

September 22, 2013: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



“The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones. If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth?”
— Lk 16:10-11

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LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, Sept. 22 (Am 8:4-7/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13)

8:00 am- Russell Grahmann
10:30 am- Hubert & Ethel Bludau

Monday, September 23, St. Pius, Priest of Pietrelcina (Ezr 1:1-6/Lk 8:16-18)

7:00 am- Living & deceased members of Guntram & Annie Janak Family
10:00 am- Living & deceased members of Ben & Emilia Bludau Family (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, Sept. 24 (Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Lk 8:19-21)

7:00 am- James Kouba

Wednesday, September 25 (Ezr 9:5-9/Lk 9:1-6)

7:00 am- Louis R. Kallus & Carolyn Steffek
8:05 am- Leo & Viola Henke

Thursday, September 26, Sts. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs (Hg 1:1-8/Lk 9:7-9)

7:00 am- Dr. Michael Moore
10:00 am- Kenneth Rother (Stevens)

Friday, September 27, St. Vincent de Paul, Priest (Hg 2:1-9/Lk 9:18-22)

7:00 am- Rosie, Joe & Thomas Lala
8:05 am- Rebecca & Julie Steffek

Saturday, September 28, Sts. Wenceslaus & Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs (Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Lk 9:43b-45)

5:30 pm- Henry Sitka

Sunday, September 29 (Am 6:1a, 4-7/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31)

8:00 am- Mass of Thanksgiving - Gene & Trudy Janak's 53rd Anniversary
10:30 am- Hubert & Bunny Dornak, August & Karolina Dornak, Carl & Hilda Buss
5:00 pm- For our Parish Family (Spanish Mass)

Bulletin Sponsor: Marvin & Annette Grahmann Family in memory of Russell Grahmann.

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

Vigil Light: In memory of Leroy Bludau.

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$5,885.50; Manna Food Pantry-\$1,159; Loose-\$1,165; Children's-\$68.

Please pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

-Baptism Preparation Class, 9:00 a.m., Family Center. Please call the Rectory in advance to register.
-First Penance Workshop & Commissioning Ceremony, 5:30-7:00 p.m., Cafeteria.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

-Rosary & Evening Praise, 5:30 p.m., Church.
-Parish Finance Council Mtg, 6:00 p.m., Mary's House
-Parish Advisory Council Mtg, 6:30 p.m., Mary's House

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

-CCD: K-12th Grade, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
-SHCS Booster Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m., K.C. Hall.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

-Catholic Daughters will receive Holy Communion in a body at the 8:00 a.m., Mass.
-Covered Dish Supper after Spanish Mass, Family Center.

Among our sick: Donna Avant, Lorene Christ, Matt Pohler, Wilbert Kalinec, Mary Bonorden, Josephine Muniz, Vivian Janak, Bobbie Lee Drozd, Donna Steffek, Frank Gutierrez, Glenn Rabel, Lisa Grissom, Rachel Davis, George Meyer, Richard Grahmann, Colin Grahmann, Marie Hermes, Emil Hermes, Georgia Schaefer, Pat Hanslik, Leroy Loth, Debby Kolos, Barbara Kubena, Kathy Davis, Yvonne Muska, Russell Janak, Candy Hines, Timothy Brosch, Marilyn Palmquist, Johnny Krenek, nursing home residents, homebound.

Promise of Marriage: Lee Ann Steffek and Weston Matthew Pavlicek on October 5.

Flowers at the Altar of Sacrifice this weekend are in memory of Rebecca & Julie Steffek on Rebecca's 10th birthday.

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

Anniversaries:

Travis & Audrey Klimitchek	30 years	Sept. 24
Tom & Peggy Kostelnik	62 years	Sept. 25

Bulletin sponsors are needed. Please come by the Rectory if you are interested in being a sponsor.

Sacred Heart HSA annual strudel bake will be held on October 26. Pecans and sugar are needed. If you have any to donate, please call Barbara Grahmann 798-4167 as soon as possible so that we will know if any will need to be purchased. Pecans and sugar may be dropped off at Sacred Heart School or the Rectory. Thank you for helping to make the strudel bake a success!

Perpetual Adoration: An adorer is needed on Monday's at 10 pm. If you are able to spend this hour with our Lord, please call Charlene Bradbury 798-3224.

From the Desk of Msgr. John

The new mausoleum at Sacred Heart Cemetery is now complete. If you have not bought a crypt and might be interested, you can go by the new mausoleum and check it out.

The Ten Commandments monument which will be placed on the church grounds at the corner of South Texana and East Fifth St. is now in the process of being done. This is being sponsored by several parishioners.

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Sept. 23: BBQ Pork Dinner plates-to-go, 4:30-6:30 p.m., K.C. Hall. Tickets \$8 each.

Sept. 30: Senior parent meeting, 7:00 p.m., Cafeteria.

Campbell Soup Labels, Box Tops for Education: These items can be redeemed for merchandise or cash. Please clip these items & turn them in to the School Office or Rectory. *Thank you for supporting SHCS!*

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation)

Our R.C.I.A. classes will meet on Thursdays from 7:00-8:30 p.m. beginning October 3rd. These classes are for those interested in learning more about the Catholic Church and possibly joining the Catholic Faith. If you are interested, please call the Rectory (798-5888) and leave your name and telephone number.

Area Picnics & Festivals:

Sept. 22: Czech Heritage Festival, Victoria Community Center, 10am-7:30pm. Czech food, polka music, booths, exhibits, auction. Tarok Tournament & Homemade Beer & Wine Show. Go to www.victoriaczechs.org for info.

Sept. 29: St. John the Baptist Church Picnic, Koerth, Sweet Home Community Center. Stew & Sausage Dinner 11am-1pm. Auction, booths, kiddy games, raffle.

Prayer for rain: Heavenly Father, We believe that it is You Who created our world with all of its beauty and life. We believe that it is You Who put into place the systems of nature that sustain, nurture and renew this work of Your hands. We believe that it is You Who hears Your children when they call upon You. Hear then, this prayer which comes from a heart filled with confidence and trust. Grant to us and to all who seek it, the gift of a bountiful rain. Water our lands so that they may once again spring to life and reflect the beauty of Your creation. Fill our lakes and rivers with sufficient rain so that they may continue to provide life giving and refreshing water to all who depend upon it for their livelihood and well-being. Please do not let many more days pass without sending us this most needed blessing of rain. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Your Son Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.



Sacred Heart Hallettsville 62nd annual Apple Strudel Bake set for Saturday, October 26. Unbaked strudels - \$14, baked - \$16. Pickup 10am - 5pm on Oct. 26 at the SH Family Center in Hallettsville. To order, call Charlene Bradbury [361-798-3224](tel:361-798-3224), Annette Henke [361-798-5374](tel:361-798-5374) or email charlene_bradbury@hotmail.com. *(Advance orders are required to guarantee order fulfillment.)*

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Brad and Joanna met in graduate school and married shortly after they each completed their degree work. As a young married couple they are deeply in love with each other and really work hard at being unified in their household as they raise their two young children. In so many ways they act as one. But every fall there is one thing that comes along that divides this couple: college football! You see, Joanna graduated from Ohio State, while Brad finished his undergraduate work at the University of Wisconsin. Most of the time, the weekend college football events are not that divisive. They can even root for each other's alma maters depending on who the opponent is. But when their schools play each other the division is intense. Their home life may be united in many things, but when it comes to their old school teams the rivalry wins out.

In the Gospel this weekend, Jesus points out to His disciples that a person can really only devote himself to one master. Serving God and serving money are very hard to hold in balance. The dishonest steward in the Gospel parable could not hold to his ethical duty to his employer. Instead he used his position to feather his own nest, something that even his former employer gave him credit for.

The loyalties that Brad and Joanna have toward their individual teams are commendable. They each maintain a strong devotion to their collegiate experience. But they also recognize that there is a greater master to serve in their lives: their marital union. As intense as game day may be, they realize that in the end, it is just a game, while their marriage and their family life is not. They have recognized a greater good even as they enjoy the game that divides them each fall. Our own lives can be exactly like that. We can come to an accommodation with every other thing as long as we recognize that God is the master of all. (©2013 Liturgical Publications, Inc.)



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In memory of Wilma Pesek: Robert & Gloria Haas-\$20. **In memory of Lillie Woytek:** Franklin Billimek-\$10; Marjorie Hlavac-\$20. **In memory of Dolores Hrnrcir:** Everett & Geneva Maas-\$15.