

Mass Schedule



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

4 PM For all those Memorialized in the OLC Chapel

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7 – FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9 AM Intention of Scout Troop & Pack #54 (100th Anniversary)

10:30 AM +Stanley Krysa – Of. Pruski Family

12 NOON +John J. Nowak, Sr., & Jean Dudek – Of. Henry & Alice Nowak

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8 – St. Jerome Emiliani/St. Josephine Bakhita

8 AM +Czesława Petre – Of. Family

9 AM +Helen & Joseph Strek – Of. Strek Family

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

8 AM +Anthony Cuzydło (Anniversary) – Of. Daughter Alfreda Bialkowski

9 AM +Johnny Kosnikowski (Birthday) – Of. Mother Eugenia

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10 – St. Scholastica

8 AM +Stephen, Scholastica & Edmund Wozniak – Of. Daughter & Sister

9 AM Living & Deceased Members of Jankowski Family

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11 – Our Lady of Lourdes (World Day of the Sick)

8 AM +Dorothy Jozwiak – Of. Husband Walter

9 AM +Anthony & Walter Strek – Of. Strek Family

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

8 AM +Edwin H. Zack – Of. Anne Zack

9 AM +Mildred & Eleanore Josefiak – Of. Renee Josefiak

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

8 AM +Victor J. & Dorothy Tomczak – Of. Family

4 PM +Joseph Roberts – Of. William Porebski

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14 – SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9 AM +Leonard & Florian Goszewski – Of. Lou & Fran Goszewski

10:30 AM +Czesława Petre – Of. Michal & Katarzyna Iwanicki

12 NOON +Ted Demblewski – Of. Wife Karen

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS

Regular & Extraordinary (January 30 & 31).....\$4200

Catholic Relief Services\$922

Preservation Fund.....\$274

SPECIAL COLLECTION today is for **MAINTENANCE OF THE PARISH**, part of the one offertory collection.

PEW RENT is considered membership fee in St. John Gualbert's Parish, since we are canonically established as a "personal parish", rather than a territorial parish. You may return your pew rent envelope any time during this month.

SANCTUARY LAMP is lit for +Ted Trzaska, requested by wife & children.

Next week Sunday is ...

COFFEE HOUR SOCIAL

Join us in the school cafeteria following the 9 a.m. Mass

MASSES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

February 17 (Masses in Church)

9 a.m. & 7 p.m.

WHY YOU SHOULD BE A REGISTERED MEMBER OF THE PARISH

Some people attend Mass quite regularly here, but they are not a registered parishioner. Perhaps they don't feel a need to become a member of the parish since their objective is simply to fulfill their obligation. However, one day they might find themselves in a situation where they suddenly require a letter of recommendation to become a sponsor for a baptism or confirmation. Sometimes we may even need a church for a baptism, burial or a wedding. Using a church just to fulfill an obligation without becoming a member is pretty much like riding a bus without paying the fare. A parish like St. John Gualbert is only canonically obliged to provide sacraments and services for her own members. Therefore, it is very important that you are a registered member of the parish. Registered membership demonstrates a deeper level of commitment to the mission of the parish and its continued existence. It also justifies our existence before the diocesan offices who continue to monitor the viability of parishes. Some people don't want to register for various reasons. Perhaps they may have come from a parish that was closed and they are still angry or upset at the diocese, or perhaps they are simply unsure of how to join. Some people born in Poland will declare that they won't register because in Poland there is no such thing. The time comes when we have to put these things behind us and do what is right. By the age of 21 we should be a registered member of a Catholic parish; we should participate in the liturgical life of our parish and receive the sacraments regularly; we should materially support the parish sacrificially to the best of our ability. To register at St. John Gualbert's is relatively harmless and effortless. All you have to do is pick up a registration form on the table in the vestibule, complete it, and either drop it in the collection basket the following Sunday or return it directly to our parish office. Please be assured that all information provided will be held in strictest confidence.

Today is...

SCOUT SUNDAY

The Boy Scouts of America were incorporated on February 8, 1910, and chartered by Congress in 1916. They designate today, the Sunday that falls before February 8 (Scouting Anniversary Day) as Scout Sunday, which is the primary date to recognize the contributions of young people and adults to Scouting. The Boy Scouts of America is one of the largest youth organizations in the United States,



with over four million youth members in its age-related divisions. Since its founding in 1910, more than 110 million Americans have been members of the Boy Scouts of America. Their goal is to train youth in responsible citizenship, character development, and self-reliance through participation in a wide range of outdoor activities, educational programs, and, at older age levels, career-oriented programs in partnership with community organizations. For younger members, the Scout method is part of the program to inculcate typical Scouting values such as trustworthiness, good citizenship, and outdoors skills, through a variety of activities such as camping, aquatics, and hiking. We are proud that St. John Gualbert Parish has offered the Boy Scouts a home for 75 years! We commend Troop & Pack #54 as they observe two historic anniversaries today: the Centennial of existence of the Boy Scouts of America, as well as the Diamond Jubilee of the Boy Scouts in St. John Gualbert Parish. We are grateful to the many people – especially the leaders, many of whom have already departed – who contributed their time, energy, and sacrifices to the character development of thousands of boys in our parish and neighborhood throughout these last 75 years!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

10:30 AM CCD Classes

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8

4:30-6:30 PM Basketball (Gym)

7:00 PM First Eucharist Parent Meeting (Cafeteria)

7:30-9:30 PM Men's Basketball (Gym)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

5:00-7:00 PM Basketball (Gym)

7-8:30 PM Walden District Taxpayers Association (Marian Rm.)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

4:30-6:30 PM Basketball (Gym)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

6:30 PM Cub Scouts (Cafeteria/Gym)

7:00 PM Boy Scouts (Scout Room/Gym)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

6:30 PM Harmony Polish Folk Ensemble (Gym/Marian Room)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

10:30 AM Polish Saturday School Classes (Cafeteria)

3:00-7:00 PM Cheektowaga Crabapples (Gym)

5:00-7:00 PM Parish Homeschoolers (Cafeteria)

7:00-9:00 PM Parish Homeschoolers (Gym)

STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2009 upon request only. Please call the rectory during office hours.

WALDEN DISTRICT TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION MEETING on Tuesday, February 9 at 7 p.m. in the Marian Room.

HOMESCHOOL FAMILY POT-LUCK DINNER & SOCIAL will be held on Saturday, February 13 at 5 p.m. in the Cafeteria.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING follows the 9 a.m. Mass on Sunday, February 14 with rosary led by members at 8:30 a.m. in church.

LADIES GUILD MEETING on Monday, February 15 at 4 p.m. in the Marian Room.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR MEETING on Tuesday, February 16 at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria. All members of the committee are invited to attend as we evaluate our first Christmas Bazaar.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

- Religious Ed classes resume today, **February 7**, for grades 9-11.
- First Eucharist Meeting in the school cafeteria on **Monday, February 8** at 7 p.m.
- NO Religious Education classes next Sunday, February 14 in celebration of President's Day.
- Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on May 23 at 3 p.m. in St. Joseph's Cathedral. Any 11th or 12th grade parochial student, who has not yet been confirmed, is asked to attend instructions today from 10:30-11:45 a.m. in the school building.

Congratulations ...

to the newly elected officers of SJG's Ushers Society:

Tony Lis – President
Robert Pietrzak – Vice President
Robert Gaik – Secretary
Eugene Meller – Treasurer

St. John Gualbert Holy Name Society presents...

NIGHT AT THE RACES

Saturday, February 20 in our school gym

Tickets are now available from a

Holy Name Society member or at the rectory

Pro Life Committee Meeting Minutes: January 11, 2010

Those in attendance: Bob, Barb, Olivia & Marybeth Musilli, Aaron and Adam Sagun, and Fr. David.

Meeting began at 7:40 pm with a prayer and reading of minutes. Discussion then began as to how to divide money raised for the March for Life in Washington, DC. Fr. David presented \$525 in parishioner donations. It was agreed that there would be a stipend of \$65 per person among 17 participants which included profits from bake sale and t-shirt sales. Thank you notes will be sent out from the participating families to donating parishioners as well as one for the bulletin. Future purchases were discussed to order pro-life DVD's, pamphlets, CD's, and materials for the back of the church. A possible lending library was also discussed. More t-shirts will be ordered for parishioners requesting them. They will be available in the back of church for purchase.

Health care was brought up as a topic needing attention at weekend Masses Jan. 16/17. Bob will speak at each Mass to update parishioners on what our US Bishops need us to do.

Marriage preparation was discussed regarding NFP training. Packets for couples containing updated materials and DVD's will be put together.

Beggars for Life, presented by the Sagun's, will be tentatively scheduled for the Feb. 13/14 Masses.

A modesty fashion show and collection of baby items for at-risk mothers were also mentioned as future endeavors.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm with a prayer led by Fr. David. Next meeting will be March 8th at 7:00 pm. All are welcome.

WORLD YOUTH DAY

World Youth Day 2011 will be held in Madrid, Spain. Registration deadline is March 15, 2010. Youth and young adults ages 16-35 are invited to participate with Pope Benedict. Father Jozef Dudzik from Christ Our Hope Church in French Creek, NY is organizing a trip from August 6 through August 22, 2011. The trip includes travel to Paris, Lourdes, Days in the Diocese in Barcelona, and then one week in Madrid, Spain with Pope Benedict. If interested in participating or for more information, please contact Father Jozef at 355-8891 or visit <http://www.christourhopeparish.org>.

NEED SOME EXTRA MONEY TO HELP STRETCH YOUR PAYCHECK?

If you've worked in the past year and earned \$50,000 or less, you may be entitled to valuable tax credits! Free Tax Preparation volunteers can file your tax return electronically at no charge, and if you file early, you could get your refund in 7-10 days! Call 2-1-1 or 1-888-696-9211 to find a free tax preparation site near you! Free Tax Preparation and Electronic Filing brought to you by Buffalo Federation of Neighborhood Centers, in partnership with Creating Assets, Savings & Hope (CASH) Buffalo.

YOU ARE INVITED...

- ❖ SINGLES' VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE on **Friday, February 12** at the Hearthstone Manor, 333 Dick Road. \$9 admission at the door from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. DJ Rick Mann of Jukebox Tonight will be playing your favorite songs. For info call 633-5413 or email singlesdances@verizon.net
- ❖ PARENT TRACK AT THE DIOCESAN YOUTH CONVENTION: a workshop designed for parents or guardians to discuss practical skills for becoming faith formation leaders in your own home by investigating current cultural demands and the challenges of witnessing the faith to our children. This will be held at the Adam's Mark Hotel Fountain Room on **Sunday, February 14** at 9:30 a.m. To register contact Chris Hanley at 847-5521 or chanley@buffalodiocese.org or download the registration form at www.dobyouth.org
- ❖ MARDI GRAS CARD PARTY, sponsored by the Franciscan Benefactors, will be held on **Sunday, February 14** at 12 noon in Villa Maria College Cafeteria. Refreshments, including paczki.