

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH – NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – HIGH HILL
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SUNDAY, APRILS 6, 2025 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Ezekial 37:12-14 Romans 8:8-11 John 11:1-45 (34)

Wednesday, April 9 th	5:30 PM	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sunday, April 13 th	10:15 AM	Parish Family
Wednesday, April 16 th	5:30 PM	Alfons & Matilda Stang
Sunday, April 20 th	10:15 AM	Albert Muras

PALM SUNDAY

Please gather under the pavilion for the blessing of the palms at 10:15 am and we will then process into the church for Mass to follow.

LENTEN REMINDERS

Masses during Lent on Wednesdays will be followed by the Stations of the Cross. There are opportunities for Confession each Sunday 30 minutes before Mass.

LENT FAQ'S

What are the Lent rules on fasting/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 normal meal, Catholics must refrain from eating meat on other Fridays, though they can have three full meals. Age guidelines advise that those 14-59 must abstain from meat on Fridays during Lent. Canon Law does mention that for young children not fasting, parents should still communicate the meaning of penance. Children, adults with physical and mental illness, pregnant women and those nursing are all exempt.

CHURCH WORK ON THE ROOF

Work to replace the copper roof on the steeple began this week. This work is necessary to stop water intrusion and preserve the structural integrity of the steeple. It will last approximately 3 months. Sorry for any inconvenience this work may cause, and thanks to all who have donated to the restoration fund to make this work possible without incurring debt.

CDA CIRCLE OF LOVE

April baby shower time for Catholic Daughter’s Circle of Love and the Gabriel Project! Diapers, wipes, and all things baby will be collected during this month. There will be a collection tub available at the church entrance. You may also drop off your items at the parish office. Members are reminded to send Easter cards to our sisters who are homebound or in nursing homes. May God bless you for your kindness and generosity!



EPIC FAMILY GATHERING

Join Father David Michael Moses for an engaging and uplifting session: “Gen-Hope: God’s Blueprint for a Faithful Family.” Through captivating stories, humor, music and video, Father will explore the foundations of faithful family life. This lively session aims to inspire families to cultivate a Christ-centered home. Expect laughter, heartfelt moments, and practical insights that will encourage a deeper connection within families and with God. This event will be held Saturday, June 14, 2025 at the Civic Center in El Campo. The day will run 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Registration is \$20 per family. To register visit <https://www.victoriadiocese.org/epic>.

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

Sundays of Lent Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl (CRS) & Easter Sunday (except March 30, 2025)

*****Please be prepared for second collections that will benefit**

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl throughout Lent

March 30	Catholic Relief Services
April 13	Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion
April 17	Holy Thursday

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:

Restoration Box	\$ 153.00
Restoration (Anonymous)	\$ 50.00
St Rose School Pass thru	\$ 20.00
Restoration (Diana Heinrich Memorials)	\$ 75.00
Catholic Relief Services Collection	\$ 236.00
<u>Offertory (3/30/25)</u>	<u>\$ 946.00</u>
Total Deposit	\$ 1,480.00

LAY MINISTERS

SUNDAY – APRIL 13

Rosary	Loretta Pauler – Susie Shank
Eucharistic Minister	Stacy Oeding – (Lyle Hanna)
Lector	Carrie Schulz – (Lad Trojacek)
Altar Servers	Charlie Shank
Ushers	Buddy Hemann – Eric Oeding
Ushers	Richard Marburger – Ron Srubar
Gifts	Buddy & Kim Hemann

SUNDAY – APRIL 20

Kim Wellborn – (Eric Oeding)
Susie Shank
Mikayla Stang
Mark Stang – Tony Shank
Stephen Kana – Willie Joe Svetlik
Richard & Barbar Hollas

***To submit items in the bulletin, please e-mail Susie Shank at weshank6@gmail.com by the Tuesday before it will be published.**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Francis Pio Pilkington, Leon Shank, Jan Ripper, Luke Friedel, Orly R. Elizondo, Wilbert Demel, Elroy Demel, Terri Hanna, Georgia Kalich, Mary Shank, Carrol Ray Demel, Francis Ripper, Lillian Hilscher, Leon Popp, Mary Demel, Marilyn Adamcik, Lad Trojacek, 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, Gerald Kobza, and Pat Richter.