

February 14, 2016

First Sunday In Lent

MASSES

Sat. 6:00 P.M. Rosary

6:30 P.M. +Ted Kocian; +Antonia Nors, Anniv.; Thanksgiving for the 95th Birthday of Josie Kubala; and For Thanksgiving for Josephine Kocian

Sun. 7:30 A.M. +Fred Matula; +Louis F. Cepak; and Deceased CDA Members.

Sun. 9:00 A.M. +Patsy Picha; +Eddie Klaus; +Mary Willenborg; +Bernice Kutscherousky; and +Frances C. Polansky, Anniv.

Sun. 10:30 A.M. +Colby Hutyra; +Johnnie Hutyra; +Eugene Sulak; +Rudy Janek; +Aaron Janek; +Cody Dragoo; and For the Health of Ronnie Janek

Sun. Spanish Mass (Noon) Parish Family

Mon. 6:30 P.M. For Health of K.K.

Tues. 6:30 A.M. +Joe & Lillian Machovsky

Wed. 6:30 P.M. +Jeanie Cernosek

Thurs. 6:30 A.M. Special Intention KH

Fri. 10:00 A.M. (Rest Home) +Michael Maguire BD

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

6:30 P.M. +Darrell Dan Gerik; +George Hubik, BD; +Herman E. Grimm; and +Henry Kubala

Next Sun. 7:30 A.M. +Georgia Macik

Next Sun. 9:00 A.M. +James Nors; +Jeanie Cernosek; and +Robert & Ruth Dudik

Next Sun. 10:30 A.M. For Health of KK

Next Sun. Spanish (Noon) Parish Family

TODAY – The children of the parish are asked to bring an item for the food pantry as their offering.

TODAY – Baptism Classes will be held at 3 p.m. in the Parish Center and 4:30 p.m. in Spanish. You must attend the class in order to baptize you child.

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

TODAY - KJT & KJZT meetings will be held today after the 7:30 a.m. Mass in the Parish Center.

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

TODAY—9th and Confirmation class will have classes.

TUESDAY --- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the 6:30 a.m. Mass. A time for personal prayer.

TUESDAY – Advisory Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in St. Joseph's Hall.

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

WEDNESDAY-- R.C.I.A classes will begin at 7:00 p.m. in St. Joseph's Hall.

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

THURSDAY - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the 6:30 a.m. Mass. A time for personal prayer.

THURSDAY - St. Mary's will hold our annual Pre-K and Kindergarten Roundup on February 18th at 7pm in the gym. Come by and learn how our Catholic faith is an integral part of our student's core curriculum at St. Mary's! Tour the school and meet the teachers. If unable to attend, contact the school office at 254-826-5991 for more information and to pick up a registration packet.

THURSDAY – The Grief Support meets at 7 p.m. in St. Joseph’s Hall

FRIDAY - Men’s Fellowship meets at 6 a.m. in St. Joseph Hall. A time for fellowship to start your day.

FRIDAY – Children’s Stations of the Cross at 2 p.m.

FRIDAY - Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m. and at 7:30 p.m. in Spanish.

FRIDAY - -West Over 40 Dance will be held Friday at Tours Hall from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Music will be provided by TEXAS HEARTBEAT. Admission is \$5.00. No smoking is allowed.

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

NEXT SUNDAY - 9th and Confirmation class will have classes.

NEXT SUNDAY— Marriage Enrichment Classes will be in the Parish Center from 4-6 p.m. Babysitting will be provided.

FOOD PANTRY - Items that the Food Pantry are low on are; Mac/Cheese, Chili, Chef-boy-r-dee, Jelly, Pasta Sauce, Hamburger Helper; Cake Mix; Syrup/Pancakes, & Peanut Butter. Please no outdates food!! Thank you for your help.

LENTEN JOURNEY: An Experience of Prayer and Worship – Please join us for a 3 day Lenten Mission! Jeremy Rodriguez will be at St. Jerome Parish on Sunday March 13th through 15th from 7 to 9 p.m. each evening. Come one, two, or all three evenings!

FRIDAYS DURING LENT ARE OBLIGATORY DAYS OF ABSTINENCE.

The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not to equal a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding from age 14 onwards. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Eater Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) and then “paschal fast”

To honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

THANK YOU -- A big THANK YOU to everyone for making the CDA Taco Soup and Salad Luncheon a tremendous success! We appreciate everyone who attended the meal, bought raffle tickets 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! WINNERS OF THE “TACO SOUP ‘FAT TUESDAY’ RAFFLE

Winners are: 1) Praying Angel Yard Statue – Rick Kolar ; 2) \$100 Blessings Gift Certificate – Cindy Jares ; 3) \$100 Divine Designs Gift Certificate – Greg Webre, Sr.; 4) \$100 Pizza House of West Gift Card – Joan Colaluca; 5) \$100 Slovacek’s Gift Certificate – Gerald Snapka; 6) \$100 West Food Mart Gift Certificate – Ray Snokhous; 7) \$75 Divine Designs Gift Certificate – Barbara Olsovsky; 8) Homemade Country Basket – Dee Willenborg; 9) Large Cross – Gary Uptmore; 10) \$50 Blessings Gift Certificate – Eddie Lewis; 11) \$50 Community Grocery Gift Certificate – Donna Hykel; 12) \$50 Czech American Restaurant Gift Certificate – Linda Maddox ; 13) \$50 Hobby Lobby Gift Card – Mary Brown; 14) \$50 L’Salon Gift Certificate – Mary Barton;

15) \$50 Olde Czech Corner Antiques Gift Certificate – Luritha Nemeec; 16) \$50 Olive Garden Gift Card – George Meurer; 17) \$50 Slovacek’s Gift Certificate – Bernice Petter; 18) Cross – Sara Sulak; 19) \$50 West Station Roadhouse Gift Certificate– Bernice Petter; 20) \$50 West True Value Gift Card – Sandra Sykora.

VOCATIONS CRUCIFIX will be in the home of Johnny, Jeanette & Theresa Cernosek this week. The poster for 2016 has been prepared.

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING: Kenneth Kubala; Felix Picha, Katherine Horton, Ronnie Janek, George Hubik, Jr., Adolph Zatopek, Robert Janek, Dianne Friend, Tim Kocian; Jackie Holecek Davis, Richard Hlavenka, Barbara Hykel, Barbara Chudej, Mildred Bajer, Marcie Herring, Larry Mashek, Tim Jaska, Freddie Hutyra, Cressie & Henry Girard, Alex Perez; Bill Hannes; Ken Bernsen; Kelly Hooper, Jennifer Jares Ashley; Lillian Hromadka, Karcyn Kauffman, Larry Holecek, Wesley Mashek, Nilce Carman, Nathaniel Torres, Wendell Harrison, Billy Kelm, Paula Ledford, Martha Sulak Gerik, Eugene Roznos, Louis Mynarcik, Albin Poehl, Zander Williams, Hattie Kolar, Chris Hutyra, Delbert Helms, Dawn Hand, Butch Manske, Charlotte Klaus, Dave Redwine, Linda Hill, Jeff Jares, Jeanette Pokluda, Larry Podsednik, Jason Neill, Bob Grimm, Rose Sulak, and Estelle Marek.

February 20-21

SATURDAY 6:30 P.M.

LECTOR – Dianne Mendiola
GIFTS – Mike Mendiola Family
ALTAR SERVERS - Anthony Williams, Johnathon Nors, Claire Kubitz
EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS – Mildred Dokupil, Mike & Brenda Campbell

SUN 7:30 A.M.

LECTOR- Mary Mynar
GIFTS – Dennis & Debbie Bohannan
ALTAR SERVERS – Ryson & Rynda Maddox Adryn Schulte
EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS –Don Urbanovsky, Chuck Felderhoff, Katherine Maler

9:00 A.M.

LECTOR - Mason Matus
GIFTS- Bobby Kostecka Family
SERVERS –Cyndi Lair, Caroline & Patrick Janek

EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS – Stephanie Matus, Rufus & Agnes Lamere

10:30 A.M.

LECTOR – Nicholas Hovde
GIFTS –Patrick Lednický
SERVERS – Ember, George, Brye Berger
EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS – Freda Allen, Ed & Dorothy Sykora

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Offertory Collection.....	\$ 11,907.00
Building Fund.....	\$ 710.00
School.....	\$ 5.00

The West Conference of the Society of St. Vincent dePaul would like to thank our parish for their continued support. Our Christmas Meal Program was a GREAT success thanks to your donations of food and money. 2015 was the first full calendar year of operation for our local Conference and we are pleased to share a comprehensive report of our expenses and donations received in the next edition of **'The Good News'** to be published in April. Donations collected through the Black Bag last Sunday (Feb. 6 & 7) were:

\$2,137.63

Utilities paid in Jan-2016	-1,764.88
Rent/Housing/Loans	-4,045.59
Housing Repairs	-2,462.00
Groceries (other than Pantry food)	40.00
Medical (Rx's)	-71.25

Please NOTE: SVdP has CHANGED its meeting date from Wednesday to Thursday. We would like to invite you to join us for our NEXT Meeting at **6:15 PM** on **Thursday, February 18th** in the Library at St. Mary's School.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT: The annual diocesan Ashes to Easter Lenten Mission Campaign has begun. Each family is invited to pick up a box and keep it on or near the family dining table or by their bedside table. Put in some coins each day during Lent, and pray for missions worldwide. Contributing coins each day is a corporal work of mercy that will help shelter the homeless and a spiritual work of mercy that will help comfort the sorrowful. The money collected helps local missionaries and missionary projects from our diocese.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

CORNER There are times in our lives when, like Jesus, we find ourselves alone and hungry in a wasteland. It is tempting when all is dry rock and rubble to put our faith in things that offer comfort and security. The Scriptures today invite us to put our trust and faith in God, the only one who can save us and give us life. We must reject the temptation to make "gods" of or to place our trust in material goods, power or control and rather to cling to our Lord who is our rock and refuge.

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

MARIAN SHRINE LIGHT is in memory of Louis F. Cepak by Evelyn Cepak

LOOKING TO START THE CHILDREN LITURGY—Father Paul and Father Vincent are looking to start the children's liturgy. They will be conducting the classes, but are in need of young adults to get the children

from Mass and bring them back and also help with the children. You must be EIM approved as per the Diocese's guidelines. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

EXPERIENCE A TRIP OF A LIFETIME!

Travel to El Progreso, Honduras to work with the children and staff of COPPROME orphanage and serve the poor in nearby villages. We will have 3 Honduras mission Los Ninos in 2016- June 11-18, July 2-9, & Nov 5-12, 2016. The cost is \$1550/person and includes: airfare, hotel, transportation, meals, food distribution in a village, and retreat experience. There are 3 formation meetings with the team prior to the trip. Registration and deposit is due by February 21st. for both the June and July trips. For more info, contact Katrina at Dittodrew2000@yahoo.com.

Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary -- The 33 Days of Prayer for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary begin Feb. 20. Each day of prayer represents one year in the life of Christ. Prayers are done privately in our own homes using the consecration preparation book. Visit www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org by Jan. 31 to receive a free Montfort preparation prayer book by mail and for more information. The faithful throughout the Austin Diocese are invited to consecrate themselves to Jesus through Mary.

CEDARBRAKE RETREAT CENTER IN BELTON An Ash Wednesday Day of Reflection will be held Feb. 10 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. The day will begin with Mass and the distribution of ashes. The cost will be \$35, with lunch included. For more information or to register, contact Cedarbrake at (254) 780-2436 or cedarbrake@austindiocese.org.

Wherever I am, God is. James Dillet
Freeman

An RCIA Retreat will be held Feb. 27 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. Come and explore the meaning of Christ's resurrection and why our need for "so great a Redeemer" is an ongoing journey both for those entering the Catholic church and those continuing the Christian life. Tracy Rodenborn, director of RCIA at Emmaus Parish in Lakeway, will lead this retreat. The cost is \$25 per person, which includes lunch. Register through your parish RCIA director.

What can I do to make the most of the Year of Mercy? The particular ways one can celebrate this Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy are up to one's own discernment. To that end, we've prepared a helpful (but not comprehensive) list of ideas to get you started! Go to Confession regularly — monthly or even weekly. Forgive those who are in need of your mercy. Fulfill the conditions for plenary indulgences and consider offering those indulgences for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. Go on a pilgrimage. Practice the corporal and spiritual works of mercy every day. Place the Divine Mercy Image in a prominent place in your home and venerate it daily. Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy daily, imploring mercy "on us, and on the whole world." Make the Stations of the Cross regularly, especially at 3 p.m., the Hour of Great Mercy. Pray Pope Francis's Year of Mercy Prayer.

The light of God surrounds me; The love of God enfolds me; The power of God protects me; The presence of God watches over me;