

February 18, 2018

First Sunday in Lent

SATURDAY 6:30 P.M. +Fred Matula; +Henry & Josie Kubala, BD; +Elizabeth Kolar; and +Louis & Eleanor Mynarcik

SUN. 7:30 A.M. World Peace; and Respect of Life

SUN. 9:00 A.M. +Louis Cepak, BD; +Jeane Cernosek; +Henry & Angeline Sykora; and +Garland Dulock

SUN. 10:30 A.M. +Louis & Frances Jaska; +Bernadette Jaska; +James Prasifka; and For the Health of Dane Eckols

SUN. Spanish Mass (Noon) Parish Family

MON. 6:30 P.M. +Michael Maguire

TUES. 6:30 A.M. For the Health of Dane Eckols

WED. 6:30 P.M. +Evelyn Matula

THURS. 6:30 A.M. Special Intention for JP

FRI. 8:15 A.M. SCHOOL MASS For the Health of Dane Eckols

FRI. 10:00 A.M. West Rest Haven +Raymond Snokhous, Anniv.

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

6:30 P.M. +Willie & Frances Pokluda, Anniv.; +Herman E. Grimm; +George Hubik; +Vitus & Rosalie Kolar; +Carolyn Reyes; +Elizabeth Kolar; and +Hollis & Martha Neill

NEXT SUN. 7:30 A.M. +Georgia Macik; +Raymond Snokhous, Anniv.; and +Robert J. Karlik

9:00 A.M. +Jeane Cernosek; +Nicholas Van Pelt;

+Lucille Isom; +Joe & Anna Willenborg; and +Raymond Snokhous, Anniv.

10:30 A.M. +Estelle Marek, B.D. and +Raymond Snokhous, Anniv.

Spanish (Noon) Parish Family

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

SATURDAY – February 24

Lector – Dianne Mendiola

Gift Bearers – Mike Mendiola Family

Altar Servers – Emily Polansky, Kannon & Kane Kolar

Host Ministers – Deacon, Mildred Dokupil, Kim Woodard

SUNDAY – February 25 7:30 A.M.

Lector – Jane Kapavik

Gift Bearers – Tim Schulte Family

Altar Servers – Andrew & Grace Watson, Connor Sullins

Host Ministers – Deacon, Robert & Georgie Nors

9:00 A.M.

Lector – Kain Klish

Gift Bearers – Dennis & Debbie Bohannan

Altar Servers – Jacob & Caitlyn Divin, Ryan Williams, Ethan Gillaspie

Host Ministers – Deacon, Rob & Cyndi Lair

10:30 A.M.

Lector – Cheryl Hoelscher

Gift Bearers – Patrick Lednicky Family

Altar Servers – Kinslee & Shayne Adams, Zachary Lednicky, Kris Casey

Host Ministers – Deacon, Jon & Sharon Hlavenka

CONFESSION SCHEDULE FOR THE SEASON OF LENT

Monday – 5 to 6 p.m.

Wednesday – 5 to 6 p.m.

Saturday – 5 to 6 p.m. (Moved from 3 p.m.)

TODAY

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

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

..... **Children's Breaking Open the Word** – Starting today for the season of Lent, we will be having a Breaking Open of the Word for Children, at the Sunday 10:30 a.m. Masses. For those who wish, their children will be dismissed from the Mass to hear and discuss the Word from a child's level and will return to the congregation at the Offertory.

WEEKLY EVENTS:

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

Advisory Board Mtg. at 7 p.m. in St. Joseph's Hall.

WEDNESDAY – DCCW Meeting at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Hall in Waco. A lunch will be served at noon.

Rosaries, Adoration, Benediction, and Confession, followed by Mass.

C.C.E. Classes begin at 6:15 p.m.

R.C.I.A. Class begins at 7 p.m. in St. Joseph's Hall.

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

Finance Committee meeting at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Parish Center.

FRIDAY – Men's Bible study at 6:30 a.m. in St. Joseph's Hall.

DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING --- His Holiness Pope Francis announced that Friday, Feb. 23, will be a day of prayer and fasting for peace, in particular for the populations of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan. Catholics in good health, from age 18 until age 59, are obliged to fast and pray. The Friday Stations of the Cross are an excellent prayer for peace. The faithful are asked to spend time in prayer on Friday, February 23. Perhaps consider offering the day's work and trials for the people who are suffering in these regions.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 2:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m. (Spanish).

NEXT WEEKEND:

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

.....**Adult Faith Formation** – Join us for a four week program presented by Bishop Robert Barron's Word on Fire Ministry – "Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues". This program draws on Dante's writings and his seven stories of Mt. Purgatory. However, Bishop Barron shows us how to counteract these seven sinful patterns and helps set us on the right path to healing and happiness. We meet at 9 a.m. in the Parish Center Conference Room – come join us.

PLANNING AHEAD FOR LENT – 1.) For the Lenten season, we will be temporarily adjusting the Saturday time for Confession from the current half-hour to 5-6 p.m., so that people may more easily attend the Vigil Mass in conjunction with Confession. **2.)** Also during Lent, Confession times are being added to Mondays, from 5-6 p.m. before the daily Masses (if there has to be a Communion Service that evening, there will be no Confessions). **3.)** Lastly, please note that the Parish Lenten Penance Service will be Thursday, the 15th of March, at 7 p.m. in the Church. Dates for other Penance Services in the Deanery are listed below.

DEANERY PENANCE SERVICES:

Tuesday, March 6 – St. Thomas, Hamilton (6:00 p.m.); St. Eugene, McGregor (6:30 p.m.); Our Lady of Lourdes, Gatesville (7:30 p.m.)

Tuesday, March 13 – St. Mary, Mexia (6:30 p.m.)

Thursday, March 15— Assumption Church, West (7:00 p.m.); St. Jerome, Waco (7:00.p.m.)

Monday, March 19— St. Martin, Tours (6:00 p.m.)

Tuesday, March 20 — St. Louis, Waco (6:00 p.m.)

PRAYERFUL SYMPATHIES to the following: To Rose Mary Payne, Adolph & Frankie Kolar on the loss of their mother, Elizabeth Kolar; to the Jacob Bates Family; to Nancy Polasek, Linda Beseda & Mary Ann Johnson on the loss of their mother, Evelyn Matula; to Henry Polansky on the loss of his wife; to Shelly Nors on the loss of her mother, Shirley Polansky; and to the Robert Lee Bartz Family.

CEF PERPETUAL ENROLLMENTS.....

In loving memory of the **ELIZABETH KOLAR FAMILY** by Cliff & Bonnie Archer, Ernest Bezdek, Mary Ann Cocek, Raymond & Joyce Dulock, Chuck & Bunny Felderhoff, Dianne Friend, Rick & Elaine Goff Family, Bill & Laurann Grimm, Dorothy Hajek, Gene Hosek, Harry Lee & Mary Ann Hykel, Larry & Donna Hykel, Theresa Jaska, Agnes M. Johnson, Bill & Jeanette Karlik, Anna Louise Kaska, Bobby & Betty Kostecka and Eric, John & Wilma Kostecka, Charles & Rose Kubacak, Ervin & Geraldine Laubert, Eugene & Maxine Maroul, Jerry & Jo Ann Maynard, Milada Mazanec, Bennie & Lil Mynar, Charles & Marsha Nemec, Evelyn Petter, Kathy Podsednik, Dan & Jeanette Pokluda, Joe & Carolyn Pustejovsky, James & Marcella Sinkule, Thomas & Margaret Sinkule, William & Angie Sinkule, Lucille Sulak, Helen Clay Trlica, Don & Pam Urbanovsky, Steve & Ann Vanek and Katy Campbell, Margaret Webre, and Virginia Zatopek.

In loving memory of the **EVELYN MATULA FAMILY** by Catholic Daughters of America, Court Sacred Heart #829.

In loving memory of the **SHIRLEY POLANSKY FAMILY** by Catholic Daughters of America, Court Sacred Heart #829.

In loving memory of the **EVELYN MATULA FAMILY** by Cliff & Bonnie Archer; Ernest Bezdek; Lillian Bohannan; Raymond & Joyce Dulock; Chuck & Bunny Felderhoff; Dianne Friend; Rick & Elaine Goff Family; Bill & Laurann Grimm; Dorothy Hajek; Gene Hosek; Harry Lee & Mary Ann Hykel; Larry & Donna Hykel; Theresa Jaska; Agnes M. Johnson; Anna Louise Kaska; Bobby & Betty Kostecka and Eric; John & Wilma Kostecka; Charles & Rose Kubacak; Margaret Kubala; Rufus & Agnes Lamere; Ervin & Geraldine Laubert; Milada Mazanec; Bennie & Lil Mynar; Charles & Marsha Nemec; Mark & Lisa Pavelka, Crystal and Amber; Evelyn Petter; Kathy Podsednik; Dan & Jeanette Pokluda; Joe & Carolyn Pustejovsky; James & Marcella Sinkule; Thomas & Margaret Sinkule; William & Angie Sinkule; Tony & Wanda Stacha; Dolores Sykora; Helen Clay Trlica; Don & Pam Urbanovsky; Al & Elizabeth Vanek; Allen & Tappy Vanek; Margaret Webre; and Virginia Zatopek.

In loving memory of the **SHIRLEY POLANSKY FAMILY** by Ellouise Anderson, Cliff & Bonnie Archer, Lillian Bohannan, Raymond & Joyce Dulock, Chuck & Bunny Felderhoff, Dianne Friend, Rick & Elaine Goff Family, Bill & Laurann Grimm, Dorothy Hajek, Gene Hosek, Harry Lee & Mary Ann Hykel, Larry & Donna Hykel, Theresa Jaska, Agnes M. Johnson, Bill & Jeanette Karlik, Anna Louise Kaska, Bobby & Betty Kostecka and Eric, John & Wilma Kostecka, Charles & Rose Kubacak, Margaret Kubala, Rufus & Agnes Lamere, Ervin & Geraldine Laubert, Jim & Jeanie Maguire, Eugene & Maxine Maroul, Jerry & Jo Ann Maynard, Milada Mazanec, Bennie & Lil Mynar, Charles & Marsha Nemec, Robert & Georgie Nors, Evelyn Petter, Kathy Podsednik, Dan & Jeanette Pokluda, Joe & Carolyn Pustejovsky, James & Marcella Sinkule, Thomas & Margaret Sinkule, William & Angie Sinkule, Steve & Frances Soukup, Tony & Wanda Stacha, Dolores Sykora, Helen Clay Trlica, Don & Pam Urbanovsky, Al & Elizabeth Vanek, Allen & Tappy Vanek, Steve & Ann Vanek and Katy Campbell, William & Libbie Veselka, Margaret Webre, Jerry & Dee Willenborg, and Virginia Zatopek.

ST. MARY'S CEMETERY ...

In memory of **LILLIE HROMADKA** by Steve & Bernice Sawyer and Lucille Uptmore.

In memory of **CHARLOTTE KLAUS** by Steve & Bernice Sawyer and Annette Phipps.

ST. MARY'S ENDOWMENT FUND....

In memory of **HELEN KLISH** by The Darrin Banik Family.

In memory of **BILL NORS** by the The Darrin Banik Family.

In memory of **MARTHA HOSEK** by The Darrin Banik Family.

ST. MARY'S WISH LIST.....

In memory of **LILLIE MYNAR** by Bob & Theresa Plsek; Tonya Plsek; Gloria Allen; Daniel & Catherine Vanek; Henry & Theresa Soukup; Jimmy J. Polansky; Robert & Marie Nors; and Steve & Linda Sulak.

In memory of **LILLIE HROMADKA** by Margaret Kubala.

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING: Charles Franke; Jimmy Polansky; Dane Eckols; Mark Hardwick; Avery Stone; Bob Henderson, Tommy Wolf, Shawn L. Rejcek; George Nors, Sr.; Jerry Kucera, Sr., Mary Ann Marak, Albert Charanza, Sr., Richard Skopik, Joyce Petross, Donald Gerik, Sr., Sarah Dudik, Gary Williams, Ruby Hanak Douglass, Tony Isaacs, Eugene Slovak, Robert Lednický; Eugene Hoelscher, Kayla Lenzer; Kathy Mitchell, Dawn Hand, Mildred Eva Vorderkunz, Sherry Farney, Lexa Wetterman, Kathleen Horton, Danny Kaluza, Angelique Lawless, Mona Zahirniak, Braden Sing, Brooklyn & Cooper Downing, Clarence Legleiter, Alex Perez, Bill Hannes, Kelly Hooper, Karcyn Kauffman, Wesley Mashek, Nilce Carman, Nathaniel Torres, Wendell Harrison, Paula Ledford, Martha Sulak Gerik, Butch Manske, Linda Hill, Jason Neill, Freddie Machac, David Sinkule, Adolf Polansky, Gene Roznos and Jennifer Jares Ashley.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION \$8,665.25

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

SANCTUARY LIGHT is in memory of Raymond J., Sr. & Lillie Hromadka by Family.

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We are not ashamed to be naked before God, that is, to be open with all our thoughts, feelings, and desires.

Questions about Prayer by William A. Barry, SJ

Why Pray? Why do I pray? I pray because I believe in this God. Not only that, I pray because my heart aches for God even though I am also often afraid of closeness with God. I have met a lot of people who express this longing for God and who pray because they believe in God who attracts them so much.

How to Pray? This brings us to question of how to satisfy this longing for God. The simplest answer is to engage in prayer. Here is where the hope that I might have something useful to say about how to pray comes into play. If God wants a friendship and partnership with each of us (and with all of us as a people), and we have a reciprocal desire for such a relationship, then prayer is similar to what happens in any friendship. Friendship between two people develops through mutual self-revelation. So in prayer I try to let God know who I am and ask that God do the same for me. It's that simple. As with Abraham and Sarah, it's a matter of growing mutual self-revelation. So in prayer I try to let God know who I am and ask that God do the same for me. It's that simple. As with Abraham and Sarah, it's a matter of growing mutual transparency. As we grow in our trust in God, we reverse the results of the sin of Adam and Eve.