 10am. Stew & Fried Chicken Dinner 11am-2pm. Auction, bingo, booths, games, polka music and more.

CCD NEWS:

CCD teachers and subs are still needed for the upcoming year. Please consider participating in this worthwhile ministry.

There will be a Catechist Meeting on August 17th @ 6pm in the Rectory.

Registration forms for CCD will be mailed Aug. 15th. If you are new to the parish or have a child that will be in kindergarten please call Cindy Svetlik and a form will be mailed to you.

CCD begins Aug. 31st with our opening Mass @ 6pm. Please turn in your registration forms and fees at that time.

If you have any questions about the upcoming CCD year, please call Cindy Svetlik at 798-4654.

Memorials to St. Mary’s Church

In Memory of Grace Rother

- Richard & Ginger Robbins.....\$50.00
- Leon & Nancy Etzler & Sons.....\$10.00
- Jim & Marcie Appelt.....\$10.00

Memorials to St. Mary’s CCD Program

In Memory of Mary Burton

- Donald & Judy Opela.....\$15.00

Iquitos 25th April 2011

St. Mary's Youth

Dear godparents I hope that all your family and you're so fine and having a good health. My family and me are very well.

I want to say that last year I passed to another grade at school. I had good marks and Christmas day was nice and I could close to my family, and New Year festivity was the same thing that Christmas Day.

My classes at school started I'm so happy because I met with my friends and classmates. After that I have new classmates and teachers and all right. I'll promise to you study so hard to be the best into my class and my parents and you're very proud of me. Thanks so much for help me, payment my pension, breakfast, uniform, medical care, books, birthday and Christmas gifts, my parents are very grateful for your help.

During my vacations I went to Quistocoha Park with all my family to see the nature, animals such as: fish, monkeys, crocodile, butterflies.

I always pray for you.

Big Kiss and hug for you!

God Bless You! Your Godson,

Jean Paul Antony Montenegro Nunez



Prayer for 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. We ask in Your name, Amen.

BBQ Chicken Dinner Benefit for David Halata, Sr., Mon., August 22, plates to go 4:30-7:00 pm, KC Hall. Tickets \$7 each & available at Hoffer's, Lavaca Farm Equipment, Morton's, Peoples State Bank, Sacred Heart Credit Union & the Rectory. Donations to offset expenses would be appreciated & may be deposited to the "David Halata, Sr. Benefit" account at Peoples State Bank.

Financial Report for June 2011

Income

Sunday Collection...	\$2,471.65
Children's Collection.....	37.08
Special Collection (Holy Father.....	227.00
Special Collection (Black & Native American Catholic Communication Camp & Catholic University).....	150.00
Memorials to St. Mary's-(In Memory Of Louis Drexler).....	40.00
Other Church Donations.....	40.00
Votive Stand.....	105.55
Hall Rental & Deposits.....	1,275.00
Memorials to St. Mary's-(In Memory Of Grace Rother).....	<u>205.00</u>
Total Income for June.....	\$4,551.28

Expenses

Utilities.....	\$1,092.77
Special Collections.....	377.00
Health Insurance.....	638.50
Church Expenses.....	147.94
Priest Pension Plan.....	439.00
Salaries.....	675.00
Repair & Maintenance.....	221.12
Hall Expenses.....	624.32
CFCA for Sponsorship.....	<u>250.00</u>
Total Expenses for June.....	\$4,465.65
Balance from May.....	\$8,360.96
Income from June.....	<u>+ 4,551.28</u>
	\$12,912.24
Less June Expenses.....	<u>- 4,465.56</u>
Operating Balance.....	\$ 8,446.59

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August 2011

Sacred Heart, St. Mary, St. John and Ascension Churches

Fr. John C. Peters, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

Quiet service

In the service of God not everyone is called to lead. There are times when we are to take a

background role and go unnoticed. No matter. When we serve with love, our service can be as important as that of the most prominent apostle.

Forgiveness, again

Jesus certainly had reason to harbor a grudge. He was falsely accused, unjustly imprisoned, cruelly murdered. Yet he forgave everyone and wants us to do the same.

Holding a grudge gives power over our life to the offending person or situation. As we let go of the grudge, that power disappears. Instead, there is room for compassion and understanding. That's what Jesus wants for us.

LAITY: The faithful who, having been incorporated into Christ through Baptism, are made part of the people of God, the Church.

The laity participate in their own way in the priestly, prophetic, and kingly functions of Christ.

(Catechism of the Catholic Church)



What can you do with good old "Catholic Guilt"?

Our so-called "Catholic guilt" is actually a healthy warning signal that alerts us when something in our relationship with God needs fixing. When dealt with in positive ways, guilt can be good.

Get rid of it. Guilt is like a hot potato. It's not pleasant to hold for long. The idea is to get rid of it quickly.

Find the source. Examine your conscience and find the source. Then confess it during the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Remember: God always forgives even if people don't.

Make things right. Key to overcoming guilt is to make things right, but that is easier in some situations than others. Ask your priest for suggestions, if necessary.

Learn from your mistakes. Review what went wrong and resolve not to let it happen again. Remember how uncomfortable it was to carry guilt and how great it felt when the burden was lifted. Seal your commitment with the penance you receive from the priest.

The bad kind of guilt. Guilt is supposed to be a temporary feeling to nudge us back on track. Feeling constant shame that isn't associated with a corresponding sin is

unreasonable. If that's what you are feeling, try to identify the source. Are there people in your life skilled at making you feel guilty? If unsure, ask a priest or religious for help.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Often pictured as chubby cherubs with wings, angels are actually powerful beings who have been present since creation. They are spirits who act as God's servants and messengers and dwell with God in Heaven.

Angels are purely spiritual



Why do Catholics believe in angels?

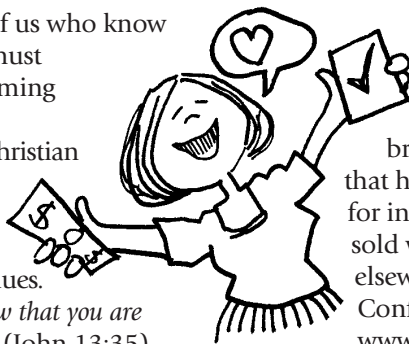
creatures with intelligence and will, and are splendid and immortal. Some angelic duties recorded in Scripture have included announcing and assisting prophets, leading God's people out of danger, and announcing important births. In fact, the angel Gabriel announced the birth of Jesus, himself.

3 Ways to share Christ in your community

Pope John Paul II once said that those of us who know Christ can't keep him for ourselves. "We must proclaim him." Try these ideas for proclaiming Christ in your community:

Vote. When we cast our votes, we bring Christian principles into our local, state, or federal governments. To build a more just and compassionate society, look for candidates who most closely represent our Catholic values.

Speak with love. "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35).



Our culture tells us it's funny to make jokes at others' expense or interesting to gossip. Instead, use Christ-speech, which is always positive.

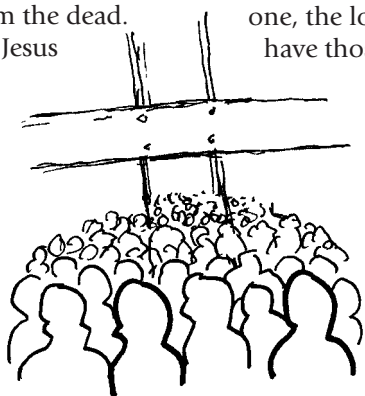
Spend responsibly. As consumers we can bring Christ to the marketplace by buying products that have been produced responsibly. Ask your retailer for information about how and by whom the products sold were made. If you don't like the answer, shop elsewhere. (For more information, go to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' website www.usccb.org social justice section.)

from Scripture

Matthew 16:21-27, Jesus predicts his Passion.

Jesus told the Apostles he must suffer, die, and be raised from the dead. When Peter objected, Jesus rebuked him. He explained that to be his disciples we must take up our cross and follow him.

Jesus never promised us, his followers, worldly success. We are not promised wealth, good health, constant bliss, or an easy life. The only thing Jesus promised us for this life is a cross. Most of us will have many crosses in our lives. Our crosses can take many



forms: an illness, the death of a loved one, the loss of a job. Actually we'd have those crosses whether or not we follow Jesus.

By denying ourselves, picking up our cross, and following Jesus, we will be joining ourselves to Jesus. That is how we can show our faith in God. Jesus will help us carry our cross by giving us his strength.

When others see how our faith carries us through our trials, it can help them come to Jesus. We evangelize by how we live our lives. In the process we gain eternal life.

Q & A How can I resist temptation?

There is only one effective way to resist temptation and that is to say "no." But that is easier said than done.



Try these ideas for help:

Make a list of what most often leads you into sin. Do you have friends who love to gossip? Do you drink too much with coworkers? Do you spend too much money at the mall? Write your list down and make it complete. Then decide to reject each item on the list.

Practice saying "no" when you are alone. Say it out loud if you have to. Don't offer explanations. Just make it a "no." "I don't do that." "That's not me."

Remove yourself from temptation. In the Old Testament story of Joseph, his boss's wife "looked at him with longing" and followed him around but Joseph "would not agree to lie with her or even be near her" (Genesis 39:10). Avoid the gossiping friends, go straight home from work, stay away from the mall.

There is nothing more important than avoiding sin.

Feasts & Celebrations

August 13 – Pope St. Pontian (235). Pontian spent most of his papacy defeating heresy and battling an antipope, Hippolytus, with whom he later reconciled. During the Roman persecution of the Church, Pontian and Hippolytus were exiled to the mines in Sardinia where they were martyred.

August 19 – St. John Eudes (1680). Born on a farm in Normandy, France, John was priest and missionary in the Diocese of Seez. Concerned with the state of the clergy, he instituted reforms and started seminaries. John

is best known for promoting the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. He founded the Congregation of Jesus and Mary (Eudists).

August 25 – St. Louis of France (1270). After two reigns of violence, King Louis IX brought peace and justice to France. He improved the tax system and reformed laws, founded hospitals and visited their sick. He protected the rights of the common people. He died of typhus in a crusade against Muslim advances in Syria.



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