

May 24, 2009: The Ascension of the Lord



Jesus said to his disciples: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." ... Mk 16:15-16

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LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, May 24, Ascension of the Lord (Acts 1:1-11/ Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 6:15-20)

6:30 am- For our Parish Family

8:00 am- Frank D. Gutierrez

10:30 am- Anton & Agnes Kubena

Monday, May 25, St. Bede, Pope Gregory VII,

St Mary Magdalene de Pazzi (Acts 19:1-8/ Jn 16:29-33)

7:00 am- Special Intention

10:00 am- Robert Melnar (Hallettsville Rehab)

Tuesday, May 26, St. Philip Neri (Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a)

7:00 am- Randy Zavesky

Wednesday, May 27, St. Augustine of Canterbury (Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19)

7:00 am- Anita & Edmund Hajovsky

8:05 am- Bessie Kouba

Thursday, May 28 (Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26)

7:00 am- Bernie Bludau

10:00 am- Living & deceased members of Catholic Knights (Stevens)

Friday, May 29 (Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19)

7:00 am- Alvin J. Grahmann

8:05 am- Special Intention for recovery (LE)

Saturday, May 30 (Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25)

5:30 pm- Daniel Hermes; Herbert Hermes, Sr.; Adolf & Annie Janak

Sunday, May 31, Pentecost (Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 /Jn 20:19-23)

8:00 am- Albert & Frances Klekar; Joe & Cecilia Fikac

10:30 am- Victor & Alma Brosch

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

Bulletin Sponsor: In memory of Anton & Agnes Kubena by Bob & Lou Kubena.

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Vigil Light: Special intention for recovery (LE).

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$5,616.50; Loose-\$655; Children's-\$38; Catholic Education-\$2,015.

Anniversaries:

Dayna & Jeffery Tuttle 30 years May 26

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Banna Jares, mother of Michael Jares; and Josephine Moore of our parish family. *May they rest in the peace of Christ.*



Calendar Membership: May 14: Msgr. Juan Alfaro, San Antonio-\$100; May 15: John & Charlene Pillow-\$100; May 18: John & Bernedetta Cook, Fayetteville-\$50; May 19: James Wearden, Victoria-\$50; May 20: Bob Janak-\$100.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, MAY 24

-Baptism Preparation Class, 9:00 a.m., Rectory.

-Sacred Heart Parish Spring Picnic, KC Hall. Fried Chicken & Stew Dinner, homemade dressing & all the trimmings 10:30 am – 1:30 pm. Drive-thru plates to go 10:30 am – 1 pm. Auction 1 pm. Bingo, cake walk, country store, religious articles, kiddie rides, game booths, delicious food, fun for all ages! Music on Main Pavilion by J & S Playboys 11 am – 1 pm. Free Dance on Polka Pavilion/Biergarten by Red Ravens & Jodie Mikula Orchestra 1 pm – 9 pm.

-Blood Drive, 10:00 am – 2:00 p.m., KC Hall parking lot during the picnic. *Please give the gift of life.*

MONDAY, MAY 25

-Rosary & evening prayer will not be held today.

-Parish Advisory Council, 6:30 p.m., Mary's House.

-Men's ACTS meeting, 7 pm, Sweet Home Parish Hall.

TUESDAY, MAY 26

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

-Altar Society meeting, 5:15 p.m. in church.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

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

-SHCS Booster Club meeting, 7:30 p.m., KC Hall.

THURSDAY, MAY 28

-Grief Support, 6:00 p.m., Family Center (798-2077).

SUNDAY, MAY 31

-Catholic Daughters will receive Holy Communion in a body at the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

-**Mandatory** confirmation meeting for incoming Sophomores (HHS & SHCS), 6:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria.

-Covered dish supper in Family Center after Spanish Mass.

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, Doyleen Drozd, Richard Franzl, Lucille Etzler, George Bujnoch, Suzanne Romano, Shirley Conniff, nursing home residents & the homebound.

Flowers this weekend at the Altar of Sacrifice are in honor of Henry & Ann Kostelnik's 40th Anniversary given by their children.

From the Desk of Father John

Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord. Jesus commissions His disciples to baptize in His name, reminding them that He is always present through His Spirit. Having ascended to His Father amid cries of gladness, we are to be His witnesses for we have been gifted with His Spirit of wisdom and revelation. Let us, therefore, live in a manner worthy of the call we have received.

We welcome everyone to our Spring Picnic today. It is a good time to enjoy the day together, to work together, and to help the parish.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Wilhelm & Georgie Mae Grahmann. In the Grahmann will, after several individuals received their inheritance, the remainder of the Grahmann estate was divided equally between Sacred Heart Church and Bluebonnet Youth Ranch in Yoakum. Please remember all of our benefactors in your prayers.



The Youth ConneXion



Sunday, May 24: Church Picnic (Pig Plop). Nachos & Lemonade Booth. *Don't forget to work your shift!!!*

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

All of the events "count" toward your trip to NCYC.....

There will be no music practice on Monday, May 25th.

Sacred Heart Church Pastoral Advisory Council

Election will be held on May 31. You will be asked to vote for 2 women & 2 men. Parishioners running for election are Debra Smirak, Donna (Glenn) Leopold, Mary Leopold, Karen Kahanek, Christie Steffek, Angela Harper, Keith Opela, Kevin Etzler, Andrew Pesek, Pat Fawbush, Brian (Buck) Bludau & Mike DeLaRosa.

Sacred Heart School Advisory Council Election

will be held on May 31. You will be asked to vote for 2 men. Individuals running for election are Scott Blaschke, Jim Mullen, Glenn Steffek & Chris Hicks.

A deanery-wide Eucharistic Theology workshop for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be held on Monday, June 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Family Center. This is a must for **ALL** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

Angel Training, May 30, 9:00 a.m., Holy Family Religious Education Building, Victoria. Lunch will be provided. To register, call Esther Trevino 655-9951 or Cathy Rojas 649-0850 or 576-2638.

Truck Raffle Tickets (\$100 ea.) for a 2009 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 4x4 Z-71 Crew Cab will be available for purchase at the picnic.

~~~ SPRING PICNIC NEWS ~~~

Please bring to the KC Hall on Sunday morning:

Cake Walk: Please bring at least 2 cakes.

Country Store: Items are needed – crafts & handmade items, fresh & canned vegetables, jellies, baked goods, noodles, etc.

Bingo: Please bring bingo prizes to the stage.

Auction: You may bring your auction items to the auction trailer on the Main Pavilion.

Pickles, Cakes & Kolaches are needed for the dinner. Please bring these items to the kitchen.

Raffle Books: Don't forget to turn in your raffle books!

Sacred Heart Parish Spring Picnic, Sunday, May 24

Cattle: Marcus & Marjorie Grahmann- 18 mon. crossbred heifer; JBar Angus (Mark & Karen Janak)- 14 mon. reg. Angus bull; Wink & Ida Bludau- crossbred heifer calf; Marvin & Lillian Rabel- 2 yr old male donkey; Charles & Doloris Leopold- 3 yr old Brangus cow with 1st calf; John & Beverly Haas- yearling Angus bull AI sired; Mark & Dianne Grahmann- 18 mon. crossbred heifer; Frank & Elrose Migl- Beefmaster cow & calf; Rudy Petru- 4 mon. heifer; Leroy & Alice Janak- 18 mon. bred crossbred heifer; Charles & Kathy Haas- cow & calf; Ronnie & Agnes Huser- black baldy cow with 1st calf; Dennis & Gerardette Haas- cow & calf; Jimmie & Sylvia Steffek- young crossbred cow & calf.

Auction: Fred & Debbie Huser & family- cedar glider swing; Gene & Trudy Janak- 2 (6 gal.) crocks with lids; Irene Swarc- 22 Barbie dolls; Sweet Home Sand & Gravel- 2 (\$100 each) gift certificates for materials & services; Elizabeth Barnabei- 5' Norfolk pine; Judge Ronald & Mary Leck- baby quilt; Viola C. Grahmann Estate- handmade quilts.

Donations: J.C. & Esther Kelley-\$100; Richard & Rita Wachel-\$150; Fred Pustejovsky, Sr.-\$100; Lillian Haas-\$100; Judith Renger-\$300; Everett & Pam Bludau-\$150; Edmund Koerth-\$100; Bennie & Beverly Machac- \$100; Marcus & Annette Krupala-\$100; Marjorie Krupala-\$300; Sylvia Kallus-\$200.

Buy your Pig Plop Squares (\$10 ea.) from the youth at the picnic for a chance to win up to \$500! Proceeds benefit Sacred Heart youth programs.



Religious Education ~ Janice Busselman 798-3124

Vacation Bible School: June 22 – 26. Registration forms may be picked up in church or at the rectory. For more information or to volunteer, please call Janice, 798-9164.

The Catholic Daughters Bake Sale Committee would like to **THANK** all CDA members for baking, donating & working at our annual bake sale held at the Fiddler's Frolics. The bake sale was a *huge* success! May God bless each of you for your generosity.

Catholic Daughters members, please mail your \$20 dues to Joan Janak, 1342 FM 318, Hallettsville (798-9341).

The Ascension of the Lord

We are all familiar with the concept of an ambassador. Generally considered as the full and true representative of one's country, an ambassador is given an embassy from which he or she conducts business. Ambassadors have been given plenipotentiary (which comes from the combination of two Latin words, plenus and potens), which means full power to speak and act on behalf of their homeland. Ambassadors-at-large do not have an embassy, but are empowered to represent their homeland in several countries.

In today's Gospel reading from Mark, we hear of the ascension of Jesus Christ to sit at the right hand of the Father. And in doing so, He granted to His disciples their own plenipotentiary, or full power, to represent Him throughout the world. So, too, are we given this great commission; we are to drive out demons (convert the sinner), speak new languages (learn to express God's love in our own way), pick up serpents (fight evil with love), and heal the sick (wellness of heart through repentance). Can we accept this great commission?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church identifies that from the apostles through the priests and religious and through the laity, "there is diversity of ministry but unity of mission" (CCC 873). Our shepherds are charged with teaching, sanctifying and governing in His name and by His power. We, as children of God, are also assigned the mission to bring those who don't believe into the loving light of Christ. Today, God calls us to remember the final words of Jesus and to humbly accept and fulfill His mission.



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Tim & Candy Hines & family	30.00
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SACRED HEART CHURCH CCD PROGRAM

In memory of Patsy Steffek:

William & Sharee Rainosek & sons	10.00
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SACRED HEART CHURCH CCD PROGRAM

In memory of Patsy Steffek:

Donald & Donna Shimek	15.00
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SACRED HEART DAYCARE

In memory of Patsy Steffek:

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In memory of Patsy Steffek:

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Joan Pruett	10.00
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Charles & Doloris Leopold	100.00
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Laurence & Carol Bludau	10.00
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