

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH – NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – HIGH HILL
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SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2022 – SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

Acts 5:12-16 Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 Jn 20:19-31 (45)

Wednesday, April 27	5:30 PM	Leonard “Leon” Billimeck
Saturday, April 30	2:00 PM	Wedding – Clayton Malkowsky & Jaqlyn Herman
Saturday, April 30	6:30 PM	Maxine Vyvjala
Wednesday, May 4 th	5:30 PM	Larry Hoeinghaus
Saturday, May 7 th	6:30 PM	Thomas Liebig

DIVINE MERCY SUNDY

“What is mercy if not the boundless love of God, who confronted with human sin, restrains the sentiment of severe justice and, allowing Himself to be moved by the wretchedness of His creatures, spurs Himself to the total gift of self, in the Son’s cross ...? Who can say that he is free from sin and does not need God’s mercy? As people of this restless time of ours, wavering between the emptiness of self-exaltation and the humiliation of despair, we have a greater need than ever for a regenerating experience of mercy.” —St. Pope John Paul II, *Regina caeli* message, April 10, 1994



ST. ROSE SCHOOL JOB OPENINGS

Now Hiring - St. Rose School has a part time cafeteria position open for next school year. Please contact the school office at 979-743-3080.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP

Catholic men 18 years of age and older: Are you interested in learning more about Knights of Columbus and possibly joining? Please contact membership director, Colton Bubela (979-639-1959), Paul Zapalac (979-966-9187) or Rodney Kalich (979-208-9414).

SCHULENBURG K.C.’S BBQ DINNER

The Schulenburg K.C.’s will be having their annual BBQ Dinner on Mother’s Day, May 8th. This will be drive-thru only. More details to be shared soon. Give Mom a day off cooking!

SUMMER S.T.R.E.A.M. CAMP 2022

St. Rose Early Childhood Summer S.T.R.E.A.M. (science, tech, reading, engineering, art, music/math) Camp will be held Monday, June 6th through Friday, June 24th. This is being hosted by Mrs. Cindy Fogleman and Mrs. Jaime Rainosek. Incoming 3K – 2nd grade students are welcome. This will be held at the St. Rose School Early Childhood Center from 8 AM to either 12 PM (half-day) or 4 PM (full-day). Due to popularity, space is limited & fills up fast! Pre-registration will guarantee your student’s spot. Registration fee per student is \$50 which covers art supplies, daily snacks/drinks, cost of AC/utilities, and rental of ECC. Half-day students tuition will be \$100/week/student and full-day tuition will be \$200/week/student. For more information contact Cynthia Fogleman at c.fogleman@strosecardinals.org or text/call (979)338-0559. This is a privately coordinated camp, therefore the school does not manage payments.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 24	<i>Special Collection</i> – Catholic Home Missions Appeal
May 8	K.C.’s Annual BBQ Dinner on Mother’s Day
May 15	<i>Special Collection</i> – Retired & Special Needs Priests Of the Diocese of Victoria
May 29	The Ascension of the Lord
May 31	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
June 5	Pentecost Sunday
June 12	The Most Holy Trinity
June 19	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
June 23	The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
June 24	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Restoration Box	\$ 311.00
Restoration Fund (Anonymous)	\$ 50.00
Hall Rental	\$ 435.00
Cemetery Fund	
(Robert & Angeline Winkler Memorial)	\$ 150.00
St. Rose School Pass thru	\$ 10.00
2 nd Collection (Seminary)	\$ 244.00
2 nd Collection (Holy Land/Good Friday)	\$ 305.50
Rice Bowl (4/9/2022)	\$ 33.05
Offertory (4/17/2022)	\$ <u>2180.00</u>
TOTAL DEPOSIT	\$ 3,718.55

LAY MINISTERS

SATURDAY – APRIL 30	
Rosary	Kim Wellborn – Lillian Hilscher
Eucharistic Minister	Kim Wellborn
Lector	Francis Ripper
Altar Servers	Nathan Olsovsky – Jackson Faith
Ushers	Buddy Hemann – Eddie Faith
Ushers	Steve Strickland – Harlan Hilscher
Gifts	Steve & Debbie Strickland

SATURDAY – MAY 7

Tonya Stang – Pam Slaton
Francis Ripper – (Lyle Hanna)
Lad Trojacek
Mikayla Stang – Grant Kubala
Willy Schmidt – Mark Stang
Norris Sternadel – Lyle Hanna
Norris & Jackie Sternadel

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Renee Mazoch, Armand Hollas, 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, Mike Slaton, Terri Hanna, Georgia Kalich, Bruce Treybig, Carrol Ray Demel, Herbert Krischke, Francis Ripper, Julia Oeding, Lillian Hilscher, Leon Popp, Mary Demel, James Prihoda, Marilyn Adamcik, Lad Trojacek, Joyce Dittrich, Bernadette Schwenke, Mildred Mazoch, Mildred Hollas, and Kathy Kutac.

Pastoral & Finance Council Meeting
St. Mary's Church High Hill
March 31, 2022

Present were Father Scott, Dennis Kristynik, Buddy Dittrich, Buddy Hemann, Forrest Lauher, Willie Schoener, Willy Schmidt, Bob Dewitt, Joyce Dittrich and Matt Kubala.

Meeting was opened with prayer.

The Minutes for the January Meeting were discussed and approved. Buddy D. motioned and Buddy H. seconded.

The Financial Reports for January and February were discussed and approved. Buddy D. motioned and Matt seconded.

Old Business

Cemetery Update – Dennis talked about using a mapping system in the cemetery to located unused plots in the old part of the cemetery.

Dennis will get more information and report back to the council.

Maintenance Update – Forrest and Buddy H. reported that 2 electric fryers have been repaired. This saved the parish from having to replace the units. A stainless-steel counter has been installed in the tea and nacho stand. Busted pipes have been repaired. A filtration and possibly a water softener were discussed for the new well and rectory. Forrest reported that the AC units for the church were 30 years old and are needing repairs regularly. It was decided that when a unit fails it will be replaced with a more efficient unit.

The bell tower and steeple report from the consultant Rob Marshall was discussed. He recommended adding louvers to the bell tower and sealing the floor to prevent leakage. Rotten timbers were located in the steeple from years of leakage. An engineer has been contacted to plan the repair.

The irrigation system project is completed.

Church Directory – A online directory will be explored.

The pipe organ has been inspected and internal issues were discovered and will be looked at.

The rectory porch material was discussed. Buddy H. motioned to replace the flooring with a plastic type flooring. Matt seconded.

New Business

Parish Picnic – We will have a picnic again this year and plans are underway. Willie S. suggested starting to purchase some of the supplies before more price increases and availability issues. There will be a firework display at the picnic.

Father Scott discussed the Mass schedule changes. He stated that a decision will be made in the Fall.

Next Meeting will be on Thursday, May 26th @ 6:00 PM.

Meeting closed with prayer.

Meeting adjourned.

Dear Parishioners,

When I first became your pastor, I was approached by a number of people about reinstalling the original communion rail that has been in storage for 50 years. I was hesitant at first, as it's a good rule of thumb for any new pastor to be patient and take some time before making any major changes. Well, the calls only grew for the rail to return. After seeing what the rail looked like, I couldn't believe how gorgeous it is and wondered why it was in storage. In March, I gave the "ok" to bring it back with the intention of reinstalling it over the summer. A marble company out of Houston, a very reputable company, picked it up, refurbished it, and called saying it is ready to be reinstalled. Therefore, they'll begin on Monday, April 25, installing our communion rail. I was very surprised how quickly they were able to accomplish this.

With the rail returning, this does not mean I will be forcing people to kneel and line-up on the rail like they used to in the olden days. Church law states that every communicant has the prerogative to receive holy communion as they wish: kneeling/standing and hand/tongue. It is entirely up to you and I intend to honor your right. The railing will allow a communicant to kneel if they so desire, but that's entirely up to you.

My hopes with the rail are twofold: firstly, to simply return an original piece of the church back to its proper place. Throughout our society today, we love restoring old buildings to their original look. Just think of how many homes you see on AirBNB that are restored old homes. I see this project as something similar (just like removing the carpet a few years ago). Secondly, I'm also hoping it'll help us as believers to continue to recognize the True Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. A survey was done in 2019 and nearly 70% of Catholics do not believe in the True Presence. They said they believe the Eucharist is just a sign and symbol and not truly and actually Christ. You read that number correctly, 70% do not believe! If this was the case, then the Eucharist wouldn't be reserved to just Catholics and anyone could receive. But we have rules regarding who can receive holy communion because we believe it is truly Jesus Christ. And having rules around something important is also what we do in society. Not anyone can drive a car, you have to be qualified and there are rules around who can and can't drive. It's the same with our faith. Not just anyone can receive the Eucharist because it is not just a sign or symbol, but truly and actually Jesus himself. One thing the communion rail can do is help us to remember there is something holy up there. The entire church building is a special and holy place, but even inside it, the sanctuary is the holiest of places because it does truly and really contain our Lord Jesus Christ. It is not a sign or symbol, but it's really him.

Those are the main reasons. I'm also a believer in conserving storage space and purging unused items. Storage is for items that are to be used again. If there is not an intention of ever using something again, then it's time to get rid of it. (My grandma would say "you never know" and I would reply, "Meme, it's been 50 years, you don't need it!") However, I'm not going to be the priest known as throwing-out the communion rail, but why keep it in storage if we're not going to restore it? Therefore, by listening to a number of parishioners, I agreed it was time to do something with it and I decided to restore it.

If you would like to contribute to this project, please use the envelope provided. You may make a donation towards our restoration project in memory of a deceased loved one or in honor of a living loved one. The project should be completed shortly and we will bless our restored rail at the 10am Mass on Ascension Sunday, May 29. That Mass will be offered for the parish family, in particular in memory and honor of those loved ones.

Have a blessed week!

~Fr. Scott