

## **Sunday-February 2, 2014**

### **Mass Intentions:**

#### First Friday, February 7-

6:00 p.m.- Living & deceased members of KJZT #53, Wied

#### Sunday, February 9-

9:15 a.m.- Living & deceased members of the Joe L. & Agnes Machicek Family

#### Sunday, February 16-

9:15 a.m.- Jerome Bujnoch & Susan Janak

#### Sunday, February 23-

9:15 a.m.- Margaret & Leona Bujnoch

#### Sunday, March 2-

9:15 a.m.- Living & deceased members of KJT Society #43, Wied

### **Rosary Leaders:**

Feb. 9-Joyce Janak

Feb. 16-Dorothy Schneider

Feb. 23-Sandy Konvicka

Mar. 2-Ruth Rouse

### **Lectors:**

Feb. 9-Daniel Matula

Feb. 16-Dedie Dobbs

Feb. 23-Dorothy Schneider

Mar. 2-Pat Mladenka

### **Cantors:**

Feb. 9-Lucille Klekar (Choir)

Feb. 16-Richard Rouse

Feb. 23-Laurence Bludau

Mar. 2-Emily Schimcek

### **Altar Servers:**

Feb. 9-Josh Bludau, Emilie & Ryan Mudd & Luke Scherer

Feb. 16-Adam & Ryan Hermes, Michael & Robbie Perdziak

Feb. 23-Samuel & Simon Machicek, Clay & Blake Rother

Mar. 2-Derek & Kevin Konvicka, Allexus Mizera & Kaitlyn Rother

### **Offertory Gift Bearers:**

Feb. 9-Dorothy Schneider & Bernice Schulte

Feb. 16-Richard & Jeanne Sommerlatte

Feb. 23-Allen & Anita Steffek

Mar. 2-David & Loretta Steffek

### **Extraordinary Ministers:**

Feb. 9-Carol Rother, Billy & Bev Hrnrcir, & Richard Sommerlatte

Feb. 16-Leon & Nancy Etzler, Edward & Sandra Pustka

Feb. 23-Tony & Joyce Bludau, Vivian Mozisek, & Evelyn Konvicka

Mar. 2-Janice Rother, Pat Pesek, Dedie Dobbs Trina Sommerlatte

### **Ushers:**

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

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

Feb. 23-Stanley Orsak, Scott Blaschke, Gilbert Mozisek & Marvin Bujnoch

Mar. 2-Roman Henke, Robert Pustka, Gilbert Urbish & Charles Grafe

### **Church Cleaners:**

Feb. 9-Sharon Henrichs, Lisa Matula & Laura Ulcak

Feb. 16-Barbara Matula, Monica Matula & Susan Bujnoch

Feb. 23-Vivian Mozisek, Cecilia Opela, Rita Migl & Edna Wehman

Mar. 2-Betty Bujnoch & Lucille Bujnoch

## **Messages & Announcements**

**Bulletin Sponsor:** In Memory of Mary & Frank J. Matula & Bill Luehrmann by Anthony & Jo Matula.

**Christmas Flowers:** Viola Konvicka-\$20.00

**St. Mary's Altar Society:** In memory of Annie Etzler by Daniel & Monica Matula-\$20.00

Billy & Bev Hrnrcir-\$250.00 Donation to the Altar Society.

The altar servers wish to thank the St. Mary's Altar Society for allowing us to have our annual appreciation pizza party along with receiving a gift card to Sonic. We appreciate your support and generosity.

**From the Desk of Msgr. John**

This past Tuesday and Wednesday, I attended the Ordination and Installation of Bishop Michael Olson as the new bishop of Fort Worth. I was his formation director at St. Mary's Seminary in Houston.

Congratulations to all the young people who placed in the Hallettsville Junior Livestock Show and also all the young people who entered. This is a great learning experience for our young people.

This weekend Msgr. Jim Henke is helping with some of the Masses since Fr. Daniel is gone.

Thank you to all who had your picture taken for the St. Mary Pictorial Directory!!! If you haven't had a chance to do so, you still have time to do this at Sacred Heart in February.

We have had two large paintings in the back of church refurbished and restored. They are very impressive works of art. Thank you to Tony and Joyce Bludau and an anonymous family memorial donation for having this extensive work done to maintain the beauty of St. Mary Church.

**MEETING NOTICE.....**

KJZT #53 of Wied will hold a quarterly meeting on Friday, February 7, 2014 after 6:00 p.m. Mass.

**PROMISE OF MARRIAGE:**

Kimberly Renee Freytag and Garrett Ross Cerny on February 22.

**Pastoral Institute Extended Program:**

**NEW DATES SET** – The six-week Liturgy course will be taught by Deacon Chuck Glynn on Tuesdays, February 18, 25, March 4, 18, 25 and April 1 (skipping March 11). Classes will be available at three sites: Holy Cross, East Bernard; via distance learning at the Chancery, Victoria and St. Ann's, Point Comfort. Times of the course will be morning: 9:15 – 11:30 a.m. or evening: 7:00 – 9:15 p.m. To register call (361) 573-0828 ext. 2223 or email Sherry Kainer at [pisecretary@victoriadiocese.org](mailto:pisecretary@victoriadiocese.org).

Amor Meus Spirituality Center Upcoming Events  
Incarnate Word Convent Chapel, 1101 N.E. Water Street, Victoria.

February 8: Guided Retreat on "Forgiveness," 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Father Daniel Houde will direct the retreat. (Visit our website for March 1 Guided Retreat.) Guided Retreats include presentations, liturgy or prayer service, time for personal prayer and reflection. Women & men are welcome. For more information about other retreats and prayer opportunities visit [www.amormeusspiritualitycenter.org](http://www.amormeusspiritualitycenter.org) or call 361-575-7111.

February 12-13-14: Overnight Directed Retreat (2 nights). Please register a week in advance. A Directed Retreat includes opportunities for liturgy or prayer service and daily meeting with a Retreat Director focusing on the retreatant's experience of God as well as discerning the interior movements of the Holy Spirit. To arrange for a Directed Retreat on another date or for a longer time call 575-7111.

Lenten Vespers: Sundays of Lent - March 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6, 13; from 5 – 6 p.m. This liturgical prayer of the church focuses on praying the psalms, giving thanks for the day and offering evening praise to God. This Prayer can prepare us for the great feast of Easter.

**Youth Spectacular!** February 16, Holy Family Church, Victoria. Doors open 11:00 a.m. Spectacular begins 11:30 a.m. Concluding Liturgy celebrated by Bishop Fellhauer at 5:00 p.m. Theme: *"Of all the music that reached farthest into Heaven, it is the beating of a loving heart."* Guest speakers this year: *Soundwave*, a Christian band from the Austin area, and Jonathan Alexander who is the director of Houston Missions for Adore Ministries. Cost for youth is \$17 and \$15 for group rates (8 or more). Adult leaders/chaperones are \$7. Early registration deadline is February 5th. Late registration or at the door is \$25. I hope this helps you and if you have any further information or have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. Early registration deadline Feb. 5. For information, contact Wendy Eggert 573-0828 ext. 2232 or [weggert@victoriadiocese.org](mailto:weggert@victoriadiocese.org).

**Financial Report for January, 2014**

**Income**

Sunday Collections.....	\$5,704.75
Children's Collections.....	52.38
Church in Latin America.....	41.00
Votive Candles.....	57.73
Hall Rental.....	1,385.00
Pasture Rental.....	<u>150.00</u>
Total Income	\$7,390.86

**Expenses**

Office.....	\$ 443.91
Utilities.....	3,332.59
Maintenance.....	150.00
Health Insurance.....	406.00
Administration.....	357.00
Church Expense.....	1,931.99
Hall.....	295.00
Pension Plan.....	<u>188.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$7,104.49

Beginning Balance.....	\$47,388.32
Income.....	7,390.86
Expenses.....	<u>7,104.49</u>
	\$47,674.69

Building Repair Fund: \$736.00

**Altar Society Annual Report 2013**

**Income:**

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collections.....	\$1,539.00
Memorials.....	1,565.00
Donations.....	334.00
Seasonal Flower Donations.....	<u>345.00</u>
(*Easter\$115.00 & *Christmas \$230.00)	\$3,783.00

**Expense:**

Sacco.....	\$ 426.12
(Altar supplies, 2 albs, Sanctuary candles)	
Jo's Green Hut (Seasonal Flowers)...	685.00
Wal Mart.....	90.01
(Cleaning Supplies, Paper Towels, Etc.)	
Rainosek's-Heater.....	49.95
Vacuum Cleaner.....	101.98
Education of Seminarians.....	250.00
First Communion Brunch.....	83.62
First Communion(Books/Rosary Supplies)	63.00
Discalced Carmelite Nuns (Altar Bread)	159.00
Star Cleaners .....	249.00
(2-Chasubles & Altar Server Albs)	
Fr. Tommy Chen (Farewell gift).....	50.00
May Crowning Flowers.....	45.40
Garland, Ribbons & Bows.....	50.00
**Altar Server Christmas Party.....	200.00
Designs by Donna –	
(2-Pentecost Arrangements).....	86.40
St. Mary's Church (West-Explosion Victims)	100.00
Feast Day (Soup & Sandwiches).....	200.00
Christmas Gifts (Priests & Deacon)....	125.00
Alb & 5 Stoles(Deacon Joey Targac)...	<u>494.00</u>
	\$3,508.48

Balance on 12/31/12.....	\$3,721.58
Income for 2013.....	3,783.00
Less Expenses.....	<u>-3,508.48</u>
Balance on 12/31/13.....	\$3,996.10

\*\$115.00 Easter flower donations deposited by mistake in church account. 3/13

\*Additional \$165.00 Christmas flower donations were deposited on 1/6/2014

\*\*\$50.00 was refunded from Altar Server Christmas Party on 1/4/2014

Report given by Katherine Kahanek

# Growing in FAITH™

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

February 2014

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

Fr. John C. Peters, Pastor

### One Minute Meditations

#### St. Scholastica

Twin sister of St. Benedict, St. Scholastica founded a

Benedictine community for women five miles from her brother's monastery. The twins visited annually for prayer and spiritual consultation. One year, Scholastica asked her brother to spend the night but he declined in compliance with his own rule requiring monks to sleep in his monastery. Scholastica prayed and a thunderstorm erupted, preventing Benedict's departure. Three days later, Benedict saw a dove rising from his sister's convent and realized she had died.

#### Live unafraid

Christ suffered, died, and rose to free us from our fears. "I live by faith in the Son of God who has loved me and given himself up for me" (Galatians 2:20b).

"We are not some casual and meaningless product of evolution. Each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary."

Pope (Emeritus) Benedict



## What to do when God feels distant

There are times when God seems so close that we are filled with a glorious feeling of love. At other times he can seem so distant it's as if he has turned his back. God lets this happen for our good. Still, that distant feeling can be hard to bear.

**Look for a cause.** Sometimes we cause distance to crop up between us without even realizing it. We may have become overly-confident of our spiritual strength and yielded to temptation. Or, we neglected prayer or Sunday Mass.

**Pray your way back.** Distance can lead to discouragement, but don't let that keep you from prayer. Reaching out to God is the surest way to find

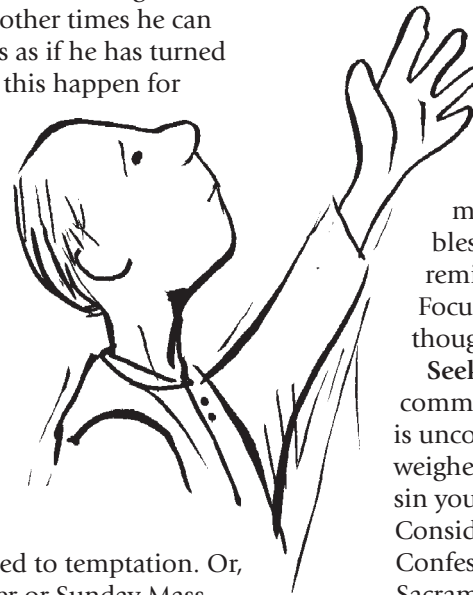
your way back. Enlist the help of the saints or the Blessed Mother.

**Meditate on what you know.**

Regularly repeat God's promises of salvation, Jesus' pledge of eternal love, memories of God's past blessings, anything that reminds you of his love. Focus on these beautiful thoughts over and over.

**Seek Reconciliation.** A common cause for distance is unconfessed sin. Are you weighed down by a fault or sin you are avoiding facing? Consider making a full Confession and seek the Sacrament regularly. Perform

an act of penance, such as fasting, to take the focus off yourself. Then you will find he has been beside you all along.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

Catholics evangelize (spread the Gospel) because Jesus said to, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have

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commanded you" (Matthew 28: 19-20).

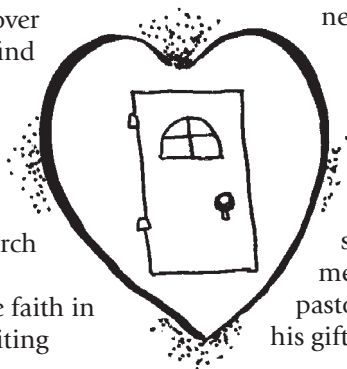
Some ways we bring new disciples to Jesus include treating others with love, living a holy life, passing on the faith to our children, supporting our parish ministries, and by telling others about God.



# Open your door, open your heart

Despite warm and welcoming parishes all over the country, many Catholics still struggle to find a parish home. Large parishes can be intimidating while plugging into smaller, established ones can be difficult, too. What can we do to welcome new or returning Catholics to our parish homes?

**Open your door** – Masses in the early Church were held in the homes of believers. New or prospective Christians were introduced to the faith in loving, personal environments. Consider inviting



new parishioners to your home for dinner and introduce them to other parishioners, or become part of your parish hospitality efforts to welcome new or returning Catholics.

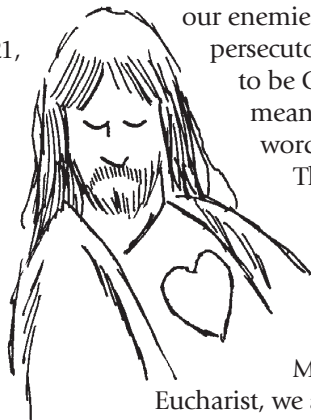
**Open your heart** – Look for those in your family, among friends, or in the workplace who might be searching for a spiritual home. Invite someone new each month to share Mass and a meal. Give a tour of the church and introduce the pastor. Let your visitor know that your parish can use his gifts and he will find a new family in your parish.

## from Scripture

### Matthew 5:38-48, Heart speaks to heart

The ancient concept of justice, “an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth,” is from Exodus 21:24, Leviticus 24:20 and Deuteronomy 19:21, and was originally meant to limit retribution from escalating into blood feuds between clans. It was later misused to exact a form of personal justice. Instead, Jesus proposed a new approach, one that leads not to justice on Earth but in Heaven.

Loving our enemies or those who have offended us repeatedly requires forgiveness. Sometimes forgiveness seems



impossible but we are to teach and treat others the way Jesus does even to loving our enemies and praying for our persecutors. As Christians, we are to be Christ to others. That means teaching not just by our words but by our actions, too.

Then Jesus directed us to “be perfect.” That we cannot do without the help of the Holy Spirit to guide us, and by faithful attendance at

Mass. Through the Eucharist, we are nourished by the very body and blood of Jesus. He gives us the strength we need to live a more perfect life.

## Q Can I receive Communion & if I am returning to the Church after many years?

Welcome back! There is a step to take before you can be in full communion with Christ. In order to be properly disposed for the Eucharist, “A Catholic must be in a state of grace to receive Holy Communion, and anyone aware of being in a state of mortal sin must first receive absolution in the Sacrament of Penance” (CCC, section 1415).



When you were away from the Church, you may have missed Sunday Mass, for example. That is considered a mortal sin for a baptized Catholic and requires seeking God’s forgiveness through the Sacrament of Penance.

You may feel anxious or nervous about going to Confession after a long absence from the Church. Please remember that the primary purpose of this Sacrament is to reconcile us to Christ who waits patiently for us when we have turned from him. Remember also, that one of a priest’s great joys is being able to convey God’s forgiveness to those sincerely seeking it. He will be happy to guide you through it.

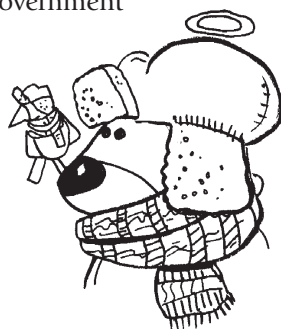
## Feasts & Celebrations

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

**February 11 – Our Lady of Lourdes (1858)** A heavenly “lady” appeared to St. Bernadette Soubirous, a poor and sickly girl from a small village in France. Soon after the first vision, a spring with miraculous, healing waters emerged

from a nearby cave. The “lady” revealed herself as the “Immaculate Conception” – the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**February 23 – St. Polycarp (156).** Bishop of Smyrna, Asia-Minor, Polycarp was a disciple of the apostle St. John and a friend of St. Ignatius of Antioch. He faithfully cared for his flock despite being surrounded by pagans and a government opposed to his religion. Before he was martyred, he thanked God for making him worthy of a martyr’s death.



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