The traditional pillars of Lenten observance are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. The church asks us to surrender ourselves to prayer and to the reading of Scripture, to fasting and to giving alms. The fasting that all do together on Fridays is but a sign of the daily Lenten discipline of individuals and households- fasting for certain periods of time, fasting from certain foods, but also fasting from other things and activities. Likewise, the giving of alms is some effort to share this world equally, not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. The key to fruitful observance of these practices is to recognize their link to baptismal renewal. We are called not just to abstain from sin during Lent, but to true conversion of our hearts and minds as followers of Christ.

Q & A:

Q: Why do we say there are 40 days of Lent? When you count all the days from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday, there are 46.

A: It might be more accurate to say there is the ‘40-day fast within Lent.’ Historically, Lent has varied from 1 week to 3 weeks to the present configuration of 46 days. The 40-day fast, however, has been more stable.

Q: I understand all Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat, but I am not sure what is classified as meat. Does meat include chicken and dairy products?

A: Abstinence laws consider meat comes only from animals such as chickens, cows, sheep or pigs- all of which live on land. Birds are also considered meat. Abstinence does not include meat juices and liquid foods made from meat. Thus, such foods as chicken broth, consomme, soups cooked or flavored with meat, meat gravies or sauces, as well as seasonings or condiments made from animal fat are technically not forbidden. However, moral theologians have traditionally taught that we should abstain from all animal-derived products (except foods such as gelatin, butter, cheese and eggs, which do not have any meat taste). Fish are a different category of animal. Salt and freshwater species of fish, amphibians, reptiles, (cold-blooded animals) and shellfish are permitted.

Q: I understand Catholics, ages 18-59, should fast on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, but what exactly are the rules for these fasts?

A: Fasting on these days means we can have only one full, meatless meal. Some food can be taken at the other regular meal times if necessary, but combined they should be less than a full meal. Liquids are allowed at any time, but no solid food should be consumed between meals.

Saints for the Lenten season

March 3 - St. Katherine Drexel
March 7 - Sts. Perpetua and Felicity
March 8 - St. John of God
March 9 - St. Dominic Savio
March 15 - St. Louise de Marillac
March 19 - Solemnity of St. Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary
March 22 - St. Nicholas Owen

For more information, visit www.usccb.org.

See page 4 for Lenten fast and abstinence regulations.

Ash Wednesday

Pope names 19 new cardinals

by Francis X. Rocca
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Stressing their role would be one of service rather than honor, Pope Francis named 19 new cardinals, including 6 men from Latin America.

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Bishop Fellhauer’s Schedule

March
8
5:30 p.m. Mass, Girl Scouts Religious Recognition Awards, Our Lady of Victory
Cathedral
9
3:00 p.m. Diocesanwide Rite of Election, Call to Continued Conversion,
Our Lady of Victory Cathedral
16
10:00 a.m. Mass, Call to Candidacy for Permanent Deacons and Institution of
Lectors, St. Joseph Church, Moulton
18
6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Council #1329 and the Catholic Daughters of
the Americas Court St. Ann #369 Clergy and Religious Appreciation Dinner,
Knights of Columbus Hall, Victoria
19
2:30 p.m. Diocesan Finance Board meeting, Chancery Office
4:00 p.m. Diocesan Building Board meeting, Chancery Office
20
7:00 p.m. Mother Elizabeth Seton Awards Dinner, Shiner
23
10:00 a.m. Confirmation Mass, Holy Family Church, Wharton, including St.
Joseph Church, Boling, and St. John Church, Hungerford
3:00 p.m. Confirmation Mass, Our Lady of Victory Cathedral, Victoria
25
8:05 a.m. School Mass, St. Joseph Church, and 10:30 a.m. Blessing of new
cemetery pavilion, Yoakum
29
1:00 p.m. Holy Cross Church ACTS Ministry Golf Tournament, Rio Colorado
Golf Course, Bay City
30
11:00 a.m. Confirmation Mass, Holy Cross Church, East Bernard
3:00 p.m. Mass, celebrating Msgr. John C. Peters 40th Anniversary of
Ordination, Sacred Heart Church, Hallettsville
31
10:00 a.m. Texas Bishops’ meeting, Oblate Renewal Center, San Antonio

April
4
8:00 a.m. School Mass, St. Michael Church, Weimar
7:00 p.m. Confirmation Mass, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Bay City
5
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Mass, St. John Nepomucene Church, New Taiton
6
10:00 a.m. Confirmation Mass, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Victoria
2:00 p.m. Confirmation Mass, Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church, Shiner
11
Annual Knights of Columbus Council #9088 Bishop’s Invitational Golf
Tournament, The Club at Colony Creek, Victoria

DSA & Reflection of Faith
Capital Campaign Updates

2013 DSA
Diocesan Goal: $1,721,356.00
Parish Pledge Totals: $939,348.13
Parish Contribution Totals: $923,083.85
Number of Parish Families Participating: 3,703

Reflection of Faith Capital Campaign
Diocesan Goal: $9,000,000.00
Parish Pledge Totals: $12,890,354.90
Parish Contribution Totals: $11,013,736.67
Number of Parish Families Participating: 6,777

Thank you notes

Dear Bishop Fellhauer:
I offer my deepest thanks to you and
the Diocese of Victoria for your contribu-
tion of $43,973.28 to the 2013 Collection
for the Church in Central and Eastern
Europe. Because of your generosity, the
collection continues to support pastoral
projects and Catholic organizations. We
were able to fund repair of the New Home
Centre in Romania, run by The Franciscan
Sisters of the Sacred Heart, as well as an
expansion to provide living quarters for
children and a separate kindergarten. Your
support is invaluable to the continuation
of our funded projects. On behalf of the
subcommittee, our many grantees, and
the people they serve who benefit directly
from this collection, I thank you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Bishop Blase J. Cupich of Spokane
Chairman, USCCB Subcommittee on
the Church in Central/Eastern Europe

Dear Bishop Fellhauer:
On behalf of the students, faculty, staff,
and Board of Trustees of The Catholic
University of America, I write to thank you
for the generous contribution of $7,804. It
will be used to assist students who attend
our university. We will steadfastly provide
an excellent education to our students,
offering them a path to pursue their voca-
tions as good Catholic citizens and leaders
of our Church in the decades to come.

Gratefully yours,
John Garvey, President
The Catholic University of America
## Seminary Burses

Seminary burses are a permanent fund used for the education of future priests for the Diocese of Victoria. The goal of each burse is $15,000. The interest from this amount is applied yearly to the education of seminarians. The burses are in memory of or in honor of an individual priest or lay persons, living or deceased. Publication of the burses will appear periodically when new contributions are received.

As of February 26, 2014

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<td><strong>Rev. Charles Kram</strong>&lt;br&gt;Previously reported $600.00&lt;br&gt;In memory of the 14th anniversary of Rev. Charles Kram’s death on August 13, 2000 by an anonymous donor 500.00&lt;br&gt;Total $1,100.00</td>
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<td><strong>Rev. Msgr. John C. Peters Burse #6</strong>&lt;br&gt;Previously reported $11,205.00&lt;br&gt;In honor of Rev. Msgr. John C. Peters 40th ordination anniversary to the priesthood by Rev. Douglas Fater 100.00 Joseph and Elizabeth Zarsky 25.00&lt;br&gt;Total $1,305.00</td>
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<td>Those wishing to begin a burse or to contribute to an existing seminary burse may do so by sending their contributions with the appropriate burse designation to:</td>
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<td>Rev. Joseph Koebel&lt;br&gt;Previously reported $8,138.00&lt;br&gt;In memory of Leon Meisner by parishioners of St. Mary’s Nada 80.00&lt;br&gt;Total $8,218.00</td>
<td><strong>DIOCESE OF VICTORIA SEMINARY BURSES</strong>&lt;br&gt;P. O. BOX 4070&lt;br&gt;VICTORIA, TX  77903</td>
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Bishop David Fellhauer
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See pg. 9 for Sponsorships!

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**Happy Birthday!**

Chase Goodman is in Pre-Theology I at Holy Trinity Seminary in Irving. His home parish is Our Lady of Victory Cathedral, Victoria. His birthday is March 22. Please show your support for this seminarian by writing to: Chase Goodman, Holy Trinity Seminary, 3131 Vince Hagan Dr., Irving, TX 75062.

James Dvorak is in College II at Holy Trinity Seminary in Irving. His home parish is Sts. Peter and Paul, Frelsburg. His birthday is March 24. Please show your support for this seminarian by writing to: James Dvorak, 3131 Vince Hagan Dr., Irving, TX 75062.

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Sacred Heart, Hallettsville, parish mission

**April 5-9, 2014**

Fr. Bob Hogan, BBD is the co-founder with Fr. George Montague of the charismatic and Marian religious community, The Brothers of the Beloved Disciple.

He has been a high school religion teacher, youth minister and coach, a college Theology teacher, a pastor of a parish, and is now the director of the Catholic Center for the Charismatic Renewal in San Antonio, TX.

For more information, call (361) 798-5888.
Candlelight March for Life inspired many

The 2014 Candlelight March for Life was held in Victoria this recent January. It was the 27th year the event has been held. Rain and bitter cold allowed for a small group of faithful to attend initially, but as soon as the police escort started, people came from everywhere to show support. The Knights of Columbus #9088, participants Fran and Bill Yeary, and a group from Bill’s Bikes passed around candles. Deacon Steve Borowicz offered a prayer for departure. There was a long procession of glowing candles from Deleon Plaza to Our Lady of Sorrows. Terry Breen said a bus #9088, participants Fr. Daniel Houde, of Our Lady of Sorrows, gave the closing prayer. He said he was “overwhelmed at so many people braving the cold to show their support for life.”

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Bishop David Fellhauer said this was his 23rd year of attending the march and he was "overwhelmed at so many people in attendance despite the cold weather.” Fr. Patrick Knippenberg, parochial vicar of Our Lady of Victory, was the main speaker and told an inspiring story of his own life, or more accurately, his mother’s life as she was adopted. He praised his grandmother, for her generosity and giving his mother life. He said because of that, “the Catholic Church now had two priests from that gift of life,” referring also to his brother, Fr. Bob Knippenberg, pastor of Holy Family Church, Wharton. The emcee, Jack Mullins, gave a history lesson on the Hippocratic oath and how after 2,000 years the American Medical Profession stopped giving the oath without any explanation. The oath was a sworn statement by a doctor to do no harm nor perform any abortions.

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Lenten fast and abstinence regulations

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2014. Regulations are as follows:
1. Fasting and abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
2. Abstinence from meat on all Fridays of Lent. The law of abstinence from meat is required of all those 14 years of age and older.
3. The law of the fast means only 1 full meal may be taken during the day. 2 light meals are permitted, but are not to equal 1 full meal. The consumption of solid food between meals is prohibited, but liquids may be taken at any time.
4. The law of fast binds those who have completed their 18th year and have not yet reached their 60th year.
5. Those, who by reason of their young age, are not bound by the laws of fast and abstinence, should be taught the true meaning of penance.
6. It is a traditional doctrine of Christian spirituality that a constituent part of repentance, of which is turning away from sin and returning to God, includes some form of penance, in order for a Christian to remain on the narrow path and be saved. As our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has written: “[…]this Lenten season find the whole Church ready to bear witness to all those who live in material, moral and spiritual destitution the Gospel message of the merciful love of God our Father, who is ready to embrace everyone in Christ. We can so this to the extent that we imitate Christ who became poor and enriched us by his poverty. Lent is a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty. Let us not forget that real poverty hurts: no self-denial is real without this dimension of penance. I distrust a charity that costs nothing and does not hurt.”

Apart from the special Lenten activities of individuals and parishes, Lent also affords a special opportunity for families to grow deeper in their commitment to Christ. Within the family, penitential practices and devotions can be conducted, including the use of Scripture, the rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and other forms of family prayer and devotion.

May this holy season of Lent be a time of conversion and renewal for all of us.

In Christ,
Rev. Gary Janak, Chancellor

Reporting Abuse

If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a member of the clergy or other church personnel, you can register a complaint.

- Call the bishop or the chancellor at the Chancery at (361) 573-0828; or
- Call Rev. Gary Janak (361) 575-4741 or Sr. Emilie Eilers (361) 575-7111, Coordinators of Pastoral Care and Outreach; or
- Write to: Most Rev. David E. Fellhauer
  Diocese of Victoria, P.O. Box 4070, Victoria, TX 77903
  Mark your letter “Personal and Confidential”

We will also help you bring your concerns to Church officials outside the diocese if the abuse occurred elsewhere and you now reside in the Diocese of Victoria.

If you are unsure about bringing forth a complaint or need more information, please contact: Rev. Gary Janak at (361) 575-4741.
The Knights of Columbus Council #2433, Hallettsville, presented Knights of the Year and Service Awards at their annual Christmas and Awards Night last December. The Catholic Daughters of the Americas joined the celebration. After a welcome and blessing by Msgr. John Peters, chaplain, a delicious roast beef meal was served.

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With more than 2 million members, the Knights of Columbus is the world’s largest Catholic lay organization. It provides numerous volunteer opportunities in service to the Catholic Church, the community, families, and young people. The Hallettsville Council has over 600 members and is currently the 2nd largest Knights of Columbus Council in Texas.

Catholic Daughters distribute donations

St. Agnes Catholic Daughters, St. Theresa the Little Flower Society #1350, Edna, recently distributed donations to numerous worthy recipients. According to Pat Kromka, regent, the annual Strudel Bake and Jumbo Raffle were the sources of the funds. The amount of money raised by these projects totaled $3,900.

Recipients included Accolade Hospice, Gabriel Project, Helping Hands, Hospice of South Texas, and Wounded Warriors Project. In addition, a share of the money will be given to current seminarians of the Diocese of Victoria on their birthdays as we support and appreciate vocations.

The society wishes to extend sincere thanks to the local H.E.B. store for their assistance and to all of those who ordered strudels and continue to support the organization.

St. Agnes Catholic Church, Edna recently sponsored ‘Celebration of Life’ in Jackson County. Seated, left to right: Madeline Novian, program chairperson; Lane Johnson, Gulf Bend MHMR Center; Kanole Hinojosa, St. Agnes Catholic Church student and Stacy Milberger, Adult Literacy Council. At the podium is Janice Ohrt, president of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court of St. Joseph #2475, Inez, held a Valentine’s Day luncheon for singles 60 years of age or older. James Zak was crowned Valentine King and Bea Dieringer was crowned Valentine Queen.

The 2013-2014 JCDA Officers for Court St. Paul #1604, Shiner, are left to right: Emily Malinovsky, reporter and state secretary; Victoria Kusak, 2nd vice president; Kristin Schachter, president; Abby Irvin, 1st vice president and Samantha Siegel, secretary.

The Knights of Columbus Council #9088, Victoria, honored members at their annual Holy Family KC Awards Banquet for outstanding service to the parish and community. Pictured in both is Clyde Svetlik, grand knight, who made acknowledgments and presentations. (1) Clarence Parkan was named Knight of the Year 2013. (2) The Family of the Year 2013 Award went to Theresa and Bill Spellacy.
The Sacred Heart Advanced Placement Biology Class, Hallettsville, recently attended the 2014 Genetic Update Conference. The conference, hosted by Victoria College, was presented by Dr. Sam Rhine, a Lalor Foundation Fellow in Medical Genetics at Harvard Medical School and current professor at Indiana University. The conference, for biology teachers and students, was designed to teach the latest in genetic advances, new research areas, and career opportunities.

Sacred Heart Catholic School Pre-K Class, Hallettsville, recently held a Pajama Party in celebration of learning the letter Pp. Students enjoyed wearing pajamas to school. They ate pancakes and drank pink milk with David Smolik, principal.

St. Michael Catholic School, Weimar, opened Catholic Schools Week on Pro-life Sunday, Jan. 26th, by serving at all three Mass times for both St. Michael Church and the mission church, Saints Cyril and Methodius, in Dubina. Community members and public officials attended Mass and celebrated with the school in honoring the theme of Faith, Knowledge and Service in our parish and our nation.

The school family held a potluck dinner followed by an Open House, and a ‘Valentines for Vets’ service project where students joined the VFW Auxiliary in making Valentine’s cards for hospitalized military veterans in Texas. Junior high students shared their love of reading with younger students during a ‘Read to Me’ event. The St. Michael Home and School Association showed their appreciation for teachers with a catered luncheon. The early childhood and elementary students and teachers were treated to a movie and popcorn in the gym. Also, the St. Michael Home and School Association and the 8th grade class served breakfast to a special group of volunteers, donors, substitute teachers, contract professionals, and non-professional staff for their hard work and many hours dedicated to the success of Catholic education. The 2nd grade class led Mass honoring the feast of St. John Bosco, patron saint of editors and young people. Newspaper editors and publishers were invited. Students played Bingo with Msgr. John Bily and special guests from The Homestead Residence. Junior high students attended a Hats Off to Catholic Schools Week dance. CSW closed with a ‘no homework weekend.’ For more information, call (979) 725-8461 or visit www.stmichaelswords.org.

Elie has released 4 books available at: www.searching-for-jesus.com, www.amazon.com, as well as Incarnate Word Gift Shop and Hasting’s in Victoria, Badda Bling, Rendezvous, and Cuero Community Hospital Wishing Well Gift Shop in Cuero. For more information, contact Elie’s Spiritual Treasures at (361) 894-7274 or elies_spiritual_treasures@yahoo.com. Join Elie at a book signing March 22 from noon until 4:00 p.m. at Hasting’s!

Puzzle contest winner

The winner of the March contest will win On a Mission, Lessons from St. Francis de Sales by Patrick Madrid. The book presents the ultimate representation of the enthusiasm, spiritual principles, and manner of how one should live and share faith. It also describes one’s faith more astutely and demonstrates how to communicate it more competently.

If you have not won the puzzle contest within the past six months, please mail a completed March puzzle form by March 26, 2014 to The Catholic Lighthouse, P.O. Box 4070, Victoria, TX 77903 for a chance to win!
Deacon Philip Brune and seminarians Jacob Koether, Scott Hill, and James Dvorak will share their experiences, graces received, and what a typical day was like on the Camino in this series that will inspire and fill you with God’s love. You will feel as if you were there!

From the experience of Dcn. Philip Brune

The purpose of this series is to share our pilgrimage, called The Way of St. James or in Spanish, El Camino de Santiago de Compostela, of walking 500 miles from St. Jean Pied de Port, France, to Santiago de Compostela.

For over 1,000 years pilgrims have come from all over the world to pray at the tomb of the Apostle James in northwestern Spain, who was with Jesus at the Transfiguration and fell asleep in the Garden of Gethsemane. After Pentecost, tradition states St. James took a ship to Spain and began to evangelize. He returned to Jerusalem around 44 A.D. and according to Acts 12:1-2 he was beheaded by Herod Agrippa. For this reason, our first martyred apostle is often portrayed with a sword, the instrument of his death.

After his martyrdom, St. James’ body was brought by boat to Spain and buried in order to keep it safe during tribal warring. Nearly 700 years later, a shepherd saw a shining star in a field, comestela means ‘field of stars’, over the apostle’s tomb and notified the bishop, who verified it was the body of St. James and built a church on that very spot. Since then, Catholics began to visit the tomb asking for St. James’ intercession. By the year 1,000, the pilgrimage to Santiago became as large as the pilgrimages to Rome and Jerusalem, especially for the Germans and French. Also around this time, the current church housing St. James’ remains was built.

So many pilgrims visited his tomb that pilgrimage routes developed across Spain and Europe to help pilgrims on their way. The first guidebook ever written during the Middle Ages was about the pilgrimage. As more and more miracles occurred through the intercession of St. James, the Camino or path, came to take on a life of its own. The spirit of St. James is felt not only at his tomb, but along the Camino as well.

Literally following in the path of millions of pilgrims, I came to have a greater appreciation of the universal church. In one day I met people from every continent who were searching for God and direction in their lives. This pilgrim-age allowed us to journey together, physically and spiritually. The Way of St. James is a tremendous way to encounter God’s grace, grow in self-knowledge, and grow in holiness - the least it can do is change your life. It certainly changed mine.

The Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Exemplification Texas 2nd District Our Lady of Guadalupe Province recently honored Rev. Msgr. John C. Peters as a faithful friar of the Yoakum Assembly #1128, pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, parish, and school in Hallsville, and dedicated supporter of the Knights of Columbus for 46 years and a Sir Knight of Columbus for 38 years.

Sir Knights, recently installed, along with Rev. Sir Knight Patrick Knippenberg: Charlie Aleman, Andrew Bordovsky, James Buynoch, Joe Cash, Steven Dolezal, Daniel Driskell, Patrick Fawbush, Max Flores, Pablo Gonzalez, Robert Grahn, Jr., Dennis Haas, Brian Halata, Dale Halata, Daniel Halata, David Halata, Jr., Gary Hlavinka, Timothy Kleihege, Dr. Felix Lao, Stephen Lesak, Eddie Longoria, Eric Lugo, Johnnie Martin, Michael Pratka, Michael Ramirez, Christopher Rodgers, Kendrick Rother, Johnny Scherer, Jr., Arlyn Seiler, Julian Sepulveda, John Solis, Jr., Dwight Taylor, Gregory Ticken, Michael Vance, and Lane Zumwalt.

Casey Menis of St. Michael Catholic School, Weimar, recently won the logo contest sponsored by The Catholic Schools Office of the Diocese of Victoria. As per contest rules, the artwork becomes the sole property of the Catholic Schools Office of the Diocese of Victoria. Bishop David E. Fellhauer gave congratulatory remarks to Casey and wished her much success in her future high school experience.

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The purpose of the Catholic Schools Office of the Diocese of Victoria recently held a month-long contest to update and rebrand its logo. The new one will be used, initially, for Catholic Schools Week 2014. All currently-enrolled students in Catholic schools of the Diocese of Victoria were invited to submit artwork to be considered for the new logo. Dozens of submissions from the 13 schools of the Diocese of Victoria, were mailed, e-mailed, and faxed to the Office of the Superintendent. After careful judging by the Chancery employees, a finalist was chosen whose drawing captured the motto: Teaching Minds, Touching Hearts.

The winning entry was made by Casey Menis, an 8th grader at St. Michael Catholic School, Weimar. When asked how she came up with the idea, Casey replied, “I just began thinking about the children that attend our school… I noticed that when their hands were joined, they could make a heart!” The crosses signify the religious aspect of Catholic schools, the book signifies both religious teaching and other subjects within their schools, and the children holding hands signify the heart of Catholic school education is the dedication to its students…the future of our communities, our world, and our eternal salvation!

As the winner, Casey will receive a $25 Wal-mart gift card, 2 t-shirts with the new logo, and the satisfaction of seeing her rendering in future publications, websites, and paraphernalia produced by the Catholic Schools Office of the Diocese of Victoria. As per contest rules, the artwork becomes the sole property of the Catholic Schools Office of the Diocese of Victoria. Bishop David E. Fellhauer gave congratulatory remarks to Casey and wished her much success in her future high school experience.

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Sunday Readings from March 9 to April 13

March 9 — First Sunday of Lent
Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Psalms 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

March 16 — Second Sunday of Lent
Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalms 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22
2 Timothy 1:8b-10
Matthew 17:1-9

March 23 — Third Sunday of Lent
Exodus 17:3-7
Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
John 4:5-42

March 30 — Fourth Sunday of Lent
1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

April 6 — Fifth Sunday of Lent
Ezekiel 37:12-14
Psalms 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
Romans 8:8-11
John 11:1-45

April 13 — Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion
Matthew 21:1-11
Isaiah 50:4-7
Psalms 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24
Philippians 2:6-11
Matthew 26:14-27:66

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by Colleen Rasmussen

We have all heard the phrase “the family that prays together, stays together.” It is lived at St. Philip Catholic School (SPS), El Campo. SPS has been blessed to have 3 teachers that are family. Connie Hlavaty; her sister, Lena Tupa and Mrs. Tupa’s daughter, Natalie Irby. All bless SPS with their teaching skills, faith, and truly embody the prayerful phrase in their daily lives.

How has their Catholic faith helped them in their teaching methods, ideology, and curriculum? Lena stated, “When you have a strong faith, you want to put Jesus first and foremost, and I want every child to feel the importance of Jesus in their own lives. I teach them daily that Jesus always loves them and they can talk to him anytime.”

Connie added, “I try to follow the liturgical seasons of the church as a guideline. I also try to share my devotions to Mary, St. Francis, St. Anthony and the other saints to share my traditions with the class.” Natalie commented, “Having a strong Catholic foundation allows me to bring this background to the classroom to share with my students. I am able to speak of our beliefs as Catholics and attempt to pass on or at least educate my students in regards to what we believe.”

As co-workers and family members, what is it like teaching together? Natalie shared, “It’s a BLESSING! Family is so important to me, because even when the material things in life let you down or sickness creeps in, my family has never left or forsaken me. It is a joy for me to get to work side-by-side with some of the people I love most in this world. These women are true role models to me and I am blessed to be in their presence daily.”

Connie and Lena both agreed, “It is fun! After teaching together as sisters for the past 10 years, in side-by-side classrooms, we are growing closer each year. We have the same thoughts and ideas, so we can instruct these young minds in Jesus’ way. We even dress alike some days!”

What is your favorite part about teaching at SPS? Connie and Lena agreed– it is the children. Connie commented, “It is such a pleasure to watch their innocent faces light up when they complete a task, or when they learn about their guardian angel. One of my proudest moments will be seeing my first Pre-K 3 class graduate in 2014-15. I am proud of their parents who made the commitment to keep their children in Catholic education.” Lena added, “These little ones can make you happy on a sad day and they tell amazing stories (most of them are true). It melts my heart when they come up to me and tell me, ‘I love you.’ To me, one of the most special things is when I look out the window and see the cross on top of the church-it makes my day.”

Natalie shared, “Everyday is like a gift to me. I get to spend my Friday mornings with our Lord in Mass and I get to visit Jesus in the chapel during Eucharistic Adoration. I get to teach some of the brightest, most kind-hearted children daily and I get to work with amazing staff members who feel like family. I am blessed beyond measure to see my very own children learning and smiling each and every day.”

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March is Women’s History Month
Make more room for women without crowding out family

by Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Women should play a greater role in society and the church without sacrificing their essential attention and contribution to their families, Pope Francis said. The “fineness, particular sensitivity and tenderness” women possess “represent a genuine strength not only for the life of families, for creating an atmosphere of peace and harmony,” but for the whole of humanity too. The critical question for each woman, the pope said, is to discern the right balance of work, community and family.

“How is it possible to expand an effective presence in so many areas in the public sphere, in the world of work and in the places where the most important decisions are made and at the same time maintain a special presence in and preferred attention for the family?” he asked.

Women have an “irreplaceable role within the family,” he said, particularly in handing down to future generations “solid moral principles” and the Christian faith.

The Wellness Committee of the Diocese of Victoria meets semi-annually to share ideas and improve existing school wellness policy programs. Initially starting because of federal school lunch programs, the committee goes beyond that in playing a critical role in student health. The purpose of the committee is to promote student health and help schools incorporate strategies in developing healthy students as nutrition and well-being are significant. Poor nutrition, physical inactivity, and obesity are key areas of change. With help from members of various backgrounds such as doctors, principals, nurse practitioners, teachers, heads of cafeterias, and students practicing good health habits and creating a healthier environment can happen not only at school, but at home as well. Members, attending a recent meeting at the Chancery, included Suzanne Krejci, Dianne Alebis, Sr. Evelyn Korenek, Kay Bluntzer, Briana Rodriguez, Luke Wenske, Linda Balderaz, Yvonne Wagner, and Martha Sawyers.

CRS Rice Bowl Lenten program has new twists: an app, recipes, contest

by Patricia Zapor
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Five recipes, one for each week of Lent, and short videos about them by Fr. Patalinghug, a Baltimore archdiocesan priest, are available on YouTube or the CRS website and feature low-cost, meatless ingredients, as explained by Joan Rosenhauer, CRS executive vice president for U.S. operations.

In addition to the recipes, CRS has a free Rice Bowl app available for smartphones and tablets. It allows users to schedule delivery of daily reflections during Lent, to set and track progress toward a Lenten goal, and view the recipes or see stories about people whose lives have been changed by the program.

Also this year, CRS will host a photo contest in conjunction with Rice Bowl. Weekly winners will receive a small fair-trade prize and a grand prize winner at the end will receive an Easter basket full of fair-trade items.

The app can be downloaded at iTunes and the Google Play Store or at crsricebowl.org/app. For more information, visit www.crsricebowl.org.

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Courage—Ministers to persons with same-sex attractions and their loved ones. The ministry also has an outreach, EnCourage, which ministers to relatives, spouses, and friends of persons with same-sex attractions. It is a Roman Catholic Apostolate endorsed by the Pontifical Council for the Family. For more information, visit www.couragecr.net.

Engaged Encounter—2014 dates: April 11-13 and Sept. 26-28. Registrations are on a first come, first serve basis. Fee must accompany registration form. For more information, call (361) 573-0828 or x2230 or visit www.victoriadiocese.org and click on the Ministries tab followed by Family Ministry.

Gabriel Project—Helps women experiencing a crisis pregnancy—alternative to abortion. Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at 101 W. Convent. Light supper included. For angel workshop/training dates, contact Barbara at (361) 649-1612 or barbaramecain85@yahoo.com. Holy Family, Wharton, meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call (979) 532-3593. M-F, 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., or visit www.gabrielproject.com.

Grief Group—Meets FR’s mission the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in conference/bride’s room at Holy Family Church, Victoria. Before attending, call Sharon at (361) 578-7572.

Natural Family Planning—Introductory sessions to the Creighton Model Fertility Care System (CMFS) featuring NaPro technology: Apr. 6, Aug. 3, and Oct. 12 at Holy Family Church, Wharton. All sessions are at 2:00 p.m. For more information, contact Susan Koch at (505) 710-0903 or susannekoch614@gmail.com.

Natural Family Planning—NFP is the only Church-approved form of family planning. To learn about the sympto-thermal method in the Victoria area and NFP class schedules, contact David and Annie Coffey at victorianfp@teachers.yahoo.com.

Presidio La Bahia Museum and Visitor Center—The Presidio, located in Goliad, is the only Spanish fort in the possession of the Catholic Church in North America and is a National Historic Landmark. The museum is open 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and is closed on major holidays. The Quarters is available for ceremonies for $25. For more information, call (361) 645-3752 or visit www.presidiolabahia.org. The 29th Annual Goliad Massacre Living History Program is Mar. 29-30.

Raphael’s Refuge—RR’s mission is to build and maintain a memorial in honor of babies, born and unborn. This ministry is a 501c(3) non-profit organization located in Flatonia. Peer counseling and spiritual direction are also available for those suffering a loss of a baby due to miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death, or abortion. For more information, visit www.raphaelsrefuge.org.

Retrouvaille—Retrouvaille, meaning rediscovery, is a marriage-healing ministry offered in the dioceses to couples in difficult marriages. Contact John and Jennifer Vincent at jbjvov@shgelcom.net or (361) 580-2770; call (800) 470-2230 or visit www.helpourmarriage.org or www.retrouvaille.org.

That Man Is You—This men’s group transforms men, families, and society as it presents the vision of man fully alive. Holy Cross, Bay City, Fri. 5:45-7:15 a.m.; Holy Family, Victoria, Wed. 5:45-7:00 a.m., St. Peter Parish Hall; and Assumption, Ganado, Wed. 5:30-7:15 a.m., JPFI Family Center. Visit www.thatmanisyou.org.

To Love as God Loves—The Diocese of Victoria’s 1-day marriage preparation program designed for couples 40 years of age and older, couples seeking convalidation of their civil marriages, and couples entering a second marriage. Mar. 16, July 27, and Oct. 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church. For more information, contact the Office of the Chancellor at (361) 573-0828 or visit www.victoriadiocese.org.
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