

August 9, 2009: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



"I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die." — Jn 6:48-50

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LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, August 9 (1 Kgs 19:4-8/Eph 4:30--5:2/Jn 6:41-51)

8:00 am- Mass of Thanksgiving – Lawrence & Delores
Grahmann's 40th Anniversary

10:30 am- For our Parish Family

Monday, August 10, St. Lawrence (2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26)

7:00 am- Bill Mitchon

10:00 am- Mary Lee & Johnny Kunetka, Jr. & Lillie Kristek
(Hallettsville Rehab)

Tuesday, August 11, St. Clare (Dt 31:1-8/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14)

7:00 am- Tim Schaefer

Wednesday, August 12, St. Jane Frances de Chantal (Dt 34:1-12 /Mt 18:15-20)

7:00 am- Joe & K. V. Vanek

8:05 am- Mass of Thanksgiving - Daniel & Mathilda Melnar's
46th Anniversary

Thursday, August 13, Pope Pontian & St. Hippolytus (Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Mt 18:21; 19:1)

7:00 am- Johnny Rainosek

10:00 am- Josephine McCain (Stevens)

Friday, August 14, St. Maximilian (Jos 24:1-13/Mt 19:3-12)

7:00 am- Living & deceased members of KJZT #2

8:05 am- For Rain

6:00 pm- (Vigil Mass of the Assumption) Georgia Bohuslav

Saturday, August 15, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56)

6:45 am- Special Intention

8:05 am- For our Parish Family

5:30 pm- Mass of Thanksgiving – Glen & Pat Pagel's 50th
Anniversary & Jerry & Terry Hay's 23rd Anniversary

Sunday, August 16 (Prv 9:1-6/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58)

8:00 am- Ryan & Shawn Drozd

10:30 am- Frances Mark Hagendorf

Mass Schedule – Feast of the Assumption:

August 14 Vigil Mass – St. John's, 7:00 p.m.

August 15 – St. Mary's, 10:00 a.m.

Bulletin, Radio & Vigil Light Sponsor: In thanksgiving for Lawrence & Delores Grahmann's 40th Anniversary by their children.

Anniversaries:

Lawrence & Delores Grahmann 40 years Aug. 9

Emil & LaRose Svab 56 years Aug. 11

Kenneth & Edwiner Deshotel 40 years Aug. 12

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$5,870; Building Repair Fund-\$840; Loose-\$1,088; Children's-\$19.

Flowers the prior week in memory of Judith Ohnheiser & this past week in memory of George Bujnoch.

May God be gracious to us & bless us; may God's face shine upon us.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

-Firefall at 6:00 p.m. in church. Parishioners are invited to join the youth in Eucharistic adoration.

-St. Michael Picnic, Veteran's Park, Weimar.

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

-Rosary & evening prayer, 5:30 p.m. in church.

-KJZT Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Mary's House.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

-Quilting Circle, 9:00 a.m., KC Hall of Fame Room.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

-Spiritual Book Study, 6:30 p.m., Mary's House.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

-Praha Picnic. Mass 10 am. Fried Chicken & Stew
Dinner 11 am. Auction, bingo, country store, game
booths. Music by Praha Bros., Dujka Bros., Red Ravens.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

-St. Andrew Picnic, Hillje. BBQ Beef & Sausage Dinner
11 am. Auction, country store, cake walk, games booths.

AMONG OUR SICK: Hubert Grahmann, Alvin Rosenauer, Odessa & Doug Blumberg, Josie Ohnheiser, Clint Brewer, Mason Leibham, Riley Mika, Mary Bonorden, Annette Krupala, Anthony Corte, Amanda Conniff, Margaret Timm, Harry Jackson, Helen M. Appelt, Luke Bludau, Mary Kaiser, Michael Kutac, Rosalie Simpson, Ed Aulick, Paige Haas, Anita Kallus, Hubert Etzler, Jeff Zavesky, Renae Ross, Alma Jurena, Kate Kopecky, Michael L. Drozd, Bill Biehunko, Lindal Finley, Frank Fishar, Pam Dornak, Clayton Patek, Suzanne Romano, Mary Agnes Grahmann, Raymond Dornak, Bill Bludau, Alice Kocian, Anita Bohuslav, Theresa Steffek, Betty Toman, MacKenzie Fogle, Henri Mae Patek, Jennifer Lackey, nursing home residents & the homebound.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Annie Ruppert, mother of Fr. Don Ruppert; & George Bujnoch, Lorraine Senglemann & Viola Darilek of our parish family.

Promise of Marriage: Kristy Jurena & Dustin Turner on August 15; Sandy Horton & Keith Foxell on August 22.

Thank you to all who have taken their pictures for our directory. We are scheduling pictures for August 25-29 & Sept. 1-5. Sign up will be held after all Masses on August 22 & 23 or call Linda Pavliska at 798-3253.

Group pictures will be taken in church after the 8:00 am Mass on **August 23** of Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Ushers & Altar Servers, and on **August 30** of Lectors, Cantors, Organists & Rosary Leaders. Members of these ministries are urged to be present.

Residents of Hallettsville Rehab & Stevens will have their pictures taken on **September 8** beginning at 10:00 a.m. If you would like to be present for your loved one's picture taking, you are welcome to attend.

Honoring our Troops ... We will have a page honoring military personnel who are members of Sacred Heart Church. Please drop off a picture of your loved one at the Rectory so we can include them on our military page.

From the Desk of Father John

(Continued from last bulletin)

It's good to pray at home, but private prayer doesn't take the place of coming to Mass. When you pray at home, your prayer is personal and one-dimensional.

But when you come to Mass, you pray with your whole being. You use all of your senses. You see, hear, smell, taste, and touch. You use your body by genuflecting, sitting, kneeling, standing, walking and singing.

The Mass also gives you the opportunity to:

- ❖ Seek forgiveness for your sins.
- ❖ Learn how God's word impacts your life in the homily.
- ❖ Offer yourself to the Lord.
- ❖ Experience the miracle of bread and wine changing into the Body and Blood of Christ.
- ❖ Reach out to others with the Peace of Christ.
- ❖ Admit that you are not worthy, and then come forward to receive the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ.
- ❖ Receive a special blessing.
- ❖ Be commissioned to go out and make the world a better place.

(To be continued next bulletin)



The Youth ConneXion



August 9: Youth meet in church at 5:00 p.m. Firefall at 6:00 p.m. Youth gathering to follow at the Youth House.

August 30: End of Summer Bash beginning at 3:00 p.m. at the Youth House.

September 13: CHAMPS will begin monthly gatherings at the Youth House. More information to follow.

Music Practice: Mondays, 5:00–6:30 pm, Youth House.

Religious Education (CCD) Janice Busselman ~ 798-3124

Several catechists, aides & other volunteers are needed for our Religious Education Program, which will begin in September. Please consider answering God's call by volunteering some of your time to work with the children of our parish. It will be a truly rewarding experience. If you are interested, please call Janice at 798-9164 or speak to Fr. John or Fr. Michael.

Sacred Heart Parish Fall Picnic – September 6th

The Fall Picnic is just around the corner! If you have any cattle, antiques or other interesting items you would like to donate to the Auction, please call the rectory as soon as possible so that we may begin advertising the items. Cash donations are also being accepted at this time.

Auction: Terry Bludau- '84 Olympic caps; Dorothy Nagelmueller- antique rocker.

Diocese of Victoria "Pastoral Institute Classes" offered this summer. *Echoes of Faith Plus* booklets (\$4) will be needed & can be purchased at the Chancery or at the course site. For info. or to register, call 573-0828, ext. 24.

Class open to all parishioners. Catechists & Catholic school religion teachers are expected to take this class:
Sacraments: Aug. 11 & 12, 6:30-9:30 pm, St. Agnes, Edna & Holy Cross, East Bernard. This is a 6 hr. class.

Sacred Heart Catholic School News ~ (361) 798-4251

Faculty In-service: August 11 – 14.

Freshmen Orientation: August 11, 7:00 p.m., Cafeteria.

Pre-K Open House: August 13, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

5th Grade Orientation: August 13, 7:00 p.m., Cafeteria.

First Day of School: Monday, August 17.

Eric Genius, composer & concert pianist will be in concert on Aug. 23 at 6:30 pm at Sts. C&M Church, Shiner. Featuring – Caroline Brooks, vocals & Liesl Shonberger, violin. There is no charge. Donations will be accepted.

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. We place our trust in You. Look on our dry hills & fields, dear God, & bless them with the living blessing of soft rain. Then the land will rejoice, & the rivers will sing Your praises, & the hearts of men will be made glad. Amen.

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Perhaps you've heard the story of the atheist who while out hiking fell off the side of a cliff, only to grab on to a branch that stopped him from falling to a certain death. He held on for dear life, with nothing between him and the canyon below. He decided at that moment to give prayer a chance, asking God for salvation from his fate. A voice from above told him to let go of the branch; his new faith would save him. The man thought for a moment, and then looking skyward asked, "Is there anyone else up there I can talk to about this?" When we are offered the gift of eternal life, do we ignore it?

We listen to the words of Jesus as He admonishes a crowd of grumblers: "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draw him, and I will raise him on the last day." We are drawn to God; on Sundays we are drawn to Mass. Our parishes draw us in from the parking lot or the street; our pastor draws us to the altar to receive the holy Eucharist. At times, we may feel as if we are holding on for our dear lives, barely able to make it through each day. It is at these times that we quiet ourselves and listen to God. We are drawn into loving arms, and we are safe.

Underlying Jesus' message that He is the bread of life is that in order for us to receive eternal life, we must live in love. To live in love means to seek Jesus, and through Him God, in contemplative prayer. We seek Him, because doing so is the beginning of true love (CCC 2709). In the sharing of the Eucharist at every Mass, we are reaffirming our vow to live a life of love. Today, as you approach the altar, leave behind your anger and bitterness. Let go of that branch, and you will be saved.