



“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.” - Mt 22:36-40

LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, October 26 (Ex 22:20-26/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40)

8:00 AM- In honor of Anton & Emma Bujnoch’s 60th Anniversary

10:30 AM- For our Parish Family

5:00 PM- Ruben Garza & Elvira Garza (Spanish Mass)

Monday, October 27 (Eph 4:32-5:8/ Lk 13:10-17)

7:00 AM- Charles F. Sommer

10:00 AM- Richard, Raymond & Joyce Wanek (H’ville Rehab)

Tuesday, October 28 (Eph 2:19-22/ Lk 6:12-16)

7:00 AM- Leo & Viola Henke

Wednesday, October 29 (Eph 6:1-9; Lk 13:22-30)

7:00 AM- Living & deceased members of KJT No. 5

8:05 AM- Clyde & Georgie Jobb

Thursday, October 30 (Eph 6:10-20/ Lk 13:31-35)

7:00 AM- Hubert A. Bludau

10:00 AM- Frank Matula’s 90th Birthday (Stevens)

Friday, October 31 (Phil 1:1-11/ Lk 14:1-6)

7:00 AM- Leo (Buck), Lillian & George Henneke

8:05 AM- Martha & Jasper Pagel

Saturday, November 1 (Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/ 1 Jn 3:1-3/ Mt 5:1-12a)

8:00 AM- Living & deceased members of our Parish Family

5:30 PM- Joe J. & Stella Smolik

Sunday, November 2 (Wis 3:1-9/ Rom 5:5-11/ Jn 6:37-40)

8:00 AM- Special Intention (Recovery)

10:30 AM- All Souls Novena



Bulletin & Radio Broadcast Sponsor: In honor of Anton & Emma Bujnoch’s 60th Anniversary.

Vigil Light Sponsor: In memory of Frank & Georgie Edar by Leona Labay.

Our Gift to God last week: Envelopes- \$4,456.50; Loose- \$1,442; Children’s- \$25; Catholic Ed.- \$605; Church Endowment- \$48; School Endowment- \$298.

Anniversaries:

Anthony & Anna Etzler 40 years Oct. 26

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Judy Davis, sister of Victor Buzek; and Rudolph Steffek, brother of Alvin J. Steffek. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

Prayer for Rain: Almighty God, we are in need of rain. We realize now, looking up into the clear, blue sky, what a marvel even the least drop of rain really is. To think that so much water can fall out of the sky, which now is empty and clear! We place our trust in You. Look on our dry hills and fields, dear God, and bless them with the living blessing of soft rain. Then the land will rejoice, and the rivers will sing Your praises, and the hearts of men will be made glad. Amen.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

- Baptism Preparation Class: 9:00 a.m. in the Rectory.
-Covered dish supper in Family Center after Spanish Mass.
-Falling Leaves Festival, KC Hall. Fried Chicken & Sausage Dinner 10:30 a.m.; Drive-thru Plates 10:30 – 1:00 p.m. Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup will be available. Polka Battle Dance – Noon to 5:30 p.m. featuring Vrazel’s Polka Band & Dujka Brothers.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

- Rosary & Evening Prayer: 5:30 p.m. in church.
-Parish Finance Council Mtg.: 6:00 pm in the Rectory.
-Parish Advisory Council Mtg.: 6:30 pm in the Rectory.
-Men’s ACTS Mtg.: 7:00 p.m. at Sweet Home.
-Deer Hunters Stag Supper, KC Hall. Doors open 5 pm.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

- Quilting Circle: 9 a.m. – Noon, KC Hall of Fame Room.
-RCIA Class: 7:00 – 8:15 p.m. in the Family Center.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

- CCD: Grades K – 11th, 6:00 – 7:10 p.m.
-Spiritual Book Study: 6:00 – 7:10 p.m. in the Rectory.
-SHCS Booster Club Mtg: 7:00 pm, KC Hall of Fame Rm.
-Divine Mercy Prayer Group: 7:00 p.m., Church Cry Room.

AMONG OUR SICK: Hubert Grahmann, Deacon Marvin Fikac, Mary Laas, Jacque Holchak, Alvin Rosenauer, Frank Luke, Douglas Bludau, Macey Moeller, Margaret Flores, Mary Ann Gaitan, Virginia Pederson, Odessa Blumberg, Debbie Fishbeck, Johnny Rainosek, Josie Ohnheiser, Clint Brewer, Mason Leibham, Josie Muniz, David Tomek, Riley Mika, Joyce Svetlik, Louise Tesch, Mary Bonorden, Marie Grafe, Loraine Butschek, Jesse Cavazos, Bernice Woytek, Evelyn Henke, Lillie Sitka, Harvey Prasek, Paige Haas, Annette Krupala, Sr. Rosalyn Henke, Juno Werner, Thelma Mikulenka, John Schlageter, Alphonse Steffek, Ethel Bludau, Mary Ann Kana, Bill Chapline, Anthony Corte, Philip Schlageter, Maggie Volcik, Lorene Fuller, Matthew Walker, Amanda Conniff, Rachel Siegel, Marcella Henke, Adela Pohl, Margaret Timm, Madeline Lakey, Richard Wachel, Sylvester Garza, Harry Jackson, nursing home residents & homebound.

Visitation & Blessing of the Graves:

October 31: Sacred Heart School & Parish at 9:15 a.m.

November 1: Moravia at 5:30 p.m.

November 2: St. Mary at 8:30 a.m.



St. John after 9:30 a.m. Mass

Sacred Heart at 3:00 p.m.

St. Augustine, Worthing at 3:45 p.m.

St. Anthony, Breslau at 4:30 p.m.

St. Ludmila, Wied at 5:15 p.m.

White Ribbon Against Pornography (WRAP) Week Oct. 26 – Nov. 2 sponsored by the Catholic Daughters. WRAP Week is intended to educate the public about the extent of the pornography problem and what can constitutionally be done about it. Fighting pornography is a year-round challenge. For more information about the Wrap Campaign, go to www.moralityinmedia.org (WRAP page).

On November 1st we celebrate All Saints Day. On November 2nd we celebrate All Souls Day. All of us will die. We need not be afraid if we have lived life turning to Jesus, if we have lived life righteously, justly, with faith in Jesus. We have been baptized and the Spirit has been poured into us. We can believe that “hope does not disappoint.” We may need some purification when we die. However, it is the will of God that we not be lost, but that we be raised up and have eternal life. These words and others from today’s readings should be reassuring and comforting as we look to our own deaths. We can trust that we will be raised up as Jesus was raised up. If we know that we have believed in our lifetime, we can trust the promises of today’s Scriptures. We, too, can be in peace here and in the afterlife.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (#1014) quotes the stirring words of St. Francis of Assisi: “Praised are you, my Lord, for our sister bodily Death, from whom no living man can escape. Woe on those who will die in mortal sin! Blessed are they who will be found in your most holy will, for the second death will not harm them.”

Taking part in Eucharist is one way we keep turning to Jesus in this lifetime. It is one way we can claim the promises of today’s Scriptures for ourselves.

New playground equipment was installed at the Sacred Heart Daycare Center last Saturday. The playground equipment was donated by generous grandparents of the Sacred Heart Daycare Family. The students and staff thank Harry and Linda Cull, James and Linda Rodgers, and Dennis and Darlene Shimek for the donation. Dennis Shimek, Harry Cull, Michael Grahmann, John Paul Clark, Eugene Pokluda, and Kevin and Amy Shimek constructed the new addition.



The Youth ConneXion



November 8: CHAMPS meet in church at 2:30 p.m.

November 9: Jr. High Fiesta at Holy Family Parish Activity Center, Victoria. Mike Patin, keynote speaker, uses energy, humor & stories to affirm the goodness of God’s presence among us while inviting others to take the “next step” in our journey with God. All Jr. High age young people are encouraged to attend. Doors open at 11 a.m. Liturgy concelebrated at 5:00 p.m. For registration information, please call Kris Hermes at 798-0655.

Incarnate Word Convent Christmas Craft Sale on Nov. 8 & 9. Saturday 9 am–4 pm; Sunday 10 am–4 pm. Each handcrafted item is made with love, care & a prayer.

Religious Education – Janice Busselman, 798-3124

Safe Environment Training for 8th–11th Grade CCD students will be held in class during the month of October.

November 16: 6th Grade youth involvement, 8:00 Mass.

November 26: No class (Thanksgiving Holiday).

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***Band Tamale Sale:** October 20 – November 7. Regular & jalapeno tamales \$6 per dozen; chicken tamales \$8 per dozen. Order tamales from any band member or call Lisa Adams 798-9903, Kris Allen 979-234-7779, Candy Hines 798-5554, Laurie Janak 798-4361, or the school office. Delivery date is Wednesday, November 12.

***Early Dismissal:** Monday, October 27 at 2:00 p.m. Report card distribution 2:15–3:30 pm & 5:00–6:00 pm.

***Elementary Library Book Fair:** October 27 – 31, from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm (Monday open until 6:00 pm).

***Jr. High Hotdog Supper** in the Family Center after the football game on Wednesday, October 29th.

Olive Wood Gift Sales after Masses on November 8 & 9. These items make beautiful Christmas gifts & help support the Christians living in the Holy Land. Sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

Fr. Peters: On behalf of His Eminence, Daniel Cardinal DiNardo who is at this time in Rome, I offer you and the good people of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, St. Mary, St. John the Baptist, and Ascension of Our Lord Catholic communities our sincere thanks for the contribution made to Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. The generous contribution in the amount of \$6,995.25 will help provide assistance to our brothers and sisters who were affected by Hurricane Ike. Though this amount may express the monetary value attributed to the contribution, I assure you that the spirit and prayerful support in which it has been given is priceless in our estimation.

The road to recovery for Galveston will be a long one, but with the resilient faith of our diocesan community and the blessing of God’s unwavering love, it is one that we will walk together. Please extend our grateful appreciation to your parishioners.

Sincerely, Most Reverend Joe S. Vasquez, Auxiliary Bishop & Chancellor, Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

SACRED HEART CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND

In honor of Fr. John’s 60th Birthday:

Karen Zavesky & SHCS 4th Grade Class 10.00

SACRED HEART SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Helen Schulte:

Royce & Anna Brown 20.00

In honor of Fr. John’s 60th Birthday:

Charles & Doloris Leopold 500.00

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Billy & Frances Moore 10.00

Dorothy & Charlie Jansky 30.00

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John & LaVerne Trojcek 25.00

SACRED HEART SCHOOL ALUMNI FUND

In memory of Mary Steffek:

Marcus & Marjorie Grahmann 20.00

Daniel & Helen Pesek & Family 25.00

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Every year during Lent, a suburban Chicago parish holds a weekend retreat for men. Barely thirty hours in length –

from Saturday morning to Sunday afternoon – the retreat helps men deepen their relationship with God, with each other, and with their families. It is a chance to put the world aside for a while and spend time in prayer, reflection and friendship. Yet of nearly 3,000 registered families, on average only about ten men attend the weekend retreat, and often a couple of those men are returning for a second or even third time. How can we find as much time as we need for some of life's most trivial offerings, but can't find thirty hours to devote to God?

In today's Gospel reading from Matthew, the Pharisees were again questioning Jesus' knowledge of the laws of Moses and the Jewish faith. When asked which is the greatest, He responded simply but matter-of-factly that "you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind." He then explained that as a natural extension of this greatest of all commandments, we are to love our neighbors as ourselves, meaning no matter who we meet, we are to love them as God loves each of us.

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, this love of God and each other is known as the path of charity. Charity is the greatest social commandment. It respects others and their rights. It requires the practice of justice, and it alone makes us capable of justice. Charity inspires a life of self-giving (CCC 1889). When faced with a difficult situation, if we remember the greatest commandment – to love one another – we will find a clear path to resolving the difficulty.

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In memory of Mary M. Steffek:

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In memory of Mary M. Steffek:

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In memory of Buddy Rohan: 10.00

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Emil & Joyce Hermes 10.00

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JEROME HAAS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In honor of Fr. John's 60th Birthday: 60.00

Georgia Haas

SACRED HEART QUILTING CIRCLE

In honor of Fr. John's 60th Birthday: 20.00

In memory of Mary M. Steffek: 10.00

In memory of Helen Schulte: 10.00

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SACRED HEART CHURCH MUSIC FUND

In memory of Helen Schulte:

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In memory of Mary Zappe:

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In memory of Mary M. Steffek:

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FR. JOHN'S SEMINARY BURSE

In honor of Fr. John's 60th Birthday:

Jimmy & Sylvia Steffek 20.00

Laurence & Carol Bludau Family 25.00

LOUIS & JOSEPHINE APPELT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In memory of Dennis Smirak:

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