

**August 18, 2013: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary  
Time**



“There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three.” — Lk 12:50-52

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**LITURGY**

**MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS**

**Sunday, August 18 (Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53)**

8:00 am- Raymond Ben Steffek  
10:30 am- For our Parish Family

**Monday, August 19, St. John Eudes, Priest (Jgs 2:11-19/Mt 19:16-22)**

7:00 am- Kelly Wood  
10:00 am- Marvin Steffek (H'ville Rehab)

**Tuesday, August 20, St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church (Jgs 6:11-24a/Mt 19:23-30)**

7:00 am- Bernice Freytag

**Wednesday, August 21, St. Pius X, Pope (Jgs 9:6-15/Mt 20:1-16)**

7:00 am- Fidencio Barrera  
8:05 am- Living & dec. members of Rudolph & Rosa Bujnoch and Anton & Mathilda Tupa Families

**Thursday, August 22, Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Jgs 11:29-39a/Mt 22:1-14)**

7:00 am- Hilda & Hilton Elstner, Bill Sobotik  
10:00 am- Jerome Mikulenka (Stevens)



**Friday, August 23, St. Rose of Lima, Virgin (Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Mt 22:34-40)**

7:00 am- Brenda Orsak Bludau  
8:05 am- David Janak, Sr.

**Saturday, August 24, St. Bartholomew, Apostle (Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51)**

9:00 am- Memorial Mass for Steven Henke  
5:30 pm- Dennis Smirak

**Sunday, August 25 (Is 66:18-21/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30)**

8:00 am- Tyler Bludau  
10:30 am- For our Parish Family  
5:00 pm- Paula Loya (Spanish Mass)

**Bulletin Sponsor:** Don & Barbara Rainosek in memory of Alvin J. Grahmann & Margaret Etzler.

**Radio Broadcast Sponsor:** Christian Mothers Society in memory of Helen Mitchon.

**Vigil Light:** In memory of Brenda Bludau.

**Anniversaries:**

William & Charlene Bradbury 35 years Aug. 19

**Promise of Marriage:** Kristen Dworsky and Brian Henke, August 24.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 19**

-Rosary & Evening Praise, 5:30 p.m., Church.

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 20**

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

-K.C. Officer's Meeting, 7:30 p.m., KC Hall.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21**

-SHCS Hot Dog Supper, 7:00 p.m., Family Center.

-Divine Mercy Study/Prayers, 7:30 p.m., Cry Room.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 25**

-Blood Drive, 8:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Gym Parking Lot.

-Baptism Preparation Class, 9:00 a.m., Family Center. Call the Rectory in advance to register for the class.

-Covered Dish Supper after Spanish Mass, Family Center.

**Among our sick:** Edna Key, Frank Fishar, Faith Del Castillo, Michael Gerdes, Renae Ross, Doug Blumberg, Ed Aulick, Rose Thumann, Sterlin Ritchie, Ricky Skelton, Larry Appelt, Milissa Zamora, Chris Layton, Hank Morris, Frank, Patrick & Robben Nemec, LaNora Konvicka, Delores Grahmann, Donna Coldewey, Benedict Bujnoch, Lorene Christ, Matt Pohler, Donna Avant, Wilbert Kalinec, Mary Bonorden, Rev. Lundy Hooten, Josephine Muniz, Vivian Janak, Helen Kresta, Bobbie Lee Drozd, Donna Steffek, Frank Gutierrez, Glenn Rabel, Lisa Grissom, Rachel Davis, George Meyer, Leonard Lamza, Richard Grahmann, Colin Grahmann, Marie Hermes, Emil Hermes, Georgia Schaefer, Pat Hanslik, Leroy Loth, Viola Jares, Heidi Rother, Debby Kolos, Barbara Kubena, Barbara Matula, Kathy Davis, Vernell Bozka, Noah Henke, Yvonne Muska, nursing home residents, & homebound.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of *Kenneth Rother*, son of Angelina Rother; *Bernice Sevcik*, mother of Forrest Sevcik; and, *Siegfried Golsch* of our parish family. *May they and all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.*

**Our Gift to God:** Envelopes-\$10,521.50; Loose-\$1,113; Children's-\$52; Catholic Education Envelopes-\$1,005; Church Endowment Envelopes-\$150.

**Drawing for 2013 Polaris Ranger Crew 550** seating for 4 with 12' trailer will be held at the Sacred Heart Fall Picnic on September 1. Tickets are \$35 each or 3 for \$100 and are available for purchase at the Rectory.

**Area Picnics & Festivals:**

**Aug. 18:** St. Andrew Festival, Hillje. BBQ Beef & Sausage Dinner 11am-1pm. Auction, booths, games.

**Aug. 25:** Sts. Cyril & Methodius Picnic, Cistern. Holy Mass 10am. Fried Chicken & Sausage Dinner 11am-1pm. Trail Ride 9am (David Urban 361-865-2301). Auction, bingo, booths, games & entertainment, music.

**Aug. 25:** St. Mary Bazaar, C of C Community Center, Ellinger. Holy Mass 8am. Fried Chicken & Sausage Dinner 11am. Auction, booths, kiddy games. Music by Holub Polka Band.

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**From the Desk of Msgr. John**

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I will be on vacation in Ireland this week returning late Friday night. Fr. Daniel will be here the entire time I'm gone.

Now that summer is over and everyone is getting back into a routine, I'd like to share with you a few guidelines for Church etiquette:

- 1.) Please turn off or silence cell phones, pagers, and remove blue tooth earpieces.
- 2.) Please keep a respectful quiet in the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist before, during and after Mass, while other people may be praying.
- 3.) Please remember to wear appropriate, modest clothing.
- 4.) Please, for us adults, do not bring in cups of coffee.
- 5.) Please remember, except in case of true need, bottles of water are not needed...we probably won't dehydrate in an hour.
- 6.) Please remember chewing gum by anyone (any age, Catholic or not) is not acceptable ever, at any time, and especially during Mass. Reason?
  - A.) Respect
  - B.) One hour fast prior to Communion.

(To be continued next week....)

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**CCD News:** Catechists are needed in Kinder, 1st, 4th & 6th Gr., & aides in Kinder, 4th & 6th Gr. Volunteering as a catechist is very fulfilling. You will experience a great sense of achievement in leading others to Christ. You will grow in your faith life through preparing lessons & an increase in prayer life. Training is provided. Please call to arrange a meeting to discuss the wonderful opportunities available in the Religious Education Ministry. You don't have to be a parent. Anyone who loves Christ & children may be called. Prayerfully consider if God is calling you! Call Angela @ 361-741-8730.

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Christian Mothers Society- please mail your \$6.00 dues to Alta Brown, 663 C. R. 135, Hallettsville.

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Christian Warriors Retreat for combat & non-combat U.S. Military Veterans, Oct. 24-27. This Retreat is designed for Veterans by Christian Veterans, & promotes spiritual renewal and healing. For information, go to [www.ChristianWarriorsCCCT@yahoo.com](http://www.ChristianWarriorsCCCT@yahoo.com).

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**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. To think that so much water can fall out of the sky, which now is empty and clear! 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.*

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**Sacred Heart Fall Picnic News – Sept. 1, 2013**

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**Cash Donations** are being accepted at this time. You may drop off your donation at the Rectory, or place it in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket.

**Committee Chairmen:** If you requested mailing labels for your worker's lists, please pick them up on Monday and return them by Wednesday (Aug. 21).

**Raffle Books:** May be turned in at the Rectory or placed in an envelope and dropped in the collection basket.

**Workers are needed - Treasurer's Committee, Stew Cooking & Kiddy Rides.** If you are not signed up to work at the picnic, please call the Rectory as soon as possible. **Adults as well as students are needed!**

**Auction Items:** Randy Bludau-Custom made cedar plank cooler; Daniel Kuhn- 3 antique railroad lanterns, thermometer, wall-hung kerosene lamp; Irene Szwarc- 10 Collectible Barbies.

**Cash Donations:** Lillian Gohlke-\$100; Judith Renger-\$300.

**Cattle:** Charles & Kathy Haas-cow & calf; Rita Wachel- Angus/Brangus cross heifer; Wink & Ida Bludau-heifer calf.

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Retrouvaille Program for troubled marriages, Sept. 6-8. To register, call John & Jennifer Vincent 361-580-2770 or email [lbyjov@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lbyjov@sbcglobal.net).

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### **20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Even one hundred and fifty years after it took place, the effects of the Civil War in the United States can still be felt. Even though the shifting population has tempered perceptions, those who work in the social sciences can still point to sections of the country where certain attitudes hold a greater sway than in others.

The divisions that Jesus attests to in this weekend's Gospel spring from the real experience of the early Christian community in the first century of its existence. For some, Christianity was a dangerous philosophy that needed to be eradicated. Some of its propositions threatened the security of the state, like the worship of the one God and the equality of everyone before the Lord referenced in Paul's famous words to the Galatians: "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (3:28).

The Gospel today is not an encouragement to family arguments. Jesus is not asking households to be so rigorous that our faith becomes a point of contention. But the Scripture does allude to a stress point that many of us may confront in our lives. Being a believer means that sometimes we must take a stand. We are called to proclaim clearly what we believe and to do that when it may be uncomfortable for us. We won't necessarily become a martyr, but there are times when there is a cost to our faith. (2013 Liturgical Publications, Inc.)

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