

March 20, 2016

PALM SUNDAY

MASSES

Sat. 6:00 P.M. Rosary

6:30 P.M. +Ted Kocian; +Darrell Dan Gerik; +Joe Mynar, BD; +Mary Mynar, BD; +Wilfred Cervenka; +Sharon Cervenka; +Joe F. Nors; and In thanksgiving for Josephine Kocian

Sun. 7:30 A.M. +Raymond Snokhous

Sun. 9:00 A.M. +Joe & Edith Janda; +Dennis Willenborg; +Robert & Ruth Dudik; Living & Deceased FCSLA Members #14 and Thanksgiving for HG, CH & KH

Sun. 10:30 A.M. +Raymond Snokhous; and For the Health of Kenneth Kubala

Sun. Spanish Mass (Noon) Parish Family

Mon. 6:30 P.M. For the Health of Kenneth Kubala

Tues. 6:30 A.M. +Bill Dokupil

Wed. 10:00 A.M. (Rest Home) +Henry Kolar

6:30 P.M. +Kelly Payne; and +Adolph Kolar

HOLY THURS. 7:00 P.M. +Msgr. George Duskocil; and For the Health of Kenneth Kubala

GOOD FRI. 3 P.M. Stations of the Cross

4 P.M. Stations of the Cross (Spanish)

7:00 P.M. Veneration of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY 8:15 P.M. +Ted Kocian; +Deacon Cecil Friend; +Evelyn M. Bezdek, +Joseph & Mary Girard; +Ludwig & Hattie Bezdek; +Ernie Janek; +Jerry & Irene Gerik; +Dennis Gerik; +Tim Gerik; and Thanksgiving for Josephine Kocian

NEXT EASTER SUN. 7:30 A.M. +Ed & Virginia Marek; +Arnold Hajek, Jr., Anniv.; +Fred Matula; +Bernice Hornak; +Ed & Frances Kolar; and +Edward Kolar

Next EASTER Sun. 9:00 A.M.+Rudy Janek; +Aaron Janek; +Eugene Sulak; +Eddie Klaus; +Anton & Rosie Kolar; +Harry Kolar; +Hollis & Martha Neill; +Joe

Frank Divin; +Bernice Kutscherousky; +Frances Beseda; +Joe B. Marek, Anniv.; +Joe & Edith Nors; +Joan Holecek; +Nicholas Van Pelt; +Lucille Isom; +Ben Chudej; +Robert Lee; +Jeremy & Joey Pustejovsky; +Pauline Marek; and Special Intention CH & ED

Next EASTER SUN. 10:30 A.M.

+Johnnie Hutyra; +Cody Dragoo; +Henry Kubala; +Arnold Kotrla; +Irene Kotrla; +Emil Kucera; +Josephine Kucera; +John Schroeder; +Ellen Schroeder; +Mark Lansdown, Anniv.; +Mike Click; and For the Health of Kenneth Kubala

Next EASTER SUN. Spanish (Noon)

Parish Family

ALL PARISHIONERS – Please do not bring any drinks, foods, candy, or GUM in church. Please be respectfully of the Lord's house

TODAY - The Confirmation class at St. Mary's Church of the Assumption will be conducting a special prayer walk reflecting on the Stations of the Cross at 3 pm. The procession will begin and end at St. Mary's Church. There will be trailers for people to ride on that are interested in attending, but cannot walk the procession. In the event of bad weather, the Stations will be moved to the inside of St. Mary's Church. The entire West community is invited to walk with Jesus as we remember His passion, death and resurrection this Palm Sunday.

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

MONDAY - EASTER FLOWERS--St. Anne's Altar Society is decorating the altar with Easter Flowers for Easter. If you would like to remember your loved one, either living or deceased, please submit their names and \$5.00 for each name to Jeanne Roznos (826-4221), Lucille Lednicky (826-3198), or Bernie Klish (826-5333).

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 will be held from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m.

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

GOOD FRIDAY - Please note that the Parish Office will be close on Friday. Deadline for the bulletin will be Monday at 4 p.m.

DONATIONS ARE NEEDED -- In July some parishioners will be traveling to El Progreso, Honduras to work with the children and staff of COPPROME orphanage, and serve the poor in nearby villages. We are planning on taking new or gently used backpacks, and Flip Flops for adults, teens, and children. If you can donate, please drop them off at the rectory or I will be placing bins at the back of the church. Thank you for all donations.

KJZT SOCIETY #11 SCHOLARSHIPS - There will be two \$500 scholarships given to two graduating high school KJZT members. Call one of the following and an application will be mailed to you: Mary Kallus 826-3077; Theresa Plsek 867-1973. Deadline for returning the application is **April 1, 2016.**

KZT #31 SCHOLARSHIPS - The KJT #31 of West, will award two \$500. Scholarships for Graduating Seniors. They must be a member of the KJT#31. Deadline is April 28. For information please call Sherry Pavlas at 254-829-0672 or 254-716-8762 and leave a message

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING: Marvin Gerik; Chela Gonzales, Georgie Nors, Kenneth Kubala; Felix Picha, Katherine Horton, Ronnie Janek, George Hubik, Jr., Adolph Zatopek, Robert Janek, Jackie Holecek Davis, Barbara Hykel, 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, Larry Podsednik, Jason Neill, Bob Grimm, Rose Sulak, Dianna Schroeder, and Estelle Marek.

ST. MARY'S BUILDING FUND.....

In loving memory of **RAYMOND SNOKHOUS** by Knights of Columbus.
In loving memory of **BILL DOKUPIL** by Knights of Columbus.

ST. MARY'S ENDOWMENT

In loving memory of **RAYMOND SNOKHOUS** by Jim & Jeanie Maguire.

St. MARY'S CEMETERY FUND....

In loving memory of **RAYMOND SNOKHOUS** by Mark & Tammy Snokhous and Richard Skopik.
In loving memory of **WILLIAM (BILL) DOKUPIL** by Robert & Carol Mynarcik; Steve & Frances Soukup; T.C. & JoAnn Nors; Robert & Betty Neill; John & Monica May; Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Stuckly; Albert & Barbara Olsovsky; Larry & Kathy Podsednik; Louis & Sherry Pavlas & Fam.; Bill & Shirley Kolar ; and Jan Vaculik Family.

HEALING MASS IN WACO The Ladies of Charity of Waco will host the 36th annual Easter Healing Mass and Anointing of the Sick on March 30 at 11 a.m. at St. Mary Parish in Waco. Refreshments will be served following the service in St. Mary's Parish Hall. For more information, call (254) 315-1818.

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

SANCTURARY LIGHT in in memory of Henry Kubala by Josephine Kubala

VOCATIONS CRUCIFIX will be in the home of Danny & Mary Mynar this week.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION	
Offertory Collection.....	\$ 9,972.00
Building Fund.....	\$ 137.00
Lenten Offering.....	\$ 710.00
CSR Collection.....	\$ 35.00
Catholic Spirit.....	\$ 6.00

A Divine Mercy Day of Reflection will be presented April 3 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. Father Brian Eilers will lead this day which will focus on the life of St. Faustina and the message of Divine Mercy. Cost is \$25 with lunch included. For more information or to register, contact Cedarbrake at (254) 780-2436 or cedarbrake@austindiocese.org.

PLEASE NOTE – We now have four Wireless ALS belt packs with single ear earbuds for hearing. You may purchase one of your own for \$90.36 or you may use one for Mass.

A RETREAT ENTITLED “ENCOUNTERING CHRIST” April 22-24 at Cedarbrake Retreat Center in Belton. Franciscan Father Albert Haase will lead participants in encountering Jesus and the transformation that occurs when we allow ourselves to conform to his will. The cost is \$210 for a single room, \$170 for a shared room and \$95 for commuters. For more information or to register, contact Cedarbrake at (254) 780-2436 or cedarbrake@austindiocese.org.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING CORNER - Our Lenten journey climaxes in this celebration of Holy Week. Throughout these days we are called to experience with Christ a journey of unselfish love; to die to all that is sinful in us and to rise to new and renewed life. Will justice and charity be renewed in us through this journey? Will we make room for those in need as we let selfishness die in us?

March 26-27	
<u>SATURDAY 8:15 P.M.</u>	
LECTOR- RCIA	
GIFTS – RCIA	
ALTAR SERVERS – RCIA	
EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS – RCIA	
<u>SUN 7:30 A.M.</u>	
LECTOR- Mike/Jeanette Sulak	
GIFTS – Larry & Dianne Mynarcik	
ALTAR SERVERS – Rynda & Ryson Maddox, Adryn Schulte	
EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS – Joe & Carolyn Pustejovsky, Pat Filer	
<u>9:00 A.M.</u>	
LECTOR – Andrew Bosela	
GIFTS- Bobby Kostecka Family	
SERVERS – Lucas Bryant, Patrick & Caroline Janek	
EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS – Ed & Bernie Klish, Mary O'Brien	
<u>10:30 A.M.</u>	
LECTOR – Terry Isaacs	
GIFTS – Dennis Hovde Family	
SERVERS –Everett, Parker, Reagan Bernsen	
EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS – Daniel & Jeanette Pokluda, Jean Maler	

Background on the Gospel Reading

This Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the Triduum, three days that are the highlight of the Church year. There are two Gospels proclaimed at today's Mass. The first Gospel, proclaimed before the procession with palms, tells of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Riding on a borrowed colt, Jesus was hailed by the crowds as they shouted blessings and praise to God. This event is reported in each of the four Gospels.

Luke's Gospel is the only one to report the exchange between Jesus and the Pharisees as Jesus enters Jerusalem. Jesus' response shows that this event, and those yet to come, are part of a divine plan. We hear this echoed again in Luke's description of the Last Supper when Jesus speaks of Judas' betrayal, saying that the Son of Man "goes as has been determined."

At the Liturgy of the Word on this Sunday, the events of Jesus' passion are proclaimed in their entirety. In Lectionary Cycle C, we read the passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Luke. We will hear these events proclaimed again during the Triduum when we read the passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John.

Throughout Luke's Gospel we see that Jesus' words and actions proclaim the Kingdom of God. This motif continues throughout Luke's passion narrative. Jesus appears to be in total command of events at the Passover meal as he hands over the kingdom to his disciples. He welcomes them to the Passover meal announcing that this will be his last until the Kingdom of God is fulfilled.

As throughout Luke's Gospel, however, the disciples show little understanding of this kingdom that Jesus often announces. Following the meal, the disciples argue about who is the greatest. Jesus takes the opportunity to distinguish the meaning of leadership in the Kingdom of God from the forms of leadership seen in the world.

Jesus initiates a conversation with Simon and predicts his denial. Jesus then instructs his

disciples to prepare themselves for the events that will follow. His words reveal an awareness of the challenges that all of them will face in the days ahead. As the disciples and Jesus enter the Mount of Olives, Jesus indicates the importance of the disciples' time in prayer, telling them that through prayer they will be able to face the challenges ahead.

As he prays, Jesus is tested. In the garden, an angel is sent to strengthen him and to prepare him for the events ahead. After this moment, Jesus is again in charge of the events and circumstances.

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus is portrayed as active and vocal throughout his passion. When one of the disciples strikes the high priest's servant, Jesus heals the man, an event reported only in the Gospel of Luke. Jesus stops the disciples' protest against his arrest by noting that this is the "time for the power of darkness." Jesus engages and responds when brought before the Sanhedrin; his words speak about the "power of God" that will bring about the reign of the Son of Man. When questioned by Pilate, Jesus responds with just one phrase; yet before Herod, Jesus refuses to speak.

When Luke describes the Way of the Cross and Jesus' crucifixion, he calls to our attention many events that are not reported in the other Gospels. Throughout his Gospel, Luke has paid heed to the women who accompanied Jesus. Now, on the road to Calvary, Jesus speaks to the women who walk with him. Only Luke reports Jesus' words of forgiveness spoken from the cross. And only Luke reports the dialogue between Jesus and the good thief. Finally, in contrast with the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Luke reports no words of abandonment spoken by Jesus on the cross. Instead, Jesus, in full command until his death, commends his spirit to his Father and takes his final breath.

Throughout Holy Week, we will continue to reflect on the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son and brought to fulfillment the Kingdom of God.

Ingredients

- 1 (12 oz) container frozen whipped topping, thawed, or equal amount sweetened whipped cream
- 1 (14 oz) can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 (8 oz) package cream cheese, softened
- 2 cups milk
- 1 (5 oz) box instant French vanilla pudding mix
- 6 to 8 bananas, sliced
- 2 bags chessmen cookies