

**ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH – NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – HIGH HILL**  
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**Rev. Jasper Liggio, Pastor – Rev. Luke Prihoda, Parochial Vicar**  
**Rev. Alex Aboagye, Parochial Vicar – Deacon Jay Vocelka, ObISB**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

Gn 9:8-15      1 Pt 3:18-22      Mk 1:12-15 (23)

Wednesday, February 21 <sup>st</sup>	5:30 PM	Leo & Annie Dittrich
Sunday, February 25 <sup>th</sup>	10:15 AM	Herbert & Elsie Demel
Wednesday, February 28 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 PM	Faye Shaw
Sunday, March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10:15 AM	Leo Kainer

**LENTEN STUDY GROUP**

Lad & Denise Trojacek are hosting a Lenten Study Group on the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. The gatherings will be each Wednesday of Lent from 6:30 – 7:30 PM at 501 S. Summit St. in Schulenburg. For information call 979-561-6155.

**CDA FRIED CHICKEN DINNER**

If you are hungry after Mass, consider heading over to the Schulenburg Hall to pick up some of the World Famous Catholic Daughters' St. Rose Court #1597 Fried Chicken & Sausage dinner. Plates are \$12. There is also a raffle and a bake sale. Proceeds to benefit CDA charities and scholarships. Your support is greatly appreciated!



**CHURCH SLATE ROOF TILE REMNANTS AVAILABLE**

If you would like a piece of church history, original slate roof tile remnants from St. Mary's Church build in 1906 are now available on the rectory drive through Easter or until gone. Parishioners may choose from these remnants as needed. Be aware that these remnants have broken edges and can be sharp so handle with care. Please help us keep the remaining stacks neat. Thank you!

**LENT FASTING FAQ'S**

**What Is Fasting?** In the Catholic Church, fasting is a practice in self-discipline with a penitential focus. In the context of Lent, it refers to reducing food intake and limiting how many meals we have. **What are the Lent fasting rules?** On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, fasting rules allow Catholics to eat only one full meal and two smaller meals which, combined, would not equal a single normal meal. Additionally, Catholics may not eat meat on these two days—or on any Friday during Lent. **What are the Lent rules on abstinence?** In this context, abstinence refers to “abstaining” from meat on Fridays during Lent. Whereas Catholics fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday with just one large meal, Catholics must refrain from eating meat on other Fridays, though they can have three full meals. **At what age do you start fasting for Lent?** Those ages 18-59, in reasonable health, are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those 14 and older must abstain from meat on Fridays during Lent. Canon Law does mention that for young children not fasting, parents should still communicate the meaning and penance. **Who is exempt from fasting during Lent?** Children, adults with physical and mental illness, pregnant women and those nursing are all exempt. The USCCB stresses that “common sense should prevail” and that no one should jeopardize their health to fast.

**WEEKEND RETREAT**

**Passion of Christ, Strengthen Me** - Lenten retreat rooted in Christ's Passion and Death. March 1-3, 2024 at Cathedral Oaks Retreat Center in Weimar. Dr. Michael Fonseca is the retreat director and Fr. Luke Prihoda will be the retreat priest. \$160 includes meals and accommodations. Register today: [www.GodsEmbrace.org/gem-weekend-retreat](http://www.GodsEmbrace.org/gem-weekend-retreat) or 979-561-8883.

**PILGRIMAGE TO SHRINES OF ITALY**

Join God's Embrace Ministries (GEM) in the Eternal City September 30 – October 9, 2024 (Rome, San Giovanni Rotondo, Lanciano, Loreto, Assisi). Bookings made before 2/15/24 will receive an Early Bird Special and save \$150. The group leader will be Dr. Michael Fonseca. For more details contact the group coordinator, Irma Rerich, at [Irma.Rerich@godsembrace.org](mailto:Irma.Rerich@godsembrace.org).

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Sundays of	<i>Special Collection</i> – Catholic Relief Services (CRS)
Lent & Easter	Rice Bowl
March 10	<i>Special Collection</i> – Catholic Relief Services
March 28	<i>Special Collection</i> – Education of Seminarians Of the Diocese of Victoria (Holy Thursday)

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

Restoration Box	\$ 109.00
Restoration (anonymous)	\$ 155.00
Hall Rental	\$ 100.00
Offertory (2/1/24)	\$ 2,086.83
Total Deposit	\$ 2,450.83

**LAY MINISTERS**

**SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 25**

Rosary	Jan Ripper – Carrie Schulz
Eucharistic Minister	Lyle Hanna
Lector	Stacy Oeding
Altar Servers	Mikayla Stang
Ushers	Willy Schmidt – Bob Anderson
Ushers	Lyle Hanna – Eric Oeding
Gifts	Willy & Dale Schmidt

**SUNDAY – MARCH 3**

Susie Shank – Loretta Pauler
Stacy Oeding – Eric Oeding
Stephanie Prihoda
Mikayla Stang
Emil Pauler – Ron Srubar
Lyle Hanna – Patrick Prihoda
Willie & Shirley Schoener

**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 Kriskche, 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, Derek Schwenke, and Johnnie Bargas.