Calendar of the Week

Saturday, March 13
4:30pm - Mass - St. Roch
5:30pm - Rosary Leaders - Jim & Michelle Kubicek
6:00pm - Mass - Pro populo (for the people)
Ushers - Stephen Belota & Harold Emick

Sunday, March 14
4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)
8:15 - Rosary Leader - Sharon Heinsohn
8:45am - Mass - Descendants of the Belota & Markwardt Families
Ushers - Darrell Gross & Dennis Ricicar
No CCD Class - in the dining hall
10:30am - Mass - St. Roch
12:30pm - Traditional Latin Mass - Justin & Louise Dvorak✠
Ushers - Kevin Dvorak & Robert Socha

Monday, March 15
Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, March 16
6:00pm - Mass - Linda Mooney✠
Stations of the Cross - immediately after Mass

Wednesday, March 17
St. Patrick, Bishop
8:00am - Mass - Ed Ellis✠
8:30-4:30pm - Parish Office Open
6:30pm - Choir Practice

Thursday, March 18
St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
5:30pm - Mass - St. Roch
Stations of the Cross after Mass

Friday, March 19
St. Joseph Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00am - Mass - St. Roch
8:30-4:30pm - Parish Office Open

Saturday, March 20
4:30pm - Mass - St. Roch
5:30pm - Rosary Leaders - Billy & Beth Herchek
6:00pm - Mass - Pro populo (for the people)
Ushers - Jim Kubicek & Paul Michalsky

Sunday, March 21
5th Sunday of Lent Passion Sunday
8:15 - Rosary Leaders - CCD Youth
8:45am - Mass - Frank P. Noska✠
Ushers - David Dvorak & Don Noska
10:00am - CCD Class - in the dining hall
10:30am - Mass - St. Roch
12:30pm - Traditional Latin High Mass - Paul Leo Aubin✠
Ushers - Steven Markwardt & Stephen Belota

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4th Sunday of Lent — *March 14, 2021*

CONFESSIONS	- Before Mass on Sunday mornings between 8:00 & 8:30AM. Also by appointment.
BAPTISM	- Instructions required. Contact the rectory to register.
MARRIAGE	- Parties should notify the parish secretary at least 6 months in advance of the wedding to allow time for Engaged Encounter Weekend. No weddings during the Advent and Lenten Seasons.
REGISTRATIONS	- Those who wish to become members of Sts. Peter and Paul parish are encouraged to register at the rectory, either by phone or by mailing one of the forms provided at the church entrances.
PRAYER CHAIN	- For all your prayer concerns please call: Donna Kunz (733-8983) or Joan & Elbert Brune (357-4892).

Our Lady's Altar

TWO VIGIL CANDLES BURN THIS WEEK IN HONOR OF MY FUTURE BRIDE & FAMILY GIVEN BY A TRAVELING PARISHIONER

St. Joseph's Altar

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Please contact the rectory or fill out one of the forms located at the entrances of the church if you would like to book a vigil candle for a special occasion or in memory of someone. Each candle is $15 and the proceeds are used for the preservation of our church building.

Prayer Requests

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE ILL OR IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS, ESPECIALLY

MARIA BORMAN, SPECIAL INTENTION, MARGARET GLUECK, LINDA KNESEK, CHRISTINE FEEHERY, GILBERT GERIK, JEAN ELLIS, BERNICE WARSCHAK, JEANIE, DOROTHY BUTTON, CALYN PACKARD, CHAD KLUMP, BARRY BARSUHN, DIANE POENITZSCH, KIM DITTLINGER, GAIL WARSCHAK, WANDA MEIER, RICHARD A. BUTTON

Columbus Little League BBQ Chickens, Sunday , March 28, 2021
Present your ticket or purchase whole chickens at the hall for $10.00, and rThanks for supporting the youth of our community.

Evening of Recollection for Women - Difficult Lent? Come prepare to finish strong at the Women's Evening of Recollection at Featherock Center, 734 Holub Rd., Schulenburg, Thursday, March 25 from 6pm-8pm. Covid protocol suggested. Give our Lord what he wants most—YOU.

Notice:
Due to Covid-19 we are requesting that you remember social distancing, & **when you leave church please leave the kneeling bench down.** This will help those that are cleaning church after each Mass, to just clean where people sat in church and not the whole church. This is very trying times with all the changes to keep the church clean & sanitize.

Youth Group - No Youth Group March 17, because of spring break. Resumes Mar. 24.

Let us Pray for our Seminarian, Shane Goertz
Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd of the Church, grant these seminarians the necessary wisdom, guided by the Holy Spirit, to succeed and the grace to persevere. Enlighten them in their studies, help them in their difficulties, and sustain them in their struggles to be faithful. O Mary, Our Lady of the Assumption, intercede on their behalf. Help them to imitate you in saying their own generous and unconditional "yes" to the ministry of love & divine election to which the Lord calls them. We ask all this in the name of our heavenly Father. Amen. St. Joseph, pray for us.

Stations of the Cross - St. Roch, Thursday after 5:30pm Mass
Stations of the Cross - Sts. Peter & Paul Tuesday after the 6:00pm Mass

What is Laetare Sunday?

At the beginning of each Mass the Church has assigned a Scripture verse to be sung while the ministers and priest are in procession. This verse is rarely used in our area because most parishes use the option to sing a hymn instead. The verse assigned to the **4th Sunday in Lent** in both the pre and post Vatican II liturgy is Isaiah 66: 10-11. In English it begins *"Rejoice, Jerusalem! Be glad for her…"*. This same verse in Latin begins *"Lætáre, Jerúsalem…"*. Thus Lætáre Sunday, or the 4th Sunday of Lent, is regarded as a day of particular joy in that Lent is about half over and the Easter Triduum soon to follow. The custom of wearing Rose vestments, as opposed to purple as during the rest of Lent, is the most dramatic demonstration of the uniqueness of this Lenten Sunday. Thus it is popularly known as Rose Sunday as well as Lætáre Sunday. The reason you don't see Rose vestments in every parish is that the Church has made this practice an option. Our parish chooses the option because variety is the spice of life and our liturgical life should be as full and meaningful as possible! Rose Sunday becomes even more meaningful when everyone wears something Rose colored when they attend Mass this particular weekend.

COLLECTION - March 7, 2021
Envelopes - $2,874.00 **Loose** - $301.00
Latin Loose - $404.00
Rice Bowl - $531.00

Living Sorrowful Rosary - Please join the 5-8th grade CCD Youth as they perform a living sorrowful rosary on Sunday, March 28th at 10am at Sts. Peter & Paul. Weather permitting, we will be outside.

Lenten Fast &Abstinence
Good Friday & all the Fridays of Lent by all Catholics 14 years and older. **Fasting** is observed on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. One full meatless meal is taken & two much smaller meatless meals are permitted if absolutely necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs. Eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. **Most important is your attitude!** Fasting & abstinence only benefits those who practice them with the intention of drawing closer to God & achieving self discipline. Internal desire & external practice work together to make us holy.

Lenten Study Group -
led by Deacon Doug and Mary Beth Tromblee called "No Greater Love". Held on Mondays at 6:30pm in the St. Roch hall in Mentz.

Weekly Reflection - 4th Sunday of Lent
When we seriously reflect on how we have been living our lives, we may find that we have not been living up to our ideals. It is not easy for us to live our faith as we should. It may seem that we have been an utter failure. We cannot undo our past; but, that is no reason to give up. It should be a source of great consolation and hope to remember that God sent us his Son, not because we "deserved" this wonderful gift; but, because we desperately needed it. God understands our struggles and weakness and is constantly pouring out his grace upon us to help us. Each new day should be a reminder that God's love and grace is still with us. The past is not what matters - today we can try to do better. Little by little we can be transformed into all that God wants us to be.

We are truly his handiwork,
created in Christ Jesus to lead the life of good deeds.
- Ephesians 2:10

Need Someone To Clean The Halls -
Please call the rectory at 979-732-3430.

Catholic Relief Services - March 14, 2021

Bishop Brendan J. Cahill

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Father Michael Lyons, pastor of Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Frelsburg and St. Roch Catholic Church in Mentz has announced his retirement effective July 1, 2021.
We join together in celebrating Father Michael's upcoming 25 years of the priesthood (6/8/96) and offer our prayers for him, as he begins his transition into retirement over the next several months. Please let us keep the parishioners of both parishes in our prayers as they go through times of transition.
Thank you, Father Michael, for your faithful service. We pray God's blessings upon you.

God bless you all; let's keep each other in prayer.

Easter Flower Memorials
Envelopes are available at the church entrances for those who would like to remember their loved ones this Easter with a memorial gift of flowers. Please make a list of names & insert it in the envelope, so that you are not just putting one name on each envelope, that way everyone gets an envelope and the Mass is offered for the names listed. Deadline is March 28, 2021.

Covid-19 Policies - Many of you have heard that Gov. Abbott has signed a new executive order lifting any state restrictions on masks or business capacity. At this time, there have been no changes to the Diocese of Victoria's COVID-19 safety protocols for Mass and other gatherings. We will keep everyone informed should that change. Although the governor has stated the the State of Texas is no longer issuing orders for COVID-19 restrictions, he still encourages schools, churches & businesses to continue best practices to prevent the spread of the virus. Let's continue to pray for the end of this pandemic.

PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:
CHARLES KEEPERS

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

K.C. Lenten Fish Fries - March 19, 2021, starts at 5:30pm, drive-thru only, $12.00 a plate, there will be desserts available, free-will donation.

Altar Society Groups for Desserts - Group II & III

Sharon Heinsohn (Chr)	Kathleen Noska (Chr)
Sharon Kubicek	Carol Brune
Laura Kulhanek	Jo Ann Canik
Janie Schmidt	Jean Ellis
Lucy Markwardt	Dianne Seidel
Faye Schertz	Dorothy Button
Carolyn Canik	Sharon Halfmann
Sandra Keepers	Patsy Henderson
Mary Jane Belota	Loretta Runk
Dolores Poenitzsch	Judy Vasut
Carolyn Schuette	Julie Koch
Fran Schaefer	Joyce Richter
Linda Ruether	
Stacy Goodwyne	

Please have your desserts there by 5:00pm. Wrap them individually or in plastic containers.