

September 26, 2010: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



“Abraham replied, My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.” — Lk 16:23
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LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, September 26 (Am 6:1a, 4-7/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31)

8:00 am- J. J. & Katharine Haas Family
10:30 am- Francis Hagendorf
5:00 pm- For our Parish Family (Spanish Mass)

Monday, September 27, St. Vincent de Paul, priest (Jb 1:6-22/Lk 9:46-50)

7:00 am- Felix & Mary Janecek
10:00 am- Eleanor Rainosek & Ann Rice (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, Sept. 28, St. Wenceslaus, martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz & his companions, martyrs (Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Lk 9:51-56)

7:00 am- Robert & Beatrice Melnar

Wednesday, September 29, Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, archangels (Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Jn 1:47-51)

7:00 am- Robert, Julie & James Grahmann
8:05 am- Deceased members of Joe & Justina Kolos Family

Thursday, Sept. 30, St. Jerome, priest & doctor of the church (Jb 19:21-27/Lk 10:1-12)

7:00 am- Thelma & Ann Spies
10:00 am- Emma & Louis Satsky; C. W. & Ludmilla Brown (Stevens)

Friday, October 1, St. Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin & doctor of the Church (Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Lk 10:13-16)

7:00 am- Mass of Thanksgiving – Gene & Trudy Janak's 50th Anniversary
8:05 am- Mass of Thanksgiving – Gus & Josephine Janak's 56th Anniversary

Saturday, October 2, Guardian Angels (Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Mt 18:1-5, 10)

5:30 pm- David Etzler

Sunday, Oct 3 (Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/2Tm 1:6-8,13-14/Lk 17:5-10)

8:00 am- For our Parish Family (Respect Life Sunday)
10:30 am- Leroy Schindler

Bulletin Sponsor: In memory of Thelma & Ann Spies by Arthur Spies Family.

Radio Broadcast Sponsor: In memory of J.J. & Katherine Haas Family.

Vigil Light: In memory of Alice Miller by Ella Mae Bludau.

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$4,271; Loose-\$1,043; Children-\$43; Manna-\$713; Church Endowment-\$90; School Endowment-\$265; Catholic Education-\$1,227.

Anniversaries:

Leo & Mildred Christ	55 years	Oct. 1
John & Margaret Henneke	50 years	Oct. 1
Gene & Trudy Janak	50 years	Oct. 1

Please pray for the repose of the soul of *Lillie Demny* of our parish family. *May she rest in the peace of Christ.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- Baptism Preparation Class, 9:00 a.m. in the Rectory. Please call the Rectory in advance to register.
- Queen of Peace Church Picnic, Sweet Home.
- St. Philip Church Picnic, KC Hall, El Campo.
- Sts. Peter & Paul Church Picnic, Meyersville.
- Covered dish supper in the Family Center after Spanish Mass.
- Basketball, 7:30 p.m., SHCS Gym.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- Rosary & evening prayer, 5:30 p.m. in church.
- Dave Ramsey Course, 6:30 p.m., Family Center.
- Parish Finance Council mtg, 6:00 pm, Mary's House.
- Parish Council meeting, 6:30 p.m., Mary's House.
- Men's ACTS meeting, Shiner KC Hall, 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- Quilting Circle, 9:00 a.m., KC Hall of Fame Room.
- Adult Education/RCIA, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Family Center.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- CCD: Grades K-12th, 6:00 – 7:10 p.m.
- Scripture Study, 6:30 p.m., Mary's House.
- English Class, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Family Center
- Divine Mercy Study/Prayers, 7:30 p.m., Church Cry Rm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

- First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 6:00 p.m. in church. The intention this month is *respect for life & increase in devotion to pray the rosary.*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1

- First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ends with Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

- Serra Club Mass, St. Joseph, Yoakum, 8:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

- Holy Rosary Church Festival, Hostyn. Polka Mass 10am. Fried Chicken & Sausage Dinner 11am. Auction, bingo, booths. Music by Red Ravens & Dujka Brothers.
- St. John's Church Bazaar, Hungerford. BBQ Chicken, Beef & Sausage Dinner 10:30am. Auction, bingo, cake walk, country store, kiddy rides & more.
- St. Roch Church Picnic, Mentz. BBQ Beef, Pork & Sausage Dinner 10:30am. Auction, bingo, cake walk & more. Music by Leroy Rybak's Swinging Orchestra.
- Confirmation meeting (11th Grade), 6:00 p.m., Cafeteria

Fund Drive for house at 318 S. Texana: Goal \$40,000

Previous Balance	\$12,250
John & Charlene Pillow	300
Total Donations Received To Date	<u>\$12,550</u>

Flowers in Adoration Chapel in honor of Jeremy & Holly Haas by Donna, Steve & Brian Kossa.

From the Desk of Father John

Confession is a sacrament instituted by Jesus Christ in His love and mercy to offer sinners forgiveness for offenses committed against God. At the same time, sinners reconcile with the Church, because it also is wounded by our sins. We know this sacrament by various names: the Sacrament of Penance, Confession, or Reconciliation.

“I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

—Matthew 16:19

This is good news for all of us, because we all are sinners and in need of God’s forgiveness. In the Sacrament of Penance, we meet Christ in the person of the priest, ready and eager to absolve us and restore us to new life. We confess our sins to God through His minister, the priest, who absolves us in the name of Christ.

Why should we confess? The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a sacrament of healing and a sacrament of conversion, returning us to the Father after our sin. We are to confess serious sins at least once a year; those aware of committing a mortal sin must receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving Holy Communion.

The Church also encourages us to go to confession more frequently, if possible, in order that we might deepen our relationship with God and grow in humility and virtue. Through the sacrament we also receive the grace to help us avoid future sin. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, No. 1458).

Three acts are required from the penitent for forgiveness through the sacrament. These are contrition, confession, and satisfaction.

Contrition is sincere sorrow for having offended God, the most important act of the penitent. There can be no forgiveness of sin if we do not have sorrow and a firm resolve to not repeat our sin.

Confession requires confronting our sins in a profound way before God by acknowledging them aloud to a priest.

Satisfaction is the “penance” the priest imposes on the penitent to make amends for sin, an important part of our healing.

Confession is not difficult, but it does require preparation. We should begin with prayer, placing ourselves in the presence of God, our loving Father. We seek healing and forgiveness through repentance and a resolve to sin no more. Then we review our lives since our last confession, searching out thoughts, words, and actions that did not conform to God’s love, to His law, or to the laws of the Church. This review is called an “examination of conscience.”

To make an examination of conscience, we should: begin with a prayer asking for God’s help; review our lives with the help of some guiding questions; tell God we are truly sorry for our sins; and, make a firm resolution to avoid sin.

Pray the rosary for vocations to religious life!



The Youth ConneXion

Kris Hermes 798-0655



Sept. 26: Fellowship Night for the Youth of our parish. The activity for our fellowship this month will be putting together “Back-to-School” care-packages for our 10 Diocesan Seminarians. Please bring \$5.00 with you for our fieldtrip to WalMart to buy goodies for the seminarians. We will meet at 5:00 p.m. in the Youth House.

Oct. 10: *Firefall* at 6:00 p.m. in church.

Music Practice: Monday’s at 6:00 p.m. at the Youth House. *Come join us!!!*

RCIA/Adult Education

September 28: The Catholic Church: Christ’s Instrument for Salvation.

The salvation that Christ came to offer to the world is given through the instrumentation of the Church that He founded upon the “rock of Peter.” This Church is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic. This Church is visible. And this Church maintains the singular purpose of extending the fruits of Christ’s redemption to all the world for the salvation of souls through teaching the truth, sanctifying through the seven sacraments, and governing in charity.

Sacred Heart Catholic School

Office: 798-4251

Sept. 26: Pork BBQ Dinner, 11am-12:30pm, KC Hall.

Oct. 30: Strudel Bake. For suggestions or 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. Any & all help will be greatly appreciated.

Religious Education (CCD) ~~ Office 798-3124

Angela McConnell, Coordinator

Oct. 3: Confirmation meeting (11th Grade), 6:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria. Parents must attend.

Oct. 17: Fist Penance Workshop & Commissioning Ceremony, 5:30-7:00 p.m., Cafeteria. Both parents must attend this workshop.

Perpetual Adoration: An adorers is needed Tuesday – Friday at 3:00 p.m. Please call Charlene Bradbury 798-3224 if you are able to spend this hour with our Lord.

Regarding our sick list: Our sick list has gotten rather lengthy. We are not sure who needs to be on the list and who doesn’t since we do not know some of those on the list. We will be starting over with a new list next week. To be on the list, the sick person or a member of the family who has the sick person’s permission needs to call the rectory or come by. Due to privacy and respect for the sick, we can not put someone’s name on the list without their or their family’s permission. The nursing home residents are all included in our prayers.

Knights of Columbus Announcements:

Oct. 2 & 3: KC's will be available after all Masses for information about the Knights of Columbus & to register prospective members.

Oct. 3: KC's are urged to attend 8:00 a.m. Mass & receive Holy Communion in a body.

Oct. 10: A major degree will be held at the KC Hall. Men of the parish are encouraged to join. For information or to register, please call the KC Hall 798-2311 or Grand Knight Andrew Pesek 798-5176.

LIFE CHAIN in Victoria, Sunday, October 3, 2 – 3 p.m. on Navarro between Sam Houston & Loop 463. Pick up your sign at the stations along the route (at the old and new HEB and Hall Electric) before 2:00. This is your chance to stand up for one hour in defense of LIFE. Bring a chair if needed.

The Knights of Columbus are seeking a Field Agent for their insurance program. Full-time position with complete benefits package. Must be a KC member or eligible to become a member. For information, call Ramon Ramos, General Agent, 361-668-8225 or 668-8226.

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A certain lady spent many years working for the church. She began her career as a Catholic school teacher. Then, after the Second Vatican Council, and at the suggestion of a parish priest, she went on to become a director of religious education in her parish. Eventually, she was employed by a large diocese and spent time collaborating with one of the auxiliary bishops on diocesan projects. As the priest shortage challenged dioceses, she took on the responsibility of running a suburban parish. When she finally retired years later, she and her husband continued to share the task of directing stewardship efforts in their parish.

Throughout her years of service she was blessed with great opportunities while facing ministerial challenges as well. The Gospel story of the poor beggar Lazarus was one that she often talked about. She would describe how the words haunted her. In all her work she felt that she was so blessed, just like the rich man in the Gospel. While by no means rich, she and her husband had a comfortable existence, four adult children who were all doing reasonably well, a house, and decent health. Any observer would describe them as living the American dream.

It was this Gospel about Lazarus that drove her to a passion about care for the poor. At just about every opportunity in her ministry she would devise ways to include helping others and to encourage others to do the same: religious education classes included a component of service; prayer services often had intercessions for those in need; activities that drew people from the parish into meal programs and St. Vincent de Paul were promoted. It was her feeling that she, like so many others, was the rich man in the Gospel. And that Jesus expected us to take care of Lazarus today.

Join Sacred Heart Seniors in praying for end to abortion: On Monday, October 25, the senior class from Sacred Heart School will be traveling to Houston to participate in the international pro-life campaign "40 Days for Life." We will leave the school at 7:00 a.m. We will be standing outside the Planned Parenthood facility in peaceful and prayerful witness to the sanctity of human life. There is an opportunity for 14 parishioners to accompany our seniors on the bus as well as 14 passengers on the smaller "Marshmallow" bus if needed. Please call Fr. Tommy at the church office to sign up or for more details.

Blessing of animals/pets, October 6th, 7:20 p.m. on the East lawn of the Rectory. All are invited. Call Angela for information 798-9494

Scan Specialists will be performing ultrasound screenings on October 15 at the Family Center. A representative will be at all Masses on Oct. 2 & 3 for information & to make appointments. For more information, call 800-931-4772.

Services honoring guardian angels at Raphael's Refuge, 2715 Hwy 90 West, 2 miles outside of Flatonia. Oct. 1 – prayer service & adoration at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 2 – rosary at 9:30 a.m. & Mass at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome.

SACRED HEART CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Harvey Mertz:

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Kutac	10.00
Diane Kutac	10.00
Leo & Evelyn Hoffer	20.00
Henry & Ann Kostelnik	10.00
Travis & Audrey Klimitchek & family	50.00
Patrick & Terry Luna	50.00

In memory of Josephine Matejek:

Christian Mothers Society	25.00
Robert & Barbara Grahmann	10.00
Bernard & Mary Grahmann	5.00
Leo & Evelyn Hoffer	20.00
Sherry Hale	10.00
Peoples State Bank	10.00

SACRED HEART CHURCH MUSIC FUND

In honor of Bea Heinzl's 80th Birthday:

S.E., Mary & Jennifer Golsch	20.00
John & Evelyn Pavliska	25.00

In memory of Olga Haas:

John & Evelyn Pavliska	10.00
Bob & Lou Kubena	20.00

In memory of Lelia Hermes:

John & Evelyn Pavliska	10.00
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In memory of Josephine Matejek:

Kubena Funeral Home	20.00
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SACRED HEART SCHOOL ALUMNI FUND

In memory of Olga Haas:

Bob & Carol Franks	10.00
Marcus & Marjorie Grahmann	20.00
Marvin & Betty Haas	20.00
Tommy & Connie Hermes	20.00
Elsie Steffek	10.00

SACRED HEART SCHOOL OPERATING FUND

In memory of Olga Haas:

Ervin & Terry Bludau	15.00
Lillian Haas	25.00

FALL 2010 PICNIC REPORT

<u>PICNIC COMMITTEE</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>PROFIT</u>
Auction	\$ 87,587.50	(3,324.71)	\$ 84,262.79
Bar & Biergarten Sales	9,409.75	(6,116.34)	3,293.41
Bingo & Pull Tabs	4,112.06	(120.00)	3,992.06
Cake Walk	1,833.80	0.00	1,833.80
Cash Donations	10,510.00	0.00	10,510.00
Country Store	2,099.10	0.00	2,099.10
Dinner Sales	27,212.15	(12,083.75)	15,128.40
(Dine in: 1,736; Drive thru: 2,030)			
French Fries & Funnel Cakes	562.72	(178.52)	384.20
Hamburgers	4,838.75	(1,890.09)	2,948.66
Kiddy Rides & Game Booths	2,970.25	(3,341.50)	(371.25)
Raffle	14,192.00	(4,295.57)	9,896.43
Religious Articles	100.00	0.00	100.00
Snow Cones & Pop Corn	426.41	(110.41)	316.00
Soda Water Stand	1,060.16	(689.10)	371.06
Washers Tournament	360.00	(120.00)	240.00
General Expenses	150.00	(4,215.65)	(4,065.65)
	<u>\$ 167,424.65</u>	<u>(36,485.64)</u>	<u>\$ 130,939.01</u>

Included in the Auction is \$21,960 for Fr. John's Cake & \$3,595 for the BBQ Calf Group.

General Expenses includes advertising, bands, hall rent & miscellaneous expenses.

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard and put in such long hours to make this picnic a success, and to those who came out and supported our picnic. Thank you!!

<u>YOUTH PICNIC REPORT:</u>	<u>INCOME</u>
Parrot Plop	\$ 1,000.00
Nachos & Lemonade Stand	454.00
T-Shirts	312.00
Aromies	225.00
Total Income	<u>\$ 1,991.00</u>