

September 7, 2008: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that ‘every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.’” - Mt 18:15-16

LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, September 7 (Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20)

8:00 AM- For our Parish Family
10:30 AM- Living & deceased members of Theo & Mary L. Grahmann Family

Monday, September 8 (Mi 5:1-4a/ Mt 1:1-16, 18-23)

7:00 AM- Living & deceased members of KJZT No. 2
10:00 AM- Delaine Kolacny (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, September 9 (1 Cor 6:1-11/ Lk 6:12-19)

7:00 AM- Charles J. & Pauline “Tootsie” Zavesky

Wednesday, September 10 (1 Cor 7:25-31/ Lk 6:20-26)

7:00 AM- Leon Bujnoch
8:05 AM- Dale Schulte

Thursday, September 11 (1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/ Lk 6:27-38)

7:00 AM- Living & deceased members of John & Emily Patlovany Family
10:00 AM- Helen Schulte (Stevens)

Friday, September 12 (1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/ Lk 6:39-42)

7:00 AM- Robert, Julie & James Grahmann
8:05 AM- Mass of Thanksgiving – Marvin & Lillian Rabel’s 50th Anniversary

Saturday, September 13 (1 Cor 10:14-22/ Lk 6:43-49)

5:30 PM- Lillie & Frank Morisak , baby Lillian

Sunday, September 14 (Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/ Jn 3:13-17)

8:00 AM- For our Parish Family
10:30 AM- Raymond & Elizabeth Linhart Brosch, Helen Marie

Bulletin Sponsor: Hallettsville Livestock Commission.

Radio Broadcast Sponsor: Arthur & Rose Mary Etzler in honor of their 61st wedding anniversary.

Vigil Light in memory of Alice Miller by Ella Mae Bludau.

Our Gift to God last week: Envelopes- \$3,987; Loose-\$1,232; Children’s- \$58.


Anniversaries:

Emil & Joyce Hermes	45 years	Sept. 7
Urban & Theresa Hemmi	68 years	Sept. 8
Henry & Elrose Muenster	52 years	Sept. 8
Arthur & Rose Mary Etzler	61 years	Sept. 9

Promise of Marriage: Ashley N. Bludau & Stephen E. Grahmann on September 20th.

August Baptisms: Kaycee Rion Schindler, daughter of Michael & Valorie Grahmann Schindler.

Women’s ACTS Retreat Applications will be in the foyer of the church on September 15th.

 **Pray for vocations to the priestly & religious life!**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

- JCDA Meeting: 3:30 – 5:00 p.m., Family Center.
- Rosary & Evening Prayer: 5:30 p.m. in church.
- KJZT Meeting: 6:30 p.m. in the Family Center.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

- Quilting Circle: 9 a.m. – Noon, KC Hall of Fame Room.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

- CCD: Grades PreK – 11th, 6:00 – 7:10 p.m.
- SHCS Booster Club Mtg: 7:30 pm, KC Hall of Fame Rm.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- Christian Mothers Holy Hour, 6:00 – 7:00 pm in church.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- CHAMPS meet at 2:30 p.m. in church.

AMONG OUR SICK: Hubert Grahmann, Deacon Marvin Fikac, Mary Laas, Jacque Holchak, Alvin Rosenauer, Frank Luke, Douglas Bludau, Macey Moeller, Margaret Flores, Wilhelm Grahmann, Virginia Pederson, Odessa Blumberg, Debbie Fishbeck, Mary Ann Gaitan, 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, Ernest Schulte, Thelma Mikulenka, John Schlageter, Alphonse Steffek, Ethel Bludau, Mary Ann Kana, Bill Chapline, Harry Macik, Dorothy Petru, Anthony Corte, Philip Schlageter, Maggie Volcik, nursing home residents & homebound.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Zappe of our parish family. *May she & all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.*

Welcome to the Parish: Humberto & Alva Monroy, children Jessica & Jennifer; Chijroke & Rhonda Nnajofo; Patrick & Colleen Guevara, children Hannah & Luke; Greg & RoAnn Leach, children Coy & Cassidy.

Christian Mothers: Dues for 2009 are \$6.00. Please mail your payment to Rhonda Brown, 526 CR 131A, Hallettsville. For information, call Rhonda at 798-1937.

Sacred Heart Daycare has an opening for part-time help. Please call Amy Shimek (798-1806) for application info.

Retrouvaille is a program for married couples experiencing difficulty in their marriage. To register for the weekend program on Sept. 12 -14 in Victoria, call (979) 543-3493 or e-mail lbconner@sbcglobal.net.

Sacred Heart Parish, Flatonia is having a Garage Sale in their Parish Hall on Sept. 12 & 13 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Junior Catholic Daughters (JCDA) Meeting, Monday, September 8 from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. in the Family Center. The JCDA is open to Catholic girls in 1st – 12th grade. If you are interested in joining the JCDA, please come to the meeting or call Shanna Clark (798-9189) or Amy Shimek (798-9116).

Pro-Life: Pray for all who have grown very old: that we might cherish their wisdom, give thanks for their presence, and remind them daily of how much we love them.

From the Desk of Father John

A topic of major concern in this day and time is that of cohabitation. Chances are that you know at least one unmarried couple living together. Maybe you're living with someone yourself. Or maybe you're thinking about moving in with a "significant other."

Until 1970, cohabitation was illegal throughout the United States. Society considered it scandalous to live together outside the bonds of marriage. In fact, a common term for cohabitation was "living in sin."

But secular attitudes have changed. According to U.S. Census reports, more than 5 million unmarried men and women are living together in the United States, an increase of one thousand percent since 1960.

Pick up a magazine and you'll see celebrities who choose cohabitation over marriage. Characters in books, television shows, and movies "shack up together." What started as a deviation from the norm has become socially acceptable for people in all age groups, races, and socio-economic levels.

Today, over 50 percent of newly married couples have lived together before their wedding. Fourteen percent of them had lived with a previous partner. The implication is clear: "Everyone's doing it. No problem. Just two people, making a personal choice."

The Catholic Church disagrees.

As Catholics, we believe that marriage is the permanent union of a man and a woman, instituted by God, for the good of both spouses and for bringing new life into the world.

This love between a man and a woman is more than just sexual chemistry. It involves the total giving of each person's physical, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual being without any reservations. In the eyes of the Catholic Church, marriage can never be considered a temporary or "trial" arrangement.

These are not arbitrary beliefs. They are grounded in the revelation of God and the teachings of Jesus Christ. The Sacrament of Matrimony, the importance of the family, the sacredness of sex, and the dignity of the human person are part of God's divine plan.

If we're honest, we will admit that God's ways are the best ways for human beings. In the case of marriage, researchers can prove it is true. Studies show that married people attain higher levels of personal happiness, emotional fulfillment, sexual satisfaction, mental stability, good health, and positive relationships with extended family members.

When couples choose to cohabit; however, there is no spiritual foundation for the union, no lifelong commitment, and no promise of fidelity, which leaves the relationship open to feelings of instability. If couples see their relationship as merely a sexual union that can be terminated when passions cool, boredom sets in, or someone more interesting comes along, the result can be disastrous.

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The Youth ConneXion

September 12: Friday Night Fiesta at the Youth House following HHS Homecoming Game (7th – 12th Grades).
Please bring a friend!

September 13: CHAMPS meet at 2:30 p.m. in church.

September 14: Youth Group gathering at the Youth House at 4:00 p.m. Meeting to follow.

September 21: Youth meet in the church at 5:00 p.m. Firefall at 6:00 p.m.



Religious Education
Janice Busselman, 798-3124

First Penance Workshop & Commissioning Service for parents & students on Sept. 21 at 5:30 pm in the Cafeteria.

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***Welcome, Terezie Sedlinska of the Czech Republic!**

Terezie is attending SHCS as a senior & is staying with Mrs. Evelyn Konvicka.

***Booster Club** meets every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the KC Hall of Fame Room during football season.

***BBQ Pork Dinner:** Plates to go on September 28, KC Hall. Tickets \$7.00 each.

HSA Strudel Bake: October 18. For suggestions or to volunteer to serve on a committee, please call Charlene Bradbury (798-3224), Angela Harper (798-3323) or Wendy Janak (798-9162) after 5:00 p.m.

***The Adopt-A-Student Program** is a tuition assistance program for SHCS families. This is a wonderful way to honor a loved one or a friend – living or deceased – for a special occasion such as an anniversary or birthday. For donation information, please call the school or rectory.

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.



SACRED HEART CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Tim Schaefer:

Monte & Arleen Werner & Family	10.00
Bohumir & Mary Ann Pustejovsky	10.00
James & Carolyn Boyd	50.00
Glen & Evelyn Jansky	15.00
Rosalie Tobola	5.00
Ronnie Kainer	20.00

SACRED HEART SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Tim Schaefer:

Marcella & Henry Joe Henke	10.00
Alan & Laura Jirkovsky	25.00
Jim & Bea Jakubek	20.00

