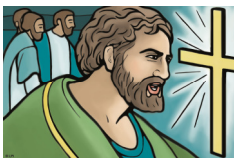


June 23, 2013: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Who do the crowds say that I am?" They said in reply, "John the Baptist; others, Elijah; still others, 'One of the ancient prophets has arisen.'" Then he said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said in reply, "The Christ of God." — Lk 9:18b-20
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LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sun., June 23 (Zec 12:10-11;13:1/Gal 3:26-29/Lk 9:18-24)

8:00 am- Father's Day Novena

10:30 am- For our Parish Family

Monday, June 24, Nativity of St. John the Baptist (Is 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80)

7:00 am- Father's Day Novena

10:00 am- Lois Gerlich Smith (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, June 25 (Gn 13:2, 5-18/Mt 7:6, 12-14)

7:00 am- Living & deceased members of Theo & Mary Golsch Family

Wednesday, June 26 (Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Mt 7:15-20)

7:00 am- Frank & Peggy Janak, Elroy & Judith Koerth

8:05 am- Hubert C. Grahmann

Thursday, June 27, St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (Gn 16:1-12, 15-16/Mt 7:21-29)

7:00 am- Charles & Frances Novak

10:00 am- Ernest Schulte (Stevens)

Friday, June 28, St. Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr (Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Mt 8:1-4)

7:00 am- Frank T. & Mary T. Steffek

8:05 am- Paul & Leona Najvar

Saturday, June 29, Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles (Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19)

5:30 pm- Dorothy Henneke & Trey Kapalski

Sunday, June 30 (1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62)

8:00 am- John, Sophie, Gladys, Betty, John & Matthew Henneke

10:30 am- Living & deceased members of KJT No. 5

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

Bulletin & Radio Broadcast Sponsor: In memory of Gus A. Werner, Jr.

Vigil Light: In memory of Brice Lucario and Vincent Cappellano.

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$4,986.50; Loose-\$1,838; Children-\$70; Catholic Education-\$2,638.

Flowers at the Altar of Sacrifice this weekend are in memory of Rebecca & Julie Steffek on Julie's birthday.

Flowers on the Eucharistic Altar this weekend are in honor of Jerry & Margaret Kallus' 52nd Anniversary.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of *Magdalene Kristek* of our parish family. *May she and all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

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

-BBQ Calf Group Supper, K.C. Hall Pavilion.

MONDAY, JUNE 24

-Rosary & Evening Prayers will not be held June-July.

-Parish Finance Council Mtg, 6:00 p.m., Mary's House.

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 25

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

-Catholic Daughters 90th Anniversary Celebration, 10:30 a.m. Mass followed by reception in Family Center.

-Covered dish supper, Family Center after Spanish Mass

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, Dorothy Allen Hass, Rev. Lundy Hooten, Josephine Muniz, Vivian Janak, Rose Mary Etzler, Helen Kresta, Bobbie Lee Drozd, Donna Steffek, Frank Gutierrez, Glenn Rabel, Jonathon Drozd, Lisa Grissom, Henry Joe Henke, Jr., Rachel Davis, George Meyer, Leonard Lamza, Richard Grahmann, Colin Grahmann, Marie Hermes, Emil Hermes, Georgia Schaefer, John & Alec Chong, Ronald Brown, Pat Hanslik, nursing home residents & homebound.

Bishop David Fellhauer Annual Charity Banquet,

Thursday, July 11, 6:30 p.m., Victoria Country Club.

Please call the Rectory 798-5888 for ticket information.

BBQ Calf Group Supper, June 23, KC Hall Pavilion.

Social Hour 5:30 p.m. Meal 6:30 p.m. Sponsorship of \$25 covers 6 people. Bring your favorite dessert to share. Sponsorship must be paid in advance.

Altar Server Party: All altar servers who serve for the weekend Masses of Sacred Heart Church & St. Mary's are invited to a bowling & pizza party on Wed., July 31 at the Tenth Frame Bowling Alley in Schulenburg from 11am-2pm. If you plan to attend this event, please call Fr. Tommy (798-5888) to sign up no later than Sunday, July 28. The parish will provide the rounds of bowling, shoe rental, & pizza. Parents will be responsible for the transportation of their children to & from the event.

Teen ACTS Retreat - July 25-28. Registration forms are now being accepted for the retreat. All forms & fees must be mailed to Therese Ferry in Yoakum. Approx. 20 boys & 20 girls will be accepted throughout the Hallettsville Deanery, so spaces are very limited. Acceptance is on a first-come-first-served basis.

From the Desk of Msgr. John

Congratulations to Fr. Tommy on his 5th anniversary of Ordination this past Friday, June 21st.

This past week we had our Vacation Bible School under the direction of Angela McConnell. We had approximately 80 children attending and 40 helpers. Thank you to Angela and all the helpers.

Once again this year, in a national prayer campaign called "Fortnight for Freedom," the Bishops of the United States are asking all the faithful to unite their efforts in prayer for the conversion of our country and for the protection of our religious liberties. This call to prayer is especially critical at this moment in our country's history when our freedom as Catholics to practice our faith to the fullest is being threatened; when we are being forced to comply with the unjust demands of the HHS mandate; when the dignity of the covenant of marriage as being between one man and one woman is being compromised. Included in your bulletin today is a flyer to begin a Novena to pray for the protection of religious liberty in our country. Please pray this with your family. At the conclusion of the novena, I invite you back to the church on July 3, from 7:00-8:00 p.m., the eve of our Nation's birthday, for a special Holy Hour to pray for these same intentions. Let us unite our prayers to ask God to bless America.

Anniversaries:

Gilbert & Elaine Mican	40 years	June 23
Charles & Dorothy Jansky	51 years	June 23
Lupe & Lena Partida	64 years	June 23
Jerry & Margaret Kallus	52 years	June 24
Tommy & Elsie Grahmann	54 years	June 27
John & Virginia Greer	62 years	June 27
Roman & Gertrude Shimek	58 years	June 28
William & Natividad Neubauer	50 years	June 29

CDA Court No. 797 90th Anniversary Celebration, Sunday, June 30. Mass at 10:30 a.m. followed by dinner at the Family Center for members and spouses. Please RSVP to Irene Knebel 798-4942.

Mini-Cheerleader Camp, July 29-31, 9am-12noon, SHCS Gym for girls in PreK-6th Grade. To register, please call Debi Bludau, 798-6842.



Mark your Calendar:

"Fortnight for Freedom" Holy Hour to pray for the conversion of our Country and her leaders, July 3 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in church.



Area Picnic-

Sts. Peter & Paul, Plum, June 30. Mass 10am. Sausage & Fried Chicken Dinner 11am. Auction, bingo, booths, kiddy games. Free dance 7-11pm, Charles & Fabulous 4.

Young Men's Vocation Retreat – The Diocese of Victoria **Quo Vadis Vocation Retreat** for young men who completed their 8th grade year this Spring through 21 years old will be held at Coopers Farm near La Grange on Sunday, July 14 through Wednesday, July 17. Spaces are limited. A \$10 non-refundable deposit by July 1 guarantees your spot. Registration forms are available in the church office and in the back of the church. The week will include discussions on discerning God's call in your life. The retreat will be facilitated by priests and seminarians of the Diocese of Victoria.

Mini-Twirl Camp, July 22-25. To register, please call Becky McElroy at 798-2831 or 772-6674.

Sacred Heart Catholic School registration for the 2013-14 school year will be held on Wed., June 26 from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and 3:00-6:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. All high school students must come to finalize their schedules. Parents of students in Pre-K thru 8th Grade who have pre-registered will need to come only to pay their fees and first month's tuition. The first month's tuition and all school fees are due at registration on Wednesday, June 26. Persons unable to attend on June 26, must call the school office at [361-798-4251](tel:361-798-4251) to make other arrangements.

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Self-discovery is part of every person's life. To a greater or lesser extent, individuals learn about themselves as they go through various stages of maturing. Adolescence is an early period of self-understanding, when teenagers begin individualizing themselves, sometimes rebelling against parental values, sometimes integrating them into their own lives. College years and young adulthood are another period when men and women begin to uncover more about their own place in the world. A traumatic experience in middle age-job loss, divorce, serious illness-may also provoke a time of self-reflection, during which a person may question what the meaning of his or her own life is.

The story in Luke's Gospel this weekend (like many of the Gospel stories) can be read in several different ways. Is the human nature of Jesus seeking an understanding of who He is, uncovering the mystery of His divine nature during His time of prayer? Or is the story written by the disciples many years later in their own quest to understand who Jesus was even as He walked among them? Or is this an account of the inspirational action of the Holy Spirit, giving Peter the insight to speak accurately about who Jesus is? Or is this a teaching of Luke the Gospel writer, putting the death and resurrection of Jesus in a context that unites the day-to-day experience of a believer with the final act of Jesus? Or is it all of these, and more, at one and the same time? Biblical scholars can give us a lot on which to reflect.

As the Gospel points out, for believers, the quest of self-discovery includes an identification with Christ. As He says in the Gospel, a follower "must deny himself and take up his cross daily...whoever loses his life for My sake will save it" (Lk 9:23-24). Here is the true path to self-discovery for the Christian. It is revealed in our connection to the death and resurrection of Christ. (2013 Liturgical Publications, Inc.)