

**ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH – NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – HIGH HILL**  
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*Rev. Luke Prihoda, Parochial Vicar - Rev. Augustine Owusu-Peprah, Parochial Vicar*

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7    Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19    Matthew 4:1-11 (22)

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| Wednesday, February 25 <sup>th</sup> | 5:30 PM  | Leon Popp                              |
| Sunday, March 1 <sup>st</sup>        | 10:15 PM | Richard Gabler                         |
| Wednesday, March 4 <sup>th</sup>     | 5:30 PM  | In thanksgiving for Buddy & Kim Hemann |
| Sunday, March 8 <sup>th</sup>        | 10:15 PM | Parish Family                          |

**Faith-FULLY Alive**

Your journey into the heart of the Faith started February 18! What do we really believe as Catholics — and why does it matter for how we live, pray, and love? God's Embrace Ministries invites you to step into the depths of our faith through Faith-FULLY Alive: Part One of the Catechism of the Catholic Church — a guided, prayerful exploration of what the Church believes and celebrates. This is not just a class. It is a formation journey that helps your faith come fully alive in daily life — in your prayer, your relationships, and your discipleship. Classes will meet via Zoom on Wednesdays at 6:30 a.m. CT and will be recorded. You'll walk with the Catechism and a companion manual by Dr. Michael Fonseca. If one of your New Year intentions was to grow spiritually, this is a beautiful way to keep it — in community, with Scripture, and rooted in the teaching of the Church. Begin now. Register and learn more: [godsembrace.org/catechism](http://godsembrace.org/catechism).

**PASTORAL AND FINANCE COUNCIL**


The St. Mary Pastoral and Finance Council will meet on Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall meeting room at 6:30 PM immediately following the weekday Mass and Stations. All interested Parishioners are encouraged to attend. If you would like to add items to the agenda for discussion, please contact Dennis Kristynik at (979) 743-0378.

**BLITZ BUILD**

The Texas Catholic Daughters of the Americas and Fayette County Habitat are joining forces to build simple, decent, affordable homes for economically disadvantaged people so they can have a better environment in which to raise their families. We provide the finances for the house and also help "hands on" to build these homes. CDA was one of the first women's organizations to complete a house in Habitat's seven day "Blitz Build." Currently, Court St Rose is accepting monetary donations for our Raffle we are donating to the event. Contact Grace Lebeda, Phyllis Valchar or you can drop off your donation at the parish office. Donations are due February 20.


**WOMEN'S SILENT RETREAT**

God's Embrace Ministries will hold a Women's Silent Retreat on March 12-15 at the GEM retreat house in High Hill. Silent retreat weekends offer participants an opportunity to enter deep into the heart of our Triune God. A theme for the weekend and spiritual material is provided and individual spiritual direction is provided throughout the weekend from a trained GEM Spiritual Director and participate in an opening and closing group session. To register <https://www.godsembrace.org/silent-retreats>.



**Fasting and Abstinence**

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| <i>When do I ...?</i><br>Fast and Abstain:<br>Ash Wednesday and Good Friday                    | <i>What is ...?</i><br>Fast: eating one full meal, as well as two small meals that together are not equal to a full meal                                    |
| <i>Abstain:</i><br>All Fridays during Lent   | <i>Abstinence:</i> refrain from eating meat   |
| <i>Who has to ...?</i><br>Fast: Catholics who are 18 years of age, but not yet 59, are obliged | <i>Note:</i> Persons that are exempt from fasting include: the physically or mentally ill, individuals with chronic illness, and those pregnant or nursing. |
| <i>Abstain:</i> observed by all Catholics 14 years-old and older                               |   |

**40 Days of Lent Begins February 18** 

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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| Sundays of Lent & Easter Sunday | <i>Special Collection</i> - Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl |
| March 15                        | <i>Special Collection</i> – Catholic Relief Services           |
| March 19                        | Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary     |
| March 25                        | Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord                      |
| March 29                        | Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion                              |

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

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| Restoration Box                       | \$ 261.00        |
| Restoration Box (anonymous)           | \$ 60.00         |
| Restoration (Eugen Schramek Memorial) | \$ 20.00         |
| St. Rose pass thru                    | \$ 20.00         |
| Hall Rental                           | \$ 300.00        |
| Cemetery Offering                     | \$ 55.00         |
| <u>Offertory (2/15/2026)</u>          | <u>\$ 931.00</u> |
| Total Deposit                         | \$ 1,647.00      |

**LAY MINISTERS**

**SUNDAY-MARCH 1**

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| Rosary               | Stacy Oeding – Gigi Marburger     |
| Eucharistic Minister | Eric Oeding – (Kim Wellborn)      |
| Lector               | Susie Shank                       |
| Altar Servers        | Charlie Shank                     |
| Ushers               | Matt Kubala – Ronnie Bohac        |
| Ushers               | Larry Huebel – Willie Joe Svetlik |
| Gifts                | Willie Joe & Karen Svetlik        |

**SUNDAY-MARCH 8**

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| Denise Trojacek – Lad Trojacek |
| Carol Kana                     |
| Kim Hemann – (Buddy Hemann)    |
| Mary Stavinoha                 |
| Mikayla Stang                  |
| Mark Stang – Buddy Hemann      |
| Ron Srubar – Stephen Kana      |
| Ron & Rhonda Srubar            |

*\*To submit items in the bulletin, please e-mail Susie Shank at [weshank6@gmail.com](mailto: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, Carrol Ray Demel, Francis Ripper, Lillian Hilscher, Mary Demel, Lad Trojacek, Kathy Kutac, Al Martinez, Willy Schmidt, Edward Schwenke, Angie Schwenke, Beth Hollywood, Carolyn Prihoda, Collins Lehrmann, Buddy Dittrich, Patrick Pilkington, Estella Kobza, Gerald Kobza, Pat Richter, Ruth Fabian, Bob DeWitt, Sharon DeWitt, Christian Kpodo, Mark Meysembourg, and Joyce Dittrich.