

June 15, 2014

The Most Holy Trinity

FATHER EDWARD KARASEK

Tues 6:30 A.M. +Bob Hudson, BD

Next Sun. 7:30 A.M.+Almeda Horton, Anniv.

Next Sun. 9:00 A.M.+Carla Lathern, BD; +Denise Carlile; +George Nesrsta; and Thanksgiving G.H. and Special Intention KH

Next Sun. 10:30 A.M. +Joey Garnett Davis, Anniv. and +Louis & Sophie Kallus.

Next Sun. Spanish Mass (Noon) Parish Family

FATHER BONIFACE ONJEFU

Sat. 6:00 P.M.. FAMILY ROSARY

6:30 P.M. +August 'Gus' Kocian; +Daniel Gerik; +Joe F. Nors; +William Gerik; +Raymond J. Hromadka, Sr.; +Bill Dvorak; +Fred Grellhesl, Anniv.; +Bill Pokluda,; +Dennis Sulak; +Ronald Joe Sulak; +Ted Kocian; +Mark Lansdown; +Henry Kubala;and Thanksgiving for Josephine Kocian

Sun. 9:00 A.M. +Christine Grellhesl, Anniv.; +Daniel Petter; +George & Julie Machac; +Alfons Machac; +Joe Frank Divin; +Robert Dobecka +A.J. Kutscherousky, Anniv.; +Denise Carlile, +Ashton Marek; +Chase Kutscherousky; +Anton Kolar; +Hollis Neill, BD; +Theresa Wilson; +Ben Chudej; +Joey Pustejovsky; +Edward & Eleanora Snider; and For the Health of Rita Michael and Mark Kutscherousky

Sun. 10:30 A.M +A.J. Muska, Jr.; +Annie Holacka, BD; +Floyd Woycheshin; +August Morris; +W.O. Montgomery; +Cecil Atkins; +John Schroeder; +Emil Kucera; +Arnold Kotrla; and Thanksgiving for the 25th Wedding Anniversary of Wesley & Melissa Holt

Sun. Spanish Mass (Noon) Parish Family

Wed. 5:00 Rosary

6:30 P.M. +Danny Urbanovsky

Fri. 8:15 A.M. +Frances Chase

FATHER UCHE OBIKWELU

Sun. 7:30 A.M. +Raymond Rauschuber; +Anton & Emilie Lenart; +Agnes Zatopek; + Arnold Hajek, Jr.; +Lawrence Girard; +Norman Sulak, BD; +Alfred Kaluza, BD; +Arthur Deiterman; For the Health of Ginger Kutscherousky; Living Fathers of St. Anne's Altar Society; and Deceased Fathers of CDA Members

Thurs. 6:30 A.M. Respect Life

Next Sat.6:00 P.M. Family Rosary

6:30 P.M. +Eleanor Mynarcik; +Johnnie Trlica; +Fred Matula; +Darrell Dan Gerik; +Gene Schultz, Anniv

DEACON RONNIE SYKORA

Mon. 6:30 P.M. Communion Service

MASS GREETERS -- We will continue to have Mass Greeters. On the First weekend of the Month, we have the Teen Group. The second weekend we have the A.C.T.S. group, the third weekend we have the K.J.T. and the fourth weekend we have the K.C.'s. We are asking anyone that is interested to set up and help. We have five entrances to our church and it would be very nice and professional if we could take care of each entrance at all the weekend Masses. You do not have to belong to either one of the groups mentioned above to help. We open the doors and welcome everyone that comes in. This in one way to be more involved with our Parish Family and it does not cost anything to do this.

TODAY The GoodNews deadline for the next newsletter is June 15th. Please send your organization's news and events to westgoodnews@gmail.com as soon as possible. ALSO, anyone wanting to send a SHORT note of your favorite memory of Father Ed's time in West; or a 'thank you' or your farewell note, Please EMAIL to westgoodnews@gmail.com. Our Editor will compile a page of your well wishes &

thank you's in a special article for Father Ed. (Only emails accepted, MS-Word format preferred; no hand-written or typed for this article – only emails due to time constraints.)

TUESDAY --- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and time for personal prayer will begin after 6:30 a.m. Mass in the cry room.

TUESDAY -- On Tuesday pilgrims from our parish will embark on a 10-day Pilgrimage to Medjugorje under the spiritual direction of Father Anthony with the primary objective being personal sacrifice, prayer, and penance for our community and our church. We also want to take your personal prayers and petitions along with us to place on the altars where we celebrate masses. Please write your petitions on paper and place them in a sealed envelope marked PILGRIMAGE. Place them in the collection basket, leave them at the church office, or give them to anyone going on the Pilgrimage. The pilgrims going to Medjugorje from our parish are: Dolores Divin, Bernice Dulock, Dianne Friend, Linda Gerik, Devin Hlavenka, Nicholas Hovde, Janice Kaluza, Georgia Kapczynski, Cyndi Lair, Fr. Anthony Odiong, Annette Phipps, Joe & Carolyn Pustejovsky, Dolores Sykora, and Allen & Tappy Vanek.

WEDNESDAY -- St. Vincent DePaul Society will meet on Wednesday evening at 7:15 PM in St. Joseph's Hall. Please attend this meeting if you are interested in joining as we will decide our Policies and Bylaws for our Conference. If you have any questions, please call Cheryl Hoelscher at 254-826-3481

THURSDAY -- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and time for personal prayer will begin after the 6:30 a.m. Mass in the cry room.

FRIDAY -- Men's Fellowship Group meets at 6:00 to 7:30 a.m.

NOTE: Location will be changed to the Parish Center for the next two weeks.

SATURDAY -- GOING WEST FOR THE GOLD SUPER RAFFLE – St. Mary's School will host their 3rd annual Going to West for the Gold Super Raffle on Saturday. If you are interested in donating any items for the silent auction or you would like to purchase a ticket you can contact the school office (826-5991) or call 640-1359.

NEXT SUNDAY -- JENNIFER JARES ASHLEY BENEFIT at K.C. Hall. A fajita dinner w/trimmings will be served starting at 10:30 a.m. Drive thru will be available. Lots of fun stuff for children and an auction will also be held.

NEXT SUNDAY -- St. Joseph's Parish in Elk will have their annual Picnic June 22 from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. A barbecue lunch with brisket, sausage and all the trimmings will be served. Activities include bingo, a country story, children's games, a jewelry booth and a live auction. Come and join us for day of fun in the country.

LOOKING AHEAD – The Annual Clerical Endowment Fund Drive will be held the weekend of June 28 & 29.

Gospel Meditation -- Jesus' words to the crowd were perplexing to them: "How can this man give us His flesh to eat?" But Jesus promises us eternal life if we eat his flesh and drink His blood. Think about why you believe Jesus' promise?

VOCATIONS CRUCIFIX was in the home of Glenn, Betsy, Brooke, and Blaine Browder and will be in the home of Evelyn Petter this week.

SANCTUARY LAMP is in memory Jerry C. Gerik, Sr. by Debbie Janek.

MARIAN SHRINE LIGHT is in memory of Joe A. Wolf by Helen Wolf.

CONGRATULATIONS to Stephanie Ann Cunningham upon receiving the Sacrament of Baptism.

Income	\$ 13,271.85
Building Fund	\$ 295.00
School	\$ 45.00
CCE	\$ 20.00
ENVELOPES 347	

CEF PERPETUAL ENROLLMENTS.....

In loving memory of the **AUGUST KOCIAN, SR. FAMILY** by Cliff & Bonnie Archer, Ernest & Evelyn Bezdek, Doug & Clara Carter, Mary Ann Cocek, Raymond & Joyce Dulock, Chuck & Bunny Felderhoff, Dianne Friend, Johnny & Evelyn Gerik, Nita Gerik, Henry & Cressie Girard, Bill & Laurann Grimm, Dorothy Hajek, Ernest Holecek, Gene & Martha Hosek, Harry Lee & Mary Ann Hykel, Olivia Janek, Agnes M. Johnson, Anna Louise Kaska, Helen Klish, John & Wilma Kostecka, Charles & Rose Kubacak, Ginger Kutscherousky, Ervin & Geraldine Laubert, Jerry & JoAnn Maynard; Milada Mazanec, George Meurer, Evelyn Muehlstein, Chuck & Diane Nicely, Billy & Doris Pavelka, Evelyn Petter, Larry & Kathy Podsednik, Dan & Jeanette Pokluda, Louise (Lou) Pokluda, Joe & Carolyn Pustejovsky, Eugene & Jeanne Roznos, James & Marcella Sinkule, Thomas & Margaret Sinkule, John & Doris Slay, Tony & Wanda Stacha, Rose Sulak, Toby & Doris Tobola, Don & Pam Urbanovsky, Lillian Urbanovsky, Margaret Webre, Robert & Marcella Wolf, and Royce & Virginia Zatopek.

In loving memory of the **DONALD RAY SCHUTZA FAMILY** by Clara Carter, Raymond & Joyce Dulock, Ernest Holecek, Gene & Martha Hosek, Harry Lee

& Mary Ann Hykel, Agnes M. Johnson, Anna Louise Kaska, John & Wilma Kostecka, Ginger Kutscherousky, Ervin & Geraldine Laubert, Dennis & Hattie Macha, James & Jeanie Maguire, Milada Mazanec, Dan & Jeanette Pokluda, Louise (Lou) Pokluda, Joe & Carolyn Pustejovsky, James & Marcella Sinkule, Thomas & Margaret Sinkule, Toby & Doris Tobola, Margaret Webre, Tommy & Jo Ann Wolf, and Royce & Virginia Zatopek.

PRAY FOR THE HEALTH OF THE FOLLOWING:

Felix Picha, Jonnie Payne, Millie Kostecka, Jennifer Jares Ashley; Josephine Miller; Lillian Hromadka, Lillie Mynar; Megan Janek; Karcyn Kauffman, Patricia Banks, George Kaska, Jr., Larry Holecek, Mary Meyer, Zander Williams, Kenneth George, Rita Michael, Herman Gauer, Wesley Mashek, Nilce Carman, Helen Mynar, Henry Edgington, Marcie Herring, Harvey Janek, Father Jerry Ryan; Marcy Youngman, Nathaniel Torres, David Matus, Ginger Kutscherousky, Ann Vanek, Wendel Harrison, Andrew Hlavenka, Amy Barton Finley, Billy Kelm, Ben Younger, Paula Ledford, and Larry Payne.

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

This Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity invites us to enter into the mystery and dynamism of our Triune God. Our God is not an abstract force, but three persons so united in love that they are One. We are baptized into that dynamic love and now God's life and breath are ours. We are challenged by this feast to let God's love transform us more fully so that it pours out of us in all our words and actions. Such love enables us to be freed from fear and to lead others to that freedom. How can we give witness to this freedom this week, especially as we approach the Fortnight for Freedom?

Rachel's Reflections -- There are many post-abortive women and men in our

churches who live in silent torment. They are slowly self-destructing. They believe that if their friends knew what they had done, they would reject or condemn them. Let us reach out in truth, love, and mercy, and bring the good news of Christ's forgiveness and healing to these hurting women. If you or someone you know has experienced an abortion, we can help. Please contact Project Rachel at (877) WE CARE 2 .

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK!

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Clerical Endowment Fund (C.E.F.)

Prayer cards are available at all times in our Parish Office or from Geraldine Laubert (826-4180) for a donation of \$2 or \$5. Perpetual Certificates (Individual or Family enrollments) are also available. These enrollments make excellent gifts for many occasions. Proceeds from these donations are used to educate Seminarians for the Diocese. The Fund is also used to make low interest loans to parishes for their building programs. This has been a project of the Austin Diocesan Council of Catholic Women since 1948.

FATHER'S DAY SUNFLOWERS – Sunflowers in church were donated in memory and in honor of the following **Fathers:** Theodore Kocian, Sr.(4), Jerome Lednicky, Sr., Emil J. Gerik, Chuck Horton, Greg Melasky, Riley Nail, Michael Lednicky, Jerome J. Lednicky, Jr., Robert Geisler, Michael McKenzie, Chris Ivy, John Machovsky, Ronald Janek, Ernie Janek, Dale Marek, Brad Marek, Walter Marek, Edgar D. Young, Arthur L. Deiterman, Louis Cepak, Louise F. Cepak, Emil Slovak, Stanley Vrba, Sr., Jerry Stanislav,

Mike Stanislav, Jim Maguire, Ed Maguire, Brian Maguire, Roy D. Hutyra, Roy James Hutyra, Michael Hutyra, Jim Scott, Scott Luce, Bill Hutyra, Eddie Dudik, Kenny Zahirniak, Willie Pokluda, Emil C. Hutyra, Rudolph Matus, Sr., Rudolph Matus, Jr., Clarence Colbert, Calvin Colbert, James Suttle, Jerry Suttle, James Cox, Robert Kosticka, James Pavlicek., William A. Warren, William L. Warren, V.J. Pratka, Daniel Pratka, Henry Nors, Sr., Andrew Jackson, Father Ed Karasek(2), Father Boniface Onjefu, Father Bill Benish, Rev. Otto Marshall, Rev Robert Richter, Rev. William Wurtz, Helmut (Jack) Richter, Ervin Richter, Carl Richter, Ernest Banik, Sr., Ernest Banik, Jr., Robert Banik, Harvey C. Byrd, James D. Ward, Kirk Wines, Benjamin A. Schroeder, Martin Schroeder, Willie Otto, Bill Grimm, Ray Grimm, Bob Grimm, Steve Vanek, Herman E. Grimm, Herman Jarrett, Robert Plsek, Henry Sykora, Bob Plsek, Rob Plsek, Dan Sullivan, Joe Lednicky, Henry Svacina, Tim Lednicky, John Stillwell, Dusty Blann, Barry Rochelle, Ernest Snapka, Daniel Petter, Edwin Nesrsta, Victor Petter, Brian Petter, Jason Elliott, Adolph Nesrsta, William Gerik, Eddie Kubala, Ken Bernsen, Henry Kubala, Mike Click, Mark Lansdown, Brad Marek, Dale Marek, Frank Cinek, Don Greener, Harry Svacek, Sr., Walter Greener, Henk Heemels, Frank Podsednik, Edmund Marek, Deacon Cecil Friend(3), Tom Regan, Joey Wollas, Ed Klish, Jason Klish, Chris Parrish, Brent Lassetter, Jerry Kocurek, Marvin Kocurek, Raymond Klish, George Hanzlicek, Sr., George, Hanzlicek, Jr., Charles Kubacak, Sr., Charles Kubacak, Jr., Jeff Kubacak, Mike Morrison, George Chase, Cyril Svrcek, Garry Drews, Walter Drews, Gustan Drews, Henry Landa, Joey Alligood, Sam Mason, James Parma, Frank Foitek, Jason Parma, Donny Lassetter, Wesley Holt, Edmond Marek, Marion John Holt, Louis Mynarcik, Sr.,

Louis Mynarcik, Jr., Nathan Mynarcik, Joe Mynarcik, Sr., Joe Mynarcik, Jr., Emil H. Anderson, Sr., Emil Anderson, Jr., William Hlavenka, Sr., William Hlavenka, Jr., Daniel Deiterman, Jerry F. Matus, Eddie Kubala, Raymond Hutyra, Joe K. Bajer, Eugene Bajer, Joe L. Sepeda, Ed Kolar, Edward Kolar, Jr., Al Grmela, Louis Grmela, Bill Pokluda, Damon Pokluda, Arnold Hajek, Jr., Lawrence Girard, Joe Pustejovsky, Joey Pustejovsky, Jeremy Pustejovsky, Bradley Pustejovsky, Frankie Kapavik, Anton Pustejovsky, Freddie Hutyra, Joe A. Wolf, Jeff Holloman, A.J. Muska, Jr., Harry Lee Hykel, Larry Hykel, Justin Hykel, Eugene Roznos, John Schroeder, Emil Kucera, Arnold Kotrla, Ed Holub, Charlie Hosek, Edward Snider, "Pee Wee" Adamson, Robert Wolf, Doug Wolf, Grant Jensen, Ray Jensen, William Wolf, Jonathan Rogers, Joe Frank Divin, Raymond Dulock, Ray Dulock, Donny Cook, Thomas Caldwell, Daryl Kazda, Willie Adamick, Bill Dulock, George X. Smajstrla, Edward Mynar, Pat Mynar, Eugene Roznos, Gene Roznos, Steve Roznos, Kevin Roznos, Ronald Wilkinson, Eugene Hoelscher, Joe E. Soukup, John E. May, J.B. May, Ernie Janek, Jerry C. Gerik, Sr., Ed Muehlstein, W. J. "Red" Billingsly, Tommy Wolf, Rick Wolf, Thomas Wolf, Jr., Frank Foitek, Robert Dobecka, Joe R. Kostecka, William Russell McKenzie, John Kostecka, Sr., John Kostecka, Jr., Bryan Jenkins, Frank Reinhardt, Arthur Deiterman, Harry Lee Hykel, Burl H. Shelton, Wallace M. Williams, Lt. Col. Don Williams, Phillip W. Meek, Raymond J. Hromadka, Sr., Ben Mynar, Francisco Rodarte, Bill Nors, and Henry Holecek.

CDA TASTE OF WEST RAFFLE TICKET

WINNERS: The drawing was held on June 10, at the Taste of West Luncheon. We want to congratulate the following winners:
1) Handmade Queen Quilt, Linda Hill 2)

Wooden Rocker, Trisha Vanek 3) \$200 Three Tier Wrought Iron Baker's Rack, Linda Urban 4) \$100 Olde Czech Corner Antiques Gift Certificate, Dorothy Hajek 5) \$100 Wal-Mart Gift Card, Bill Warren 6) Homemade Country Basket, Charles Nemecek 7) \$50 Best Buy Gift Card, Monica May 8) \$50 Bud's Tiger Stop Gift Certificate, Evelyn Stuckly 9) \$50 Carla's Collage Gift Certificate, Jeanne Roznos 10) \$50 Community Grocery Gift Certificate, Tim Jaska 11) \$50 Divine Designs Gift Certificate, Christine & Jerry Mynarcik 12) \$50 Hobby Lobby Gift Card, Martha Jecmenek 13) \$50 Slovacek Gift Certificate, Tim Jaska 14) \$50 West Food Mart Gift Certificate, Ava Wollas 15) \$50 West True Value Gift Card, Theresa Soukup 16) \$50 Czech American Restaurant Gift Certificate, George Nors 17) \$50 VISA Gift Card, Marcella Sinkule 18) \$25 Blessings Gift Certificate, Michelle Roznos 19) \$25 Pizza House Gift Certificate, Mario Contreras.

We wish to thank everyone who contributed prizes to the raffle and especially to all of you who bought raffle tickets. Your support made our fundraiser a success.

A very special "thank you" to Raymond Matus and WESTEX WELDING for donating a raffle drum to the CDA. We appreciate their support.

Committee members: Margaret Kubala, Rose Kubacak, Jeanie Maguire and Wanda Stacha

THANK YOU ---A big Thank You to everyone for making the CDA Taste of West fundraiser such a huge success. To all members who brought food for the luncheon – it was delicious. We appreciate all who attended the meal, bought raffle ticket and/or buchtas, and bid at the silent auction. We especially thank all who helped with the fundraiser. May

God bless all of you for your generosity and hard work!

BEATITUDES FOR FATHER'S DAY

Blessed are the fathers who love God, for their children shall not be ignorant of their Creator and His plans concerning them.

Blessed are the fathers who love the Word of God, for their children shall know of the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Blessed are the fathers who love the house of God, for their children shall enter there and sit with them in the presence of God.

Blessed are the fathers who love to pray, for their children shall feel the power of prayer and many shall find salvation.

Blessed are the fathers who love to give to the cause of Christ, for their children shall become tithers and supporters of the Kingdom of God.

Blessed are the fathers who love a family altar, for they shall have their reward in the world to come.

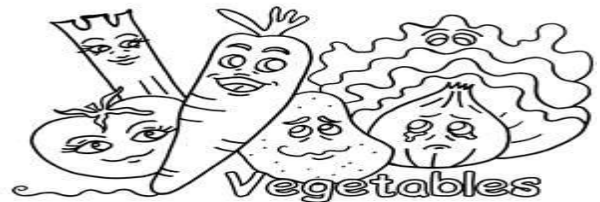
Blessed are the fathers who love to speak kind words to their neighbors' children, for thereby they win other boys and girls besides their own to Jesus Christ.

Blessed are the fathers who love to be companions to their children, for they shall be called understanding fathers.

Author Unknown



**Church of the Assumption
FEAST DAY FESTIVAL
Sunday, August 10, 2014
West Knights of Columbus Grounds
Fried Chicken & Baked Chicken
& Sausage Dinner
Adults & Plates to Go \$8.00
Serving starts at 11:00 A.M.**



While you are CANNING & PICKLING & PRESERVING – please keep us in mind. We will need donations of your homemade canned goods of pickles, preserves, jellies, jams, fruits, relishes, picante sauce, etc. for the “COUNTRY STORE.”



If you would like to donate a box of chicken (\$50.00), please call Carolyn Pustejovsky or Veronica Felderhoff (826-3705) at the rectory.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SENIORS Kyle Bajer, Katherine Campbell, Brandi Cvikel, Cody Dresner, Matthew Gerik, Joseph Girard, Kole Holecek, Zachary Jackson, Garret Marek, Mason Matus, Jolee Meurer, Ashlee Mynarcik, Tanner Nors, Brent Pavlas, Blaine Picha, Jennifer Prnka, Cheyene Sulak, Justin Uptmore, Lauren Wernet, Eric Kostecka, Caige Plsek, Kelli Sharp and Benjamin Freeman.

FROM FATHER ED'S DESK

I wanted to start out first of all by thanking Bishop Joe, because he is one of the reasons for bringing us all together this afternoon. I am grateful that along with Bishop McCarthy and Bishop Aymond, he allowed me to stay with you for 24 years and one more year. I want to thank all of you for being here today, to all of our parish family and guests and to Czech and Then Some for being able to play on such short notice. I hope you enjoyed the meal and will enjoy the music and dancing and have a really good time. This is your celebration. You deserve it. I want to thank the parish advisory board and our President Rick Vrbas and everyone who helped him to put the meal and this gathering together. Over all these years, I want to say thank you to all of the former advisory board presidents and members and St. Mary's School principals, especially Mrs. Sammon and all of the school board members and to Beth and Rita and all of our teachers. To our parish staff, to Carolyn, Bunny, Charlie, Charlene, Denise, Joyce, Deacon Ronnie and his wife, Sandra, to our RCIA team and to Geraldine and Laurann, our former secretaries. I am grateful to Fr. Boniface, Fr. Uche and Fr. Anthony and to all of the assistant pastors I have served with. I am thankful to Dorothy and Jake and the cemetery board who take care of St. Mary's Cemetery. I am thankful to the West Ministerial Alliance and the Kiwanis Club.

This thank you talk has been written 100's of times in my heart and my head and I don't know if I could ever find the right words to express my gratitude to you all. I want to say, my father and my brother and sister told me to thank you for putting up with me. Someone asked if any of my immediate family would be

here today and in the words of Jesus, when he was told his family was outside, he looked around and told them, "Here is my family, my mother and my father and my brothers and sisters." Thank you for being my family and for allowing me to serve you as a spiritual father. Thank you for allowing me to become a member of your families and of the family of the community of West. West has been a great place to call home. I didn't want this gathering today to be a funeral, like someone has died, even though I know we all have to go through a grieving process, of letting go. At every funeral, I always remind us that we are saying farewell, because as followers of the Risen Lord Jesus, we believe we will all see each other again, if not on this earth, hopefully in eternal life. I am thankful to the Risen Lord Jesus, our good shepherd, for sending me here to Assumption Church and to West and for the many ways he has used me as one of his priests. I hope you will join me in thanking God for all of the wonderful things we have been able to do and accomplish together over the past 25 years. I am grateful for all of the good and happy times I have been able to share with you, of weddings, baptisms, first communions, confirmations, anniversaries, West Fests, Schlitterbahn trips, parish feast day festivals and KC picnics. I will never forget the Christmas y'all raised \$10,000 for a new truck, or the Clerical Endowment Fund Burse in honor of my parents or the wonderful celebration 2 years ago for my 25th anniversary with the Dujka Brothers and the Red Ravens. As your priest and pastor, I am grateful as well for being able to be here with you and for you during the not so happy times, of funerals, tragedies and all that our community has endured since April 17th

of 2013. Knowing I was going to be moved, along with the funerals of our first responders broke my heart, like a father losing his children. I know we are still healing and rebuilding an only with the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit have we been able to persevere and to move forward. I know, deep in my heart, that the loved ones we have lost, if they could be here today, would be eating and drinking and dancing along with us. In the Communion of Saints, they will always be with us and us with them. All of you have touched my life and made me into the pastor I have become and for that I will be forever grateful. Thank you for your friendship, your love and your support and encouragement. It meant more to me than you will ever know. What a difference you have made in my life. I hope that I have brought you some joy and humor and laughter and made a difference in your life. I know y'all were doing fine when I got here and I know y'all will be doing even better when I go, because Assumption Church and West are made up of God's holy people. As I always do on Holy Thursday, I need to ask for your forgiveness if I hurt or offended you and say I am sorry. I want you to know that I have prayed for you and your families every day of my 25 years and after July the first, when I am no longer the pastor of the Church of the Assumption, but pastor of the Church of the Visitation, you will remain in my heart and be remembered in my prayers and Masses. I hope you know how much I love you and am going to miss you. I ask for your prayers for Fr. Paul Hudson, your new pastor and I hope you will pray for me as I begin this new adventure and pray for those poor folks in Lockhart. God, I feel sorry for them. They are

gonna have to put up with me now. Thank you all again for being here today. It's time to say Farewell and So Long, Spanem Bohem and Vaya con Dios and Hasta la Vista.

Family Connection

Because of God's great love for us, he sent His Son, Jesus, to save the world. Jesus, in turn, sent the Holy Spirit so that our faith in God and His love would be strengthened. The nurturing experiences of family life also help us to understand and have faith in God's love.

Create a family poster together showing all the ways in which your family experiences God's great love. Use symbols, pictures, and words to show how you have seen God at work in your family life and in our history. Then read together today's Gospel, John 3:16-18. Pray together, thanking God for his gift of love. Conclude by praying the [Glory Be to the Father](#) or today's Psalm.

Resentments

Carrying a grudge or a desire to get even with someone is a cancer inside us. It belittles us and holds back our spirit. We break through our mental circles by revealing our anger to others. As long as we keep our thoughts & feelings to ourselves, we only recycle the same thinking system.

Lord, I will not harbor my resentments within myself. Amen.

In God We Trust

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**GOD BLESS
AMERICA**

