

February 25, 2018

Second Sunday in Lent

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

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

SUN. 9:00 A.M. +Jeane Cernosek; +Nicholas Van Pelt; +Lucille Isom; +Joe & Anna Willenborg; and +Raymond Snokhous, Anniv.

SUN. 10:30 A.M. +Estelle Marek, B.D.; +Raymond Snokhous, Anniv.; and +Frank & Mary Tichavsky

SUN. Spanish Mass (Noon) In Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Carlitos Rebollar; and Parish Family

MON. 6:30 P.M. For the Health of Dane Eckols

TUES. 6:30 A.M. +George Meurer, BD

WED. 6:30 P.M. +Christine Soukup

THURS. 6:30 A.M. For the Health of Dane Eckols & Tommy Wolf

FRI. 8:15 A.M. SCHOOL MASS +Charlie Ferguson, Anniv.; +Frances Pokluda, BD; +Frances Hutyra, Anniv.; +Louis & Frances Jaska, BD; +Bernadette Jaska; +Freddie Hutyra; and For the Health of Dane Eckols

FRI. 10:00 A.M. West Rest Haven +Johnnie Sinkule

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

6:30 P.M. +Raymond J., Sr. & Lillie Hromadka; +Shelia Brown; +Annie Hubik; +Anna Pratkan; +Jeane Cernosek; +Wilfred Cervenka, BD; +Cecil Atkins; +Corky Campbell; +Frances Grimm; and +Bob Jarrett

NEXT SUN. 7:30 A.M. +Jerry Grones; and +Bomar & Ann Horton

9:00 A.M. Special Intention for Birthday HJD; and Living & Deceased Members of St. Anne's Altar Society

10:30 A.M. +Joe, Sr. & Lorene Holy; +Louis & Frances Jaska; +Bernadette Jaska; and For the 80th Birthday of Jerry Kucera, Sr.

Spanish (Noon) Parish Family

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

SATURDAY March 3

Lector – Jodi Brown

Gift Bearers – Rick Pliscott Family

Altar Servers – Ben Brown, Johnathon Nors, Chasin Smith

Host Ministers – Deacon, Shirley Kolar, Mason Matus

SUNDAY – March 4 7:30 A.M.

Lector – Mary Mynar

Gift Bearers – Jason Sullins Family

Altar Servers – Zachary & Caleb Gerik, Abigail Neill

Host Ministers – Deacon, Tim Schulte, Kathy Podsednik

9:00 A.M.

Lector – Jeff Divin

Gift Bearers – Josh Lucas Family

Altar Servers – Caroline, Patrick & Samuel Janek, Claire Harrington

Host Ministers – Deacon, Charlene Sulak, Kris Cooper

10:30 A.M.

Lector – Youth Mass

Gift Bearers – Youth Mass

Altar Servers – Youth Mass

Host Ministers – Deacon, Terry Isaacs, Jim Maguire

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.

..... The Church of the Nativity, BVM in Penelope will host the annual Fried Chicken & Dressing dinner today at 11:30 a.m., in the Parish Hall. Meals and plates to go \$10 and children \$6.

WEEKLY EVENTS:

MONDAY – Bold Spring Baptist Church will be selling Hamburgers starting at 11 a.m., in the Mary E. Howard Multipurpose Center. Phone in orders at 254-826-3225.

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

WEDNESDAY - 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.

School Board meeting at 7 p.m. in the School Library.

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

West Conference St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting at **6:15 p.m.**

in the St. Mary's School Library. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 2:00 p.m. (when School is in session), 7:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m. (Spanish).

BOLD SPRING BAPTIST CHURCH will be selling a Fried Fish & Shrimp Dinner for \$9 per Plate, beginning at 11 a.m., in the Mary E. Howard Multipurpose Center. Phone in orders at 254-826-3225.

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.

.....**Black Bag Collection** for St. Vincent de Paul, to help the needy.

.....KJZT will be collecting food for the needy.

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.)

CEF PERPETUAL ENROLLMENTS.....

In loving memory of the **JOHNNIE SINKULE FAMILY** by Ellouise Anderson, Cliff & Bonnie Archer, Raymond & Joyce Dulock, Chuck & Bunny Felderhoff, Dianne Friend, Rick & Elaine Goff Family, Dorothy Hajek, Gene Hosek, Harry Lee & Mary Ann Hykel, Larry & Donna Hykel, Theresa Jaska, Agnes M. Johnson , Bill & Jeanette Karlik, Anna Louise Kaska, John & Wilma Kostecka, Charles & Rose Kubacak, Margaret Kubala, Ervin & Geraldine Laubert, Eugene & Maxine Maroul, Milada Mazanec, Bennie & Lil Mynar, Robert & Georgie Nors, Evelyn Petter, Dan & Jeanette Pokluda, Joe & Carolyn Pustejovsky, James & Marcella Sinkule, Thomas & Margaret Sinkule, Vincent & Monica Sinkule, William & Angie Sinkule, Helen Clay Trlica, Al & Elizabeth Vanek, Allen & Tappy Vanek, Margaret Webre, Jerry & Dee Willenborg, and Virginia Zatopek.

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

In memory of **GEORGE MEURER** by Mr. & Mrs. Leon Pustejovsky.

In memory of **FRED & EVELYN MATULA** by Mr. & Mrs. Ted Uptmore.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS COURT #829....

In memory of **LILLIE HROMADKA** by Annette Phipps.

ST. MARY'S C.C.E.

In memory of **COB RYDEL** by Deborah Janek.

NEXT WEEKEND:

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 \$12,478.00

ASH WEDNESDAY \$1,269.75

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

SANCTUARY LIGHT is in memory of *Michael Maguire* by *Family*.

PLEASE NOTE - CDA COURT SACRED HEART #829 members are asked to provide desserts for the Avery Stone Benefit on Sunday, March 11, at the West Columbus Club. Desserts can be dropped off at the hall on the day of the event, beginning at 7 a.m. If you have any questions, please call Stephanie (Tappy) Vanek at 254-722-1742.

THANK YOU! West KJT Society #31 Officers would like to thank everyone who helped make our Fish Fry Fundraiser for the Priest/Clergy Retirement Fund a success. Thanks to the KJT members and KJT Youth who came and helped with the preparation, serving, and cleanup. A thank you to the CDA members, Boy Scouts, and others, who came and helped with the to-go plates. Thanks to the CDA for the wonderful dessert donations and all who brought desserts that were available with the meal. And a very special thank you to everyone who came out and supported our Fundraiser to make it successful!

THANK YOU! St. Mary's Catholic School is grateful to so many for making the 4th annual 'Love Run' such a success! First and foremost, thank you to our committee chairs, Mandy Kutscherousky & Joanna Rogers. Your hard work and dedication is what made this event possible this year. Thank you Steve Vanek, Tommy Muska and Dennis Bohannan. Your willingness to always volunteer your time to help others does not go unnoticed. Thank you Will & Candace Kapavik for graciously allowing the use of the Sports Complex. It is a beautiful facility! Thank you to the West Police Department and many of the volunteers who showed up to help and braved the weather. Thank you to our many runners. We had over 350 entries this year. The run would be nothing without you! Last, but not least, we are grateful for our wonderful sponsors: Centex Seed, Divin Vision Care, Chevrolet of West, Grones Environmental Services, West True Value, The Village Bakery, Lone Star Ag Credit, State National Bank, Sykora Family Ford, Janice Sewing, Elite Therapy Center, Camp Gladiator, Harrington Construction, Birome Gin Co., Premier ER, Floyd and Irene Wolf Family, Muska Insurance Service, Kona Ice, Waco Coca-Cola, Texas Beef Council, Roz-Tech Pest Management, Will, Candace & Marisa Kapavik Family, St. Mary's Athletic Booster Club, St. Mary's PTC, Mike & Dianne Mendiola, & A & H Refrigeration.

THE CATHIOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA NEED YOU, YOUR TALENTS, AND YOUR IDEAS --

CDA Court #829 in West invites you to join one of the largest international organizations of Catholic Women dedicated to strengthening our spiritual lives through Christ, by serving others. If we are to be Jesus' hands and feet, then we must use the talents He gives us, and volunteer our services when we can. Answer the Lord's call with faith, generosity, and love by joining the CDA today. We want to encourage ladies of all ages to join and help us to be a strong link in our Church Community. We welcome your ideas on how CDA can best serve our parish. Meetings are the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. (food) and 7:00 p.m. (meeting) at St. Joseph's Hall. Even if you cannot attend meetings, you can still join and take part in any of our activities that suit your schedule. Dues are only \$25 a year. God needs you, and we would love to serve with you. For membership questions, call any of the CDA officers or members. If you have an interest in joining or obtaining more information, please contact one of the CDA officers below. Evelyn Petter – 254-716-1710; epetter@gmail.com; Debby Marak – 254-749-8605; debbymarak@yahoo.com; Margaret Kennedy – 254-580-2998; hillcountymom@yahoo.com; Cyndi Lair- 254-537-2250; cyndilair@yahoo.com; Tappy Vanek – 254-722-1742; tappyvanek@yahoo.com.

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