

Sunday-January 5, 2014

Mass Intentions:

Sunday, January 12- The Baptism of the Lord

9:15 a.m.- Zachary Grafe

Sunday, January 19-

9:15 a.m.- Bill & Earline Chovanetz

Sunday, January 26-

9:15 a.m.- Frank & Mary Matula, Henry Matula

Sunday, February 2- Presentation of the Lord

9:15 a.m.- Timothy Kostelnik

Rosary Leaders:

January 12-Dorothy Schneider

January 19-Sandy Konvicka

January 26-Ruth Rouse

February 2-Lucille Klekar

Lectors:

January 12-Daniel Matula

January 19-Dedie Dobbs

January 26-Dorothy Schneider

February 2-Anthony Matula

Cantors:

January 12-Lucille Klekar (Choir)

January 19-Ruth Rouse

January 26-Richard Rouse

February 2-Pat Mladenka

Extraordinary Ministers:

Jan. 12-Billy & Bev Hrnecir, Pat Mladenka,
Richard Sommerlatte

Jan. 19-Leon & Nancy Etzler, Vivian Mozisek,
Evelyn Konvicka

Jan. 26-Edward & Sandra Pustka, Janice Rother,
Dedie Dobbs

Feb. 2-Tony & Joyce Bludau, Pat Pesek,
Trina Sommerlatte

Altar Servers:

Jan. 12-Emilie & Ryan Mudd, Jacob Janak, Luke
Scherer

Jan. 19-Samuel & Simon Machicek, Clay & Blake
Rother

Jan. 26-Michael & Robbie Perdziak, Adam &
Ryan Hermes

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

Offertory Gift Bearers:

Jan. 12-Ruth & Richard Rouse

Jan. 19-Robert & Florence Sciba

Jan. 26-Aaron & Shelly Summers & Family

Feb. 2-Al & Cindy Svetlik & Family

Ushers:

Jan. 12-Leon Matula, Al Svetlik, Francis Klekar,
& Sidney Jasek

Jan. 19-Eugene Gillar, Robert Sciba, Bernard
Patek & Richard Sommerlatte

Jan. 26-Stanley Orsak, Scott Blaschke, Gilbert
Mozisek & Marvin Bujnoch

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

Church Cleaners:

Jan. 11-Sharon Henrichs, Lisa Matula &
Laura Matula

Jan. 18-Barbara Matula, Monica Matula
& Susan Bujnoch

Jan. 25-Vivian Mozisek, Cecilia Opela, Rita
Migl & Edna Wehman

Feb. 1-Betty Bujnoch & Lucille Bujnoch

Messages & Announcements

CCD Classes resume on January 8, 2014 at
regular time.

January Bulletin sponsored in honor of Bennie &
Victoria Orsak's 65th wedding anniversary on
January 10 by their children.

KJZT Society #53, Wied meeting after Mass on
February 7th. The Mass will be offered for the
living and deceased members of the society.

**St. Mary's Cemetery Fund- In memory of Emily
Kremling & Earline Lucas: Frank & Barbara
Kremling-\$30. In memory of Justina & Ed Janak,
Ed Janak Jr., Josephine Jetter & all family mem-
bers buried at St. Mary's: Dorothy Janak-\$500.**

**St. Mary's Memorial Fund- In memory of Susan
Ann Hlavac Janak: Leroy & Patricia Kloesel
Family-\$25; Richard & Carolyn Roos-\$40; Mrs.
Marjorie Hlavac-\$25; Larry & Agnes Greer
Family-\$15; Neil & Cheryl Schmidt-\$40 ; Family
& Friends @ Circle Y/Tucker Saddlery, Inc.-\$40;
George & Debbie Fehr Simpler-\$15.**

**St. Mary's Altar Society Fund- In memory of
Susan Janak: Lucille Bujnoch-\$100.**

From the Desk of Msgr. John

Thank you to all who participated in any way in the Christmas and New Year's Masses to make these celebrations of our Faith truly beautiful and inspirational, especially the musicians, choirs and cantors.

Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, the coming of the Three Kings. 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 – a reminder of the clay from which God created us – to mark over the front door (or all doors) the initials of the legendary names of the Magi (Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar) and the numerals of the new year.

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The initials also stand for the Latin motto "Christus mansionem benedicat" – "May Christ bless this house."

This Wednesday, January 8th, marks the 8th anniversary of the beginning of our Adoration Chapel at Sacred Heart. Thank you to all who take time to visit with Our Lord on a regular basis and those who are available to fill in. This is truly a blessing for us as individuals, as Church and as community. Adoration is open to everyone.

If you are not adoring already, you may call Charlene Bradbury at 798-3224 to commit to this wonderful form of prayer.

Jacob Koether, a seminarian from El Campo, will be ordained a Deacon on May 24 and continue to study for the Priesthood. Jacob will be with us during this coming summer and then two weekends a month during the next school year.

May you all have a very blessed 2014!

A special "Thank You" to the following families and individuals who helped decorate the church for the Christmas Season: Doris Mixon Family for the outside railing with garland and bows; Leon Smirak and Richard Sommerlatte for the outdoor Nativity Scene; Billy and Amy Gerke Family for the indoor

Nativity and church decorations; Lucille Klekar, Eric Klekar, Doris Mixon, Logan Mixon and Megan Kloesel for the placement of poinsettias on the altar. Their time and effort is much appreciated by our parish family and by the many visitors during this Christmas Season.

Thank you to the Erwin Mozisek Family for the Christmas swags and lighted garland in church, which were donated in memory of Joe and Emily Mozisek.

Thank you also to Doris Mixon for maintaining the planters throughout the year with beautiful flowers.

Pictorial Directory:

St. Mary's Catholic Church will publish a new 2014 Church Pictorial Directory. Photos will be taken here at St. Mary's on January 8-11. You will need to schedule an appointment on one of these dates. When you have your photo taken you will be pictured in our directory and will receive a free 8x10 photo and a free directory. If you are unable to take your photo during the above time, you may make an appointment to have your photo taken at one of the other local churches. Tell them you are from St. Mary's and you will still be listed in our directory. Their dates are listed below.

We need your help to get photos of the homebound, rest home residents and military. They may submit their own photo or have a new one taken. Please put the information in the offertory gift basket or see contact below. All group photos for Altar Servers, CCD, Extraordinary Ministers, Picnic Committee, Music, etc. will be taken on Sunday, February 2 after Mass. You may go online at www.shcatholicchurch.org and click on the Lifetouch link (except on the weekend) to sign up for your photos for all of the following parishes or call the contact listed.

St. Mary's Catholic Church, January 8-11

Contact Carol Rother 798-4368w, 798-3575h, 798-6856c

St. John and Moravia, January 20-25

St. John: Dorothy Berger 979-562-2187

Moravia: Barbara Janak 772-6409

Sacred Heart, February 4-March 8

Contact Linda Pavliska 798-3291

Financial Report for November, 2013

Income:

Sunday Collections.....	\$4,375.00
Children's Collections.....	64.82
Hall Rental.....	1,450.00
Archdiocese Military Service.....	127.25
Campaign for Human Dev.....	40.00
Memorials.....	390.00
Church Rental.....	50.00
Bulletin Sponsor.....	50.00
Sale of Church Book.....	<u>15.00</u>
	\$6,562.07

Expenses:

Office.....	\$ 765.00
Utilities.....	565.75
Maintenance.....	150.00
Health Insurance.....	406.00
Pension Plan.....	94.00
Administration.....	357.00
Church.....	56.58
Hall.....	325.00
Archdiocese Military Service.....	<u>127.25</u>
	\$2,846.58

Beginning Balance.....	\$39,738.60
Income	6,562.07
Expenses	<u>2,846.58</u>
Balance.....	\$43,454.09

Building Fund: \$688.00

Christmas Flowers Donors: In memory of Joe & Emily Mozisek by Gilbert & Evelyn Mozisek-\$10; In memory of Jeremy Mozisek by Gilbert & Evelyn Mozisek-\$10; In memory of M/M Alex F. Janak by Glenn & Dolores Dobbs-\$25; In memory of Guntram & Annie Janak & Agnes Pesek by Vic & Katherine Kahanek-\$25; In memory of Melvin & Sybil Janak, Alfred, Mary & Debbie Technik by Melvin & Joyce Janak-\$20; In memory of Alfred, Mary & Debbie Technik by Mike & Helen Technik-\$25; In memory of Daniel Opela by Doris Opela-\$10; In memory of John & Marie Mozisek, Frank & Antonia Kocian by Joe & Mary Machicek-\$10; In memory of Joe L. & Agnes Machicek, Manuel & Lottie Kocian, Leroy Kocian, Larry Machicek, George Machicek, Betty Kocian by Joe & Mary Machicek-\$10; In memory of Daniel Brom by Sidney & Barbara Jasek-\$20;

In memory of Zach Grafe by Chuck Grafe-\$10; In memory of Henry Sitka, Joe & Clara Sitka, Jim & Adolfena Smolik by Marvin & Susan Bujnoch-\$25; In memory of Matt & Amelia Pustka by the Pustka Family-(3) Poinsettia Flower Pots; In memory of Frankie Klekar by Lucille Klekar-\$10; In memory of Rudolph & Emilie Dornak, Guntram & Annie Janak by Ray & Helen Janak-\$20; Laurence & Carol Bludau-\$20; In memory of Rudolph & Rosa Bujnoch, Jamie Bujnoch, Anton & Mary Tupa by Evelyn Bujnoch-\$25; In memory of M/M Joe Vaculik, M/M Frank Konvicka by Margaret Konvicka-\$10; In memory of Victor E. Kresta by Evelyn Kresta-\$10; In memory of Florentine & Adela Janak by Helen M. Janak-\$20; In memory of Laddie Konvicka by Evelyn Konvicka-\$10; In memory of Dale Schulte & Joe, Emily, Ervin, Joe Jr. Mozisek by Bernice Schulte-\$50.

Financial Report for December 2013

Income:

Sunday Collections.....	\$6,629.55
Children's Collections.....	48.06
Church Rental.....	150.00
Immaculate Conception.....	15.00
Retirement for Religious.....	91.00
Human Development.....	20.00
Bulletin Sponsor.....	55.00
Hall Rental.....	<u>350.00</u>
	\$7,358.61

Expenses:

Office.....	\$ 158.73
Utilities.....	815.94
Maintenance.....	150.00
Health Insurance.....	406.00
Administration.....	357.00
Church Expense.....	1,150.71
Hall.....	235.00
Human Development (Nov. & Dec.)	60.00
Retirement Religious.....	<u>91.00</u>
	\$ 3,424.38

Beginning Balance.....	\$43,454.09
Income.....	7,358.61
Expenses.....	<u>3,420.38</u>
Operating Balance.....	\$47,388.32

Building Repair Fund: \$1,111.00

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January 2014

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

Fr. John C. Peters, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

Mother Seton

Wife, then widow,
Elizabeth Ann Seton
converted to

Catholicism despite rejection by her wealthy Episcopalian family and friends. With no means of support for herself or her children, she welcomed the invitation to open a Catholic school for girls near Baltimore.

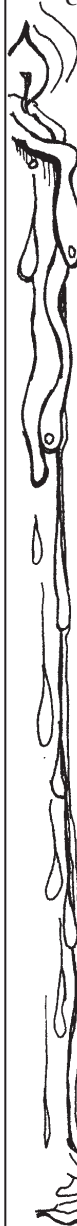
Joined by like-minded women, the community became the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1809, and Elizabeth became Mother Seton. The community grew and so did their schools and orphanages marking the beginnings of the U.S. parochial school system.

Bessed are the peacemakers

The world sure could use more peacemakers. The key to becoming one is to practice forgiveness and offer peace. That way everyone around us will feel the love of Christ.

God's Laws

"Happy the man who meditates upon these things, wise the man who takes them to heart! If he puts them into practice, he can cope with anything, for the fear of the LORD is his lamp"
(Sirach 50:28-29).



Fall in love with God

From the moment God created you, he has been deeply in love with you.

He made you deliberately so he could love you. *"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you"* (1 Jeremiah 1:3). What about you? Are you in love with God?

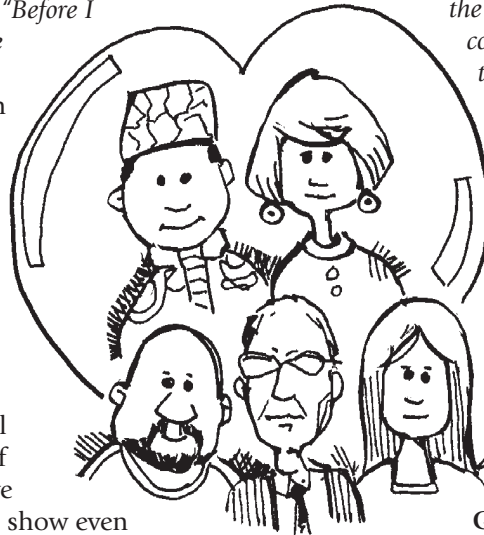
You have no secrets from God ... and he loves you anyway. We all have some small shameful part of ourselves that we are too afraid to show even our closest family or friends. God sees all you are and loves you infinitely anyway. *"I praise you, because I am wonderfully made ... My very self you know"* (Psalm 139:14).

God thinks loving thoughts of you all the time. *"How precious to me are thy thoughts, O God. How vast is the sum of them! If I would count them, they are more than the sand"* (Psalm 139:17).

Our bodies are holy because God put his precious life within us. *"Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?"* (1 Corinthians 3:16).

Prayer is about falling in love with

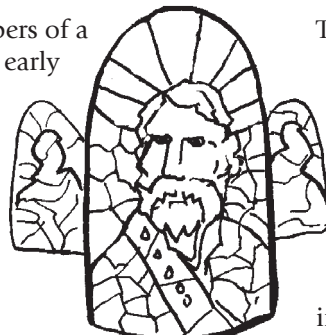
God. *"I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live"* (Psalm 116:1-2).



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics honor saints?

Christians are members of a large family. From the early days of the Church, there have been members of the faithful who have strived to live in the kingdom of God here on Earth and see its fulfillment in Heaven.



These holy people have allowed themselves to be emptied out and to be filled with the love and grace of Christ.

The Church holds up these brothers and sisters of ours as examples to help us follow in their paths.

Make one change for God this year

When making New Year's resolutions this year, consider one change that will bring you closer to God. Here are some ideas other Catholics have used to strengthen prayer, serve the poor, and evangelize our faith ...

Norma felt her prayer life growing stale, so when her parish asked for adorers for the perpetual adoration chapel, she jumped at the chance. Now, Mondays at midnight, Norma can be found in the presence of the Eucharist. She said, "I really look forward to my peaceful hour



each week. It's just me and Him."

Peter's law practice is incredibly busy, but he takes an afternoon off every month to work at the local soup kitchen serving hot meals to the homeless and working poor. When asked why he said, "Jesus said, 'When I was hungry, you gave me to eat.'"

JoAnn's children are grown, yet she teaches a religious education class at her parish. "What better way to spread our faith than to children? That's where I can do the most good," she said.

from Scripture

Matthew 4:12-23, The common call.

The way Jesus gathered his followers seemed almost casual. For example, he passed the Sea of Galilee, saw Andrew and Simon and called to them. It sounds as if the men dropped what they were doing, left their homes and livelihoods to follow Jesus after very little thought. There must have been something very arresting about Jesus and his call to them.

Scripture makes it clear that discipleship means leaving everything behind and surrendering to the will of God. He will provide whatever a disciple

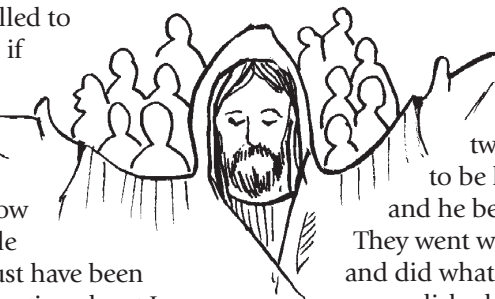
needs to follow him but nothing comes before our relationship with God and his call to us. The compelling part of

his call is the chance to serve him and be close to him.

Jesus chose twelve special people to be his closest followers and he became their leader.

They went where he told them and did what he asked, and accomplished amazing deeds in Jesus' name.

Jesus is still calling people to be his disciples and work amazing deeds in his name. In fact, he has called each of us to be his disciple.



Q & A Are there qualities that would make me a better Christian?

Actually, when you were baptized, made your First Communion, or got Confirmed, the Holy Spirit conferred gifts to help you grow in strength and holiness. Recognizing these gifts and nurturing them will certainly make you a better Christian.

Wisdom: This gift helps us stay focused on God's will and his plan for us.

Understanding: Lets us grasp truths. It means seeing with the heart and the mind.

Counsel: Also called "right judgment," counsel enables us to weigh alternatives to make the right choice.

Fortitude: The ability to remain firm against pressure. (Also called courage.)

Knowledge: A person with knowledge sees more than one dimension of an issue to determine the right path.

Piety: Helps us think of ourselves as children of God and be eager to serve him.

Fear of the Lord: The wonder and awe God inspires encourages us to respect him and all his creations.

The more you use these gifts, the more you will grow in faith and holiness.

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Feasts & Celebrations

January 17 – St. Anthony (356). Anthony was a wealthy young man when he heard and followed Christ's call to "sell all you have, give it to the poor, and follow me." Afterwards he went into the desert to live as a hermit and dedicate his life to prayer. Others followed making him the founder of Christian monasticism.

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 31 – St. John Bosco (1888). St. John Bosco combined catechetical training and fatherly guidance to teach young men and women how to unite their spiritual life with their work and play. He opened the Oratory of St. Francis de Sales and provided workshops for boys in shoemaking and tailoring. In 1859, he founded the Salesians who were committed to education and mission work.

