

## July 19, 2009: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. — Mt 9:14

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### LITURGY

#### MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

##### Sunday, July 19 (Jer 23:1-6/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34)

8:00 am- For our Parish Family

10:30 am- Leroy Schindler

##### Monday, July 20, St. Apollinaris (Ex 14:5-18/Mt 12:38-42)

7:00 am- Carl Haas

10:00 am- Special Intention (Hallettsville Rehab)

##### Tuesday, July 21, St. Lawrence of Brindisi (Ex 14:21---15:1/

Mt 12:46-50)

7:00 am- Dale Schulte

##### Wednesday, July 22, St. Mary Magdalene (Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Jn

20:1-2, 11-18)

7:00 am- James Kouba

8:05 am- Ray Kelnar

##### Thursday, July 23, St. Bridget of Sweden (Ex 19:1-2, 9-11,

16-20b/Mt 13:10-17)

7:00 am- Frank & Peggy Janak

10:00 am- Julia & Louis Satsky (Stevens)

##### Friday, July 24, St. Sharbel Makhluf (Ex 20:1-17/Mt 13:18-23)

7:00 am- Pauline Vana

8:05 am- Ann & William Butschek

##### Saturday, July 25, St. James, Apostle (2Cor 4:7-

15/ Mt 20:20-28)

5:30 pm- V. C. & Alois Labay

##### Sunday, July 26 (2 Kgs 4:42-44/Eph 4:1-6/

Jn 6:1-15)

8:00 am- Grace Ann Liska

10:30 am- Deceased members of Frank & Zofie Bartos Family

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



Bulletin & Vigil Light Sponsor: In memory of Roy Kalisek by his family.

Radio Broadcast Sponsor: In memory of Angeline & Hedy Pustejovsky.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of *Lucille Etzler* of our parish family. *May she & all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.*

Anniversaries:

Guthrie & Beverly Blahuta                      40 years      July 19

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$5,893.50; Catholic Education-\$762; Church Endowment-\$60; Loose-\$1,101.

Raffle Prize Donors are needed for the Fall Picnic. The information needs to go to the printer soon, so please call or come by the Rectory as soon as possible. *Thank you!*

Gabriel Project "Angel Appreciation Dinner," August 15, 6:00 p.m., Holy Family Church, Victoria. Speaker: Dr. Marcella Colbert. Special Guest: Bishop David Fellhauer. For more information, please call Barbara at 649-1612.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### SUNDAY, JULY 19

-Ascension Parish Picnic, Moravia. Fried Chicken & Stew Dinner 11 am. Auction 1 pm. Bingo, cake walk, country store, toy walk, games, food & fun for all!  
Music by The Czechaholics & Mark Halata – Texavia.

### MONDAY, JULY 20

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

### TUESDAY, JULY 21

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

-Serra Club Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Jalisco's Café.

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

-Spiritual Book Study, 6:30 p.m., Mary's House.

### SUNDAY, JULY 26

-Baptism Preparation Class, 9:00 a.m., Rectory. Please call the Rectory in advance to register for the class.

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

-Covered dish supper in Family Center after Spanish Mass.

-Firefall, 6:00 p.m. in church. Parishioners are invited to join the youth in Eucharistic Adoration.

**AMONG OUR SICK:** Hubert Grahmann, Deacon Marvin Fikac, Mary Laas, Jacque Holchak, Alvin Rosenauer, Frank Luke, Macey Moeller, Margaret Flores, Mary Ann Gaitan, Odessa & Doug Blumberg, Debbie Fishbeck, Josie Ohnheiser, Clint Brewer, Mason Leibham, Josie Muniz, David Tomek, Riley Mika, Louise Tesch, Mary Bonorden, Marie Grafe, Loraine Butschek, Jesse Cavazos, Bernice Woytek, Evelyn Henke, Annette Krupala, Anthony Corte, Thelma Mikulenska, Bill Chapline, Maggie Volcik, Matthew Walker, Amanda Conniff, Margaret Timm, Sylvester Garza, Harry Jackson, Helen M. Appelt, Luke Bludau, Mary Kaiser, Michael Kutac, Rosalie Simpson, Hedwig Greer, Ed Aulick, Paige Haas, Milada Netardus, Anita Kallus, Hubert Etzler, Jeff Zavesky, Renae Ross, Alma Jurena, Kate Kopecky, Michael L. Drozd, Bill Biehunko, Lindal Finley, Frank Fishar, Pam Dornak, Clayton Patek, Leonard Kubena, Doyleen Drozd, Richard Franzl, George Bujnoch, Suzanne Romano, Charles W. Patek, Mary Agnes Grahmann, Susan Jakubek, Tina Stepanek, Raymond Dornak, Marge Rehm, Bill Bludau, Alice Kocian, Anita Bohuslav, nursing home residents & the homebound.

It's picture taking time! Photo sessions are being held July 21–25. Please arrive at the Family Center at your scheduled time. **There is no need in coming sooner.** Allow an hour to check in, take pictures & view your images. There is no cost to have your photos taken. You will receive a free 8x10 portrait & directory for participating. You will be able to purchase additional portraits if you wish. For questions, call Linda Pavliska 798-3253.

Volunteers are needed to help make our directory a success. If you are able to help during our sign-ups, phoning parishioners or serving as a host or hostess during the photography sessions, call Sheila Jansky at 798-2840.

If you have not yet paid your Catholic Daughters dues, please mail your \$20 check payable to Catholic Daughters to Joan Janak, 1342 FM 318, Hallettsville (798-9341).

## From the Desk of Father John

Why do we “have” to go to Mass?

Whether you're eight years old or in your eighties, at some point in your life, you've probably struggled with the question, “Why do we have to go to Mass?”

You just may not feel like going at times. You may not like the music or the homilies in your parish. You may think Mass is boring. You may feel as if the parish is not welcoming. You may try to convince yourself that you can pray just as well outdoors or in the comfort of your own home.

Even though you know that going to Mass is a good thing, you can talk yourself out of going by focusing on the negatives. At first, you may feel a little guilty, but eventually, you can justify your decision by convincing yourself that you are too busy, too tired, too bored, or too frustrated.

When that happens, you miss the great gift that God gives to us in the Eucharist.

What if you changed your attitude about going to Mass? What if you began to think of Mass as the time in the day when you can connect with God and with other people in a special way? What if you concentrated on the things you like about your parish instead of what you don't like? What if you made Mass a priority?

The effects of these kinds of positive attitudes may surprise you. Research studies show that people who go to church every week are:

- less likely to suffer from depression.
- less likely to abuse drugs or alcohol.
- more likely to have a solid sense of right and wrong.
- more likely to live a longer and a happier life.

(To be continued ... )



### The Youth Connexion



**July 26:** Youth meet in the Youth House at 5:00 p.m.  
Firefall at 6:00 p.m. in church.

**Music Practice:** Mondays, 5:00–6:30 pm, Youth House.

**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 & fields, dear God, & bless them with the living blessing of soft rain. Then the land will rejoice, & the rivers will sing Your praises, & the hearts of men will be made glad. Amen.



Christian Mothers installation of officers & induction of new members will be held Wednesday, July 29 at 6:00 pm in church with a reception to follow at the Youth House. Members are asked to bring a side dish. If you are interested in joining, please call Amy Shimek (798-9116).

Registration forms for the Men's ACTS Retreat are in the foyer of the church.

Diocese of Victoria “Pastoral Institute Classes” offered this summer. *Echoes of Faith Plus* booklets (\$4) will be needed & can be purchased at the Chancery or at the course site. For info. or to register, call 573-0828, ext. 24.

**Classes open to all parishioners. Catechists & Catholic school religion teachers are expected to take these classes:**

**Prayer & Spirituality:** July 22 & 29, 6-9 pm, St. Michael-Cuero.

**Catechists & Catholic school religion teachers are expected to take these classes:**

**Getting Started:** Aug. 4, 6:30-9:30 pm, Lourdes-Victoria.

**Roles of the Catechist:** Aug. 5, 6:30-9:30 pm, Our Lady of Lourdes, Victoria. This is a 3 hr. course.

**Person of the Catechist:** July 22, 6:30-9:30 pm, Holy Cross-East Bernard. This is a 3 hr. course.

**The Learner:** Aug. 4 & 6, 6:30–9:30 pm, St. Philip, El Campo; Aug. 5 & 6, 6–9 pm, Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Shiner. This is a 6 hr. course.

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**Final Registration:** July 29 & August 5, 9 am–2 pm & 5–6 pm in the Cafeteria. All high school students must come to finalize their schedules.

**Freshmen Orientation:** August 11, 7:00 p.m., Cafeteria.

**5th Grade Orientation:** August 13, 7:00 p.m., Cafeteria.

**2010 Yearbook** cost is \$55 through August 17. Orders placed after August 17 will be \$65.

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### **16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Many self-help books have been written over the years in which the author highly advocates the use of “to-do lists” in order to help us gain control over our lives. Generally, they say we will feel encouraged as we strike off the different things on our lists as we accomplish them. But what I have never seen any of these so-called experts advocate is creating a “done list” in which we take time each day to quietly reflect on all that we have achieved, no matter how small. When we cross things off a to-do list, we tend to say, “Thank God that's done.” But when we look at a done list, we might be more tempted to say, “Thanks, God, for your help.”

Jesus was trying to give His disciples a rest & a time for reflection & prayer in today's Gospel reading from Mark. They had returned from teaching throughout the area & were excited to tell Him all they had accomplished, but at the same time Jesus felt they needed solitude to reflect & give thanks in prayer for all they had done. Still, the many people of the area searching for peace in their lives kept coming to them, the lost sheep of God's flock.

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus often draws away from His disciples to pray in silence & solitude. When He does, He includes each & every one of us in His prayers. He became flesh & blood to give Himself in sacrifice for us; He experienced our pain & suffering in order to free us from that pain (CCC 2602). Few of us can remember much of any self-help book we've ever read, & rarely, if ever, go back to them. Yet the word of God remains, ready to be reflected upon again & again. Doing so prayerfully is to give thanks.

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**SACRED HEART CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND**In memory of Alphonse Steffek:

Allan & Evelyn Lanik	20.00
George & Dorothy Bujnoch	20.00
Russell & Sherrise Judd	100.00
Peoples State Bank	10.00
Knights of Columbus Council 2433	25.00
Arnold & Marie Bohuslav	5.00
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Jerry & Margaret Kallus	20.00
Robert & Barbara Grahmann	10.00
Joseph & Diane Kallus	10.00
Jimmy & Liz Kouba	10.00
Crimp & Sammie Grahmann & family	20.00
Alvin F. Steffek	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Grahmann	20.00
Henry & Elrose Muenster	20.00
Vernell Bozka	15.00
Dr. Dennis & Bertie Wagner	25.00
Richard & Frances Henke	10.00
Elsie Steffek	10.00
Catherine Valis	20.00
Johnnie & Alene Steffek	10.00
Johnny & Anna Havel	10.00
Warren & Sonia Menking	20.00
Pat Mladenka	5.00
Mike & Helen Technik & family	30.00
Don & Barbara Rainosek	30.00
Phillip & Phyllis Steffek	25.00
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Andrew & Mary Lou Kocian	10.00
Glenn & Mary Ann Janca	10.00
Fred Pustejovsky, Sr.	5.00
David Kallus Family	20.00
Dennis & Sheila Jansky & sons	10.00
Mary Lee Kallus	10.00
Daniel & Marilyn Jahn	5.00
Leon & Paula Steffek & family	20.00
Alan & Janice Rother	5.00
Allen & Rose Ann Raab & family	10.00
Billy & Beverly Hrcir	20.00
Wilbert & Carol Etzler	10.00
Travis & Kari Etzler	10.00
Leslie & Denise Pohl	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Harbus, Jr.	20.00
Victor & Magdalen Steffek	10.00

**SACRED HEART CHURCH MUSIC FUND**In memory of Alfonse Steffek:

Elroy & Barbara Holik	10.00
Kubena Funeral Home	20.00

**SACRED HEART CHURCH CCD PROGRAM**In memory of Alfonse Steffek:

Frank & Bernadette Bludau	10.00
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**SACRED HEART QUILTING CIRCLE**In memory of Alfonse Steffek:

Lawrence & Delores Grahmann	10.00
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**SACRED HEART SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND**In memory of Tyler Bludau:

Bernice Dobecka	10.00
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In memory of Alfonse Steffek:

Charles & Dorothy Jansky	10.00
Alton J. Grahmann	20.00
Richard & Dorothy Henneke	10.00
Hallettsville Livestock Commission	25.00
Andrew & Pam Kutac	20.00
David & Kathy Bujnoch	50.00
Phillip & Evelyn Bujnoch	50.00
Pat & Leona Moore	40.00
Anna & Charlie Neumeyer	15.00

**SACRED HEART SCHOOL ALUMNI FUND**In memory of Louis Rother:

Dennis E. Matula	20.00
Gail & Willis Jones	20.00
Anthony & Maureen Grones	30.00

In memory of Tyler Bludau:

Rick & Karen Bigham	15.00
Ben & Mary Lee Brosch	10.00

In memory of Alfonse Steffek:

James & Marsha Steffek	20.00
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**SACRED HEART SCHOOL OPERATING FUND**In memory of Louis Rother:

Peoples State Bank	10.00
Glenn & Carol Drozd	20.00
Darryl & Cheryl Steffek	10.00
Edward & Patty Grahmann	20.00
Matthew, Martha & John Bludau	10.00
Franklin & Nola Bohuslav	20.00
Barbara & Mike Tankersley	20.00
Andrew & Jane Pesek	10.00
Margaret Bludau	10.00
Sharon Bludau	20.00
Arthur Etzler, Jr.	25.00
Elroy & Barbara Holik	10.00
Richard & Frances Henke	10.00
Gene & Maureen Schott	10.00
Jackie Bludau	10.00
Andrew & Laurie Janak & family	20.00

In memory of Banna Jares:

Tommy & Evelyn Dornak	10.00
Gene & Maureen Schott	25.00
Robert & Leona Steffek	20.00
Bernice Dobecka	10.00
Raymond & Virginia Steffek	20.00

In memory of Tyler Bludau:

John & LaVerne Trojcak	25.00
Crimp & Samantha Grahmann & family	20.00
Bill & Margaret Bludau	10.00
Pat & Theresa Brewer	20.00
Matthew, Martha & John Bludau	10.00
Sharon Bludau	10.00
William & Charlene Bradbury	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. James Brooks	10.00
Arthur & Rose Mary Etzler	10.00
Edward & Patty Grahmann	20.00
Leo & Dorothy Henke	10.00
Mark & Karen Janak	20.00
Gene & Maureen Schott	20.00
Raymond Henke	20.00

**SACRED HEART SCHOOL OPERATING FUND**

<u>In memory of Tyler Bludau:</u>	
Paul & Sandra Migl	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Pilat	20.00
Mike & Helen Technik	10.00
Novosad's BBQ	25.00
Raymond & Virginia Steffek	40.00
Leon & Kay Steinocher	25.00
Ella Mae Bludau	10.00
Joe & Frances Gerlich	15.00

<u>In memory of Bessie Kouba:</u>	
Margaret Bludau	10.00

<u>In memory of Patsy Steffek:</u>	
Crimp & Samantha Grahmann & family	20.00
Aaron & Sheila Etzler	40.00
Robert & Brenda Haas	20.00
Darryl & Cheryl Steffek	25.00

<u>In memory of Bernie Bludau:</u>	
Bill & Margaret Bludau	20.00

<u>In memory of Alphonse Steffek:</u>	
Leroy & Alice Janak	15.00
Margaret Bludau	10.00
Anton & Mary Steffek	10.00
Darryl & Cheryl Steffek	10.00
Darlene & Bryan Stacy	20.00
Roger & Beverly Janak	10.00
Kelly & Joel Mathews & family	20.00
Tommy & Evelyn Dornak	10.00
Robert & Leona Steffek	20.00
Paul & Annette Henke	10.00
Glen Bludau	10.00
Joseph & Dorothy Schneider	10.00
John & Beverly Haas	10.00
Ryamad & Virginia Steffek	15.00
James & Tonie Brooks	10.00
Leo & Dorothy Henke	10.00
Matthew, Martha & John Bludau	10.00
Blackie & Karen Bludau	10.00
Dennis & Gerardette Haas	20.00
Edward & Patty Grahmann	20.00
Leon & Kay Steinocher	20.00
Leon & Nancy Etzler	15.00
Andrew & Laurie Janak & family	20.00
Brian & Christine Haas	15.00
Arthur Etzler, Jr.	25.00
Trey & Jennifer Kraatz & family	10.00

**SACRED HEART SCHOOL LIBRARY FUND**

<u>In memory of Tyler Bludau:</u>	
Margaret Bludau	20.00

<u>In memory of Bessie Kouba:</u>	
Robert, Sharon & Reid Timm	15.00

**SACRED HEART SCHOOL VOC. AG SHOP FUND**

<u>In memory of Alphonse Steffek:</u>	
Kenneth Henneke Family	10.00

**SACRED HEART SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND**

<u>In memory of Tyler Bludau:</u>	
Kenneth & Dolores Renger	20.00
Karen & Morgan Meyer	10.00

<u>In memory of Tim Schaefer:</u>	
Kenneth & Dolores Renger	20.00

**DOROTHY HENNEKE SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

<u>In memory of Louis Rother:</u>	5.00
<u>In memory of Patsy Steffek:</u>	5.00
<u>In memory of Alphonse Steffek:</u>	5.00
Richard Grahmann	

**SACRED HEART SCHOOL ATHLETICS**

<u>In memory of Louis Rother:</u>	
Bruce & Karen Bludau	10.00
Leon & Kay Steinocher	50.00
Robert & Beverly Janak	20.00
Alan & Janice Rother	30.00
Daniel & Dorothy Rother	20.00
Glen Bludau	50.00
Irene & Snow Matula	20.00

<u>In memory of Tyler Bludau:</u>	
Blackie & Karen Bludau	20.00

Jackie, Travis, Bradley, Dillon & Dustin Bludau	100.00
Alan & Janice Rother	10.00

<u>In memory of Alfonse Steffek:</u>	
Tommie Zimmerman	10.00
Daniel & Dorothy Rother	15.00

<u>In memory of David Janak, Sr.:</u>	
Mr. & Mrs. A. J. Kallus	20.00

**SACRED HEART SCHOOL BAND FUND**

<u>In memory of Alphonse Steffek:</u>	
Amco Fence Corp.	100.00

**CAROLYN DWORSKY SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

<u>In memory of Louis Rother:</u>	
Dennis & Lisa Dworsky & family	10.00

<u>In memory of Banna Jares:</u>	
Emil & Joyce Hermes	10.00

<u>In memory of Tyler Bludau:</u>	
Kenneth & Denise Barton	20.00
Charles & Kathy Haas	10.00

<u>In memory of Alfonse Steffek:</u>	
Charles & Kathy Haas	10.00
Emil & Joyce Hermes	10.00

**DWAYNE JANAK SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

<u>In memory of Patricia Steffek:</u>	10.00
<u>In memory of Louis Rother:</u>	20.00

Guntram & Elaine Janak & family	
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**JEROME HAAS SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

<u>In memory of Louis Rother:</u>	10.00
<u>In memory of Tyler Bludau:</u>	10.00

**HILDA ELSTNER SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

<u>In memory of Tyler Bludau:</u>	
Paul & Dolores Janak	30.00

**SACRED HEART EARLY CHILDHOOD & DAYCARE**

<u>In memory of Tyler Bludau:</u>	
Harvey & Vivian Janak	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Rother	20.00
Dennis & Darlene Shimek	10.00
John & Frances Bock	20.00
Peter & Marilyn Marikle	25.00

<u>In memory of Banna Jares:</u>	
Mr. & Mrs. James Honish	10.00

<u>In memory of David Janak, Sr.:</u>	
James & Mary Honish	10.00

<u>In memory of Alfonse Steffek:</u>	
Arthur Spies	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. James Honish	10.00
Dennis & Darlene Shimek	10.00
Anton Honish	10.00
Bill & Fran Byrd	25.00

**REESE & RILEY MANNING SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

<u>In memory of Reese &amp; Riley Manning:</u>	
Joyce & Emil Hermes	10.00