

APRIL 19, 2015

THIRD SUNDAY IN EASTER

Sat. 6:00 P.M. Rosary

6:30 P.M. +Josephine Ann Nors, BD; +Billie Navratil; +George Gus Kocian; +Royce Zatopek; +Ervin Pustejovsky; +Edward Archer and Intention to St. Jude

Sun. 7:30 A.M. +Agnes Zatopek; +Joey Pustejovsky; +Feryn Schulte; and For Healing DH

Sun. 9:00 A.M. +Evelyn Gerik

Sun. 10:30 A.M. . +James Nors; +A.J. Muska, Jr., WA; +Cecil Atkins; +Stasie Soukup; +Joe Lednický; and +Rudolf Matus

Sun. Spanish Mass (Noon) +Mariano Saldivar; and Parish Family

Mon 6:30 P.M. Communion Service

Tues. 6:30 A.M. Holy Souls

Wed. Rosary 5:00 P.M.

6:30 P.M. +James Nors

Thurs. 6:30 A.M. +Lonnie Acker

Fri. 8:15 A.M. +Andrew Hlavenka

Next Sat. 6:30 P.M. +Shelia Brown; +Eleanor Mynarcik; +Evelyn Kolar; Intention to St. Jude and Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Louis Mynarcik

Next Sun. 7:30 A.M. +Henry & Georgia Macik; +Alfons & Irene Kaska; and +Agnes Zatopek

Next Sun. 9:00 A.M. Special Intention KH

Next Sun. 10:30 A.M. +Nicholas Van Pelt; +Lucille Isom; +Annie & John Holacka, BD; and Thanksgiving AV & SV

Next Sun. Spanish (Noon) Parish Family; and World Peace

Parish Directory Pictures Sign up for Parish Directory Pictures will be conducted after each Mass for the next 3 weekends. Portrait sessions will begin on Tuesday May 5 and conclude on Saturday June 20th. Everyone participating will receive a free 8 X 10 photo from Lifetouch and a \$10 coupon towards purchase of additional photo packages. **No purchases are required.** If you bring two canned food items on your scheduled portrait day, you will receive an additional \$5 coupon and

Lifetouch will donate the value of 4 meals to our Parish Food Bank. Appointment times are being scheduled from 2:00 pm to 8:40 pm on Tuesdays through Fridays and 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturdays. You may also register on-line by going to the Church website

<http://www.assumptionwest.org> and look for the Directory link.

TODAY -- Our adult Sunday study group will be at 9:00 a.m. in the parish cafeteria. All sessions will last one hour.

TODAY – 50/50 Club meets in the Parish Center after the 7:30 a.m. Mass.

TODAY - Family Day will be held at the Dulock-Snapka Farm at Tokio, just west of West. Registration 11 a.m. and contests begin at noon and continue to 3 p.m. Fishing, Horseshoes, and Washer Tournaments. Also youth may turn in Arts & Crafts for judging. Food will be served throughout the day. Soft drinks and water will be available. Awards and a District meeting will be held immediately after the contests. Come out and enjoy this fun day, no charge. All K.J.T. members and guests are invited. For more information call Mike Kraemer 826-5543 or Robert Nors 826-3451. Bait will be furnished, just bring your fishing equipment

TODAY -- History of West Museum is having a fried chicken and sausage dinner with all the trimmings, auction, and raffle at the West Knights of Columbus hall. Serving begins at 11 a.m. and drive through will be available. Plates are \$10. Funds will be used for completion of gallery exhibits and daily operating costs. The museum is scheduled to open to the public in May.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY & TUESDAY TO ATTEND THE
DCCW CONVENTION IN KILLEEN.**

TUESDAY – Adoration after the 6:30 a.m. Mass. Confessions after Mass. Personal time to spend with Jesus.

TUESDAY – St. Anne's Altar Society will have its regular meeting on Tuesday at 7 p.m. in St. Joseph's Hall. We encourage all members to attend this meeting. If you have any questions contact Evelyn Petter at 826-5675.

WEDNESDAY – K-8th Grades meet at 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. for CCE Classes.

THURSDAY - Adoration after the 6:30 a.m. Mass. Confessions after Mass. Personal time to spend with Jesus.

FRIDAY – The Men's Group meets at 6 a.m. at St. Joseph's for Bible Study.

NEXT SUNDAY - 50/50 Club meets in the Parish Center after the 7:30 a.m. Mass.

NEXT SUNDAY -- CCE 9th grade class today from 9-10:15 a.m.

NEXT SUNDAY -- Our adult Sunday study group will be at 9:00 a.m. in the parish cafeteria. All sessions will last one hour.

NEXT SUNDAY-- K.J.T. State Family Day will be held April 25th at KJT Activity & Fraternal Center at LaGrange. All members and families are invited to come enjoy a BBQ meal and a day of fun, including laser tag & video games for the children and attendance prizes throughout the day. There will also be fishing, horseshoe and washer toss games. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m., meal from 12:30 to 2 P.M.

NEXT SUNDAY -- St. Mary Parish in Waco will host its annual Festival April 26 from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Geneva Hall in Elm Mott. Fried chicken and sausage with all the trimmings will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Activities include a live auction, silent auction, bingo, country store, arts and crafts and games for all ages. For information, call St. Mary's Church Office at (254) 753-0146.

NEXT SUNDAY -- Penelope Fire Department 28th Annual Spring Fund Raiser at the Penelope Parish Hall. BBQ Beef tips & sausage dinner. Adults and to-go plates \$9 and children \$5. Serving will begin at 11:30 a.m.

MOTHER'S DAY – St. Anne's Altar Society is decorating the altar with roses for Mother's Day. If you would like to remember your mom, grandmother, aunt, or someone special in your life please submit their names and \$5 for each name to Jeanne Roznos 826-4221; Lucille Lednicky; or Bernie Klish 826-5333. Deadline for submitting this information is May 1.

KJZT DISTRICT 10 MEETING AND SOCIAL--Will be held May 3, 2015 at the Abbott parish hall. Registration 11.00 AM Lunch at 12:00 noon Meeting at 1:00 PM. 50 year pins will also be awarded. Those receiving pins are encouraged to attend. Anyone wishing to attend please RSVP prior to Sunday April 26. Call either Mary Kallus at 826-3077 or Theresa Plsek at 867-1973

NEXT SATURDAY 6:30 P.M.

LECTOR –Terry Isaacs

GIFTS – Brian Berger Family

ALTAR SERVERS –Kylee Schroeder, Anthony Williams

EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS- Francisco & Christina Rodarte, Jean Maler

SUN 7:30 A.M. LECTOR –JoAnna Macik

GIFTS – Lucas Wolf Family

ALTAR SERVERS –Nathan Nors, Zachary Gerik, Madison Gerik

EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS –Bernice Dulock, Katherine Maler, Nicki Russell

9:00 A.M. LECTOR –Cheryl Hoelscher

GIFTS – Gene Roznos Family

SERVERS –Camryn Sinkule

EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS –Bill & Dorothy Warren, Jim Maguire

10:30 A.M.LECTOR –Skip Reaves

GIFTS – John Kostecka Family

SERVERS –Amber, George & Chris Berger

EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS –Dan & Jeanette Pokluda; Susan Stone

SANCTUARY LAMP is in memory of Cecil Atkins by the Atkins Family.

MARIAN SHRINE LIGHT is in memory of Irene Kaska by Larry & Cathy Kaska.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Offertory Collection..... \$ 15,070.00

Special Collection..... \$ 1,133.00

Black Bag Collection: Last week's collection brought in \$1,754.57 to be used to serve the needy in our community. In March, our Conference paid \$628.13 for utilities for people in the community needing help. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank you for your generosity. Please use your offertory envelopes for your donation. Donation without envelopes cannot be recorded.

ST. MARY'S ENDOWMENT FUND.....

In loving memory of **EDWARD SOUKUP** by Kathleen Matus; Don & Joan Thoede; Kevin & Sandy Brown Family; Freddie & Janice Kaluza; Herman & JoAnn Matus; Anna Louise Kaska; Billy & Nancy Sustala; Bill & Beatrice Nors; and Robert & Carol Mynarcik. In loving memory of **ANN SLOVAK** by Ed & Dorothy Sykora; and Ronnie & Retha Adams.

In loving memory of **ESTELLE STANISLAV** by Dr. Robert Bezdek.

A.C.T.S.

In loving memory of **ANN SLOVAK** by Mary Neckar; David & Helen Kocian; Daniel & Theresa Slovak; Ruth Gerik Family; Raymond Kolar; Ted & Adele Uptmore; Mary Meyer; and Eugene & Kathy Pustejovsky.

INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE ANCESTRAL PRAYER GARDEN

In loving memory of **GINGER KUTSCHEROUSKY** by Maureen and Tom Holy and Ann and Steve Vanek.

PRAY FOR THE HEALTH OF THE

FOLLOWING: Alex Perez; Dianne Schroeder, Bill Hannes; Ken Bernsen; Bruce Huffines, Brayden Ballard, Kelly Hooper, Jennifer Jares Ashley; Lillian Hromadka, Lillie Mynar; Karcyn Kauffman, Larry Holecek, Wesley Mashek, Nilce Carman, Nathaniel Torres, Wendell Harrison, Billy Kelm, Paula Ledford, Martha Sulak Gerik, Cathy Heltenberg, Eugene Roznos, Louis Mynarcik, Larry Payne, Jason Neill, Albin Poehls, Zander Williams, William Buchanan, Hattie Kolar, Evelyn Bezdek, Chris Hutyra, Delbert Helms, Dawn Hand, Stephanie Schriener, Jeff Jares, and Jerry Girard.

KJT #31 SCHOLARSHIPS – The KJT #31 of West will award two \$500 Scholarships for Graduating Seniors. They must be a member of the KJT #31. Deadline is April 30, 2015. For information please call Sherry Pavlas at 254-829-0672.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING CORNER

After the resurrection Jesus appeared to His disciples many times, often sharing food with them. "They recognized Him in the breaking of the bread" as the Gospel says this Sunday. Jesus was not just making a point about His bodily resurrection; He was also making a point about community. The risen Jesus brings people together and they become the Body of Christ. We do not choose the members of the Body of Christ, we have been chosen, by the grace of God

to belong. Like the disciples of the past, we are called to give witness to this by our lives. Is our love, our mercy and compassion, especially to the poor and vulnerable credible enough that everyone who sees us could tell that we are members of Christ's body?

Family Connection Family life is strengthened through storytelling and shared meal times. In a similar way, Christian life is sustained by God's word in Scripture and by Christ's presence in the Eucharist. We are especially sustained in our faith through our weekly celebration of Mass. Today's Gospel reading reminds us that the Scripture and the Eucharist are given to us so that our acts of bearing witness to Christ might be strengthened. As you gather as a family, ask each person to share their favorite story about your family. Talk about the importance of these memories about your family life and the importance of the meals you have shared together as a family. Recall that these stories and meals strengthen the love you share. In a similar way, our Christian life is strengthened by sharing God's Word and the Eucharist at Mass. Read together today's Gospel, Luke 24:35-48. Discuss the mission that Jesus gave to His disciples after their shared meal. The Eucharist also sends us to be Christ's witnesses in the world today. Conclude by praying together that we will be strengthened by God's word and by Jesus' presence in the Eucharist to be witnesses to Christ. Pray together *Tantum Ergo* or today's psalm, Psalm 4.

Background on the Gospel Reading On the third Sunday of Easter, we continue to hear Gospel accounts of Jesus' appearances to His disciples following his Resurrection. Today's reading, taken from the Gospel of Luke, follows immediately after the report of Jesus' appearance to His disciples on the road to Emmaus. This is the event being recounted by the disciples in the

opening verse of today's Gospel. Consistently in the reports of Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances, Jesus greets His disciples with the words, "Peace be with you." This is a most appropriate greeting. The disciples have witnessed the death of someone they loved, and they now fear for their own lives as well. Peace is what they need more than anything else. Jesus often connects this greeting of peace with another gift—forgiveness. In today's Gospel, this connection is made in the final verses. Even as they hear Jesus' greeting of peace, the disciples are startled and terrified. They are uncertain about what to make of the figure before them and, quite understandably, they mistake Jesus for a ghost. Yet the figure before them is not a ghost; Jesus invites them to experience His resurrected body with their senses, to look and to touch. The figure before them is flesh and bone, still bearing the marks of crucifixion. Although the disciples cannot forget His suffering and death, peace begins to take root in their hearts, as their fears turn to joy and amazement. As further proof of His identity and of His resurrected body, Jesus eats with his disciples. The disciples have known Jesus best through the meals that he has shared with them. Descriptions of these meals are a defining element of Luke's Gospel. By eating with his disciples after his Resurrection, Jesus recalls all these meals, and most importantly, he recalls the Last Supper. Luke's report of the Last Supper and the meals that Jesus shared after his Resurrection unveil for us the significance of the Eucharist. Having shared a meal with his disciples, Jesus now uncovers for them the significance of what was written about him in the Scriptures. So, too, our celebration of the Mass is an encounter with Jesus, through the Word and the Sacrament of the Eucharist. As Jesus commissions His disciples to be witnesses to what Scriptures foretold, our celebration of the Eucharist commissions us. Like the disciples, we are sent to announce the good news of Jesus' forgiveness of sins.

