

JANUARY 2, 2011

Mass Intentions:

First Friday, January 7-

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

Sunday, January 9-

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

Sunday, January 16-

9:15 a.m.-Rudolph & Julia Janak Family

Sunday, January 23-

9:15 a.m.-Zachary Grafe

Sunday, January 30-

9:15 a.m.-Joe N. Steffek

First Friday, February 4-

6:00 p.m.-Mary Lee Boehm

Sunday, February 6-

9:15 a.m.-Patricia Steffek

Rosary Leaders:

Jan. 7-Angela Hermes

Jan. 9-Sandy Konvicka

Jan. 16-Ruth Rouse

Jan. 23-Dorothy Schneider

Jan. 30-Lucille Klekar

Feb. 4-Angela Hermes

Feb. 6-Janie Fikac

Lectors:

Jan. 9-Dedie Dobbs

Jan. 16-Daniel J. Matula

Jan. 23-Anthony Matula

Jan. 30- Dorothy Schneider

Feb. 6-Maria Hermes

Cantors:

Jan. 9-Pat Mladenka

Jan. 16-Emily Schimcek

Jan. 23-Laurence Bludau

Jan. 30-Richard Rouse

Feb. 6-Lucille Klekar

Extraordinary Ministers:

Jan. 9-Janice Rother, Vivian Mozisek &
Evelyn Konvicka

Jan. 16-Leon & Nancy Etzler &
Trina Sommerlatte

Jan. 23-Anthony & Joyce Bludau &
Dedie Dobbs

Jan. 30-Billy & Bev Hrcir & Patrick Pesek

Feb. 6-Edward & Sandra Pustka &
Pat Mladenka

Altar Servers:

Jan. 9-Samuel & Simon Machicek, Joshua
Bludau & Kaitlyn Rother

Jan. 16-Hunter & Kolby Janak, Adam Hermes
& Kasey Hairell

Jan. 23-Eric Klekar, Jacob Janak, Michael
Perdizak & Luke Scherer

Jan. 30-Mikayla, John & Derek Konvicka &
Alexius Mizera

Feb. 6-Ross & Clay Rother, Hunter &
Kolby Janak

Offertory Gift Bearers:

Jan. 9-Mr. & Mrs. Scott Henrichs & Family

Jan. 16-Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Hermes

Jan. 23-Mr. & Mrs. Shannon Hermes & Sons

Jan. 30- Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Hermes & Son

Feb. 6-Mr. & Mrs. John Hoelter

Ushers:

Jan. 9-Leon Matula, Al Svetlik, Francis Klekar
& Sidney Jasek

Jan. 16-Eugene Gillar, Robert Sciba, Bernard
Patek & Richard Sommerlatte

Jan. 23-Alois Bujnoch, Scott Blaschke, Gilbert
Mozisek & Marvin Bujnoch

Jan. 30-Roman Henke, Robert Pustka, Gilbert
Urbish & Charles Grafe

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

Church Cleaners:

Jan. 8-Margaret Smolik & Dorothy Schneider
Jan. 15-Katherine Kahanek & Angela Hermes
Jan. 22-Barbara Matula & Monica Matula
Jan. 29-Viola Konvicka, Vivian Mozisek,
Joyce Bludau & Rita Migl
Feb. 5-Betty Bujnoch, Lucille Bujnoch &
Susan Janak

**Memorials to St. Mary’s Altar Society
In Honor of Frankie & Lucille Klekar’s
50th Wedding Anniversary by-**

Katherine & Victor Kahanek.....\$25.00
Louise Lorke.....\$50.00
Ella Mae Bludau.....\$20.00

In memory of Alfonse Grahmann

Katherine & Victor Kahanek \$30.00

A Memorial was given to St. Mary’s Church in memory of Pam Dornak by Henrietta Jansky.

Many thanks to the following individuals and families for their time and effort put forth in decorating for the Christmas Season:

Vic & Katherine Kahanek & Doris Mixon for the garland and bows on the outside railings, Lucille Klekar, Katherine Kahanek & Eric Klekar for placing the poinsettias on the main altar & to Al & Cindy Svetlik, Erik & Erin for putting up the manger inside church and other church decorations and to the men for putting the manger up outside the church.

CCD News

Jan. 5th-There will be Altar Server training for all current servers and those wanting to become servers. The training will begin @ 7:00 p.m. in the church (should last approx. 1 hr.). All current servers MUST attend. New servers must be in at least the 4th grade and registered parishioner. Parents are asked to attend this training with their child(ren). Current servers unable to attend please contact Mrs. Svetlik @ 798-4654.

Christmas Flower Donations:

In loving memory of Blasé Konvicka Sr. & Mr. & Mrs. Frank Konvicka & Mr. & Mrs. Joe Vaculik by Margaret Konvicka \$10.00; In Memory of Jerome Bujnoch by Lucille Bujnoch & Family \$10.00; In Memory of Daniel Opela by Doris Opela \$10.00; In Memory of Alfred & Mary Technik & Debbie Technik by Mike & Helen Technik \$25.00; In Memory of the deceased members of the Guntram & Annie Janak Family by Vic & Katherine Kahanek \$25.00; In memory of Rudolph, Rosa & Jamie Bujnoch by Evelyn & Phillip Bujnoch \$25.00; In Memory of M/M Theo Bujnoch & M/M Alfred Ott by Stanley & Betty Bujnoch \$25.00; In Memory Alois Bujnoch by Dolores Ludwig & Family \$10.00; In Memory of Alfred & Mary Technik & Debbie Technik by Melvin & Joyce Janak \$20.00; In Memory of Marzeline Patek’s Parents-Edwin & Selma Shimek by Marzeline Patek \$20.00; In Memory of Laddie Konvicka by Evelyn Konvicka \$10.00; In Memory of Victor E. Kresta & Nadine Wassburg, Victoria & Matus Cada & J.J. Pohl by Evelyn Kresta & Herb Wassburg \$15.00; In Memory of Ray Kelnar by Gussie Kelnar \$25.00; In Memory of F.M. & Adele Janak & Frank Broz by Helen Janak (Wied) \$5.00; In Memory of John & Mary Klekar, S.J. & Annie Janak by Frankie & Lucille Klekar \$15.00 and In Memory of Hubert Tobola by Rosalie Tobola \$10.00.

5 poinsettias were donated by the Pustka children in memory of their parents-Matt & Amalie Pustka.

We thank everyone for their monetary donations towards the purchase of the poinsettias for Christmas. This truly adds to the beauty of our church.

From the desk of Father John

Fr. Tommy and I, Deacon Sonny, and Deacon Joey would like to thank everyone for all the prayers and various gifts given for Christmas. You all have been very generous. May God bless you and your families.

Today is the Feast of the Epiphany. We celebrate the welcoming by Jesus of the Magi, the wise men representing the Gentiles. He revealed Himself to them as the Messiah. Just as Jesus welcomed the Magi, we welcome others into our lives and our homes in the name of Jesus. An old Catholic custom is the blessing of the home at Epiphany, especially the doorways. We can bless ourselves and the rooms of the home with holy water. We use chalk to mark the numerals and letters over doorways. The chalk reminds us of the dust of the earth from which we were made. The numerals consecrate the new year. The initials remind us of the legendary names of the Magi – Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar – and also stand for the Latin motto: Christus mansionem benedicat (“May Christ bless the house”). **20+C+M+B+11**

On the Feast of the Epiphany 5 years ago, 2006, we began Perpetual Adoration at Sacred Heart. Immediately after the special Mass we processed with the Blessed Sacrament to the Adoration Chapel and officially began the Adoration.

Adoration takes place each week from Sunday at 6:00 p.m. until Friday at 6:00 p.m.

We have over 300 people signed up for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which enables us to do this. Our parish is extra blessed for this great way of honoring Our Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament.

Many of our Adorers are getting older or sickly and are not able to adore on a regular basis. I would encourage those who are not committed to an hour a week to seriously consider this, especially younger couples and individuals. The hour spent with Our Lord each week is extremely rewarding.

VYSEHRAD PTO

STEW & RAFFLE DINNER

The annual Vysehrad Stew & Raffle will be held January 16, 2011 at St. Mary’s Church Parish Hall. Serving will begin at 10:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Dinner tickets are \$7 per plate & raffle tickets are \$1 per raffle or a book of 6 for \$5. Tickets are available from any Vysehrad student or by calling the school at 798-4118.

Our Gift to God:	<u>Loose</u>	<u>Envelopes</u>
December 5	\$207	\$603
December 8	\$142	\$50
December 12	\$152.67	\$490
December 19	\$114	\$464
December 25	\$508	\$519
December 26	\$291	\$577
Children’s Collection -	\$51.56	
Building Repair Fund -	\$1,055	

Mass Attendance: Dec. 5: 280; **Dec. 8:** 205; **Dec. 12:** 295; **Dec. 19:** 290; **Dec. 25:** 405; **Dec. 26:** 320.

FINANCIAL REPORT – NOVEMBER, 2010

INCOME

Sunday & Holy Day Collections.....	\$3,332.63
Children’s Collections.....	71.45
Other Church Donations.....	459.00
Church & Hall Rental.....	700.00
Memorials.....	292.00
Bulletin Sponsor.....	40.00
Special Collection C.H.D.....	<u>183.00</u>
Total Income for November.....	<u>\$5,078.08</u>

EXPENSES

Utilities.....	\$ 885.25
Health Insurance.....	849.50
Church Expenses.....	145.00
Church Calendars.....	247.68
Special Collection C.H.D.....	183.00
Priest Pension Plan.....	435.00
Salaries.....	675.00
Repair & Maintenance.....	<u>239.81</u>
Total Expenses for November.....	<u>\$3,660.24</u>
Balance from October.....	\$4,600.02
Income from November.....	<u>+5,078.08</u>
	\$9,678.10
Less November Expenses.....	<u>-3,660.24</u>
Operating Balance.....	\$6,017.86

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January 2011

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

Fr. John C. Peters, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

Mass matters

Jesus said, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you." (John 6:53). Don't miss a single Sunday or Holy Day opportunity to have Jesus' life within you.

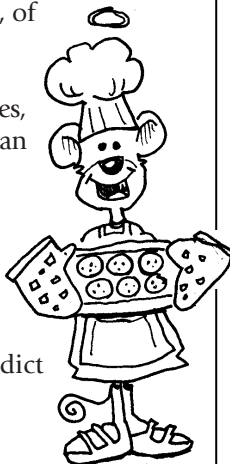
Tough times?

God will help you through whatever tough times you face. "God is faithful and will not let you be tried beyond your strength; but with the trial he will also provide a way out, so that you may be able to bear it" (1 Corinthians 10:13). Lean on him.

The Holy Father on joy

"The Holy Spirit gives us joy. And he is joy. Joy is the gift in which all the other gifts are included. It is the expression of happiness, of being in harmony with ourselves, that which can only come from being in harmony with God and with his creation."

(Pope Benedict XVI)



Find a way to the real world

As real as this life seems, it is just a stopover. The real world for us is Heaven and the eternity we hope to spend there. A sure way to get there is to live a holy life on Earth.

Follow the model. When Jesus said, "I am the way" (John 14:6), he meant for us to follow him and live as he lived. Jesus didn't retreat from the world. He ate, slept, worked, and cared for friends and family, much like we do. Search the Gospels for clues to how you can imitate Jesus in your own life.

Eliminate distractions. Are there thoughts or activities which hold your attention longer than they deserve? For

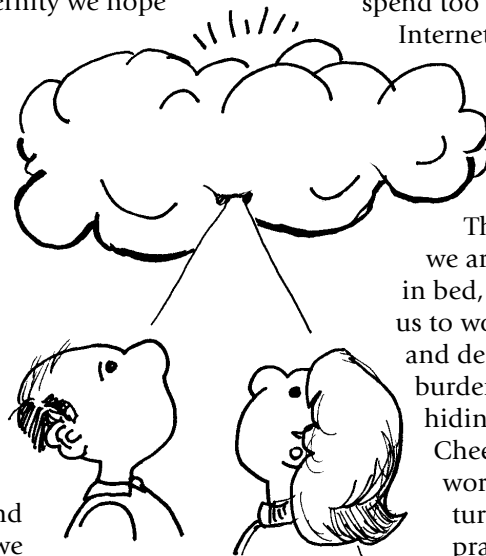
example, do you watch more television than you should, or spend too much time on the Internet? Cut back and give the time you save to God in some way.

Embrace the tough stuff.

There are days when we are tempted to stay in bed, but God intends us to work (Genesis 2:15) and deal with our burdens instead of hiding from them. Cheerfully handling work and suffering turns problems into prayers.

Look over your shoulder.

God is with us each minute of every day in a very real sense. Become more conscious of his presence and you will increase his influence over your actions.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

What does the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus mean?

The image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a symbol of Christ's love for us. It is often a heart surrounded by flame, pierced by a lance, topped by a cross, and circled by a crown of thorns.



Jesus' love for us burns bright and intense like a flame. His heart is pierced by the lance representing our sins and the crown of thorns and the cross remind us of the death he suffered to bring us life.

Tune out the world and tune into God

In our noisy world, it can be hard to hear God's voice over the din. Yet, listening is as important as talking during prayer. *"By waiting and by calm you shall be saved, in quiet and in trust your strength lies"* (Isaiah 30:15). Try these ideas for some quiet listening in your day:

Quiet sight: during daylight hours, go to a window and look out. Ask God to help you see the familiar sight with new eyes. Discover something you hadn't noticed before.



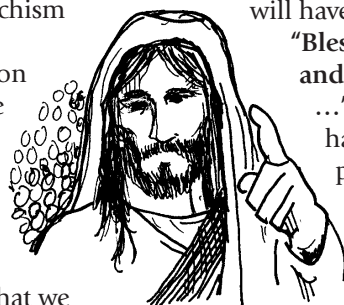
Quiet reading: Bring your Bible or devotional reading to a quiet spot. Read at least 10 verses and take 15 minutes to meditate on them. Be still and allow God to speak to you by whatever means he chooses.

Quiet retreat: several websites offer mini retreats as a way to enter into quiet prayer during your day. This is especially helpful if you spend a lot of time during the day in front of a computer screen. See www.loyolapress.com and click on 3-minute retreat, for an example.

from Scripture

Matthew 5:1-12, paths to happiness

God wants us to be happy. When he created us, he put into our hearts the desire to be happy (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1718). During the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus gave us the Beatitudes – guaranteed ways to obtain peace here and happiness in Heaven.



"Blessed are the poor in spirit ..." Recognize that we need God to compensate for our weakness. Depend upon his help.

"Blessed are they who mourn ..." God knows what you need even better than you do. Trust him to strengthen you and bring you comfort.

"Blessed are the meek ..." Jesus is meek and gentle. Imitate him and you will have everlasting peace.

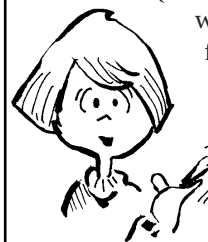
"Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness ..." Peacefully accept whatever happens knowing that Jesus promises to give you courage.

"Blessed are the merciful ..." Mercy is love in the face of sin and injury. If we show

mercy, we are guaranteed mercy. Perhaps the real secret to happiness is remembering that when we follow Jesus, there will always be a happy ending.

Q Can I be forgiven & for the bad things A I have done?

God loves us so much that he is ready to forgive anything we have done. Jesus said, *"I did not come to call the righteous but sinners"* (Matthew 9:13). He knew we would sin and need forgiveness. The key is to ask.



As difficult as offering forgiveness to others can be, forgiving ourselves may be even harder.

Jesus said that the greatest commandment is to love God. But second to that is to *"... love your neighbor as yourself"* (Mark 12:31). That means he wants us to behave in a loving way toward all people God created – including ourselves. Forgiveness is critical.

The first step is to ask God's forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance). Don't worry that you may shock the priest by what you tell him. If he has been a priest for any length of time, he won't shock easily. When you finish the penance he gives you, resolve to avoid sin and start fresh. If God is ready to forgive you, can you do any less?

Feasts & Celebrations

January 17 – St. Anthony the Abbot (355). Born to a rich family around 250 A.D. in Egypt, St. Anthony gave up his riches to live a life of simplicity in the desert. He is the founder of monasticism.

January 21 – St. Agnes (258). At a young age, St. Agnes pledged chastity for Jesus. Reportedly she was turned in for being a Christian by a suitor whom she refused to marry. She maintained her chastity and her faith and was executed as a result.

January 24 - St. Francis de Sales (1622). As bishop of Geneva, St.

Francis bolstered the faith of others by his writings and works. For the laity, St. Francis wrote Introduction to the Devout Life, which is as applicable today as it was in his day.

January 28 – St. Thomas Aquinas (1274). St. Thomas was a Dominican teacher and scholar. He is considered by the Church as the preeminent spokesman for the Catholic tradition of reason and of divine revelation.



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