

JANUARY 11, 2009: BAPTISM OF THE LORD



On coming up out of the water He saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon Him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with You I am well pleased." – Mk 1:10-11

LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, January 11 (Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11)

8:00 AM- Linhart, Ludmilla, Johnnie & Benedict Hermis,
Leona Blaschke, Adolph & Hermina Marek

10:30 AM- Adele Richardson

Monday, January 12 (Heb 1:1-6/Mk 1:14-20)

7:00 AM- Special Intention

10:00 AM- Lawrence Christ (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, January 13 (Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28)

7:00 AM- Richard Dixon

Wednesday, January 14 (Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39)

7:00 AM- Mass of Thanksgiving – Joe N. & Magdalene
Steffek's 68th Anniversary

8:05 AM- Mass of Thanksgiving (Luke Bludau)

Thursday, January 15 (Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45)

7:00 AM- Emil Hajek

10:00 AM- Wilhemina Minnie Schraer (Stevens)

Friday, January 16 (Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12)

7:00 AM- Special Intention

8:05 AM- Hubert & Ethel Bludau

Saturday, January 17 (Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17)

5:30 PM- For our Parish Family

Sunday, Jan. 18 (Sm 3:3b-10,19/1Cor 6:13c-15a,17-20/Jn 1:35-42)

8:00 AM- Deceased members of William & Mary Barton
Family

10:30 AM- Mary L. Michna



Bulletin Sponsor: In memory of Adele Richardson by Bob & Lou Kubena.

Radio Broadcast Sponsor: Stevens Nursing & Rehab. Center.

Vigil Light: Special Intention.

Our Gift to God: New Year's Day Collection – Envelopes-\$6,844; Loose-\$1,225; Children's-\$25.

Sunday Collection – Envelopes-\$5,769; Loose-\$1,155; Children's-\$73.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of: Johnny Rainosek & Douglas Bludau of our parish family; Rita Rehm Grafe; Dennis Strauss brother of Fred Strauss; and Blasé Konvicka, Sr. & Ray Kelnar of St. Mary's. *May they and all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.*

Anniversaries:

Frank & Betty Teltschik 65 years Jan. 11

Joe N. & Magdalene Steffek 68 years Jan. 14

Contribution Statements for 2008 are available upon request. **Please call BEFORE coming by the Rectory to give us time to prepare your statement.** Thank you for your consideration.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

-Blood Drive, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Family Center.

MONDAY, JANUARY 12

-Rosary & evening prayer, 5:30 p.m. in the church.

-KJZT Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Mary's House, 300 S. Dowling.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13

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

-No RCIA Class today.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

-CCD: Grades K – 11th, 6:00 – 7:10 p.m.

-Spiritual Book Study, 6:00 p.m., Mary's House, 300 S. Dowling.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

-First Penance Practice, 9:00 a.m. in church.

-CHAMPS, 2:30 p.m. in church.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

-First Penance, 2:00 p.m. in church.

AMONG OUR SICK: Hubert Grahmann, Deacon Marvin Fikac, Mary Laas, Jacque Holchak, Alvin Rosenauer, Frank Luke, Macey Moeller, Margaret Flores, Mary Ann Gaitan, Virginia Pederson, Odessa Blumberg, Debbie Fishbeck, 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, Annette Krupala, Thelma Mikulenska, Alphonse Steffek, Bill Chapline, Anthony Corte, Philip Schlageter, Maggie Volcik, Matthew Walker, Amanda Conniff, Marcella Henke, Margaret Timm, Madeline Lakey, Sylvester Garza, Harry Jackson, Helen M. Appelt, Luke Bludau, Mary Kaiser, Michael Kutac, Rosalie Simpson, Hedwig Greer, Josephine Matejek, Ed Aulick, Paige Haas, nursing home residents & the homebound.

Spiritual Book Study: You are invited to participate in reading & discussing *The Return of the Prodigal Son* by renown author Fr. Henri Nouwen. In his book he shares the deeply personal meditation that led him to discover the place within where God has chosen to dwell. Come join us on Wednesdays, 6:00–7:10 p.m. at Mary's House, 300 S. Dowling. For book ordering information, please call Pat Scherer at (979) 562-2252.

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. 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.



Religious Education – Janice Busselman 798-3124

January 28th: No class (Catholic Schools Week).

February 8th: First Communion Workshop, 3:00 p.m.

From the Desk of Father John

From this Sunday evening through Thursday evening, Fr. Michael will be on the annual Priest Retreat at the Spiritual Renewal Center. He and half of the priests of the Victoria Diocese will be on retreat this week, and Fr. John and the other half of the priests will be on retreat the following week. Keep all of our priests in your prayers.

This Sunday is the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Jesus is the beloved Son of the Father. He is the light of the nations and Lord of all creation. To Him be all glory and praise! All who are thirsty, come to the waters, to the Lord, the fountain of salvation. Jesus Christ came through water and blood. He is the Son in Whom the Father is well pleased. After the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, Ordinary Time begins.

Apart from those seasons having their own distinctive character, there remains in the yearly cycle those weeks (33 or 34) that do not celebrate a specific mystery of Christ. Rather, especially on Sundays, they are devoted to the mystery of Christ in all of its fullness. This period is known as Ordinary Time.

Ordinary Time begins on Monday, January 12, and continues through Tuesday, February 24, the day before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten season. It will resume when the Easter season ends, that is, on Monday, June 1, the day following Pentecost.



The Youth ConneXion



January 11: There will be no Youth gathering.

January 17: CHAMPS meet at 2:30 p.m. in church. K-7th Graders are invited to attend. Kinder & 1st Graders must be accompanied by a parent. We would love to have more children become involved. Adult volunteers are also needed. Please join us!

January 18: Youth Gathering will be combined with Firefall. We will meet at 5:00 p.m. in church & after Firefall gather at the Youth House for social, dinner & discussion of upcoming events.

Wanted: Musicians from the parish to help us out with music for Firefall!! If God has blessed you with musical talent, please come to church at 3:00 p.m. on January 18 to prepare for Firefall.

February 20: 5th – 7th Grade Youth Lock-In. Details coming soon!

“At the Death House Door”, a documentary by Rev. Carroll Pickett will be held at Victoria College Fine Arts Auditorium at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, January 26th. Rev. Pickett served 15 years as chaplain to the infamous “Walls” prison unit in Huntsville & presided over 95 executions. The event is free & open to the public; however, reservations are required. Please contact Darin at (361) 582-2417 or email darin.kazmir@victoriacollege.edu.

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

***January 19:** Student holiday; faculty retreat.

***Spaghetti Supper:** January 21, 5:00–7:00 pm, KC Hall.

***Catholic Schools Week:** January 26 – 30.

***January 30:** dismissal at 12:00 noon. No extended care.

***Extravaganza, Saturday, February 7, KC Hall.**

Social 6:00 p.m.; Dinner 7:30 p.m.; Dance 9:00 p.m.

Music provided by Cactus Country. Tickets \$125/couple, which includes social with hors d'oeuvres, steak dinner for two & dance. Tickets are available at the school office & rectory.

Spiritual Direction: The beginning of a new year seems to always call us to reflect. We have hopes and dreams about all the possibilities. Sometimes we even make a list of our new year resolutions. Maybe we resolve to be more faithful to spending time each day in prayer and reflection. Our lives are so busy with jobs, family, involvements in our parish and community. We know God is with us no matter what but realize sometimes it is hard to keep mindful of this fact in the midst of all the commotion of life. We know that in order to get acquainted with someone, we have to spend time with them. God is no different. Perhaps you would find it helpful to meet for one hour once a month with a trained spiritual director who can help you develop your prayer life in such a way that you won't miss the “God moments” that happen continuously in the midst of our full lives. A monthly spiritual direction session is a gift you give yourself. There is no charge. For more information, call Pat Scherer at (979) 562-2252. She has 19 years experience as a spiritual director. She and husband, Johnny, recently relocated here from the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.

The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women of the Province of Galveston-Houston Winter Meeting will be held at Holy Family, Victoria, Saturday, February 7 beginning at 9:00 am & concluding with Mass at 4:00 pm offered by Most Rev. Bishop David Fellhauer. Please register by January 20 – send your name, address, phone number, Diocese & Parish name along with \$25 fee to Kathy Strader, P. O. Box 1391, LaPorte, TX 77571. Keynote address will be given by Fr. David Berger. Please bring an item for the Silent Auction. If you have any questions, call Charlotte Boudreaux (281) 471-1628.

Retrouvaille: The post-weekend phase will be held January 30 – February 1 in Victoria. To register, call (979) 543-3493 or email lbconner@sbcglobal.net.

Women's ACTS Retreat (Shiner): March 12-15. Registration forms are available in the foyer of the church.

SACRED HEART EARLY CHILDHOOD & DAYCARE

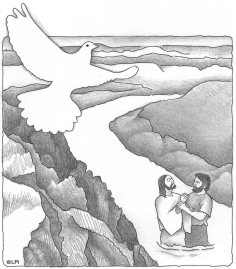
In memory of Ethel C. Bludau:

Dorothy Satcher & Jacque	10.00
Arthur Spies	10.00

Baptism of the Lord

Throughout my life, I've been fortunate enough to live in several homes. Nothing fancy, mind you, just enough for a family of four. But each home had one thing in common – a basement. I've always been one of those people who needed someplace to store my "stuff," that junk that accumulates over the years but you can't seem to bring yourself to dispose of. And each of my basements has had something in common as well – they've flooded at least once. Usually, a sump pump decided to quit in the middle of a three-day rainstorm. At some point, I'll wade through the floating "stuff" and announce to my wife that our house has been baptized. Again.

John the Baptist, as he preached of the coming of the Son of God, welcomed every type of sinner to the Jordan River to have their sins washed away, to begin a new life. Why then did Jesus – Himself incapable of sin – ask to be baptized by John as well? Just as our baptism welcomes us into the arms of the Church, Jesus' baptism signifies the beginning of His ministerial mission on earth. It is here He is manifested as the Son of God and in possession of the Holy Spirit.



Jesus' immersion in the waters of the Jordan expresses His willingness to self-cleanse everything up to that moment and begin His life as God's suffering servant (CCC 536). Just as Jesus appeared in the crowd of sinners waiting for the saving waters, He is with us today. In this seemingly

simple act, He accepted His fate of death on the cross in exchange for the remission of our sins. As you bless yourselves today with holy water, linger a bit on the feel of the water and remember the beloved Son, in whom God is well pleased.

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In memory of Ethel C. Bludau:

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