



**FIRST SUNDAY
of LENT
February 22, 2015**

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;
teach me your paths.

— Psalm 25: 4

The restoration process of the church seating and kneelers with installation of new beautiful fabric covered padding has been completed.



SUNDAY - February 22 - First Sunday of Lent
7:30 am - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family - *Pastor*
10:00 am - Julius Mikulenska †

MONDAY - February 23
8:00 am - Catherine Palmer †

TUESDAY - February 24
8:00 am - Charles Rigamonti †

WEDNESDAY - February 25
8:00 am - M. V. Myers †

THURSDAY - February 26
8:00 am - Dudley Pagel family †

FRIDAY - February 27 *Abstinence*
8:00 am - Edna Kandler †
5:30 pm - Blessings on Our Nation
6:00 pm - *Stations of the Cross* - followed by
Lenten Soup Supper - Parish Hall - hosted by: **Holy Name Society**

SATURDAY - February 28
8:00 am - Gerard & Antoniette Fossati †
5:00 pm - Vivian Strelczyk †

SUNDAY - March 1 - Second Sunday of Lent
7:30 am - Bettie Clarke Janda †
10:00 am - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family - *Pastor*
11:30 am - *Vietnamese Community - Fr. Phi Nguyen -Celebrant*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sun: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

NEXT WEEKEND - February 28 & March 1

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
of HOLY COMMUNION**

Sat. 5:00 pm - Diedra Kalina and **LECTORS** Norman Schoener
Sun. 7:30 am - Dennis Boehm Claudia Schoener
James/Connie Novak
Sun. 10:00 am - Melissa Spann Carol Bludau
Andy/Olivia Aguilar

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat 5:00 pm - Bryan Kalina, *need volunteers*
Sun 7:30 am - Kaden Fikac, Kylee Fikac, Kalynn Fikac
Sun 10:00 am - Renee, Abigail & Aaron Bradicich

USHERS:

5:00 pm - Michael John, Frank Motal, T. Goslin, R. Dominguez
7:30 am - Paul Bittlebrun, Gary Pribyl, Patrick Pribyl
10:00 am - Howard Bludau, *Volunteers*

ALTAR CLEANER(S):

Patty Pantel

SUNDAY - First Sunday of LENT
ExtraCollEnvlp: St Vincent de Paul "Black Bag" Collection
TUESDAY - Sewing Circle -after 8:30am Mass - Parish Hall
WEDNESDAY- R.C.I.A. - 7:00 pm - R.E. Bldg.
FRIDAY - Mass 5:30 pm and 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross
directly followed by *Lenten Soup Supper* in the Parish Hall
The Supper is prepared/hosted by: *Holy Name Society*
SATURDAY - Confessions 4:00 - 4:30 pm
SUNDAY - Second Sunday of LENT
ExtraCollEnvlp: Building Repairs
Lenten Almsgiving: Operation Rice Bowl

from the Desk of Fr. Say, Pastor -- Once again, I have made available an inspirational booklet for your special use during this Lenten season. The "Little Black Book" will be on the table at the church entrance until they are all gone. Goodwill Donations are accepted to offset their expense.

Starting next week we will begin the traditional Lenten *Almsgiving* known to us as **OPERATION RICE BOWL**. It will be a **second** collection each Sunday of Lent and will displace some of our regular extra envelope collections.

SEEKING HOST/HOSTESSES

There is one vacant date left to sponsor the Friday night Lenten Soup Supper. The date is **March 6th**. Any family, group or individual is encouraged to seize this opportunity with a spirit of generosity. Rather than the usual GIVE UP something for Lent, this is the chance to DO your good deed humbly serving your Parish Family with a spirit of loving hospitality. Call 575-3813 to reserve the date.

In addition to Ash Wednesday & Good Friday all Fridays during lent are obligatory days of abstinence for Catholics. These laws consider that meat comes only from animals such as birds, chickens, cows, sheep, pigs. Abstinence does not include meat juices and liquid foods made from meat. Soups and gravies are not included and can be eaten. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding from age 14 onwards.

Weekly Offering	THANK YOU <i>Your Generosity is Appreciated</i>	
	WEEKEND of 2-14/15-15	Count - 473
	Envelopes.....	\$ 2,295.50
	Loose.....	1,104.00
	Other Donations.....	265.00
	Total Operating Income.....	\$ 3,664.50
	<i>ExtraCollEnvlp.....(D.S.A.).....</i>	\$ 100.00
	<i>ExtraCollEnvlp....(AltarSrvrEdu Selshp).....</i>	\$ 452.00


Please Pray for Our Sick

Chris Stroh, Tina Moya, Jim Vacek, Mary A. Hoerig, Daria Sanchez, Sandra McKeown, Diane Mendoza, Eunice Morkovsky, Kathy Bianchi, Irene Vasquez, Carolyn Goldman, Monica Huddleston & Fr. Say.

BULLETIN PATRON OF THE WEEK




We are grateful to the patrons of our bulletin. Please give them your thanks and support their efforts.



Generations of Faith ~ GOF
Religious Education Classes

It is never too late to register!
 If you have not registered, register at the next GOF class OR
 call the Rectory 575-3813 or Laurie Bautista @ 573-9561

Feb 22 GOF Class 1st Sunday of Lent
 Mar 1 GOF Class
 Mar 8 NO GOF Class (Spring Break)
 Mar 15 GOF Class
 Mar 22 GOF Class




Disciples on the Journey Lenten Groups have formed.
 If you would like to join a group, please contact the Rectory
 Lillian Berger (573-3008) or Laurie Bautista (573-9561).

THE MEANING OF OUR BAPTISM
 Lent is the time of year that we devote to scrutinizing our lives in the light of our baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus. Today's readings are a nice shorthand catechism of what our baptized lives mean. As Noah passed through the waters of the flood to a covenant with God, so did we enter into a covenant, a promised relationship with God through our baptism. The psalm reminds us that if we truly keep the covenant, the way of life God expects us to follow will not be a burden, but a source of love and truth. Peter's letter gives one explanation of what our baptism means: it is an appeal that we make to God for a clear conscience. How do we obtain this clear conscience? The words that Jesus proclaims immediately following his temptation show us the way: "Repent and believe in the gospel." It might be a good spiritual exercise to keep these readings before us throughout the entire season of Lent, a means to help us return to a life lived in our baptismal promises.

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News Around Town

SAVE THE DATE! We could use your help preparing the 2015 DSA materials - stuff, sort and mail. Ask your friends to join, the more the merrier. Come to the **Chancery Thursday, Feb 26th** from **8:30 am to 4:30 pm**. Noon meal is provided with snacks all day long. Call Jeri Joseph for details. 361-573-0828, ext 2219.

Diocese of Victoria Pastoral Institute Extended Program is offering a Bible Study for beginners and those wanting to learn more. **Introduction to New Testament & Synoptic Gospels** (Course is **once a week for six weeks**) at the Chancery in Victoria **TUESDAYS: Feb 17 through March 24**, morning 9:15 - 11:30 am or 7:00 - 9:15 pm. Cost is \$20. Register online: www.victoriadiocese.org or call 573-0828 ext. 2223


GAMES PARTY - hosted by the Holy Family Altar Society at Activity Center, 704 Mallette Dr, Feb. 26th from 6:00p - 9:00 p. Admission \$7. Raffle-Door Prizes-Silent Auction. Reservations Required: Margaret, 575-4997 or Melicent, 573-3736

GAMES PARTY- sponsored by Inez Catholic Daughters-Crt.#2475- **Sunday, March 8, 2015, 1pm - 5pm** at St Joseph's Parish Hall in Inez. Donation \$7 per person. Bring players and games. Door Prizes & RAFFLE. Refreshments served. **Reservations Required**-Contact Karen 361.573-9029/550-5183 or Donna 361.935-3890

God's Embrace Renewal Centers have opened registration for a journey with the Holy Trinity "*Lead Me Into the Deep, Lord*"; a seven week spiritual formation program. It will be held at the Chancery on Monday evenings beginning Feb. 9, 2015, and will meet twice a month from 6:30p-9p. A wonderful journey to embark on to renew your Catholic Faith and deepen your relationship with God! For info call Wendy or Melissa 361-573-0828 Wendy: x2232; Melissa: x2249. It's not too late to begin. Check in and begin at the next session.

Annual Catholic Knowledge Bowl - March 1, 2015, 1:30-4:30 p.m. - OLV Gym - Adult, Teen, or Family Teams must include 4 persons to a team. Procedure for the bowl consists of 3 rounds of 40 multiple choice questions per round. Registration is \$25 per team. Forms and study questions are on the diocesan website. For more info, call 573-0828.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR !!
 Our Lady of Lourdes HOLY NAME SOCIETY will sponsor their 50th Annual **CHICKEN/SAUSAGE DINNER** on **MARCH 22, 2015** at Our Lady of Lourdes Church Basement, 105 N. William, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. The menu consists of BBQ Chicken or Sausage, Cole Slaw, Potatoes and Beans. Dine inside or Buy at the Curb-to-Go.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
 Please call if you are interested in RCIA
 RCIA meets each Wednesday evening from 7-9 in the Religious Education Bldg.
 For more info call: Bob/Laurie Bautista at 573-9561 or contact Rectory at 575-3813

NEWS-----from Out-of-Town
 The **Blessing Knights of Columbus Council #4307** will sponsor their annual **Lenten fish fry, auction, and raffle** on Sunday, March 8, 2015. It will be held in Blessing, Texas at St. Peter's Catholic Church Parish Hall. Fried catfish with all the trimmings will be served from 10:30 am till 1:00 pm. Plates, including dessert and drink, are \$9 each. An auction & raffle will also be held. **Everyone is cordially invited to come to Blessing and enjoy.**

Diocesan Offices of Catechetical Ministry and Youth & Young Adult Ministry are co-sponsoring the workshop *Engaging Parents--Forming Family Faith* to be held **Thursday, March 19 2015 AT Holy Rosary Church in Hostyn**. This is a national workshop being presented throughout the United States. Registr. fee: \$54/person- includes workshop materials, lunch and refreshments. To register call Chris at 573-0828 by March 10, 2015

Remembrance envelopes, benefiting the Preservation and Enhancement Fund at Our Lady of Lourdes Church are available at the rectory or at the entrance of the church.

If you are interested in learning more about Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament, please check them out at www.iwbsvictoria.org and call (361) 575-7111 or email iwbsvoc@yahoo.com, or see www.iwbsvictoria.org