

**FEBRUARY 6, 2011**

**Mass Intentions:**

Sunday, February 13-

9:15 a.m.-Laddie Konvicka

Sunday, February 20-

9:15 a.m.-Herman Sciba

Sunday, February 27-

9:15 a.m.-Alfred, Mary & Debbie Technik

First Friday, March 4-

6:00 p.m.-Ed & Frances Ulcak, Antonio  
Ulcak & Leo & Henry Ulcak

Sunday, March 6-

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

**Rosary Leaders:**

Feb. 13-Sandy Konvicka

Feb. 20-Ruth Rouse

Feb. 27-Lucille Klekar

Mar. 4-Angela Hermes

Mar. 6-Janie Fikac

**Lectors:**

Feb. 13-DeDe Dobbs

Feb. 20-Daniel J. Matula

Feb. 27-Anthony Matula

Mar. 6-Dorothy Schneider

**Cantors:**

Feb. 13-Ruth Rouse

Feb. 20-Emily Schimcek

Feb. 27-Pat Mladenka

Mar. 6-Lucille Klekar

**Extraordinary Ministers:**

Feb. 13-Janice Rother, Vivian Mozisek  
& Evelyn Konvicka

Feb. 20-Leon & Nancy Etzler &  
Scott Sommerlatte

Feb. 27-Anthony & Joyce Bludau &  
DeDe Dobbs

Mar. 6-Billy & Bev Hrcncir & Pat Mladenka

**Altar Servers:**

Feb. 13-Samuel & Simon Machicek &  
Joshua & Abigail Bludau

Feb. 20-Hunter & Kolby Janak &  
Adam & Ryan Hermes

Feb. 27-Erin Svetlik, Eric Klekar, Kaitlyn  
Rother & Jacob Janak

Mar. 6-Mikayla, John & Derek Konvicka &  
Alexius Mizera

**Offertory Gift Bearers:**

Feb. 13-M/M Billy Hrcncir & Sons

Feb. 20-M/M Daniel Jahn & Family

Feb. 27-M/M Benedict H. Janak

Mar. 6-M/M Casper Janak

**Ushers:**

Feb. 13-Eugene Gillar, Robert Sciba, Bernard  
Patek & Richard Sommerlatte

Feb. 20-Alois Bujnoch, Scott Blaschke, Gilbert  
Mozisek & Marvin Bujnoch

Feb. 27-Roman Henke, Robert Pustka, Charles  
Grafe & Gilbert Urbish

Mar. 6-Leon Matula, Al Svetlik, Francis Klekar  
& Sidney Jasek

**Church Cleaners:**

Feb. 12-Bernice Schulte, Gerda Janak &  
Marzeline Patek

Feb. 19-Rosalie Tobola, Glenda Tobola &  
Angeline Ulcak

Feb. 26-Helen (Dornak) Janak, Gussie Kelnar  
& Helen Janak

Mar. 5-Charlene Klekar, Janice Rother &  
Sue Cinadr

<b>Our Gift to God</b>	<b>Envelope</b>	<b>Loose</b>
Jan. 2-	\$ 79.00	\$136.00
Jan. 9-	\$ 461.00	\$284.00
Jan. 16-	\$ 502.00	\$121.00
Jan. 23-	\$ 437.00	\$151.00
Jan. 30-	\$1,042.50	\$202.00
Children's Collection:	\$45.74	
Building Repair Fund:	\$960.00	

***From the Desk of Fr. John***

The question often arises who can be a god-parent or sponsor for a Catholic baptism. The rules of the church in these matters are very clear. At least one Catholic sponsor is required at a Catholic baptism. According to the Rite of Baptism, the requirements for a single sponsor are mainly that the sponsor:

- 1.) be mature enough to take the responsibility to testify to the faith of an adult convert, or to profess with the parents the church's faith when a child is being baptized;
- 2.) be able to help the parents as necessary to bring up the child as a good Christian;
- 3.) have received the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and the Eucharist;
- 4.) be a member of the Catholic Church who is living a life in harmony with that faith and with the role of sponsor;
- 5.) be at least 16 years of age, unless an exception is made for a special reason; and,
- 6.) not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized.

If there is only one sponsor, that sponsor may be a man or woman, regardless of the sex of the child. If there are two, it should be one of each sex.

When only one Catholic sponsor is assigned, a baptized non-Catholic Christian may stand in place of the second sponsor. However, this non-Catholic is not a godparent in the canonical sense of the word; he or she is officially referred to as a "Christian witness" to the baptism.

This is the universal teaching of the Catholic Church according to the Catholic Catechism.

**Mass Attendance:**

Jan. 1---200	Jan. 2---310	Jan. 9---300
Jan. 16---305	Jan. 23---290	Jan. 30---300

**Memorial to St. Mary's Church**

**In Memory of Pam Dornak**

by Henrietta Jansky.....\$10.00

**Messages & Announcements**

Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, & 23<sup>rd</sup> C.C.D. @ 6PM

March 2<sup>nd</sup>-NET (National Evangelical Team) @ Sacred Heart from 6-9:30 PM for Grades 8-12

March 9<sup>th</sup>-Ash Wednesday/ Youth Mass @ 6PM

March 16<sup>th</sup>-No CCD Spring Break

**March 19<sup>th</sup>-(Saturday) @ 4PM**

**Confirmation/Vigil Mass with Bishop David Fellhauer.**

Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, four young ladies from our parish will be confirmed in the Faith. They are: Mikayla Konvicka, Alexis Loudon, Kendall Mixon & Katie Wagner.

These candidates have prepared for the sacrament of confirmation by their participation in the St. Mary's CCD program and through their prayers, studies, and community service. You are asked to remember these young women in your prayers as they fully embrace the Church through the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**CORRECTION**

In the last bulletin there was an error in the list of Christmas Flower donations. It incorrectly stated that flowers were in memory of Alois Bujnoch by Dolores Ludwig & Family. The flowers were given in memory of Alois Bujnoch by Dolores Bujnoch & family.....\$10.00 We apologize for this typing error and are sorry for any heartache that it caused.

**Memorial to St. Mary's Church**

**In Memory of Jerome Bujnoch**

Steven, Shandlyn, Kelton & Korbin Koehne.....\$10.00

**Donations to St. Mary's Altar Society**

**In Memory of Debbie Technik**

Kenneth & Annie Mae Henneke.....\$20.00

**In Memory of Alfonse Grahmann**

Sharon Janak.....\$10.00

**In Honor of Vic & Katherine Kahanek's**

**50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary by**

Kyle & Debbie Kahanek.....\$100.00

**Financial Report for December 2010**

**Income**

Sunday & Holyday Collections.....	\$4,142.67
Children’s Collection.....	51.56
Other Church Donations.....	175.00
Memorials.....	10.00
Hall & Church Rental.....	450.00
Special Collection (Retired Religious).....	<u>296.00</u>
Total Income for December.....	\$5,125.23

**Expenses**

Utilities.....	\$ 896.91
Health Insurance.....	894.50
Church Expenses.....	145.00
Hall Expenses.....	167.24
Janak Brothers for Poinsettias.....	240.00
Special Collections (Retired Religious).....	296.00
Priest Pension Plan.....	435.00
Salaries.....	675.00
Repair & Maintenance.....	<u>177.98</u>
Total Expenses for December.....	\$3,882.63

Balance from November.....	\$6,017.86
Income from December.....	<u>+5,125.23</u>
	\$11,143.09
Less December Expenses.....	<u>-3,882.63</u>
Operating Balance.....	\$7,260.46

**Reflection of Faith Capital Campaign  
Immaculate Conception (St. Mary) Church**

Parish Goal	\$28,698.00
Number of Parishioners Pledging	53
Amount Parishioners Pledged	\$50,131.25
Amount Parishioners Contributed	\$33,674.99



**Altar Society Annual Report 2010**

**Income:**

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection (9mos.).....	\$1,091.00
Memorials.....	960.00
Membership and Donations.....	557.00
Seasonal Flower Donations.....	<u>415.00</u>
Total Income 2010.....	\$3,023.00

**Expenses:**

Discolced Nuns (Altar Bread).....	\$ 406.00
Jo’s Green Hut (Seasonal Flowers).....	796.00
First Communion Brunch.....	80.00
May Crowning Flowers.....	28.12
Sacco Co. (sanctuary candles, altar supplies)	665.21
Rosary Supplies & Bags.....	30.00
Altar Server Gift Cards (24).....	240.00
Designs by Donna-(Confirmation Arrangement)	45.00
Feast Day (soup and sandwiches).....	200.00
Gift for Priests (3) and Deacon.....	100.00
Deacon’s Get Well Gift Card.....	40.00
Christmas Ribbon (outdoor railings).....	<u>25.00</u>
Total Expenses for 2010.....	\$2,655.33

Balance from 2009.....	\$2,236.52
Income from 2010.....	<u>+3,023.00</u>
Total.....	\$5,259.52
Less Expenses for 2010.....	<u>-2,655.33</u>
Balance on 12/31/2010.....	\$2,604.19

Annual Dues are \$2.00

Report given by: Katherine Kahanek

*“Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.” — Mt 5:15-16*

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass 020201, 1998, 1970 C.C.D.

# Growing in FAITH™

Discovering **hope and joy** in the Catholic faith.

February 2011

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

Fr. John C. Peters, Pastor

## One Minute Meditations

### Others first

Most of us will never feel even a small part of the pain Jesus endured during his crucifixion.

What is most amazing, however, is that Jesus was able to put aside his own incredible pain to think of others. From the Cross, he forgave his enemies, won the good thief's soul, made final arrangements for his mother's care, and prayed for his persecutors. He put others first. He asks that we do the same.

### Always hope

Sin and negative thinking go hand in hand. We lose hope and think God isn't watching or doesn't care. Thinking positively and hopefully helps to avoid sin. Thanks be to God for second chances!

### In the stars?

Wondering about your future? If you could read the future in the stars, decisions would be easier and success could be guaranteed. But only God knows your future. Don't trust the stars; trust the one who made them.



## Simple ways to live a better life

The weeks before Lent are a good time to decide how to live a holier, happier life. Trying just one of these ideas can make a big difference in the way you live:

**Live in the moment.** We can't change the past and don't know the future. The choices we make right now are all that count.

**Be the real you.** Don't compare yourself with others or try to imitate people who are smarter, richer, or cooler. God loves each of us for who we are, not who we are like.

**Avoid drama.** If you find yourself seeking attention and sympathy from other people – or get drawn in by others who do – try substituting

activities or people you find positive and interesting instead.

**Face your fears.** List your worst fears, the ones you are afraid to tell anyone. Are they realistic? If so, take action to resolve them. Otherwise, cross each off your list and let it go.

**Talk less.** Weigh your words before you say them. Spend more time listening.

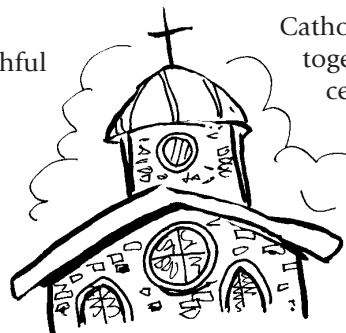
**Spend time with happy people.** Surround yourself with people who are positive and want to improve their lives. Let go of those who drain your energy.

**Work happy.** No matter how you earn a paycheck, give it your very best effort. That turns a job into a prayer.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

A parish is "a stable community of the faithful within a particular church or diocese, whose pastoral care is confided by the bishop to a priest as pastor (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2179). It is where



## What is a parish?

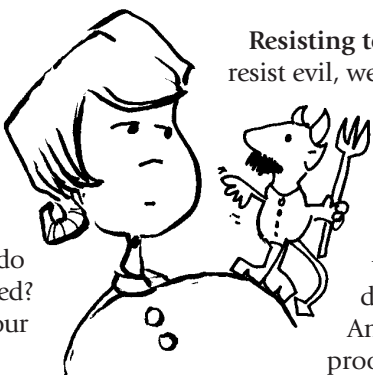
Catholics in the area can come together for the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist.

For Catholics today, our parishes are our spiritual homes. It is where we learn ways to live our faith, deepen our practice, exhibit charity, and join in worship.

## “Please tempt me!”

Believe it or not, temptation can actually be good for us. In fact, the time to worry is when we don't feel we are being tempted.

**Temptation guards against overconfidence.** When life is easy, we can deceive ourselves into thinking we are stronger than we really are. That's when opportunities for sin can sneak up on us. How do we know we can resist if we haven't been tempted? Suffering from temptation helps us to identify our weaknesses so we can build defenses.



**Resisting temptations strengthens virtues.** In order to resist evil, we have to practice virtue. To resist pride, we practice humility. To counter selfishness, we practice charity. The more we use our virtues, the stronger they will become.

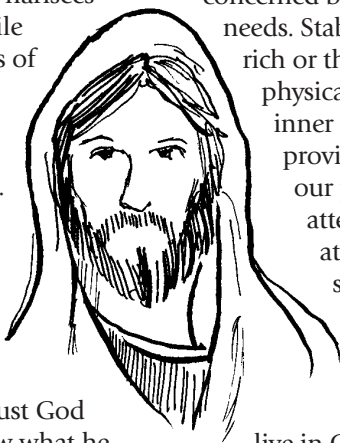
**Temptation exposes our real selves.** Our imperfect world full of temptations makes it tough to do the right thing all the time. How we deal with temptation shows us who we really are. Anyone can call himself a follower of Jesus but the proof is in the living.

### from Scripture

### Matthew 6:24-34, Our choice

In Jesus' day, scribes and Pharisees often lived comfortably while urging the people to heights of sacrifice and penance they didn't observe themselves. The message was right but the messengers were flawed. Instead, Jesus took on our humanity and spoke with authority. He experienced hunger and thirst, and didn't always have a place to sleep. So when he counseled his listeners to trust God with all their needs, he knew what he was asking.

Jesus said don't worry. By that he meant that don't be anxious and



concerned beyond our immediate needs. Stability in this world for the rich or the poor comes not from physical provisions but from the inner peace that only God can provide. By worrying about our physical needs, we draw attention away from attaining the inner stability so necessary for peace.

From experience, Jesus knows we have a choice. We can live in the world or we can live in God's Kingdom, but we cannot do both. Jesus wants us to invest in our future with him. God will take care of the rest.

### Q & A What are the “Four Marks of the Church?”

When Jesus founded the Church, he gave it four characteristics called, “The Four Marks of the Church:” it is **one, holy, Catholic, and apostolic.** The Nicene Creed we profess during Mass repeats these Marks.



First, the Church is **one**, united by the Trinity, and all members are united in their belief, worship, sacraments, tradition, and leadership. For example, Catholics all over the world believe the same truths and celebrate the same Mass.

The Church is **holy** because Jesus established it and made it holy. He continues to share his grace with the Church and the Church helps her members live holy, Christ-like lives.

It is **Catholic**, meaning “universal,” and unites the faithful on earth with those in Heaven and in Purgatory. And, Jesus intended the Church for all of human kind – for all people, everywhere.

Finally, the Church is **apostolic** because Jesus gave authority to St. Peter, the first Pope, and the other apostles, the first bishops. This authority has been handed on to their successors throughout the centuries.

### Feasts & Celebrations

**February 8 – St. Jerome Emiliani (1537).** While serving as a militia officer for Venice, St. Jerome Emiliani was imprisoned by the enemy. In prison he taught himself how to pray and was inspired to escape safely. In response, he became a priest and with his own resources opened orphanages, a homeless shelter, and a hospital.

**February 14 – St. Cyril (869).** Along with his brother Methodius, St. Cyril was a missionary, teacher, and patron of the Slavic people. He invented an alphabet still used in some Eastern liturgies, and preached the Gospel in a

more easily understood manner. He died in Rome shortly after taking the monastic habit.

**February 21 – St. Peter Damian (1072).** Childhood deprivation may have created a desire for an austere life. St. Peter Damian became a devoted and disciplined monk but was called to service as a bishop for many years and served as advisor to seven popes. He retired to monastic life and died in the care of his brother monks.



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