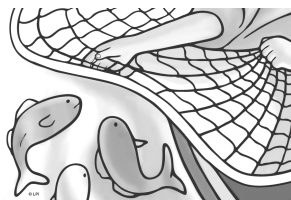


**January 25, 2009: Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul**



*As He passed by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after Me, and I will make you fishers of men." – Mk 1:16-17*

**LITURGY**

**MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS**

**Sunday, Jan. 25 (Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20)**

8:00 AM- Living & deceased members of Frank & Elizabeth Grafe Family

10:30 AM- Daniel & Eddie Stock

5:00 PM- For our Parish Family (Spanish Mass)

**Monday, January 26 (2 Tm 1:1-8/ Mk 3:22-30)**

7:00 AM- Laddie Konvicka, Jr.

10:00 AM- Living & deceased members of Christian Mothers Society (H'ville Rehab)

**Tuesday, January 27 (Heb 10:1-10/ Mk 3:31-35)**

7:00 AM- Hubert & Hedwig Spanihel

**Wednesday, January 28 (Heb 10:11-18/ Mk 4:1-20)**

7:00 AM- Thomas & Anna Pastucha

8:05 AM- Lillie Horecka

**Thursday, January 29 (Heb 10:19-25/ Mk 4:21-25)**

7:00 AM- Joseph & Mary Vanek

10:00 AM- Deceased members of Frank & Anna Kahane Family (Stevens)

**Friday, January 30 (Heb 10:32-39/ Mk 4:26-34)**

7:00 AM- Albert Toman

8:05 AM- Leroy Schindler

**Saturday, January 31 (Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Mk 4:35-41)**

5:30 PM- Joe F. Steffek

**Sunday, February 1 (Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28)**

8:00 AM- Mass of Thanksgiving – Charles & Doloris Leopold's 45th Anniversary

10:30 AM- For our Parish Family

**Bulletin Sponsor:** Allan & Evelyn Lanik.

**Radio Broadcast Sponsor:** In memory of Harvey Pavliska, Sr. by the family.

**Vigil Light:** In memory of Russell Grahmann by Marvin & Annette Grahmann & Family.

**Our Gift to God last week:** Envelopes-\$4,413.50; Loose-\$1,174; Children's-\$50; Catholic Ed.-\$1,368.

**Anniversaries:**

Marvin & Barbara Koehne 35 years Jan. 26

Bill & Margaret Bludau 53 years Jan. 31

**Please pray for the repose of the souls of** John Jalufka, father of Agnes Huser; and Fr. Ed Kelly, Assistant Pastor 1982–1986. *May they rest in the peace of Christ.*

**Contribution Statements for 2008** are available upon request. **Please call BEFORE coming by the Rectory to give us time to prepare your statement.** Thank you.

**Bulletin Bloopers:** "Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get."

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 25**

-Baptism Preparation Class, 9:00 a.m. in the Rectory. Please call the Rectory in advance to register.

-Covered dish supper in Family Center after Spanish Mass.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 26**

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

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 27**

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

-Altar Society Meeting, 5:30 p.m. in church.

-RCIA Class, 7:00 – 8:15 p.m., Family Center.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28**

-CCD classes dismissed (Catholic Schools Week).

-Spiritual Book Study will not meet today.

**AMONG OUR SICK:** Hubert Grahmann, Deacon Marvin Fikac, Mary Laas, Jacque Holchak, Alvin Rosenauer, Frank Luke, Macey Moeller, Margaret Flores, Mary Ann Gaitan, Virginia Pederson, Odessa Blumberg, Debbie Fishbeck, 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, Annette Krupala, Thelma Mikulenska, Alphonse Steffek, Bill Chapline, Anthony Corte, Philip Schlageter, Maggie Volcik, Matthew Walker, Amanda Conniff, Marcella Henke, Margaret Timm, Madeline Lakey, Sylvester Garza, Harry Jackson, Helen M. Appelt, Luke Bludau, Mary Kaiser, Michael Kutac, Rosalie Simpson, Hedwig Greer, Josephine Matejek, Ed Aulick, Paige Haas, Milada Netardus, Agatha Janak, nursing home residents & the homebound.

**Spiritual Book Study** will not meet next Wed., Jan. 28.

We will resume meeting Feb. 4. Feel free to join us at 6 p.m. in Mary's House. The book being reviewed at this time is *The Return of the Prodigal Son* by Fr. Henri J. M. Nouwen. You will be able to catch up even if you have never attended. For book ordering info and /or questions, call Pat Scherer (979) 562-2252.

**Spiritual Direction...is it for me?** Sometimes people have the mistaken idea that spiritual direction is only for priests, deacons and religious. Our Church makes spiritual direction available for everyone, regardless of vocation. Spiritual direction is a confidential, individual opportunity to share with someone who has been trained to listen and perhaps offer suggestions that may enrich our prayer life.



There is never any charge. This is a gift we give to each other as the Body of Christ. For more info or to schedule an appointment, call Pat Scherer (979) 562-2252.

**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 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.

***From the Desk of Father Michael***

“Last of all, as to one born abnormally, he appeared to me. For I am the least of the apostles, not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me has not been ineffective. Indeed, I have toiled harder than all of them; not I, however, but the grace of God (that is) with me.” (1 Corinthians 15:8-10) During this year, proclaimed the year of St. Paul, we celebrate this great apostle’s conversion with immense joy. By God’s grace, working in St. Paul, this man who spent so much energy tearing down God’s church, worked tirelessly to build it up. As a result, many were converted and brought to a deep faith in the Lord our God. St. Paul’s letters continue to teach us about the mercy of God and the working of His grace in and through His creation. Due to the great humility and faithful service this one man offered God and His Church, we—the Church—give praise to God for St. Paul on this day.

This weekend also marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week. The goal of Catholic Schools is primarily to shape and educate the youth in a Christ filled environment where each student is afforded the opportunity to grow spiritually, morally, academically, socially, and physically. We give thanks to God for the opportunity to have a Catholic School in the parish along with the 13 others in the diocese. Everyone of the parish is invited to join in the celebration of Catholic schools during this week with the various activities planned for each night of the week.



***The Youth ConneXion***



**February 14:** CHAMPS meet in church at 2:30 p.m.  
**February 20:** 5th – 8th Grade Youth Lock-In. Details coming soon!

***Religious Education – Janice Busselman 798-3124***

**February 8:** First Communion Workshop, 3:00 p.m.  
**February 25:** Ash Wednesday Parish Mass 6:15 p.m.; 10th Grade participate.

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

**\*January 26–30:** Catholic Schools week. See insert for scheduled activities.  
**\*Extravaganza, Saturday, February 7, KC Hall.** Social 6:00 p.m.; Dinner 7:30 p.m.; Dance 9:00 p.m. Music provided by Cactus Country. Tickets \$125/couple, which

includes social, steak dinner for two & dance. Tickets are available at the school office & rectory.

**\*Magazine Drive** begins February 9. Please save your renewal notices and discount coupons and subscribe for your magazines through SHCS.

**The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle**

There is the story of the man who, after a long life, passed away quietly. Upon entering heaven, he was offered the grand tour by none other than St. Paul himself. As they made their way, the man noticed many familiar faces staring back at him in what appeared to be shock. But the faces were familiar because they had led infamous lives as terrible sinners on earth, committing horrible crimes and bringing misery to many. "But St. Paul," the man said, "I can't believe such people are in heaven." St. Paul put his arm around the man. "Do you see that look of shock on their faces? As they were with me, they're stunned to see you've made it, too!"

A follower of Christ, Stephen, has been convicted of blasphemy against Moses and the Jewish church in Jerusalem. An angry crowd is summoned to carry out the punishment, death by stoning. They take off their robes and lay them at the feet of Saul of Tarsus for safekeeping; Saul has made a name for himself as one who would wipe out the fledgling Christian church. It wasn't until he was blinded by a light and heard the voice of Jesus while on his way to Damascus that Saul, later taking the name of Paul, realized his sins and asked for forgiveness; in return he would preach the Gospels himself with every breath.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that conversion – forgiveness and redemption of past sins – is most lovingly illustrated in the parable of the prodigal son. Despite a life of selfish pursuits, we will always be welcomed into the loving arms of the Father and the Church (CCC 1439). On this feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, know that no matter the dire details of our past, we will find forgiveness if we ask for it in faith.

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**SACRED HEART EARLY CHILDHOOD & DAYCARE**  
**In memory of James Kouba:**

Judy Harvey	10.00
Daniel & Shirley Steffek	15.00
Harvey & Vivian Janak	20.00
Henry & Ann Kostelnik	20.00
Cindy Kutac & Family	25.00
Delores Chaloupka	20.00
Lester & Dorothy Sicko	20.00

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FUND (CCD)**

**In memory of James Kouba:**

Donald & Donna Shimek	15.00
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**SACRED HEART SCHOOL ALUMNI FUND**

**In memory of James Kouba:**

Jamie & Darren Steffek	10.00
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**SACRED HEART SCHOOL OPERATING FUND**

**In memory of James Kouba:**

Everett & Pam Bludau	25.00
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Eugene & Elaine Schindler	20.00
Pat & Gayle Henke	30.00
Franklin & Nola Bohuslav	15.00
Peoples State Bank	100.00
Larry & Doris Grubert	15.00
Frank & Jo Nell Janecek	20.00
Roger & Beverly Janak	20.00

**FINANCIAL REPORT – DECEMBER, 2008****Church Income:**

Sunday Collections	\$ 41,657.00
Other Donations	3,376.00
Religious Articles	2,234.00
Family Center Rental	340.00
Religious Retirement	529.00
Interest	7,183.69
Total Church Income	<u>\$ 55,319.69</u>

**Church Expense:**

Salaries	\$ 7,535.90
Utilities	1,567.75
Church Expense	2,140.80
Rectory Expense	508.97
Office Expense	1,044.56
Religious Articles	1,918.67
Family Center Expense	391.01
Medical Insurance & Pension	2,592.00
Repairs & Maintenance	469.81
Special Collections	529.00
Building Insurance	1,528.12
Workman's Comp.	149.58
Total Church Expense	<u>\$ 20,376.17</u>

**School Income:**

Field Trips	\$ 109.50
Bus Fees	175.00
PreK Tuition	5,400.00
K – 12th Tuition	45,600.00
Extended Care	1,885.00
Catholic Education	2,877.00
Friends for Catholic Education	7,370.00
Memorials	2,117.00
Shop Donations	215.00
Extravaganza	2,625.00
Library Income	3,000.00
Donations	2,000.00

**SACRED HEART CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND**In memory of Ethel C. Bludau:

Christian Mothers Society	25.00
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In memory of Adela Pohl:

Mary Ann Pavliska	10.00
Pat Hanslik	20.00
Patsy & Helen Zabransky	10.00
A.J. & Margaret Hanslik	25.00
Bernard & Mary Grahmann	10.00
Forrest & Carol Sevcik & family	10.00
Hubert & Elizabeth Janak	20.00
Bohumir & Mary Ann Pustejovsky	10.00
Philip & Rosemary Hemmi	5.00
Peoples State Bank	10.00
Christian Mothers Society	25.00

In memory of James Kouba:

Ronnie Hermes Family	10.00
Willie & Sharee Rainosek & Sons	10.00
Leon & Emogene Kahanek	25.00
Rosalie Tobola	5.00
Franklin Billimek	10.00
Fred & LaVerne Chovanetz	20.00
Pat & Helen Zabransky	10.00
Andy & Mary Chapman	15.00
Mark & Ruth Schneider	15.00
Evelyn Holy	20.00
Jim & Marcie Appelt	20.00

**FINANCIAL REPORT (Continued)****School Income (Continued):**

Knights of Columbus Donation	4,600.00
Miscellaneous	225.00
Gym Fund	20.00
Technology	50.00
Total School Income	<u>\$ 78,268.50</u>

**School Expense:**

Salaries	\$ 62,214.44
Contract Services	633.55
Office & Teaching Expense	1,162.38
Extended Care Supplies	75.63
Postage	16.85
Staff Development	50.00
Public Relations	23.99
Testing	1,242.81
Music	246.75
Library Expense	239.45
Utilities	3,499.32
Plant Repairs	1,199.61
Bus & Vehicles Expense	1,854.69
Payroll Taxes	4,573.89
Medical Insurance	11,112.84
Retirement	2,962.53
Property Insurance	2,438.71
Student Insurance	180.00
Convent Expense	513.00
Miscellaneous Expense	157.95
Technology (Equipment)	20,593.85
Extravaganza	83.40
Alumni Gift Expense	307.05
Total School Expense	<u>\$115,382.69</u>

**Parish Income** \$ 133,588.19**Parish Expense** -135,758.86**Parish Deficit** \$ (2,170.67)**SACRED HEART CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND**In memory of James Kouba:

Leon & Sheryl Barnes	25.00
Ricky & Barbara Steffek	10.00
Allen & Anita Steffek	10.00
Henry & Elrose Muenster	25.00
James & Amanda Orsak	10.00
Leroy & Anita Etzler	25.00
Marvin & Barbara Koehne	10.00

**SACRED HEART SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND**In memory of Adela Pohl:

Edward & Sandra Pustka	20.00
Phil & Lea Bludau	10.00
Angela Hermes	10.00
Charles & Dorothy Jansky	10.00
Carolyn Lipinsky	10.00
George & Dorothy Bujnoch	20.00
Philip & Evelyn Bujnoch	10.00
Czech Singers	20.00
Georgia Bujnoch	20.00

In memory of Alphonse Mucala:

Gavin, Malia & Autumn Drozd	10.00
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**SACRED HEART SCHOOL GYM A/C FUND**In Memory of Rita Grafe: 15.00In memory of Douglas Bludau: 25.00In memory of James Kouba: 20.00

Terry &amp; Ervin Bludau, Kadee &amp; Colton

**SACRED HEART EARLY CHILDHOOD & DAYCARE**In memory of Adela Pohl:

Julius & Dolores Krause	20.00
Judy Barta	5.00
American Legion Auxiliary #230	25.00

**SACRED HEART CHURCH MUSIC FUND**In memory of Ethel C. Bludau:

John & Evelyn Pavliska	10.00
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In memory of James Kouba:

John & Evelyn Pavliska	20.00
Tim & Candy Hines & Hannah	30.00
Kubena Funeral Home	20.00
Bob & Lou Kubena	20.00

In memory of Lillie Bohuslav:

Lillie Bohuslav	10.00
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**SACRED HEART QUILTING CIRCLE**In memory of Adela Pohl:

Kubena Funeral Home	20.00
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In memory of Thelma Owen:

Kubena Funeral Home	20.00
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In memory of Alma Brosch:

Lawrence & Delores Grahmann	20.00
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**SACRED HEART CHURCH FLOWER FUND**In memory of Ethel C. Bludau:

AJ & Jo Kutac	15.00
Arthur & Rosemary Etzler	25.00

In memory of Lillian Bohuslav:

Lillian & William Gohlke	20.00
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**SACRED HEART SCHOOL BAND FUND**In memory of Ethel C. Bludau:

Frank & Bernadette Bludau	10.00
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**SACRED HEART SCHOOL ALUMNI FUND**In memory of Adela Pohl:

Judith Renger	20.00
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**SACRED HEART SCHOOL OPERATING FUND**In memory of Ethel C. Bludau:

L.T. & Leona Biehunko	20.00
Melvin & Brenda Grahmann & daughters	5.00
Hilmer & Margaret Appelt, Brent & Kristi Appelt, Zack & Stacy Odom	100.00
Murray & Myrtle Krause	10.00
Lester & Linda Little	40.00

In memory of Adela Pohl:

Rosemary Hermes	10.00
Arthur Etzler, Jr.	25.00
Anonymous	5.00
Mary Ann Spies	30.00
Frank & Rita Zaruba	10.00

In honor of Rev. Msgr. Stanley Petru:

Larry & Doris Grubert	20.00
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**SACRED HEART SCHOOL ATHLETICS**In memory of Ethel Bludau:

Tommie C. Zimmerman	10.00
Bruce & Karen Bludau	10.00
Larry & Agnes Greer & sons	10.00

**CAROLYN DWORSKY SCHOLARSHIP FUND**In memory of Ethel C. Bludau:

Ben & Nancy Dworsky	15.00
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**DOROTHY HENNEKE SCHOLARSHIP FUND**In memory of Ethel C. Bludau:

Roland Henneke	10.00
Tommy & Elsie Grahmann	10.00
Roy & Loretta Hardcastle	10.00

In memory of Adela Pohl:

Tommy & Elsie Grahmann	10.00
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**HILBERT & AGNES BLUDAU SCHOLARSHIP FUND**In memory of Ethel C. Bludau:

Rosie Bludau	10.00
Terry Bludau	10.00

In memory of James Kouba:

Laurence & Carol Bludau	10.00
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**WILLIAM RILEY & REESE MANNING SCHOLARSHIP FUND**In memory of William Riley & Reese Manning:

Jared & Tracy Manning	500.00
Leroy & Anita Etzler	40.00
Leon & Nancy Etzler	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Etzler, Jr.	200.00
Dorothy Svetlik	40.00
Annie Svetlik	20.00
John & Marilyn Kovalcik	50.00
Paul & Regina Leopold	10.00
Richard & Tammy Krenek	10.00
Doris & Paul Leopold	10.00
Tim & Linda Shimek & family	10.00
Chris Hermes	10.00
Johnny & Marilyn Svetlik & family	50.00
Wilbert & Carol Etzler	20.00

**SUE SPANHEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**In memory of Ethel C. Bludau:

Glenn & Lanelle Blahuta	25.00
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**JEROME HAAS SCHOLARSHIP FUND**In memory of Adela Pohl, Gene Novak,James Kouba, & Ethel Bludau:

Georgia Haas	25.00
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**SACRED HEART SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND**In memory of James Kouba:

Charles & Dorothy Jansky	10.00
Steven & Shandlyn Koehne & boys	10.00
Macklin & Dolly Johnson	25.00
Sid & Barbara Jasek	20.00
Tony & Addie Kouba	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. John Henke, Jr.	20.00
Daniel & Beverly Wagner	25.00
Hoffer's Drive In Grocery	200.00
Earline Chovanetz	10.00
Lester & Bernice Woytek	25.00
Wanda & Ronnie Orsak	10.00
Anita Migl	5.00
Ethlyne Zappe, Pete & Glenda Trlicek	35.00
Phillip & Rose Hemmi	5.00
Mike & Darlene Appelt & family	20.00
Marty & Karen Steffek	20.00
Daniel Kuhn	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Chris Steffek & Tyler	10.00
Frances Holley	10.00
Allan & Juliet Monk & family	20.00
Vernell Bozka	20.00
Edward & Jean Wick	20.00
Robert & Louise Pesek	20.00
Jeff & Dayna Tuttle	100.00
Phillip & Evelyn Bujnoch	20.00
Sherry Hale	50.00
Allan & Charlene Janak	20.00
Paul & Annette Henke	10.00
Frank & Elrose Migl	25.00
Gene & Elyse Chaloupka	20.00
Andrew & Pam Kutac & family	10.00
Leo & Evelyn Hoffer & Lee	200.00
Jennifer Grahmann	10.00