

September 1, 2013: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



“Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.” — Lk 14:13-14

Scripture from the Catholic Bible, New Revised Standard Version

LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, September 1 (Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14)

6:30 am- For our Parish Family
8:00 am- John & Lucille Jalufka, & Ben Huser
10:30 am- Edwin, Billy & Earline Chovanetz

Monday, September 2 (1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30)

7:00 am- Magdalene Kristek (*Labor Day*)
10:00 am- Adolph Novosad, Sr. (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, Sept. 3, St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church (1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37)

7:00 am- Julius, Annie & Hedy Pustejovsky

Wednesday, September 4 (Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44)

7:00 am- Andrew Leopold, Sr.
8:05 am- Gene Szwarc

Thursday, September 5, Bl. Teresa of Calcutta, Religious (Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11)

7:00 am- Elroy & Judith Koerth
10:00 am- Eddie Belcik (Stevens)

Friday, September 6 (Col 1:15-20/Lk 5:33-39)

7:00 am- Elaine Rogers
8:05 am- Clifford & Barbara Frederick

Saturday, September 7 (Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5)

5:30 pm- Mass of Thanksgiving – Lawrence & Marcella Wagner's 49th Anniversary

Sunday, September 8 (Wis 9:13-18b/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33)

8:00 am- Dale Schulte
10:30 am- For our Parish Family

Bulletin Sponsor: Judith Schneider in memory of Alvin Schneider, Jr.

Radio Broadcast Sponsor: Living & deceased members of the Neskora & Hermes Families.

Vigil Light: In thanksgiving for prayers answered.

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$5,656.50; Manna Food Pantry-\$1,085; Loose-\$975; Children's-\$32.

Flowers on the Eucharistic Altar last weekend were in memory of Bea Heinzl by Gary Heinzl.

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

Bulletin & radio broadcast sponsors are needed. Please come by the Rectory if you are able to be a sponsor. Thank you for your support!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

-Sacred Heart Parish Picnic, K.C. Hall. Country Fried Chicken & Stew Dinner with homemade dressing – serving 10:30am-1:30pm. Drive-thru plates to go 10:30am-1pm (Adult plates only). Adults \$8 & Children \$4. Inside KC Hall, bingo (noon-6pm), cake walk, country store & religious articles booths. Auction begins 1pm. Kiddie games & rides all afternoon. Washer Pitch Tournament begins 5pm. Delicious hamburgers & cold refreshments all afternoon. Polka Music: Kovanda Czech Band 11am-1pm on Main Pavilion; Dujka Bros. & Red Ravens 1-9pm on Polka Pavilion/Biergarten. *Fun for all ages!!!*

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

-Quilting Circle, 9:00 a.m., K.C. Hall of Fame Room.
-K.C. General Meeting, 7:30 p.m., K.C. Hall.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

-CCD: K-12th Grade, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
-Divine Mercy Study/Prayers, 7:30 p.m., Cry Room.
-SHCS Booster Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m., K.C. Hall

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

-First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins 6:00 p.m. in church. Intention for this month: *For peace in troubled areas in the world and for rain.*
-Holy Hour for priestly vocations, 7:00 p.m. in church.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

-First Friday Adoration ends with benediction, 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

-Serra Club Mass for Vocations, 8:30 a.m., Sweet Home. Rosary for vocations begins at 8:00 a.m.

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, 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, Kathy Davis, Vernell Bozka, Noah Henke, Yvonne Muska, Peanut Leopold, Russell Janak, Candy Hines, nursing home residents, homebound.

The Rectory will be closed on Monday, September 2.

Anniversaries:

Leroy & Anita Etzler	51 years	Sept. 1
Leon & Margaret Steffek	51 years	Sept. 1
Dan & Barbara Kubena	58 years	Sept. 3
Emil & Joyce Hermes	50 years	Sept. 7

From the Desk of Msgr. John

I spent one week in Ireland. It was a wonderful and relaxing experience. A highlight of the trip was a visit to Our Lady of Knock Shrine. It was in 1879 that the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to a small group of people in the village of Knock.

I concelebrated Mass with several other priests with about 3,000 people present. It was the feast of the Queenship of Mary.

Soon we will be erecting a monument with the Commandments inscribed on it. It will be located on the small island on the Northwest side of the church near the fire hydrant. This is being done through the generosity of several parishioners.

CCD News ~~

Thank you to all the volunteers who said "Yes!" to the call to teach. We still need a teacher's aide in Kindergarten, and help in the office with copying and mailings. Please call Angela at the CCD Office if you are able to help with either of these positions.

Sacred Heart Catholic School News ~~

Sept. 2: No school – Labor Day holiday.

Sept. 6: Early dismissal 1:00 p.m. Faculty meeting.

Wednesdays: Booster Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m., K.C. Hall of Fame Room.

Area Picnics & Festivals:

Sept. 15: Our Lady of the Gulf Parish Festival, Bauer Community Center on Tx Hwy 35, Port Lavaca. Seafood Platter - fried fish & shrimp, coleslaw, German potatoes, hush puppies, serving 11am-1:30pm dine in or carry out (\$8/plate). Auction, games, ethnic food booths & more!

August Baptisms: Gage Spencer, son of Stephen & Ashley Grahmann; Haley Faith, daughter of Kevin & Clorisa Hartensteiner; Emily, daughter of Jaime Nunez & Otilia Caltzonzint; Peyton Elizabeth, daughter of Charles & Daphne Koerth; Selena Michelle, daughter of Michael & Kimberly Garza.

Christian Mothers Mtg., Tuesday, Sept. 10, at 6 pm, Youth House. Kelly Chance, Physical Therapist, will present a program on the importance of stretching, flexibility and posture, and how it relates to pain levels and overall health. All members are encouraged to attend.



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.*

Sacred Heart Fall Picnic News – Sept. 1, 2013

Cash Donations are being accepted at the Rectory, or placed in an envelope & dropped in collection basket.

Raffle Books: Please turn them in to the raffle table on the Main Pavilion on Picnic Sunday. **Do not drop them in this weekend's collection basket!**

Polaris Drawing: Tickets will be available for purchase at the picnic on the Main Pavilion (\$35 each or 3 for \$100).

Please bring to the KC Hall on the morning of the picnic:

Auction: Please bring items to the Auction Trailer.

Bingo Prizes: Suggested items – groceries, household items, children's toys & books, gift cards, etc.

Cake Walk: Please bring at least 2 cakes.

Country Store: Craft items, fresh produce, home canned goods (pickles, veggies, jelly, jalapeños, etc.), home baked goods (pies, cakes, cookies, strudels, kolaches, bread, etc.), homemade noodles, plants, etc.

Kitchen: Pickles, cakes & kolaches are needed for the noon meal.

Auction Items: Randy Bludau- cedar plank cooler; Daniel Kuhn- 3 antique railroad lanterns, thermometer, kerosene lamp; Irene Szwarc- 10 Collectible Barbies; Thomas & Monica Foyt- toy John Deere Tractor; Sister Patrice Schorp, I.W.C.- handmade Lazy Susan.

Cash Donations: Marjorie Krupala-\$100; Marcus Krupala-\$100; Raymond & Patricia Opela-\$100; Esther Supak-\$100; David & Shadra Pastucha-\$500; Herbert Kutac-\$150; Martha Sitka-\$100; Anonymous-\$250; Roland & Georgia Schaefer-\$50; Henry Joe & Delores Jasek-\$100.

Cattle: Charles & Kathy Haas-cow & calf; Rita Wachel & Family- Angus/Brangus cross heifer; Wink & Ida Bludau-heifer calf; Marcus & Marjorie Grahmann- 20 mon. Angus cross heifer; JBar Angus-Mark & Karen Janak- 20 mon. registered black Angus bull; John & Beverly Haas-Haas Farms- Angus cross calf; Frank Chovanetz-Chovanetz Ranch- 15 mon. purebred Brangus heifer; Leroy & Alice Janak- 15 mon. Angus cross heifer.

Welcome to the Parish: Clyde & Margaret Svetlik; Adam & Ellen Yezak, children Callie, Jake & Logan; Tim & Shelley Carnahan, children Hannah & Aidan; Michael & Jolene Janak; Jason & Amanda Kurtz, children Madelyn, Kayla & Kenzie.

Sacred Heart Youth News ~~

Welcome back! Our first Youth Night of the semester begins on Sunday, September 8 with Eucharistic Adoration at 5:00 p.m. in church followed by food, fellowship and spiritual activities at the Youth House, ending at 8:00 p.m. This event is open to all teens in grades 8-12.

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September 2013

Sacred Heart, St. Mary, St. John and Ascension Churches

Fr. John C. Peters, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

Blessed Junípero Serra, O.F.M.

The Year of Faith saint for September is Blessed Junípero Serra.

Not content with being an acclaimed Franciscan preacher in Spain, Blessed Junípero left everything behind to become a missionary. He landed in Vera Cruz, Mexico and walked 250 miles to Mexico City despite injury and illness. He founded 21 missions and taught the Native Americans trades, from farming to crafting. He also established the foundation for protections for the Native Americans and brought them the gift of faith.



"God bless you"

When you sneeze, think of Pope St. Gregory, the Great. In 590AD, the bubonic plague was spreading to Rome. To combat the disease, the pope requested unceasing prayer. "God bless you!" in response to a sneeze was part of that effort.

We are all needed in order to build this Temple. No one is secondary ... We are all equal in the eyes of God." Pope Francis I



Do you love God or fear God more?

Is your relationship with God dominated by guilt and fear, or by love? Do you worry how he thinks of you and dread praying to him? Yet Jesus taught us to always meet God joyfully in prayer and worship and to be confident of his love.

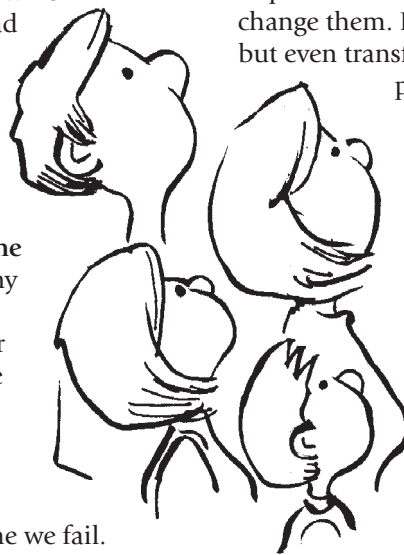
Don't fear God in the wrong way. It is healthy to be in awe of God as our creator and creator of the universe. But we should never be afraid of God becoming angry every time we make a mistake or punishing us every time we fail.

"But you, our God, are good and true, slow to anger, and governing all with mercy" (Wisdom 15:1). God appreciates honest effort.

Let God help you change. Most of us have areas in our lives that need improvement. If we ask, God will change them. It isn't always pleasant but even transforming change is possible when we allow God to work in our lives.

Don't carry guilt. The problem with guilt is that it can keep us from God. Instead, use it to take responsibility for sins, make amends, and start fresh – then let the guilt go. Catholics are blessed to have access to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Use it often so you can meet God joyfully in love and peace which is what he prefers.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do we say the "Fatima Prayer?"

When our Blessed Mother appeared to the children at Fatima in 1917, she asked them to add this prayer after each decade of the Rosary: "Oh, my Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from the fire of hell. Lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who have

most need of Thy mercy." While we all need God's mercy, those who have abandoned their faith, lead mortally sinful lives, or reject the teachings of the Church need prayers for conversion and repentance.



Make distractions a plus in prayer

There is no better way to stay close to God than through prayer. Yet when we become distracted during our prayer, we can become discouraged and give up. Try these ideas for turning distractions into blessings:

Gently return. Start your prayer by placing yourself in the presence of God. When you wander, gently bring yourself back. Avoid shaking yourself like a wet dog.

Develop the discipline of recall. St. Frances de Sales said, "When your mind wanders or gives way to distractions, gently recall it



and place it once more close to its Divine Master. If you should do nothing else but repeat this during the whole time of prayer, your hour would be very well spent and you would perform a spiritual exercise most acceptable to God."

Make the distraction part of your prayer. If you start thinking about people and events unrelated to your prayer, pray about them and then return to the original subject of your prayer.

Pray out loud. When distractions overwhelm you, pray out loud.

from Scripture

Luke 16:19-31, Our brother's keeper

This is one of the clearest and most direct parables Jesus told. It starts with Lazarus, a beggar who lay suffering, miserable and ignored outside the home of a rich man. By contrast, the rich man had a wonderful and comfortable life on earth oblivious to what was happening outside his very door. In the afterlife, however, it is the rich man who suffers torment and begs for relief.

The rich man was condemned not because he was wealthy, but because he had become blind to the suffering of



others. He knew what Scripture and the prophets said what God expected of him but he didn't do it. His suffering in the afterlife was just punishment.

The Bible makes it plain that he wants us to love each other as he does. When we live our faith, we transform our prayers into deeds of love just as Jesus asked. As he

demonstrates in this parable, the reward for doing what Jesus asked will be eternal joy.

Q & A What does it mean to create scandal?

The Fifth Commandment forbids murder and instructs us to work to protect and preserve life. But also included in this commandment is the necessity to protect the others' souls, as well. Leading others to believe that evil or sinful behavior is acceptable and not morally wrong is to cause scandal and could lead to the death of their souls. While this charge applies to all of us, those who will be held especially responsible are people in positions of trust - parents, employers, public officials, teachers, church officials, etc.



Scandal can be created through words and persuasion but also through bad example and behavior. Someone who acts in a sinful way and convinces others that his behavior is not sinful or evil is guilty of creating scandal.

Governments and institutions can cause scandal by creating laws or policies that legitimize sinful actions and requiring citizens to obey them. For example, at one time in the United States, slavery – a great moral wrong – was legal and protected by law.

Feasts & Celebrations

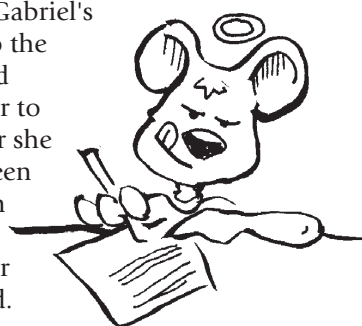
Sept. 13 - St. John Chrysostom (407). A powerful public speaker, he was a brutal critic of clergy who abused their office and royals who turned a blind eye to the suffering of the poor. He died in exile as a result.

Sept. 27 - St. Vincent de Paul (1660). St. Vincent de Paul, was devoted to the spiritual and physical relief of the poor and sick. He founded several hospitals, and ransomed over 1,200 galley slaves from North Africa.

Sept. 21 - St. Matthew. Also known as Levi, he was a notorious tax collector. He left everything when Jesus

called him to spread the Gospel. He wrote the Gospel According to Matthew.

Sept. 29 - St. Michael, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael, the Archangels. Members of the third hierarchy of angels around the throne of God, archangels are entrusted with important missions to mankind such as St. Gabriel's visit to the Blessed Mother to tell her she had been chosen as the mother of God.



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