

MAY 5, 2013

Mass Intentions:

Sunday, May 12, Ascension of the Lord-

9:15 a.m.- Lambert & Mary Janak

Sunday, May 19, Pentecost-

9:15 a.m.- Henry Matula

Sunday, May 26, The Most Holy Trinity-

9:15 a.m.- Mass of Thanksgiving - Helen & Raymond Janak's 56th Anniversary

Sunday, June 2, The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)-

9:15 a.m.- Living & deceased members of St. Mary's Choir

First Friday, June 7, Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

7:00 p.m.- Deceased members of John & Mary Klekar Family, and Frankie Klekar

Rosary Leaders:

May 12-Ruth Rouse

May 19-Lucille Klekar

May 26-Joyce Janak

June 2-Sandy Konvicka

Lectors:

May 12-Anthony Matula

May 19-Daniel Matula

May 26-Dedie Dobbs

June 2-Dorothy Schneider

Cantors:

May 12-Lucille Klekar

May 19-Emily Schimcek

May 26-Richard Rouse

June 2-Laurence Bludau

Extraordinary Ministers:

May 12-Vivian Mozisek, Evelyn Konvicka & Dedie Dobbs

May 19-Trina Sommerlatte, Pat Pesek & Carol Rother

May 26-Billy & Bev Hrcir & Richard Sommerlatte

June 2-Leon & Nancy Etzler & Janice Rother

Offertory Gift Bearers:

May 12-Blasé Jr. & Deberah Konvicka & Margaret

May 19-Edith Konarik & Family

May 26-Evelyn Konvicka

June 2-Michael & Sandy Konvicka & Family

Ushers:

May 12-Stanley Orsak, Scott Blaschke, Gilbert Mozisek & Marvin Bujnoch

May 19-Roman Henke, Robert Pustka, Gilbert Urbish & Charles Grafe

May 26-Leon Matula, Al Svetlik, Francis Klekar & Sidney Jasek

June 2-Eugene Gillar, Robert Sciba, Bernard Patek & Richard Sommerlatte

Church Cleaners:

May 11-Barbara Matula, Monica Matula & Susan Bujnoch

May 18-Vivian Mozisek & Rita Migl

May 25-Betty Bujnoch, Lucille Bujnoch & Susan Janak

June 1-Bernice Schulte, Bernard & Marcie Patek

Altar Servers:

May 12-Jacob Janak, Luke Scherer, Michael & Robbie Perdziak

May 19-Adam & Ryan Hermes, Clay & Blake Rother

May 26-Eric Klekar, Josh Bludau, Emilie & Ryan Mudd

June 2-Derek & Kevin Konvicka, Alexus Mizera & Kaitlyn Rother

CCD News and Dates:

May 8th-6 p.m. closing Mass for CCD. Meal for students, their families & catechists will follow in the Parish Hall.

May 19th-Baccalaureate Service for Graduating Seniors/Scholarships awarded. Congratulations to our graduating Seniors from St. Mary's: **John Konvicka, Megan Mitchon & Shawn Rainosek.**

CCD Students mark your calendars-

June 9th is our Parish Picnic! CCD Students in grades 3-11 are asked (and expected) to work at least 2-2 hour shifts. Money from the picnics fund scholarships for you!

Reminder: Camp David Summer Camp forms need to be mailed in ASAP! Space is limited and spots fill quickly.



From the Desk of Msgr. John

Today we celebrate First Holy Communion. We congratulate and rejoice with the young people who will be receiving Our Lord in Holy Communion for the very first time. This is a very special time for all of us because Holy Communion is central to our faith as Catholics.

We receive Holy Communion reverently, respectfully and in the state of grace. We should not take the reception of Holy Communion lightly nor take it for granted. We thank God for the gift of Jesus in this sacrament.

Our First Communicants are: Braylee Bujnoch, Noah Hermes, Katie Kostelnik, Ky Kremling, Rynna Orsak & Justin Perdziak.

This month and the beginning of June we also celebrate some very special Feasts after Easter. Next Sunday, we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. The following Sunday, May 19th, we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost – the end of the Easter season and the birthday of the Church. The next Sunday, May 26th, we celebrate the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. On Sunday, June 2nd, we celebrate the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). Finally, on Friday, June 7th, we celebrate the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

These are all special feasts in our liturgical year. Let us celebrate them well.

Messages & Announcements

KJT Wied #43 will meet on May 5th after 9:15 Mass at St. Mary's Rectory.

KJT Wied#43 will host a Mother's Day Bake Sale on Sunday, May 12th outside of St. Mary's Church after the 9:15 a.m. Mass. All members are asked to bring homemade can goods, baked items, farm eggs, etc. or give a monetary donation. This is a Matching Grant Project to benefit the St. Mary's CCD Program. Matching funds provided by the KJT Home Office. Any questions, please call 361-594-4328.

Thank you to Tony & Joyce Bludau for the \$100 donation that will be used for flowers on Pentecost Sunday.

Financial Report

Income

Sunday Collections.....	\$3,964.00
Children's Collections.....	76.50
Hall Rentals.....	250.00
Church Rental.....	160.00
Rice Bowl.....	12.50
Holy Land/Good Friday.....	18.00
Education of Seminarians.....	461.00
Memorials.....	70.00
Votive Candles.....	53.00
Assumption Church West.....	<u>1,407.00</u>
Total Income	\$6,472.00

Expenses

Office.....	\$ 65.00
Hall.....	280.00
Utilities.....	1,111.18
Maintenance.....	150.00
Health Insurance.....	211.00
Pension Plan.....	349.00
Administration.....	300.00
Church Expense.....	150.00
Youth.....	21.99
Latin America.....	46.00
Aid to Europe.....	337.00
Black & Indian Mission.....	67.00
Holy Land/Good Friday.....	144.00
Rice Bowl.....	1,154.30
Education of Seminarians.....	685.00
Assumption Church West.....	<u>1,407.00</u>
Total Expenses.....	\$6,478.47

Beginning Balance for April.....	\$36,239.33
Parish Income.....	6,472.00
Parish Expense.....	<u>6,478.47</u>
Balance for April.....	\$ 36,232.86

Building Fund: \$713.00

Notice: We are in need of a few people interested in cleaning the church. Please call the rectory on Monday or Wednesday mornings at 798-2128 for more information.

Easter Flowers:

James & Barbara Matula in memory of Joe & Lydia Kostelnik, Patricia Steffek & John L. & Mathilda Matula.

St. Mary's Parish Picnic-June 9th

St. Mary's Stew & Sausage Dinner, serving begins at 10:30 a.m. Adult plates only-\$8.00 each. Auction, bingo, cake & plant walk, country store, children's games, raffle & more! Cold refreshments & delicious food all afternoon. Live music 10:30 am-9:00 pm by Texas Sound Check, Tony Janak Band & Red Ravens. Entertainment for the young and the young-at-heart! See you at the Picnic!!

Picnic Committee Chairmen-

Picnic Chairman: Jerome Pesek 798-2920

Auction: Robert & Carol Rother 798-6856
or 798-6544

Beer Stand: Robert Pustka 594-3946

Cake & Plant Walk: Francis & Charlene
Klekar 798-4434

Children's Games: Miranda Moses 798-3698
Mary Jo Bludau 798-2699

Concession Stand: Stanley Orsak 798-5040

Country Store: Barbara Matula 798-5760
Jennifer Janik

Ice Cream Stand: Scott & Diane Blaschke
798-5066

Kitchen: Judith Opela 798-2738

Raffle: Billy & Bev Hrcncir 798-2383

Stew/Sausage: Raymond Janak 798-2014

Ball Throw: John Scherer Family 798-2477

If you are new to the parish or current parishioners not yet signed up, please volunteer to work at the picnic. We need your help to make our Parish Picnic a success. Please contact one of the Committee Chairmen listed above to volunteer your time. *Thank you for your support!!*

Memorials to St. Mary's Church

In Memory of Frankie Klekar

Raymond & Virginia Steffek-\$25

Peggy Kostelnik-\$10

In Memory of Dorothy Cinadr

Margaret Smolik-\$5; Kubena Funeral Home-Dan, Barbara, Eugene, Andy & Alison-\$20, Unknown-\$10; City of Hallettsville-\$25.

St. Mary's Picnic News

We are very short handed. Please come and help where you can to prepare for the picnic:

Clean up: Meet at the hall on Saturday, June 1st at 8:00 a.m.

Sausage Making: Meet at Janak Packing on Tuesday, June 4th at 4:00 p.m.

Cut up Stew Meat: Meet at Janak Packing on Friday, June 7th at 4:00 p.m.

Set up for the Picnic: Meet at the hall on Saturday, June 8th at 8:00 a.m.

Potato Washing & Cutting: Meet at the hall on Saturday, June 8th at 1:30 p.m.

Kitchen Help Sunday Morning: Men and women are both needed the morning of the picnic. Contact Judy Opela @ 798-2738.

On Picnic weekend, please bring on Saturday or Sunday before noon:

Auction: Items are needed-antiques, quilts, interesting or unusual items, cattle, etc.

Bingo Prizes: Suggested items-groceries, household items, children's toys, books, etc.

Cake & Plant Walk: Cakes & plants are needed.

Country Store: Crafts, handmade items, baked items (pies, cookies, bread, etc.) home canned goods, fresh produce, noodles, plants, etc.

Kitchen: Cakes, kolaches, home canned pickles. Please wrap individual slices of cake & kolaches in plastic wrap at home.

Memorials to St. Mary's Altar Society

In Memory of Frankie Klekar

Doris Opela

In Memory of Dorothy L. Barborak Cinadr

Charles & Dorothy Jansky-\$10

Glen Bludau-\$20

Memorials to St. Mary's Cemetery

In Memory of James Roznovsky

Billy & Mary Perdziak-\$10

In Memory of Dorothy L. Barborak Cinadr

Jerome & Georgia Pavliska-\$20; Mary Palicek-\$5; Heneritta Jansky-\$20.

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May 2013

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

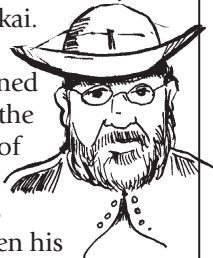
Fr. John C. Peters, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

Fr. Damien of Molokai

The Year of Faith saint for May is Fr. Damien of Molokai.

Born in Belgium in 1840, he joined his brother in the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. When his brother couldn't serve the lepers on the Island of Molokai (those with Hansen's disease), Fr. Damien went instead. Horrified by the conditions, Fr. Damien built schools, churches, hospitals and sanitation facilities. He bestowed dignity and hope and served until his death from the disease in 1889.



Truth or white lie?

When a friend asks your opinion, have you hesitated to tell the truth because you fear hurt feelings? When asked, a true friend always speaks the truth. It is gentler to hear a hard truth from a caring friend.

"How beautiful is the gaze with which Jesus regards us - how full of tenderness! Let us never lose trust in the patience and mercy of God."

Pope Francis



Make a difference in the world

Jesus expects us each to do something great in the world, and he doesn't mean just the millionaires or heads of state. Pope Benedict XVI said, "The world promises you comfort, but you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness."

Start now. If we think that our contribution can't make a difference or that others will take charge, nothing will get done. Start today, and believe that God will strengthen your efforts. "I can do all things in him who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13).

Share your love. "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35). Mother Teresa once said, "If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one" and your kindness may influence others.

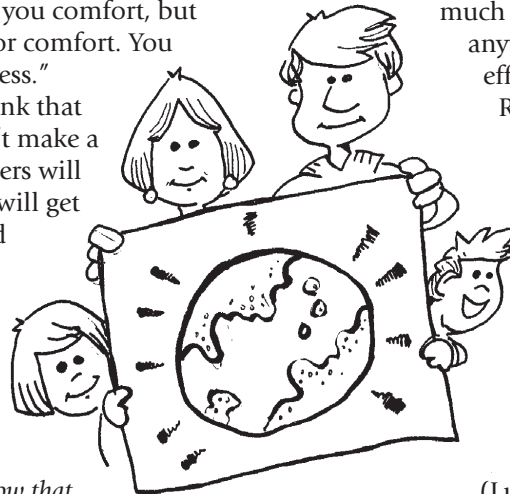
Commit. Find a parish ministry or charity you love and adopt it. Your contribution will benefit the future.

Give your mite. If you don't have much to give, give anyway - time, effort or funds.

Remember the widow's mite: "I tell you truly, this poor widow put in more than all the rest ... from her poverty has offered her whole livelihood"

(Luke 21:3-4).

Empower others. Be generous with praise and stingy with criticism. Offering sincere praise and encouragement helps others achieve goals and adds value to the world.



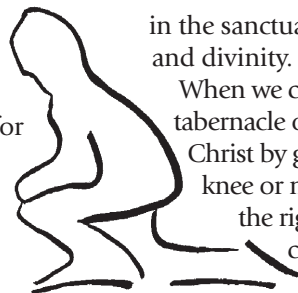
Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do we genuflect in church?

Most Catholic Churches have a tabernacle in the sanctuary. The tabernacle contains consecrated hosts for people in the hospital or nursing homes, and those in danger of death. Therefore, Jesus is present

in the sanctuary: body and blood, soul and divinity.

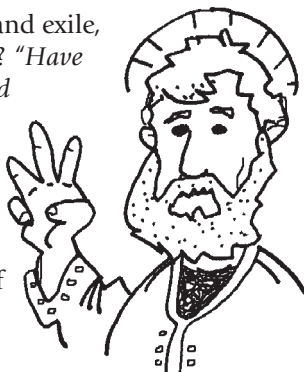
When we cross in front of the tabernacle or enter a pew, we honor Christ by genuflecting on the right knee or making a deep bow. We use the right knee because that is considered the side of honor.



A 3-step cure for stress

St. Paul knew stress. He spent time in prison and exile, experienced frustration and conflict. His advice? *“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus”* (Philippians 4:4-7).

“Have no anxiety at all.” Step 1 – Rid yourself of worry. There is a difference between concern, which leads us to take steps to be prepared, and



worry, which produces nothing but stress.

“Make your requests known to God.” Step 2 – Carry everything to God in prayer. St. Paul added the phrase, “with thanksgiving,” to remind us to put our trust completely in the Lord to provide for us.

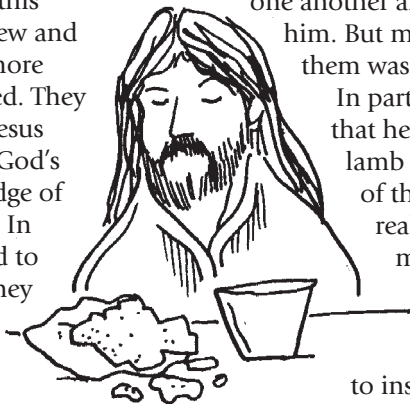
“The peace of God ... will guard your hearts and minds.” Step 3 – Keep your mind on God and experience his peace. The perfect peace that only God can give will come to those who keep their minds and hearts focused on Jesus.

from Scripture

John 16:12-15, the coming of the Holy Spirit

This reading is from St. John’s account of the Last Supper. By this point, the Apostles knew and accepted that God is more than they had imagined. They also understood that Jesus had a special place in God’s plan but their knowledge of his role was imperfect. In this reading, Jesus tried to explain to them that they would understand in time.

By the time the Last Supper took place, the Apostles had spent three years with Jesus, traveling, listening, speaking, and learning from him. Some of what Jesus



taught was quite clear – love God, love one another and tell others about him. But much of what Jesus told them was hard to understand.

In particular, Jesus told them that he would be the sacrificial lamb who takes away the sins of the world. The Apostles really struggled what this meant. But Jesus let them know the “Spirit of truth” (the Holy Spirit) would come to instruct them and to make everything clear.

The same is true for us. When we open ourselves to the Holy Spirit, much becomes clear.

Q & A What are the precepts of the Church?

The five precepts of the Church are designed to bring us closer to God through the Mass and penance.

We’re to attend Mass on Sundays. As members of the Body of Christ, we’re strengthened when we worship together.

We’re to confess our sins at least once a year. We all commit sin, often on a daily basis. Yet we see a lack of the sense of sin in our society. Confession brings us to recognize our sinfulness and return us to a state of grace.

We’re to receive Holy Communion at least during the Easter season. There are those who think they’re never worthy to receive the Eucharist and who never would without this precept.

We’re to keep the Holy Days of Obligation. These feasts honoring the Lord, the Blessed Virgin, and the saints who teach us more about our faith.

We’re to observe the prescribed days of fasting and abstinence. These acts of penance take us out of our comfort zone so we can focus on our relationship with Christ.

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Feasts & Celebrations

In May we honor Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth. On May 31st, we commemorate the Visitation when Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth to share her joy at being favored by God.

May 1 – St. Joseph the Worker. Entrusted with the care of the Blessed Mother and Jesus, Joseph was a carpenter dedicated to his family and obedient to God.

May 20 – St. Bernardine of Siena (1444). As Franciscan, his boundless energy and joy was put to use running the local hospital during the great plague in Europe. Then, after a dozen

years in solitude, he journeyed across Italy preaching. The symbol of the sun with IHS, the first three letters of Jesus’ name in Greek, is attributed to him.

May 22 – St. Rita of Cascia (1457). Unwillingly married off to a cruel husband at the age of twelve, St. Rita spent eighteen unhappy years before being widowed. She then became an Augustinian nun and was known for her devotion to prayer and charity.

