

JANUARY 22, 2017

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASSES

SAT. 6:00 P.M. Family Rosary

6:30 P.M. +Ernest Nors; +Eleanor Mynarcik; +Fred A. Matula; +Darrell Dan Gerik; +Lillian O'Brien; +Eugene O'Brien, Sr.; +James Nors; +Cecil Atkins; Thanksgiving for the 87th Birthday of Jimmy Polansky; and For the Health of Louis Mynarcik

SUN. 7:30 A.M. +Roy Hutyra.BD; and +Agnes Zatopek

SUN. 9:00 A.M. +Nicholas Van Pelt; +Lucille Isom; +Ernest Nors; +Joe Frank & Dolores Divin; +Chris Kazda; and +Jeane Cernosek

SUN. 10:30 A.M. +Jerry Stanislav, BD

SUN. Spanish Mass (Noon) Parish Family

MON 6:30 P.M. +Marcella Geisler; and For the Protection of the Unborn

TUES. 6:30 A.M. +Rosalie Barak

WED. 5:00 P.M. Rosary

6:30 P.M. +George Prnka; and +Evelyn Charanza

THURS. 6:30 A.M. +Robert Dorskocil, BD

FRI. 8:15 A.M. Children's Mass Special Intention

FRI. 10:00 A.M. West Rest Haven +Peggy Vanzura

NEXT SAT. 6:00 P.M. Family Rosary

6:30 P.M. +Ernest Nors; +Richard Urbanovsky, Anniv.; +Joe Soukup; +Herman & Malva Jarrett; +George Hubik, Anniv.; and +Kenneth Kubala

NEXT SUN. 7:30 A.M. +Roy Hutyra; +Bernice Hornak; +Edward Kolar; and +Ed & Frances Kolar

9:00 A.M. +Ernest Nors; and +Jeane Cernosek

10:30 A.M. Respect Life

Spanish (Noon) Parish Family

TODAY - 50/50 Club will meet after the 7:30 a.m. Mass for coffee and fellowship.

TODAY - Adult Bible study group will meet at 9 a.m. in the Conference Room.

TODAY - 9th and Confirmation class will have classes.

TODAY - The West Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a free throw contest for boys and girls ages 9 to 14 (age as of Jan 1, 2017). The contest will be held in the St. Mary's gym today. Registration begins at 1:00, and the contest starts at 1:30. Bring proof of age (copy of birth certificate). There is no cost to enter the contest.

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

SATURDAY – JAN.28

Lector – Jane Kapavik

Gift Bearers- Mike Mendiola Family

Altar Servers – Dayla Woodard, Anthony Williams, Johnathon Nors

Bread Ministers – Michele Scott, Jim Harlin, Mildred Dokupil

Cup Ministers – Pat Harlin, Evelyn Stuckly, Mason Matus, Stephanie Matus

SUNDAY – Jan. 29 7:30 A.M.

Lector – Don Urbanovsky

Gift Bearers – Larry & Diane Mynarcik

Altar Servers – Caleb Gerik, Bradley & Camryn Sinkule

Bread Ministers – Linda Maddox, Katherine Maler, George Meurer

Cup Ministers – Robert & Georgie Nors, Joe & Carolyn Pustejovsky

9:00 A.M.

Lector – Charlene Cook

Gift Bearers – Bill & Dorothy Warren

Altar Servers – Mabri Warren, Caroline Janek, Patrick Janek

Bread Ministers – Bill & Dorothy Warren, Deacon

Cup Ministers – Jerimy & Paula Williams, Dennis & Debbie Bohannan, Bonnie Archer, Theresa Cernosek

10:30 A.M.

Lector – Adrienne Janek

Gift Bearers – Ken & Carla Sykora

Altar Servers – Raydin Sykora, Lucas Bryant, Cole Bryant

Bread Ministers – Skip Reaves, Carla Sykora, Deacon

Cup Ministers – Kenny Sykora, Robin & Carolyn Waters, Darin & Torie Banik, Ericka Sammons

MONDAY –RCIA meets at 7 p.m. in St. Joseph's hall.

TUESDAY – Adoration after the 6:30 a.m. Mass. A time to spend with our Lord. Confessions after Mass.

WEDNESDAY - CCE Classes for grades K - 8 will begin at 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY - Family Rosary beginning at 5 p.m. with Eucharistic Adoration in church/Benediction/Confessions 5-6 p.m.

THURSDAY –Adoration after the 6:30 a.m. Mass. A time for personal prayer with our Lord. Confessions after Mass.

FRIDAY – Men's Fellowship Group will meet at 6:00 a.m. for breakfast followed by a presentation and discussion from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m.

SATURDAY -- Texas Catholic Pro-Life Day is Jan. 28. The day will begin with a prayer vigil to end abortion at Planned Parenthood (201 E. Ben White Blvd. in Austin). Then the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed at 9:15 a.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Austin followed by Mass at 10 a.m. with Bishop Joe Vásquez. Everyone will proceed to the March for Life at 18th and N. Congress Ave., which begins at 1 p.m. Then the Rally for Life starts at 2 p.m. For more information, contact Luisa De Poo at (512) 949-2487 or luisa-depoo@austindiocese.org.

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THANK YOU! St. Anne's Altar Society would like to say "THANKS" to everyone who donated flowers for Christmas to pay tribute to your loved ones. We were able to make our church beautiful because of your generosity. May you have a Blessed New Year!!

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING: Sherry Farney, Lexa Wetterman, Deacon Channing Fell, Brad Pustejovsky, Evelyn Muehlstein, Kathleen Horton, Margaret Kennedy, Rose Sulak, Danny Kaluza, Angelique Lawless, Mary Lander; Mona Zahirniak, Braden Sing, Monica Ferguson; Brooklyn & Cooper Downing, Felix Picha, Tim Jaska, Freddie Hutyra, Cressie Girard, Alex Perez, Bill Hannes, Kelly Hooper, Lillian Hromadka, Karcyn Kauffman, Robert Lenart, Larry Holecek, Wesley Mashek, Nilce Carman, Nathaniel Torres, Wendell Harrison, Paula Ledford, Martha Sulak Gerik, Louis Mynarcik, Dawn Hand, Butch Manske, Charlotte Klaus, Linda Hill, Jeff Jares, Larry Podsednik, Jason Neill, Dianna Schroeder, Freddie Machac, David Sinkule, and Estelle Marek.

MARIAN SHRINE LIGHT is in memory of Jerry Stanislav by the Jim Maguire Family.

SANCTUARY LIGHT is in memory of Andrew Hlavenka by Dorothy & Lyn Middleton.

VOCATIONS CRUCIFIX will be in the home of Chuck & Bunny Felderhoff this week.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Offertory Collection..... \$ 12,440.85

ST. MARY'S: COMMUNITY OF FAITH, KNOWLEDGE AND SERVICE. "A good school provides a rounded education for the whole person. And a good Catholic school, over and above this, should help all its students to become saints." *—Pope Benedict XVI*

Our annual celebration of Catholic Schools Week begins next Sunday, January 29. This year's theme is "Catholic Schools:

Communities of Faith, Knowledge, and Service." Please join us for a variety of events throughout the week:

Jan. 30th - Good Morning St. Mary's with Mayor's Proclamation

Jan. 31st - Muffins with Mom: 7:15am

Feb. 1st - Parent & Grandparent Luncheon

Feb. 2nd - Donuts with Dad: 7:15am

Feb. 3rd - Stew/Chili Supper: 5pm & Talent Show: 7pm

Feb. 5th - Catholic School Mass on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Come see what makes St. Mary's Catholic School exceptional!

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL "LOVE RUN"

St. Mary's school is having a 5K and 1 mile Fun Run SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2017 at 9:00 am.

The run will begin and end at the school.

Entry fees: \$15 students; \$20 St. Mary's Alumni; \$25 Mail In/Hand In; \$30 Late reg./Day of Race. Entry includes long sleeve race shirt and refreshments after the race including sausage wraps, bananas, powerade and water. Entry forms can be picked up at the school office or downloaded on the school website at www.stmaryswest.com. All entry forms are due **January 30, 2017**.

Please contact Joanna Rogers at jwolf430@yahoo.com or Liz Muska at l.muska@yahoo.com for questions. See you at the run

PRAYERFUL SYMPATHIES to the Peggy Vanzura Family.

CEF PERPETUAL ENROLLMENT.....

In loving memory of the **PEGGY VANZURA FAMILY** by Ellouise Anderson; Cliff & Bonnie Archer; Ernest Bezdek; Lillian Bohannan; Doug & Clara Carter; Raymond & Joyce Dulock; Lori Eisma; Dianne Friend; Bill & Laurann Grimm; Dorothy Hajek; Gene & Martha Hosek; Harry Lee & Mary Ann Hykel; Agnes M. Johnson; John & Wilma Kostecka; Charles & Rose Kubacak; Margaret Kubala; Ervin & Geraldine Laubert; Milada Mazanec; George Meurer; Louis Mynarcik, Sr.; Charles & Marsha Nemec; Evelyn Petter; Larry & Kathy Podsednik; Dan & Jeanette Pokluda; Joe & Carolyn Pustejovsky; Thomas & Margaret Sinkule; Clarice Snokhous; Lillian Urbanovsky; Al & Elizabeth Vanek; Steve & Ann Vanek and Katy Campbell; Margaret Webre; Robert & Marcella Wolf; Tommy & Jo Ann Wolf; and Virginia Zatopek.

In loving memory of the **JOYCE KOSTOHRYA FAMILY** by Cliff & Bonnie Archer, Ernest Bezdek, Mary Ann Cocek, Raymond & Joyce Dulock, Dianne Friend, Bill & Laurann Grimm, Dorothy Hajek, Gene & Martha Hosek, Harry Lee & Mary Ann Hykel, Agnes M. Johnson, Anna Louise Kaska, John & Wilma Kostecka, Charles & Rose Kubacak, Ervin & Geraldine Laubert, Joe & Joyce Lenart, Milada Mazanec, Charles & Marsha Nemec, Evelyn Petter, Dan & Jeanette Pokluda, Louise (Lou) Pokluda, Joe & Carolyn Pustejovsky, James & Marcella Sinkule, Thomas & Margaret Sinkule, Clarice Snokhous, Helen Clay Trlica, Al & Elizabeth Vanek, Margaret Webre, Jerry & Dee Willenborg, and Virginia Zatopek.

ST. MARY'S BUILDING FUND

In memory of **MARSHALL MATTHEWS** by Edith Cernosek.

PLANNING – CDA FAT TUESDAY “Mardi Gras” Taco Soup and Salad Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, February 28 at the West Knights of Columbus Hall from 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Donation: Adults \$7.00 and Children \$3.00. “Take-Outs” available! For tickets: Contact any CDA Member or call Evelyn Petter at 826-5675 or Stephanie Vanek at 722-1742.

EASTER PRAYER BOOK ---The CDA is preparing an Easter prayer book for the congregation. All CDA members are encouraged to submit their favorite prayer(s) to debby_marak@yahoo.com. The prayers can also be dropped off at any CDA meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at the St. Joseph's Hall at 7:00 pm. The deadline for entries into the prayer book is April 1.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel describes the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke (called the Synoptic Gospels), Jesus' public ministry begins after His baptism by John the Baptist and after His retreat to the desert where he was tempted by the devil. When Jesus returns from the desert, He hears that John has been arrested.

The first part of today's Gospel places Jesus' ministry in the context of the writings of the prophet, Isaiah. Matthew wants to show that Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophecies given to the people of Israel, and he refers to Isaiah to do so. Isaiah says that the Messiah will begin his ministry in Galilee, the land of the Gentiles. When Jesus begins to preach in Galilee, Matthew points to His ministry as a fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy, proof that Jesus is the Messiah.

When Jesus called His first disciples, the Gospel tells us that the fishermen (Peter

and Andrew, James and John) dropped everything to follow Jesus immediately. Yet this Gospel tells us little about the prior experience that the fishermen had of Jesus. Did they know Him? Had they heard him preach? What kind of person must Jesus have been to invoke such a response? We can imagine that Jesus was a powerful presence to elicit a response as immediate and complete as these first disciples gave.

The Gospel concludes with a description of the ministry that Jesus begins in Galilee. Jesus inaugurates the Kingdom of God with His work. He teaches in the synagogue and preaches the kingdom. His ability to cure people's diseases and illness is a sign of the kingdom. In Jesus' ministry, we already begin to see the Kingdom of God among us.

A PRAYER FOR THE UNBORN

Heavenly Father, in Your love for us, protect against the wickedness of the devil, those helpless little ones to whom You have given the gift of life.

Touch with pity the hearts of those women pregnant in our world today who are not thinking of motherhood. Help them to see that the child they carry is made in Your image, as well as theirs, made for eternal life.

Dispel their fear of selfishness and give them true womanly hearts to love their babies and give them birth and all the needed care that a mother can give. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

TIME IS STILL THE BEST ANSWER.

Forgiveness is still the best pain killer and God is still the best healer. AMEN

own family life. As a family, detail the activities of a typical day. Discuss together what priorities are reflected in this daily schedule. How does your family respond when your daily plans are interrupted or must be changed? Together read today's Gospel, Matthew 4:12-23. Reflect together on the example of the first disciples who dropped everything to follow Jesus. Ask: Does our family schedule give evidence that we put God first in our family life? What might we do to better reflect that God is our priority? Pray together that your family will always give evidence that God comes first in your family life. Pray today's Psalm or the Lord's Prayer.

Family Connection Today's Gospel tells us little about the background of these fishermen, their work, and their families. In today's Gospel, we are simply told that James and John left their father, Zebedee, in the boat and followed Jesus. Some details about the families of these first followers of Jesus are found later in Matthew's Gospel, however. In [Matthew 8:14-15](#) for example, Jesus goes to the home of Peter and heals his mother-in-law of a fever. [Matthew 20:20-28](#) relates how the mother of the sons of Zebedee (James and John) approaches Jesus with the request that her sons be given places of honor in Jesus' kingdom. These brief references suggest that the first disciples' separation from their families may not have been as complete as the verses in today's Gospel might lead us to believe. Matthew points out the separation because he wants to show that Christian discipleship can require a change in our lives and even our family relationships. Perhaps the message for us today is to balance the radical call to be a follower of Jesus with the challenge to be "fishers of men" even within our own families. Creating this balance may require that we change some of the priorities of our

I shall pass this way but once
therefore any good that I can do or
any kindness that I can show let me
do it now for I shall not pass this
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