

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2015

Mass Intentions:

Sunday, April 12-

9:15 a.m.- Joe & Lydia Kostelnik, Patricia & Karen Steffek

Sunday, April 19-

9:15 a.m.- Pam Jean Votaw Hughes

Sunday, April 26-

9:15 a.m.- Living & deceased members of Guntram & Annie Janak Family

First Friday, May 1- (St. Joseph the Worker)

7:00 p.m.- Annie & Angela Hermes

Sunday, May 3-

9:15 a.m.- John, Albina & Johnnie Sitka

Rosary Leaders:

April 12-Ruth Rouse

April 19-Lucille Klekar

April 26-Joyce Janak

May 3-Dorothy Schneider

Lectors:

April 12-Joshua Blaschke

April 19-Dorothy Schneider

April 26-Daniel Matula

May 3-Dedie Dobbs

Cantors:

April 12-Choir

April 19-Richard Rouse

April 26-Pat Mladenka

May 3-Laurence Bludau

Offertory Gift Bearers:

April 12-David & Loretta Steffek

April 19-Brad & Leslie Beach Family

April 26-Scott & Diane Blaschke

May 3-Donnie & Mary Jo Bludau Family

Extraordinary Ministers:

April 12-Leon & Nancy Etzler, Edward & Sandra Pustka

April 19-Tony & Joyce Janak, Pat Mladenka & Carol Rother

April 26-Richard & Scott Sommerlatte, Dedie Dobbs & Vivian Mozisek

May 3-Evelyn Konvicka, Trina Bludau, Pat Pesek & Janice Rother

Altar Servers:

April 12-Jacob & Jules Janak, Adam & Ryan Hermes

April 19-Emilie, Ryan & Wyatt Mudd, Kaitlyn Rother

April 26-Clay & Blake Rother, Ty & Layne Gerke
May 3-Derek & Kevin Konvicka, Allexus Mizera & Luke Scherer

Ushers:

April 12-Roman Henke, Robert Pustka, Gilbert Urbish & Charles Grafe

April 19-Leon Matula, Al Svetlik, Francis Klekar & Sidney Jasek

April 26-Eugene Gillar, Robert Sciba, Bernard Patek & Richard Sommerlatte

May 3-Stanley Orsak, Scott Blaschke, Gilbert Mozisek & Marvin Bujnoch

Church Cleaners:

April 11-Joyce Janak, Anita Steffek, Helen Technik & Ruth Rouse

April 18-Katherine & Vic Kahanek, Sharon Janak

April 25-Sharon Henrichs, Lisa Matula & Laura Ulcak

May 2-Barbara Matula, Monica Matula & Susan Bujnoch

Easter Flower Donations:



In memory of Rudolph & Rosa Bujnoch, Anton & Matilda Tupa & granddaughter Jamie Bujnoch By Evelyn Bujnoch-\$25; In Memory of Daniel Opela by Doris

Opela-\$10; In Memory of Alfred, Mary & Debbie Technik, Melvin & Sybil Janak by Melvin & Joyce Janak-\$20; Raymond & Helen Janak-\$20; In Memory of Frankie Klekar by Lucille Klekar-\$15.



From the Desk of Msgr. John

We welcome the men and women who have joined us in the Catholic Church at Sacred Heart on Holy Saturday night. Some were baptized and some joined us by a Profession of Faith (baptized in a non-Catholic church and then joined the Catholic Church).

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with our Holy Week Liturgies. Various people helped with preparations before and during Holy Week, and many participated in the various ministries throughout Holy Week. Thank you to each and every one.

Hopefully, everyone had a spiritually uplifting Lent and has been prepared to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord with great joy and enthusiasm. After Easter, we should continue to grow in our faith and not stop just because Lent is over. May everyone have a very blessed Easter and Easter Season.

Next Sunday, April 12th, is Divine Mercy Sunday. There will be a Holy Hour from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. in Sacred Heart Church. Everyone is invited for this special hour of celebration of Divine Mercy.

We are in the process of finishing the Parish Hall project. The building has been leveled. The skirting is put back on and some other repairs have been and are being done.

The little house has also been leveled. There is some remodeling that needs to be done on it. We hope to have that done soon.

An Easter Prayer –

Heavenly Father and God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for He is alive and has become the Lord of life.

From the waters of death You raise us with Him and renew Your gift of life within us.

Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as Your people toward the fullness of eternal life with You.

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

Messages & Announcements:

Thank You to all who had any part in our Palm Sunday Mass, as well as Amy Gerke & Robbie Matula for the Cross inside of church, Richard Sommerlatte & his crew for the Cross outside, & Leon Smirak for providing the palms for Palm Sunday and for cleaning the Grotto.

The KJT Society #43 of Wied will hold a meeting on April 12, 2015 at 10:15 a.m. at the St. Mary's Parish Hall. All members are asked to attend.

Promise of Marriage:

David Steffek & Allison Renken on April 18.



**Memorials to St. Mary's Altar Society
In Memory of Anita Pesek**

Melvin & Joyce Janak.....\$20.00



FINANCIAL REPORT

Income:

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| Sunday Collections..... | \$5,278.00 |
| Children's Collections..... | 114.00 |
| Rice Bowl..... | 1,124.48 |
| Catholic Relief Services..... | 47.00 |
| Church Rental..... | 100.00 |
| Hall Rental..... | 1,330.00 |
| Votive Candle..... | 45.32 |
| Easter Flowers..... | 90.00 |
| Rent Property..... | 75.00 |
| Pictorial Book Sales..... | <u>70.00</u> |
| | \$ 8,273.80 |

Expenses:

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| Hall..... | \$ 733.17 |
| Utilities..... | 1,646.03 |
| Maintenance..... | 950.36 |
| Office..... | 1,656.31 |
| Administration..... | 357.00 |
| Health Insurance..... | 406.00 |
| Pension..... | 94.00 |
| Church..... | 447.66 |
| Diocesan Services Appeal..... | 5,454.00 |
| Taxes..... | 114.83 |
| Donation to Fire Department..... | <u>94.00</u> |
| | \$11,953.36 |

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| Beginning Balance..... | \$55,860.04 |
| Income..... | 8,273.80 |
| Expenses..... | <u>11,953.36</u> |
| Balance..... | \$52,180.48 |



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April 2015

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Fr. John C. Peters, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. Bernadette Soubirous

Bernadette was a good but simple teen from a poor family in the south of France. The Blessed Virgin Mary chose to visit Bernadette eighteen times in a cave beside the Gave River (1858-59). A miraculous spring with healing waters poured from the spot and Lourdes remains one of the most visited religious sites in the world. Bernadette suffered terribly, but bravely, from learning difficulty, poor health, world scrutiny. After becoming a nun, she died at the age of 35.



We are one Body

On the road to Damascus, Jesus told Saul that when he attacked Christians, he attacked Jesus. "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting" (Acts 26:15). Our Lord cannot be separated from the members of his Body. We stand united with all who suffer for Christ.

"He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day."

John 6:54



The Year of Consecrated Life

Most of us are called to a vocation of marriage and family, but some are called to live with Christ in a different relationship. For some of these chosen, this involves leaving aspects of the world to put themselves at the service of others in the Consecrated Life.

Caretakers of Christ's Church:

The role of a someone consecrated to God by vows of chastity, poverty and obedience is often as a caretaker of the soul.

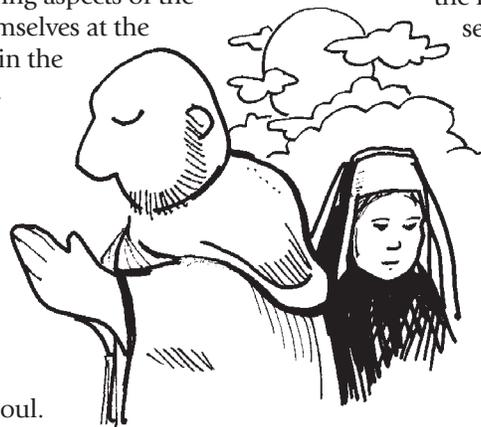
Whether it is teaching in schools, providing aid to the sick and dying, caring for those in need, or living a life dedicated to manual labor and prayer, they bring Christ's charity to the world.

Someone to pray for us: For the consecrated religious, praying can be a full time job. To better understand the needs of God's children and to learn the Father's will, they often separate themselves in some manner from worldly cares. This way, they can freely represent us on the front lines of the battle for salvation.

Real role models:

"Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matthew 5:48). Those living

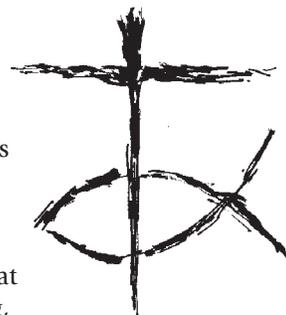
the consecrated life try to live their baptismal promises more intensely and serve with open hearts and willing spirits. When looking for role models, we can look to these men and women striving to live a holy life for God.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics need faith?

"Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1). Christians know that Jesus is our Savior and our lives are in his hands. We also know that by virtue of his suffering,



death, and Resurrection, we have hope of sharing in his glory in Heaven. He said so.

It is through faith that all the other virtues flow. Through faith we believe, "For with God, nothing will be impossible" (Luke 1:37).

The path that Easter built

Easter is more than a happy ending to Jesus' travels on Earth. In fact, it leads to a new life for anyone who follows Jesus. Here are some ways to find the right path.

Use a map. Our faith holds all the tools needed to find peace, personal well-being, and security. The Bible, the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the Mass point the way.

Travel light. Avoiding materialism is the challenge of our time. Keeping only what we need reminds us of our dependence on

God, gives us an appreciation for what we have, and helps us be more sensitive to others in need.

Follow a guide. The journey can be easier when someone lights the way. Perhaps a priest, deacon, or religious in your parish can become a spiritual mentor. Or choose one of the saints to be a role model who can light the path.

Bring a friend. Spiritual companions can help us maintain perspective, challenge us to grow, and make the trip more enjoyable.

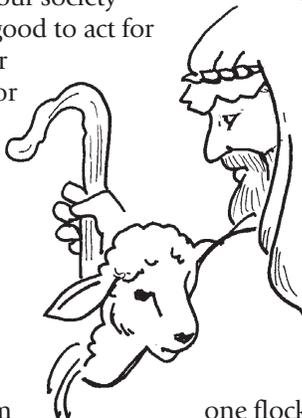


from Scripture

From Scripture: John 10:11-18, The Good Shepherd

This Gospel describes the ideal for our relationship with Jesus. In our society today, we are told that it's good to act for ourselves first, stand on our own, and do what is best for us as individuals. Our allegiance to others is secondary. The problem becomes, on whom can we rely for help when we encounter trouble?

In Jesus' day, a shepherd lived with his sheep, cared for them, and even put himself at risk to keep them safe. He kept them in a flock for safety to protect them from predators. Their shepherd was trusted and familiar, and



the sheep recognized his voice and wouldn't follow another, unknown voice. He was their Good Shepherd.

Jesus is the Good Shepherd for all of humankind. Jesus placed himself in the role of a shepherd and predicted that he would give his life for his sheep. Although his sheepfold began in

Israel, he hopes to have one flock made up of the whole world. His flock is the Church he founded and all who follow his voice are his sheep.



Q & A Is it better to say formula or spontaneous prayers?

Prayer is raising our hearts and minds to God and any form of prayer is key to maintaining a strong relationship with God.

Formula prayers are memorized prayers someone has written, while spontaneous prayers are vocalizations that come from the heart. Both types of prayer have the same goals – to praise God, ask for his help, to thank him, and reflect on his goodness.

When young Catholics are often taught formula prayers, such as the "Our Father", "Apostles Creed", and "Hail Mary", to help us learn about God and to develop the habit of speaking with him. Then, as we grow in our faith, praying spontaneously from the heart becomes another, more personal option. It is possible, and even fruitful, to combine both forms in our communication with God.

For example, spontaneous prayer during Eucharistic Adoration is made richer by enjoying the silence and presence of God. In turn, beginning Adoration with the Rosary – a formula prayer - can lay the groundwork for a higher level of spontaneous prayer.

Feasts & Celebrations

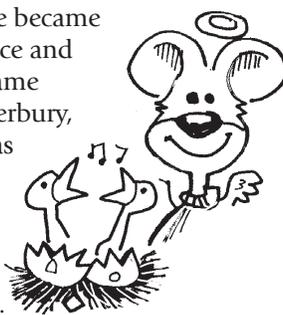
April 5 – Easter Sunday. The solemnity that marks Jesus' Resurrection. It is a Holy Day of Obligation.

April 11 - St. Stanislaus (1079). As Bishop of Krakow in 1072, St. Stanislaus attempted to reform the violent and depraved king of Poland, Boleslas II. When his efforts failed, he excommunicated the king. In retaliation, Boleslas murdered the saint as he said Mass.

April 12 – Divine Mercy Sunday. In 1931, Jesus appeared to St. Faustina and asked that the Sunday after Easter

become the "Feast of Mercy." Jesus promised that anyone who honors him as the King of Mercy and prays The Chaplet of Divine Mercy – the prayer he gave to St. Faustina – will receive special graces and great mercy.

April 21 – St. Anselm (1109). A native of Italy, St. Anselm initially enjoyed a carefree life at court. After his mother died, he became a monk in France and reluctantly became bishop of Canterbury, England. He was exiled for rebuffing the king's interference in Church matters.



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