

APRIL 26, 2015

FOURTH SUNDAY IN EASTER

Sat. 6:00 P.M. Rosary

6:30 P.M. +Shelia Brown; +Eleanor Mynarcik; +Evelyn Kolar; Intention to St. Jude; Thanksgiving for the 60th Wedding Anniversary of Gene & Martha Hosek; and Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Louis Mynarcik

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

Sun. 9:00 A.M. Special Intention KH; and Thanksgiving CP

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

Sun. Spanish Mass (Noon) +Marielena Zuniga; Parish Family and World Peace

Mon 6:30 P.M. COMMUNION SERVICE

Tues. 6:30 A.M. COMMUNION SERVICE

Wed. Rosary 5:00 P.M.

6:30 P.M. +Estelle Stanislav; and +Jackie Baldwin

Thurs. 6:30 A.M. +Rosalie Walla

Fri. 8:15 A.M. +Eddie Klaus

Next Sat. 6:30 P.M. +Raymond J. Hromadka, Sr.; +Anton Kocian, Anniv.; Thanksgiving for Josephine Kocian; Special Intention St. Jude and For the Health of Donna Heitmiller

Next Sun. 7:30 A.M. +Jerry Grones; +Charlie Ferguson; and +Wilfred Reiger

Next Sun. 9:00 A.M. +Patsy Picha; and For the Health of Donna Heitmiller

Next Sun. 10:30 A.M. +John & Annie Holacka, Anniv.; and +James Nors

Next Sun. Spanish (Noon) Parish Family

Parish Directory Pictures -The sign up for Parish Directory Pictures will be conducted after each Mass for the next 2 weekends. Portrait sessions will begin on Tuesday May 5th and conclude on

Saturday June 20th. 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 -- Spring Awakening 2015 on Sunday from 1-6 p.m. Music by Czech & Then Some and Dujka Brothers. The doors open at 11 a.m. Admission \$8 and under children 12 free. A chicken fried steak meal with all the trimmings \$8.

COME JOIN US FOR A SPRING AWAKENING!!!!

TODAY -- 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.

TODAY -Fundraiser benefiting West High School teacher, Rhonda Cummings, to help defray medical expenses. Today at the West Fair & Rodeo grounds Hamburger/Hot dog lunch, a silent auction and bake sale begin at 11am.

TODAY -- KJZT DISTRICT 10 MEETING AND SOCIAL--Will be held 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.

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

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.

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.

FRIDAY -- 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.

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.

SEALED BIDS -- The Church is taking sealed bids for the removal of a central air conditioning and heating unit of the former church rental property at 310 Marable Street. The unit is being bid as is and the winner is responsible for the removal of the unit and any costs associated with that removal. Interested bidders need to provide a sealed bid to the church office by Monday, May 11 and removal must be completed by Monday May 18th.

NEXT SATURDAY 6:30 P.M.

LECTOR – Dianne Mendiola

GIFTS – Pliscott Family

ALTAR SERVERS – Macie Polansky, Matthew Mendiola

EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS- Jana Polansky, Gary & Nancy Polacek

SUN 7:30 A.M. LECTOR – Jane Kapavik

GIFTS – Lucas Wolf Family

ALTAR SERVERS – Ryan & Ashlyn Williams, Allison Wolf

EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS – Jerimy & Paula Williams, Pat Filer

9:00 A.M. LECTOR – Charlene Cook

GIFTS – Jeff Divin Family

SERVERS – Toby Cook, Anthony Williams, Jacob Divin

EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS – Joe & Carolyn Pustejovsky, Julie Jensen

10:30 A.M. LECTOR – Teens

GIFTS – Teens

SERVERS – Teens

EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS – Darrin & Torie Banik, Susan Stone

SANCTUARY LAMP is in memory of Ted Kocian and Thanksgiving for Josephine Kocian by Tim Kocian.

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

PRAYERFUL SYMPATHIES to Ernest Bezdek on the loss of his sister, Doris Konvicka; To Mairi Kaska on the loss of her mother, Jane T. Boley.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Offertory Collection.....	\$ 10,652.00
Building Fund.....	\$ 98.00
St. Mary’s School.....	\$ 506.00
CCE Program	\$ 90.00

Please use your offertory envelopes for your donation. Donation without envelopes cannot be recorded.

ST. ANNE'S ALTAR SOCIETY....

In loving memory of **EDDIE KLAUS** by Patricia & Garry Drews.

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

In loving memory of **EDDIE KLAUS** by Tonya Plsek; Troy & Cheryl Schroeder; Gary & Beth Culverhouse; Larry & Kathy Podsednik; Albert & Barbara Olsovsky; Pat Lednický; Ted & Adele Uptmore; David & Wendy Maler; Bill & Nancy Sustala; Roger & Debbie Pustejovsky; Dennis & Mary Jane Sustala; Richard & Deana Laubert; John & Nola Rochelle; Ann Berger; James & Darlene Neill; Harry & Rose Volcik; Mike, Dianne, Megan & Matthew Mendiola; Robert & Carol Mynarcik; Carol Owens; Bill & Dorothy Warren; Travis, Debbie & Trevor Scott; Evelyn Petter; Jeff Holloman Family; and Erin & Sandra Shaeffer.

CEF PERPETUAL ENROLLMENT.....

In loving memory of the **DORIS KONVICKA FAMILY** by Cliff & Bonnie Archer; Denise Cadell; Doug & Clara Carter; Mary Ann Cocek; Raymond & Joyce Dulock; Dianne Friend; Henry & Cressie Girard; Bill & Laurann Grimm; Dorothy Hajek; Ernest Holecek; Gene & Martha Hosek; Harry Lee & Mary Ann Hykel; Agnes M. Johnson; Anna Louise Kaska; Hattie Kolar; John & Wilma Kostecka; Charles & Rose Kubacak; Rufus & Agnes Lamere; Ervin & Geraldine Laubert; Milada Mazanec; George Meurer; Charles & Marsha Nemec; Joyce Nors; Robert & Georgie Nors; Billy & Doris Pavelka; Mark & Lisa Pavelka, Amber and Crystal; Dan & Jeanette Pokluda; Joe & Carolyn Pustejovsky; Thomas & Margaret Sinkule, Tony & Wanda Stacha; Lucille Sulak; Rose Sulak; Helen Trlica; Lillian Urbanovsky; Margaret Webre; and Virginia Zatopek.

In loving memory of **LYDIA DOBECKA** by Bennie & Lil Mynar.

In loving memory of **THERESA HOLY** by Bennie & Lil Mynar.

In loving memory of **AGNES ZATOPEK** by Bennie & Lil Mynar.

In loving memory of **WILLIE MAE HOLECEK** by Bennie & Lil Mynar.

In loving memory of **FERYN SCHULTE** by Bennie & Lil Mynar.

In loving memory of **JOHN SIMCIK** by Bennie & Lil Mynar.

In loving memory of **CHARLIE FERGUSON** by Bennie & Lil Mynar.

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, and Jeff Jares.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

CORNER Whom do we follow and to whose voice do we listen? This Sunday as we continue to unpack the meaning of our Baptism, we hear Jesus call Himself the Good Shepherd whose sheep hear His voice and follow His lead. That way of Jesus is the way of love and unity. We are truly blessed to be loved so much and because we have been given so much, we must in turn live lives of generous love toward all. Are there some in our world we believe are undeserving of love or respect or generosity? Jesus gave his life for them, how shall we respond?

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Jesus is the good shepherd and laid down His life for us that we may have new life. Give your marriage new life by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are May 15-17 at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton and July 17-19 at the Wingate Hotel in Round Rock. For more information or to apply to attend, visit the website www.austinme.org or contact Steve and Linda Jaramillo at (512) 677-WWME (9963) or wwmeaustin@gmail.com.

Background on the Gospel Reading

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. In each of the three lectionary cycles, our Gospel is taken from the 10th chapter of the Gospel of John. In Cycle B, we hear the middle verses of this chapter. Unless we consider this chapter in the greater context of John's Gospel, we will miss the radical nature of the statement Jesus makes when He declares Himself to be the Good Shepherd. This chapter of John's Gospel follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by the Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge by calling Himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticizing the leadership of the Pharisees and the other Jewish leaders. The Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so angry that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus (see John 10:31-39). This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus' death. In the portion of the chapter that we hear proclaimed today, Jesus describes His relationship with His followers as similar to the relationship between a good shepherd and His sheep. As a good shepherd will risk and lay down His life in order to protect His sheep, Jesus willingly sacrifices Himself for the sake of

His sheep. Jesus contrasts the actions of the good shepherd with the actions of the hired shepherd who abandons the sheep in the face of danger. In the verses following Jesus' teaching, we learn that the Pharisees and the other religious leaders understand that Jesus is referring to them when He describes the hired shepherds. The concern of a good shepherd for His sheep is part of the shepherd's job. Jesus says, however, that the actions of the good shepherd are based upon the relationship that develops between the shepherd and the sheep. This is at the heart of the difference between the good shepherd and the hired shepherd. The good shepherd knows the sheep and therefore acts out of love. For the Good Shepherd, this is never simply part of a job; this love-in-action is integral to his identity.

As with so much of John's Gospel, one hears in this passage John's particular focus on Christology. As the sheep are known by the Good Shepherd, the Father knows Jesus and Jesus knows the Father. There is an essential unity between the Father and the Son. The freedom with which Jesus acts when He lays down His life is rooted in the unity that He shares with His Father.

In this context, Jesus also refers to others with whom He shares a relationship. By this reference, John probably understands the eventual inclusion of the Gentiles in the Christian community. Our modern ears hear this as a reference to Christian unity. The work of ecumenism is to restore unity among all Christians so that we form one flock under one shepherd, as God desires.