

May 10, 2009: Fifth Sunday of Easter



"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit." — Jn 15:1-2

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LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, May 10, Mother's Day (Acts 9:26-31/

1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8)

6:30 am- For our Parish Family

8:00 am- Alfred & Annie Hessler & Ronald Wayne

10:30 am- Mother's Day Novena

Monday, May 11 (Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26)

7:00 am- Robert F. Klekar

10:00 am- Mother's Day Novena (Hallettsville Rehab)

Tuesday, May 12, Sts. Nereus, Achilleus & Pancras (Acts

14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a)

7:00 am- Mother's Day Novena

Wednesday, May 13, Our Lady of Fatima (Acts 15:1-6/Jn

15:1-8)

7:00 am- Newton & Frieda Renken

8:05 am- Mother's Day Novena

Thursday, May 14, St. Matthias (Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn

15:9-17)

7:00 am- Laddie & Mary Konvicka, Jerome Haas

10:00 am- Mother's Day Novena (Stevens)

Friday, May 15, St. Isidore (Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17)

7:00 am- Mother's Day Novena

8:05 am- Harvey Pavliska, Sr.

Saturday, May 16 (Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21)

5:30 pm- Mother's Day Novena

Sunday, May 17 (Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn

4:7-10/ Jn 15:9-17)

8:00 am- Mother's Day Novena

10:30 am- For our Parish Family (HHS Baccalaureate)



Bulletin Sponsors: In memory of Henry Sitka by the family.

Radio Broadcast Sponsors: In memory of Karol Holtorf by Bruce & Angela McConnell & Joseph.

Vigil Light: Special intention.

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$5,148.50; Loose-\$1,314.60; Children's-\$54; Bldg. Repair-\$503; Catholic Ed.-\$550; School Endowment-\$50.

Promise of Marriage: Devin Kolacny & Karen Kazmir on May 16th.

Anniversaries:

Eddie & Genevieve Schulte	62 years	May 10
Daniel & Marilyn Jahn	35 years	May 11
Paul & Debra Pilat	25 years	May 12
Edward & Lillie Woytek	52 years	May 14

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Bessie Kouba, mother of Sr. Collette; Julia Shirley, sister of Gus Janak; and, Fr. Royce Hughes of Schulenburg. *May they & all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, MAY 11

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

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

TUESDAY, MAY 12

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

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

SUNDAY, MAY 17

-CCD 8th Grade Recognition, 2:00 p.m., Church.

-SHCS Graduation, 4:00 p.m., KC Hall.

-St. Michael Church Picnic, Cuero. Roast Beef Dinner.

Auction, bingo, cake walk, country store, game booths.

AMONG OUR SICK: Hubert Grahmann, Deacon Marvin Fikac, Mary Laas, Jacque Holchak, Alvin Rosenauer, Frank Luke, Macey Moeller, Margaret Flores, Mary Ann Gaitan, Odessa & Doug 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, Annette Krupala, Anthony Corte, Thelma Mikulenska, Alphonse Steffek, Bill Chapline, Maggie Volcik, Matthew Walker, Amanda Conniff, Margaret Timm, Sylvester Garza, Harry Jackson, Helen M. Appelt, Luke Bludau, Mary Kaiser, Michael Kutac, Rosalie Simpson, Hedwig Greer, Ed Aulick, Paige Haas, Milada Netardus, Anita Kallus, Hubert Etzler, Jeff Zavesky, Renae Ross, Alma Jurena, Kate Kopecky, Michael L. Drozd, Bill Biehunko, Lindal Finley, Gertrude Janak, Frank Fishar, Pam Dornak, Clayton Patek, Ronnie Dierschke, Elsie Steffek, Leonard Kubena, Louise Pesek, Doyleen Drozd, Richard Franzl, Lucille Etzler, George Bujnoch, Suzanne Romano, nursing home residents & the homebound.



Calendar Membership: Apr.30: Sandra Mullen-\$100; May 1: Kimberly Blahuta, Austin-\$100; May 4: Melanie Migura-\$50; May 5: Virginia Jurica, Schulenburg-\$50; May 6: Edward & Patty Grahmann -\$100.

Mandatory Confirmation meeting for incoming Sophomores (HHS & SHCS) on Sunday, May 31 at 6:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria.

Hospice of South Texas Grief Support, on Thursdays, May 21 – June 25, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Sacred Heart Family Center. Open to all. For more information or to register, please call 798-2077.

Flowers by the statue of the Blessed Mother are in honor of Angela Hermes' 85th birthday.

SACRED HEART CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Bernie Bludau:

Anne & Currie Bechtol 25.00

SACRED HEART DAYCARE

In memory of Bernie Bludau: 10.00

In memory of Johnny Rainosek: 10.00

Dennis & Darlene Shimek

SACRED HEART BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

In memory of Anita Hajovsky Drabek from the Family 50.00

From the Desk of Father John

Today we pray for all mothers, living & deceased. We should pray for our mothers always, but especially on this one day that is set aside to honor them and Mary, our spiritual mother.

A Prayer for Mothers

All loving God, we give thanks & praise for mothers young & old.

We pray for young mothers, who give life & count toes & tend to our every need; may they be blessed with patience & tenderness to care for their families & themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured & cared for us; may they continue to guide in strong & gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; may they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love & shape us with motherly care & compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers, & great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory & nourish us with their love. Amen.



The Youth ConneXion



Sunday, May 17: There will not be Firefall nor a youth gathering this evening. We will resume the regular schedule next month.

Sunday, May 24: Church Picnic (Pig Plop). Nachos & Lemonade Booth.

Sunday, June 7: BBQ cook-off & party (details to come).

Remember, all of the events "count" toward your trip to NCYC.....

Interested in worshiping through music? Bring your voice and/or instrument to the Youth House & let's play or learn together on Mondays 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. Call Lee Ann 798-5005 for more information.

Religious Education ~ Janice Busselman 798-3124

May 17: HHS Baccalaureate at 10:30 a.m. Mass.

8th Grade Recognition Mass at 2:00 p.m.

Vacation Bible School: June 22 – 26.

Truck Raffle Tickets for a 2009 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 4x4 Z-71 Crew Cab (4 dr.) are available for purchase at \$100 each at the rectory. The vehicle is on display at Grafe Chevrolet GMC. The drawing for the truck will be held at the Spring Picnic on Sunday, May 24th.

Don't forget to turn in your raffle books! You may drop them off at the rectory or in the Sunday collection basket.

Sacred Heart Parish Spring Picnic, Sunday, May 24

It's only 2 weeks to the picnic! If you have cattle, antiques or other interesting items to donate to the auction, please call the rectory. Picnic donations are also being accepted.

Cattle: Marcus & Marjorie Grahmann- 18 mon. cross-bred heifer; JBar Angus (Mark & Karen Janak)- 18 mon. reg. Angus bull; Wink & Ida Bludau- crossbred heifer calf.

Auction: Fred & Debbie Huser & family- cedar glider swing; Gene & Trudy Janak- 2 (6 gal.) crocks with lids; Irene Szwarc- 22 Barbie dolls.

Donations: Elizabeth Kleiber-\$100.

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***Senior Final Exams** May 11 – 13. Seniors dismissed at 12:00 noon.

***All Awards Banquet**, May 13, 6:30 p.m., KC Hall.

***High School Graduation**, May 17, 4:00 p.m., KC Hall.

***8th Grade Recognition Day**, May 20, 7:00 p.m. in church, followed by a reception in the Family Center.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Hot air balloons of today are beautiful, quiet giants, floating through the skies powered by propane tanks which give the pilot the ability to control its elevation based on the amount of heated air dispensed into the balloon. But 19th-century balloons have often been depicted with sandbags attached around the gondola; should the balloon begin to descend when it shouldn't, these weighted bags could be released, which would lighten the load and allow the balloon to rise. Perhaps we are guilty at times of carrying too many sandbags that weigh us down and prevent our ascension.

"I am the true vine," Jesus proclaims in today's Gospel reading from John, "and my Father is the vine grower." His analogy is that God has already removed every dead branch from the vine – sin – and continually prunes the good, fruit-bearing branches – you and me – so that we will grow even more good fruit. In other words, as long as we remain with Jesus, we will prosper and multiply and bring others to His good word. God has cut the sandbags that weigh us down and prevent us from rising to see His glory.



On this Fifth Sunday of Easter, we are reminded by the Catechism of the Catholic Church that through the power of the Holy Spirit, "God's children can bear much fruit. He who has grafted us onto the true vine will make us bear the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" (CCC 736). How does God "prune" the branches of His vine, Jesus Christ? He gives us the ability to turn away from the hurtful influences of the world and live with the love that multiplies in His name.