

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH – NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – HIGH HILL
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SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025 – EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sirach 27:4-7 1 Corinthians 15:54-58 Luke 6:39-45 (84)

Wednesday, March 5 th	5:30 PM	Leo & Annie Dittrich
Sunday, March 9 th	10:15 PM	Michael Slaton
Wednesday, March 12 th	5:30 PM	Josef & Wensel Heinrich Descendants
Sunday, March 16 th	10:15 PM	Living and Deceased Members of St. Joseph Society

STRENGTH FOR THE JOURNEY GRIEF SUPPORT

Grief Support Retreat for anyone who has experienced the loss of Children, Spouses, Relatives, Friends. This meeting will be held on Saturday, March 8, 2025 in St. Gabriel Room, Cathedral Center (3201 N. Laurent St., Victoria) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (doors open at 8:30 a.m.) Registration Fee: \$ 10 per person, snack and lunch provided. Pre-registration required at www.victoriadiocese.org/grief-support. For more information, contact Pat Hoelscher, Spiritual Director at 979-257-9984, phoelscher@victoriadiocese.org. Sponsored by the Diocese of Victoria.

YOUTH SPECTACULAR

Catholic Diocese of Victoria invites all high schoolers to the Youth Spectacular hosted by the Youth Leadership Team. "Made for More" will be held on Saturday, March 15, 2025, at the KC Hall in Hallettsville from 10:30 AM – 4:30 PM. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Alex Gotay with music from Clay Crockett and The Nation of Believers. Join in for a day of Praise & Worship, Adoration, Faith, Friendship and Fun! \$20/teen and \$10/adult chaperone. Group discounts are available. Early registration deadline is March 3, 2025. For more information or to register, visit www.victoriadiocese.org/youth-spectacular.



AREA PARISH MISSION AND HEALING SERVICES

Sacred Heart in Hallettsville will have Father Ken Geraci, with the Fathers of Mercy with them on March 5th and 6th to help us start our Lenten Journey. St. Anthony in Columbus will have Father Ken Geraci for their mission March 10 – 12, 2025. Fr. Ken will have a Healing Services on: March 6 beginning at 6:30 p.m. (Hallettsville) and March 11 beginning at 6:30 p.m. (Columbus) These dates are being shared in case you would like to attend his talks at multiple locations near us. Our mission dates at St. Rose are March 16-18.

CANDLELIGHT ADORATION

As we near Ash Wednesday, take this beautiful opportunity to adore our Lord by Candlelight to see where he wants to transform you this Lent. Spend an hour with the Lord and listen to his voice and discern your Lenten practices that will help you grow in conformity to Jesus. Join us this Sunday evening, March 2nd at 7 pm at St Rose of Lima.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Parish annual financial report was distributed after Mass on February 9th. If you failed to get a copy and would like one, please contact Willy Schmidt at (281)639-1368 or wfschmidt38@gmail.com.

PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

- Flame of Love prayer group – every Tuesday in Church, after the 6 PM Mass in front of the statue of Mary.
- Morning Grace – (women's bible study/prayer group) Thursday after 8:10 am Mass in the Family Life Center.
- Catholic Men Called to Be Saints – (men's prayer group) meets every Friday at 6 AM at Schulenburg Hall.

ST. MARY'S GIFT SHOP IN THE RECTORY

The St. Mary High Hill Gift Shop is open often during the Painted Churches tours thanks to the volunteers from St. Anne's Society. Additionally, if a parishioner needs to make a purchase, they can contact Jan Ripper at (979)561-8868 or Mary Demel at (979)561-8255. The gift shop offers religious articles, T-shirts, caps, wedding and Christmas gifts. We are always in need of extra help! You do not need to be a St. Anne's member to volunteer. Again, if you are willing, you can contact Jan or Mary.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 5	Ash Wednesday
March 5	Collection for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe (CCEE)
March 19	Feast of the St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:

Restoration Box	\$ 64.00
Restoration (Anonymous)	\$ 50.00
Offertory (2/23/25)	\$ 1,010.00
Total Deposit	\$ 1,682.00

LAY MINISTERS

SUNDAY – MARCH 9

Rosary	Joyce Dittrich – Mary Muras
Rosary	Mary K. Lauher
Eucharistic Minister	Kim Wellborn – (Francis Ripper)
Lector	Forrest Lauher
Altar Servers	Mikayla Stang
Ushers	Mark Stang – Forrest Lauher
Ushers	Matthew Prihoda – James Carey
Gifts	James & Melissa Carey

SUNDAY – MARCH 16

Denise Trojacek – Lad Trojacek
Carol Kana
Susie Shank – (Eric Oeding)
Mary Stavinoha
Charlie Shank
Willy Schmidt – Tony Shank
Patrick Prihoda – Robert DeWitt
Robert & Sharon DeWitt

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Renee Mazoch, Glen McLaren, Henry Miksch, Connor Machicek, Ken Dittrich, Francis Pio Pilkington, Leon Shank, Mary Shank, Larry Nuhn, Jessi Wilcox, Gordon Ross, Diana Heinrich, Doris Anders, Jan Ripper, Cheryl (Kobza) Powell, Nadine Krischke, Steve Hopkins, Barbara Nugent, Luke Friedel, Orly R. Elizondo, Wilbert Demel, Elroy Demel, Terri Hanna, Georgia Kalich, Bruce Treybig, Carrol Ray Demel, Francis Ripper, Julia Oeding, Lillian Hilscher, Leon Popp, Mary Demel, Marilyn Adamcik, Lad Trojacek, Joyce Dittrich, Mildred Hollas, Kathy Kutac, Al Martinez, Willy Schmidt, Edward Schwenke, Angie Schwenke, Johnnie Bargas, Beth Hollywood, Carolyn Prihoda, Derek Schwenke, Harlan Hilscher, Collins Lehrmann, Buddy Dittrich, Patrick Pilkington, Estella Kobza and Gerald Kobza

Pastoral & Finance Council Meeting

St. Mary's Church High Hill
January 29, 2025

Present were Father Jasper Liggio, Dennis Kristynik, Forrest Lauher, Buddy Hemann, Willie Schoener, Willy Schmidt, Sandra Shaw, Joyce Dittrich. Absent were Matt Kubala and Bob DeWitt,

Father Jasper opened the meeting with prayer.

The Minutes for the previous meeting was read and approved. Buddy Hemann made a motion to accept, and Forrest Lauher seconded. Motion carried.

The Financial Report for November and December was discussed and approved. Forrest Lauher made a motion to accept and was seconded by Willie Schoener. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Cemetery: Still looking for someone to take over the maintenance of the cemetery. Dennis and Mary Lou Kristynik will continue the upkeep until someone applies for the job. We will post the job opening in our Church Bulletin and in the St. Rose Church bulletin.

Maintenance: Steeple roof replacement to begin March/April. Church foundation monitoring is ongoing. Choir loft electrical outlets installed. Thank you to Sharon and Dennis Johnson for time and materials. Annual fire extinguisher inspection completed.

Favorable comments received regarding our Parish Christmas party. Food was excellent and the Hall decorations were outstanding. Thanks to Joyce Dittrich, Loretta Pauler, Mark & Tonya Stang, Marshall Wellborn and Dennis & Mary Lou Kristynik.

New Business:

Council elections were not necessary since no one chose to place their name in nomination for the positions available. As a result, the incumbents Dennis Kristynik, Forrest Lauher, Buddy Hemann and Willie Schoener agreed to serve another two years. Thank You.

Sound system in the Church has been replaced. Thanks to David Hollas, Forrest Lauher, Buddy Hemann and Steve Kana.

Church alarm system is in need of repair/upgrade/replacement. Scope of work is being discussed.

Michele Prihoda has requested Hall storage shelving be installed to store Picnic sweepstake materials. Michele & Charlie to assist.

Effective 2025, interest earned from our Diocese Savings Account will be divided proportionately among all three of our Funds (Cemetery, Restoration & General). Currently all interest earned is in our General Fund.

Preliminary Budget was discussed and will be finalized and approved at our next meeting which will be March 26th following the 5:30 Mass.

Meeting adjourned. Father Jasper closed with a prayer.