

SUNDAY-NOVEMBER 6, 2011

Mass Intentions:

Sunday, November 13-

9:15 a.m.-Jerome Bujnoch

Sunday, November 20-

9:15 a.m.-(Our Lord Jesus Christ the King)-
Living & Deceased Members of the
K.J.Z.T. Society #3-St. Mary's

Sunday, November 27-

9:15 a.m.-(First Sunday of Advent)-
John & Mathilda Matula

First Friday, December 2-

6:00 p.m.-Margaret (Janak) Roeder

Sunday, December 4-

9:15 a.m.-(Second Sunday of Advent)-
Joe N. Steffek

Wednesday, December 7-

6:00 p.m.-(Vigil Mass of the Immaculate
Conception) Joe & Olga Targac

Rosary Leaders:

Nov. 13-Sandy Konvicka
Nov. 20-Ruth Rouse
Nov. 27-Lucille Klekar
Dec. 4-Janie Fikac
Dec. 7-CCD Class

Lectors:

Nov. 13-Anthony Matula
Nov. 20-Daniel Matula
Nov. 27-Maria Hermes
Dec. 4-Dedie Dobbs
Dec. 7-CCD Class

Cantors:

Nov. 13-Richard Rouse
Nov. 20-Emily Schimcek
Nov. 27-Ruth Rouse
Dec. 4-Pat Mladenka
Dec. 7-CCD Class

Altar Servers:

Nov. 13-Jacob Janak, Kasey Hairell, Michael
Perdziak & Luke Scherer
Nov. 20-Joshua Bludau, Hunter & Kolby Janak
& Kelton Koehne
Nov. 27-Adam & Ryan Hermes, Ross &
Clay Rother
Dec. 4-Kaitlyn Rother, Mikayla, John & Derek
Konvicka
Dec. 7-CCD Class

Extraordinary Ministers:

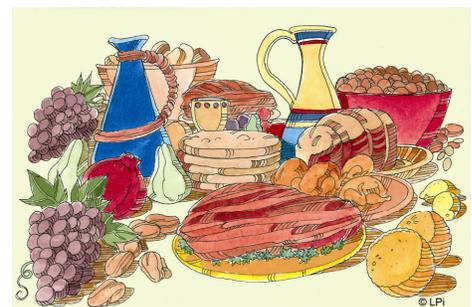
Nov. 13-Edward & Sandra Pustka &
Pat Mladenka
Nov. 20-Vivian Mozisek, Evelyn Mozisek &
Janice Rother
Nov. 27-Scott & Trina Sommerlatte & Pat Pesek
Dec. 4-Billy & Bev Hrnecir & Mary Urbish
Dec. 7-Vivian Mozisek & Janice Rother

Church Ushers:

Nov. 13-Eugene Gillar, Robert Sciba, Bernard
Pustka & Richard Sommerlatte
Nov. 20-Alois Bujnoch, Scott Blaschke, Gilbert
Mozisek & Marvin Bujnoch
Nov. 27-Roman Henke, Robert Pustka, Charles
Grafe & Gilbert Urbish
Dec. 4-Leon Matula, Al Svetlik, Frances Klekar
& Sidney Jasek
Dec. 7-CCD Class

Offertory Gift Bearers:

Nov. 13-Bennie & Victoria Orsak
Nov. 20-Keith & Amy Orsak
Nov. 27-Stanley & Henrietta Orsak
Dec. 4-Bernard & Marzeline Patek
Dec. 7-CCD Class



From the desk of Father John.....

Recently Miss Angela Hermes has gone to be a resident at Hallettsville Rehabilitation and Nursing Center. Angela and her late sister Annie have been a very important part of St. Mary's parish for many, many years. Annie was the cook and housekeeper for Msgr. Henry Psencik until he went into retirement. Angela helped and then became the secretary and caretaker for St. Mary's.

Angela and Annie both taught CCD for many years. Angela taught for over 60 years.

We thank Miss Angela for her many years of service to St. Mary's. She has done a wonderful job and has been a blessing for the parish.

At the present time the following people will be the ones to be contacted for various needs and concerns around the parish:

Scheduling Masses, booking weddings, baptisms, & funerals – Sacred Heart Rectory
798-5888

Bulletin Information – Pat Mladenka 798-2110 or 798-2991 and Miranda Henke 798-3731

Bookkeeping & Finance – Pat Mladenka 798-2110 or 798-2991. Joyce Janak will help with money counting.

Hall Rental – Judy Opela 798-2738

Sacristans for setting up for Mass, etc. – Katherine Kahanek 798-2995 or 798-8306 and Pat Mladenka 798-2110 or 798-2991

Religious Education – Cindy Svetlik 798-4654

Maintenance – Richard Sommerlatte 798-9424

Opening Church each morning (Mon.-Fri.) – Jerome Pesek 798-2920

Close Church each evening – Victor Kahanek 798-2995

Cemetery Lots, etc. – Miranda Henke 798-3731 or Helen Janak 798-2014

Some of the above mentioned people have already been doing some of these jobs. I thank all of these people for saying "yes." If anyone would like to volunteer to help in any of these areas, please let the person in charge of that area know or call Sacred Heart to let me know.

We will be having a new water well drilled in the next few weeks. This is a much needed project that has been in the works for quite a while.

Church Cleaners:

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

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

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

Dec. 3-Charlene Klekar, Janice Rother & Sue Cinadr

Our Gift to God:

October 2-\$1,118.00

October 9-\$1,128.70

October 16-\$ 885.00

October 23-\$ 972.80

Total for the Month of October-\$4,104.50

CCD News

Nov. 9th & 16th-CCD 6 PM

Nov. 23rd-No CCD-Thanksgiving Holiday

Nov. 30th-Advent Penance Service for Students @ 6 PM

Dec. 7th-Vigil Mass Immaculate Conception @ 6 PM (Student Participation Mass)

Parish meal to follow the Mass

Dec. 14th, 21st, & 28th- No CCD Christmas Holidays

CCD resumes on January 4th of 2012

Messages & Announcements

Wied KJZT #53 will conduct their annual meeting at 6PM on Thursday, December 1, 2011 at Werner's in Shiner.

The Sharing Tree sponsored by the Altar Society will be in the back of our church on November 20th. Select a name and bring a gift with the resident's name attached to the gift back to the Sharing Tree no later than Sunday, December 4, 2011. The gifts will then be delivered to the respective nursing home so each Catholic resident will have a gift to open at their Christmas party.

Anyone wishing to donate money towards the purchase of poinsettia flowers for the Christmas Season can do so by placing an envelope with their donation in the collection basket. Please include your name, amount, and if the donation is in memory of a loved one.



Pray for vocations to the priesthood & religious life!

Heavenly Father, bless your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers and sisters. Give those you have called to the married state and those you have chosen to live as single persons in the world the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of your Son so that in Him, with Him and through Him we may love you more deeply and serve you more faithfully, always and everywhere. With Mary we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Memorial to St. Mary's Church -

In memory of LeeAnn Pesek by Casper & Gerda Janak-\$20



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. Amen.

Prayer for the Souls in

Purgatory -



O gentle Heart of Jesus, ever present in the Blessed sacrament, ever consumed

with burning love for the poor captive souls in Purgatory, have mercy on them. Be not severe in Your judgments, but let some drops of Your Precious Blood fall upon the devouring flames. And, Merciful Saviour, send Your angels to conduct them to a place of refreshment, light and peace. Amen.



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Fr. John C. Peters, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

Happy New Year

November 27th marks a new year in the Church calendar. We start Year B of the three-year cycle and we begin the season of Advent. During this four-week season, we anticipate the Messiah's birthday, remembering the time when he was awaited. Catholics all over the world light candles in an Advent wreath each night of the season to signal the coming of the true light of Christ.

All Saints Day

All Saints Day on November 1st, a Holy Day of Obligation, celebrates the saints who have tread paths to Heaven before us. No matter what your interests, profession, or situation in life, there is a saint to whom you can relate and follow to Heaven.

Make a Catholic mark

There is no substitute for Catholic men and women carrying faith into the world. Living our faith each day can help shape a better society and a more peaceful world.



Get ready for an amazing reality

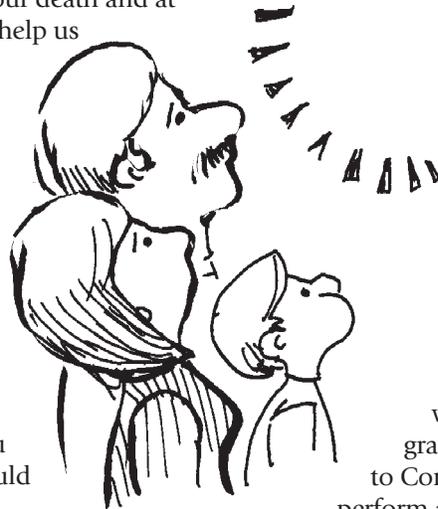
At Christmas we celebrate the amazing fact that God came and lived among us. What's even more amazing is that he will come again at our death and at the end of time. To help us prepare for whichever comes first, the Church created the season of Advent. It is a watchful and penitential time during which we can ...

Prepare to drop everything. If you knew that Jesus would come for you tomorrow, how would you spend today? Chances are you would spend the day asking and granting forgiveness, devote time to those you love, and prepare your heart to be with your Savior. Try to live each day that way.

Pack light. Spend more energy acquiring graces than goods. The graces come along when Jesus calls for you, but the goods stay behind. "But God said to him, *You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?*" (Luke 12:20).

Spruce up. If Jesus came for you tomorrow, you would want to be in a state of grace. Never miss Mass, go to Confession regularly, perform an Examination of Conscience daily and avoid sin so that you'll be ready to greet Jesus with joy anytime.

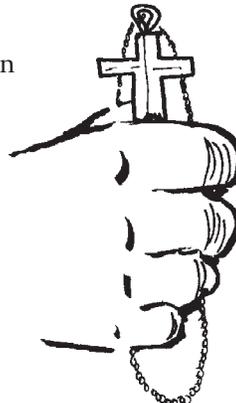
The truth is, Jesus really could come tomorrow – or even today!



Why Do Catholics Do That?

After the priest processes in and begins Mass with the sign of the cross, we have the Penitential Rite. This is when we recognize and profess sorrow for our sins. We recite the Confiteor ("I confess to Almighty God...") and

What is the Penitential Rite?



the "Lord have mercy..."

It's important for us to express our sorrow to God. But the Rite accomplishes more than that. It prepares our souls for a more holy participation in the sacred Eucharistic celebration that itself can effect reparation for sins.

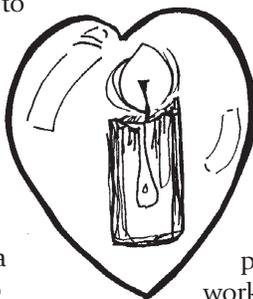
Penance isn't just for Lent

When expecting an honored guest, we make efforts to ensure our home is warm and welcoming. In a sense, that's what the season of Advent allows us to do.

We spend the four weeks before Christmas making our hearts warm and welcoming for Jesus.

Performing acts of penance helps with the spiritual house cleaning necessary to get our hearts ready for Christmas.

Fasting. Ever prepare for a special dinner by eating a light lunch or skipping it all together? The idea was to make room for your favorite foods. When you deny yourself



something during Advent, you can celebrate on Christmas by enjoying what you gave up. Then you will greet the newborn Savior with increased joy.

Performing works of mercy – either corporal or spiritual – express in visible ways the conversion of our hearts. Corporal works include feeding the hungry, offering food and clothing to people who don't have adequate supply. Spiritual works include comforting the sorrowful, praying for the living and the dead, and bearing wrongs patiently.

from Scripture

Mark 13:33-37, Be watchful, be alert

This gospel is from the first Sunday of Advent. We are preparing to celebrate the birth of Our Lord, his first coming. Christmas is a time of joy, for Jesus came to us in human form to redeem us from our sins.

But Advent is a time for us to prepare for the second coming of Christ. In the Creed we say, "...he will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead." We

don't know when this will happen. It could tomorrow; it could be

10,000 years from now. Jesus' message is to be watchful and alert for his coming.

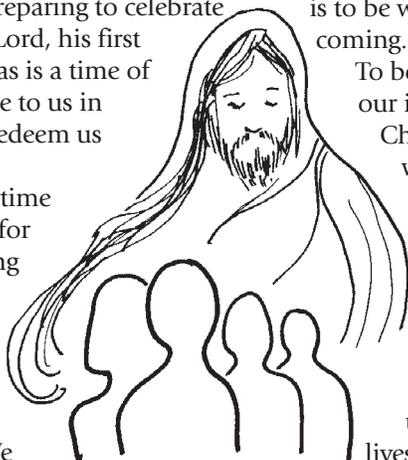
To be watchful involves getting our individual lives in order.

Christ gave us the sacraments so we can do this, especially the Sacrament of Penance.

Being in a state of grace means we are prepared to meet Jesus.

However, this preparation involves each of us gathering the harvest. It means each of us being a missionary in our

lives so everyone may come to know and love the Lord when they come face to face with God.



Q & A

Why is the Mass changing?

This Advent the Mass will undergo some changes. Why is the Church doing that? What's wrong with the Mass as we know it now?



The basic structure of the Mass has been the same throughout the history of the Church. However, the details and words have undergone

some changes over the centuries. The last major changes took place after Vatican Council II in the 1960s.

The Mass is in Latin, the official language of the Church. It was translated into the common language of each country so the entire congregation could understand what was being said.

The translation into English was done for all English-speaking countries. This translation was put into effect in the 1970s. That's what we've used ever since.

As time went on, it was realized that not all the prayers were accurate renditions of the original Latin. Since all Catholics deserve to have an accurate translation of the Mass, work on a new translation was begun several years ago. The final version will be implemented on November 27.

Feasts & Celebrations

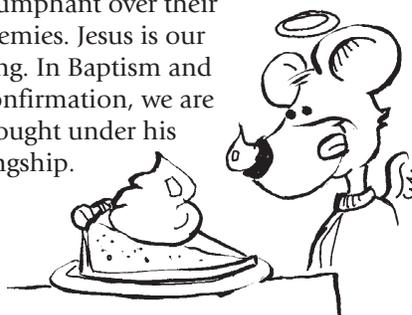
In November we celebrate the saints on **All Saints Day** (Nov. 1) and pray for our loved ones and souls in Purgatory on **All Souls Day** (Nov. 2).

Nov. 17 – St. Elizabeth of Hungary (1231). The daughter of the King of Hungary, Elizabeth chose a life of penance and service. Married at the age of 14, her beloved husband was killed after only six years of marriage. She joined the Secular Franciscan Order and spent the last years of her life caring for the poor. She is the patron of Catholic charities.

Nov. 22 – St. Cecilia (230). A native

of Rome, St. Cecilia was forced to marry although she wanted to consecrate herself to God. She eventually converted her husband and both were martyred for the faith. She is the patroness of musicians.

Nov. 20 – Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. God promised his people a king who will be triumphant over their enemies. Jesus is our King. In Baptism and Confirmation, we are brought under his kingship.



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