

**September 28 2008: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him." - Mt 21:31-32

**LITURGY**

**MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS**

**Sunday, September 28 (Ez 18:25-28/ Phil 2:1-11/ Mt 21:28-32)**

8:00 AM- Willie Holik & Bonnie Grahmann  
10:30 AM- Living & deceased members of Catholic Knights  
5:00 PM- For our Parish Family (Spanish Mass)

**Monday, September 29 (Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/ Jn 1:47-51)**

7:00 AM- Georgia Ludwig & Harold  
10:00 AM- Living & deceased members of Robert Melnar Family  
(H'ville Rehab)

**Tuesday, September 30 (Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/ Lk 9:51-56)**

7:00 AM- Joe, Justina & Freddie Joe Kolos

**Wednesday, October 1 (Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/ Lk 9:57-62)**

7:00 AM- Mass of Thanksgiving – Gene & Trudy Janak's 48th Anniversary  
8:05 AM- V. C. Labay



**Thursday, October 2 (Jb 19:21-27/ Mt 18:1-5, 10)**

7:00 AM- James Grahmann  
10:00 AM- Charles "Buddy" Rohan (Stevens)

**Friday, October 3 (Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/ Lk 10:13-16)**

7:00 AM- Leroy Schindler  
8:05 AM- Carl Haas (Bishop Fellhauer presiding)

**Saturday, October 4 (Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/ Lk 10:17-24)**

5:30 PM- Frank, Annie & Gene Holik  
**Sunday, October 5 (Is 5:1-7/ Phil 4:6-9/ Mt 21:33-43)**

8:00 AM- Henry Jones  
10:30 AM- Mass of Thanksgiving – Tommy & Evelyn Dornak's  
50th Anniversary

**LAST WEEKS' MASS INTENTIONS:**

- Sun., Sept. 21:** 8:00 am- Louis R. Kallus  
10:30 am- Frank V. & Rose Lee Henke
- Mon., Sept. 22:** 7:00 am- Hubert A. Bludau  
10:00 am- Victor Leopold
- Tues., Sept. 23:** 7:00 am- Living & deceased members of John & Laura Grahmann Family
- Wed., Sept. 24:** 7:00 am- Joe P. & Wilhelmina Kallus; Alfred & Mary Technik  
8:05 am- Living & deceased members of Guntram & Annie Janak Family
- Thur., Sept. 25:** 7:00 am- Leo T. & Viola Henke  
10:00 am- Elizabeth Urbish
- Fri., Sept. 26:** 7:00 am- Henry Sitka  
8:05 am- Ryan Grahmann
- Sat., Sept. 27:** 5:30 pm- Margaret Etzler

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

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

**Vigil Light:** In memory of V.C. Labay, Herbert Bludau & Dorothy Grahmann by Stephen & Ashley Grahmann.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

- Baptism Preparation Class: 9:00 a.m. in the Rectory.
- Covered dish supper in Family Center after Spanish Mass.
- Queen of Peace Church Picnic, Sweet Home.
- Church Picnics in the area: St. Philip's Church, KC Hall, El Campo; Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Meyersville.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**

- SHCS Student Council Blood Drive: 1:00 – 6:00 pm in front of the Daycare.
- Rosary & Evening Prayer: 5:30 p.m. in church.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

- Quilting Circle: 9 a.m. – Noon, KC Hall of Fame Room.
- RCIA Class: 7:00 – 8:15 p.m. in the Family Center.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1**

- CCD: Grades K – 11th, 6:00 – 7:10 p.m.
- Divine Mercy Prayer Group, 7:00 p.m. in the church.
- SHCS Booster Club Mtg: 7:30 pm, KC Hall of Fame Rm.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2**

- First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 6:00 p.m. in church. The intentions for this month – *respect life & world missions.*

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3**

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament closes with Benediction in the church at 6:00 p.m.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4**

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

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5**

- Blood Drive: 8:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Family Center.
- First Penance Workshop & Commissioning Service: 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Family Center.
- Sacred Heart Picnic, Flatonia. Turkey & Dressing Dinner 11 am. Auction 1 pm. Music, games, booths.
- Holy Rosary Picnic, Hostyn. Fried Chicken & Sausage Dinner 11 am. Polka Mass 10 am. Auction 1 pm. Games
- St. John's Bazaar, Hungerford. BBQ Chicken, Beef & Sausage Dinner 10:30 am. Bingo, booths, games, rides.
- Holy Cross Church Picnic, KC Hall, Bay City. Turkey & Dressing Dinner 11:00 a.m. Auction 12:00 p.m.

**AMONG OUR SICK:** Hubert Grahmann, Deacon Marvin Fikac, Mary Laas, Jacque Holchak, Alvin Rosenauer, Frank Luke, Douglas Bludau, Macey Moeller, Margaret Flores, Mary Ann Gaitan, Virginia Pederson, Odessa Blumberg, Debbie Fishbeck, Johnny Rainosek, Josie Ohnheiser, Clint Brewer, Mason Leibham, Josie Muniz, David Tomek, Riley Mika, Joyce Svetlik, Louise Tesch, Mary Bonorden, Marie Grafe, Loraine Butschek, Jesse Cavazos, Bernice Woytek, Evelyn Henke, Lillie Sitka, Harvey Prasek, Paige Haas, Annette Krupala, Sr. Rosalyn Henke, Juno Werner, Ernest Schulte, Thelma Mikulenka, John Schlageter, Alphonse Steffek, Ethel Bludau, Mary Ann Kana, Bill Chapline, Harry Macik, Dorothy Petru, Anthony Corte, Philip Schlageter, Maggie Volcik, Lorene Fuller, Matthew Walker, Amanda Conniff, Rachel Siegel,

Marcella Henke, Adela Pohl, Margaret Timm, nursing home residents & homebound.

**Our Gift to God last week:** Envelopes- \$4,616.50; Loose-\$848; Children's- \$16; Catholic Ed.- \$1,782.

### *From the Desk of Father John*

#### *Further reflections on cohabitation –*

Forty-three percent of all cohabiting households include children. In about seventy percent of the cases, these are the children of only one partner.

Only one-third of these children will live with both parents throughout their childhood. When cohabiting couples break up, the fathers are less likely to support the children financially or maintain contact with them.

Studies show that children of cohabiting couples are at greater risk for behavioral and academic problems. They are also more likely to be sexually or physically abused. The most dangerous of family environments for children is when the mother is living with someone other than the child's biological father.

The gulf between what is acceptable in the eyes of our increasingly secular society and what is acceptable in the eyes of God grows wider every year.

Secular society tells you there is nothing wrong with living together, even though researchers have proved in study after study that cohabitation has a negative impact on the couple and on society as a whole. Secular society will tell you to do whatever you want to do.

The Church tells us that God is love, human beings are created in God's image, and God has instilled in us a deep desire to love and to be loved. But the love between a man and a woman can be expressed authentically only in the Sacrament of Matrimony, which offers permanence, mutual respect, and openness to children. The Church will tell you the truth about what God wants you to do.

Whom are you going to believe?



### *The Youth ConneXion*



**October 11:** CHAMPS meet in church at 2:30 p.m.

**October 12:** Youth Group gathering at 4:00 p.m. in the Youth House; meeting to follow.

**October 19:** Youth meet at 5:00 p.m. in church; Firefall to follow at 6:00 p.m.

**November 9:** Jr. High Fiesta in Victoria.

**RCIA/Adult Education Classes** are held on Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:15 p.m. in the Family Center for those interested in joining the church or learning more about the Catholic faith. Please call the Rectory to register for the classes.

**Pro-Life:** If abortion is the answer, it must be a really stupid question. Killing of the innocent is never an answer to a problem. Bring the baby to full term; adoption is the caring option.

### **Religious Education – Janice Busselman, 798-3124**



**First Penance Workshop & Commissioning Service** for parents & students is on October 5 at

5:30 pm in the Cafeteria.

**9th Grade Youth Involvement Mass:** October 19 at the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

**Promise of Marriage:** Ashley Marie Henneke & John Taylor Patlovany on October 4th; Stacie Diane Patek & Blake Matthew Collins on October 11th.

#### **Anniversaries:**

Allen & Darlene Barcak	35 years	Sept. 29
Phillip & Grace Rogers	30 years	Sept. 30
Leo & Mildred Christ	53 years	Oct. 1
Thomas & Evelyn Dornak	50 years	Oct. 4
Walter & Betty Hemmi	58 years	Oct. 4

**Please pray for the repose of the souls of** Dorothy Smith, sister of Roman Shimek; and Wilhemina Schraer of our parish family. *May they rest in the peace of Christ.*

**Sr. Digna Vela of the Diocesan Catechetical Office** is sponsoring a trip to Greece on March 26 – April 3, 2009 for a celebration of the Jubilee of Paul. For more information, go to <http://www.travelillum.com/trc/dov> or call the Catechetical Office at 573-0828.

**Correction to Fall Picnic Auction Report:** Window planter & Bird Stand was donated by Elrose Kalisek.

**Fall Picnic Donors:** Bill & Margaret Bludau- \$100.

**Perpetual Adoration:** Adorers are needed at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays & 8:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. If you would like to spend an hour with the Lord during these times, please call Charlene Bradbury at 798-3224.

**Spiritual Book Study introductory meeting** on Wed., Oct. 8 from 6–7:10 pm in the Family Center for adults interested in taking part in the book study. At our last parish mission Fr. Jim mentioned numerous books on spirituality by well-known Catholic authors. It has been a while since the mission. This will be a great opportunity to revisit, continue our study and be inspired by using the books the mission's key thoughts were based upon. At this introductory meeting we will review those titles suggested and choose a spiritual book that we as a group will read and discuss. For those whose children are in CCD during this time, this is a chance for you to model your commitment to continuous learning about our faith by doing something for your own enrichment while your children are in class. All adults are welcome. For more information, call Pat Scherer at 562-2252.

### *Sacred Heart Catholic School News* (361) 798-4251

**\*BBQ Pork Dinner:** Plates to go on September 28, KC Hall. Tickets \$7.00 each.

**\*The Adopt-A-Student Program** is a tuition assistance program for SHCS families. This is a wonderful way to honor a loved one or a friend for a special occasion. For donation information, please call the school or rectory.



**Prayer for Rain:** God, our Father, we are in need of rain. 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.