



He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.  
Jesus said to them, "Today this Scripture passage  
is fulfilled in your hearing." — Lk 4:18b-19, 21

LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, January 24, Ecumenical Sunday (Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21)

8:00 am- Russell Grahmann  
10:30 am- For our Parish Family

Monday, January 25, Conversion of St. Paul (Acts 22:3-16/Mk 16:15-18)

7:00 am- Alice Kainer  
10:00 am- Joe C. Vanek & Mary Michna (Hallettsville Rehab)

Tuesday, Jan. 26, Sts. Timothy & Titus (2Tm1:1-8/Mk 3:31-35)

7:00 am- Joe & Lydia Kostelnik, & Patsy Steffek  
Wednesday, January 27, St. Angela Merici (2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20)

7:00 am- Leona Haase  
8:05 am- Fred & Elizabeth Ohnheiser

Thursday, January 28, St. Thomas Aquinas (2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Mk 4:21-25)

7:00 am- Living & deceased members of Alfons & Cecilia Grahmann Family  
10:00 am- Henrietta Pesek (Stevens Nursing Home)

Friday, January 29 (2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Mk 4:26-34)

7:00 am- Alice Kleiber  
8:05 am- Frank & Agnes Polansky

Saturday, January 30 (2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41)

5:30 pm- Joe F. Steffek  
Sunday, January 31 (Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 12:31--13:13/Lk 4:21-30)

8:00 am- Mass of Thanksgiving – Bill & Margaret Bludau's 54<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
10:30 am- James Meisner  
5:00 pm- For our Parish Family (Spanish Mass)

Bulletin & Radio Broadcast Sponsor: In memory of Leroy Bludau by his family.

Vigil Light: Living & deceased members of Neskora & Hermes Families.

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$6,221.50; Haiti Collection-\$5,200; Loose-\$698; Children-\$45; Catholic Ed.-\$966.

Anniversaries omitted from December Bulletin:  
Macklin & Dolly Johnson 35 years Dec. 27  
Philip & Patricia Schlageter 60 years Dec. 27

Promise of Marriage: Kayla Grahmann & Justin Pearson on January 30<sup>th</sup>.

SHCS Extravaganza, February 6, KC Hall. Social begins at 6:00 p.m., steak dinner 7:30 p.m. & evening dance 9:00 p.m.– Midnight. Music by Cactus Country. Tickets are \$125/couple & available for purchase at the school office, Rectory, Beauty Boutique, & S.H. Credit Union.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

- Texas State Domino Tournament, KC Hall. BBQ Chicken Meal served at Noon. Drive thru plates to go available.
- Baptism Preparation Class, 9:00 a.m. in the Rectory. Please call the Rectory in advance to register.

MONDAY, JANUARY 25

- Rosary & evening prayer, 5:30 p.m. in church.
- Men's ACTS meeting, 7:00 pm, St. Mary's Parish Hall.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

- Quilting Circle, 9:00 a.m., KC Hall of Fame Room.
- RCIA Class, 7:00 p.m., Family Center.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

- CCD: Grades K–11<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 – 7:10 p.m.
- Spiritual Book Study, 6:30 p.m., Mary's House.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

- First Penance Practice, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. in church.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

- First Penance, 2:00 p.m. in church followed by a reception in the Family Center.
- Covered dish supper in Family Center after Spanish Mass.

**AMONG OUR SICK:** Hubert Grahmann, Alvin Rosenauer, Odessa & Doug Blumberg, Josie Ohnheiser, Mason Leibham, Riley Mika, Mary Bonorden, Annette Krupala, Anthony Corte, Amanda Conniff, Margaret Timm, Helen M. Appelt, Michael Kutac, Rosalie Simpson, Ed Aulick, Paige Haas, Anita Kallus, Jeff Zavesky, Renae Ross, Alma Jurena, Kate Kopecky, Michael L. Drozd, Bill Biehunko, Lindal Finley, Frank Fishar, Pam Dornak, Clayton Patek, Suzanne Romano, Mary Agnes Grahmann, Alice Kocian, Anita Bohuslav, Betty Toman, MacKenzie Fogle, Henri Mae Patek, Louise Pesek, Doyleen Drozd, Bryce Saldi, Travis Klimitchek, Judith Koerth, Thelma Mikulenska, Louise Tesch, Sharon Grahmann, Sandra Henneke, Mary Ann Koenig, Ronald Kanak, Marcella Henke, Helen Mitchon, Tillie Schott, Robert Vasek, Georgia Schaefer, Geraline Morgenroth, Joseph Ilardo, Anthony Petru, Dolores Ludwig, Denise Lewis, Evelyn Kutac, Barbara Tesch, John D. Henneke, Emil Grahmann, Lillie Demny, Henry Morris, Theresa Hemmi, Bruce Fritz, Henrietta Jansky, Milada Netardus, nursing home residents, & the homebound.

2009 Contribution Statements are available upon request. Please call **BEFORE** coming by the Rectory to give us time to prepare your statement. Thank you.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of *Sr. Doloretta Leopold*, sister of A.J. & Leroy Leopold. *May she & all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.*

"Come & See" weekends on Jan. 23 – 24 and Feb. 27 – 28 at Incarnate Word Convent, Victoria for single Catholic women up to 50 years. If interested in learning more about the life of a Sister or in discovering if God is calling you to consecrated life, please call 575-7111, email [iwbsvoc@yahoo.com](mailto:iwbsvoc@yahoo.com) or check [www.iwbsvictoria.org](http://www.iwbsvictoria.org) for more information.

## From the Desk of Father John

We thank all who participated in the Novena for Respect Life. We also thank the Knights of Columbus for the use of the hall on Thursday night for the Deanery Rally. We all need to keep praying for an end to abortion and a greater respect for human life.

Lent is around the corner. During Lent you have the opportunity to do group study of the Sunday Scripture Readings. If you are interested in participating in a small group each week during Lent, please call the rectory and reserve a study book for *Disciples on the Journey*. Ash Wednesday is February 17<sup>th</sup>.



## The Youth ConneXion



**January 31:** Jr. High Fiesta, KC Hall, Hallettsville. Keynote speakers- Gene Monterastelli & Brad Farmer. All Jr. High age students are encouraged to attend. Doors open 11:00 a.m. Activities start 11:30 a.m. Event will conclude with Liturgy at 5:00 p.m. Register by January 28. \$15 per person; groups of 8 or more \$12 per person. For more information, call Kris Hermes 798-0655 or Fr. Michael at the Rectory.

**Discount Cards** are now \$5.00 each & offer discounts at various local businesses & can be used repeatedly through Sept. 30, 2010. Cards are available at the Rectory. Proceeds benefit Sacred Heart Youth.

**Music Practice:** Mondays, 6:00 p.m., Youth House.

## Religious Education (CCD) ~ Office 798-3124

Janice Busselman, Coordinator

Angela McConnell, Assistant

**January 30:** First Penance practice, 9:00 a.m. in church.

**January 31:** First Penance at 2:00 p.m. in church.

**February 7:** 7<sup>th</sup> Grade youth involvement, 8:00 am Mass.

**February 7:** First Communion Workshop, 3:00-5:30 pm, Family Center.

## Sacred Heart Catholic School (798-4251)

**January 25:** School holiday.

**January 31-February 5:** Catholic Schools Week.

**February 4:** Open House, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Soup & sandwiches in the Cafeteria sponsored by Home & School Association. Price is \$4 per person. Coronation & Talent Show at 7:30 p.m. in the Gym. Everyone is welcome.

**Wish List:** Heater for Mini Gym (\$3,500); 1 AC/DC Arc welding machine (\$1,700); 1 wire welding machine (\$1,875); 1 plasma Arc cutting machine (\$1,600); 2 dry cut steel chop saws (\$450 each); 1 oxyacetylene cylinder cart (\$190). Donations for these items may be dropped off at the school office. Thank you for your support.

Gabriel Project Angel Workshop & Training, January 26, Holy Family Church Education Building, Victoria, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. RSVP by January 22 to Becca (361) 564-3887 or Martha (361) 571-7130. Monthly meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Family Church, Victoria.

Help is needed to prepare the Diocesan Services Appeal mail outs on February 1 & 2, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Chancery Large Meeting Room. For questions or to volunteer, please call Jeri Joseph at 573-0828.

## 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Do you believe that you are supposed to be Christ in this world today? You're baptized in His name. You call yourself a Christian. You sign yourself with holy water and make the sign of the cross. Do you really believe that the Spirit of God is upon you?

Sometimes it's hard to conceive that. We can get ourselves into a baptismal inferiority complex: I'm not good enough to think that I can be Christ in this world. Only extraordinarily holy people - saints - can be like Christ. Thinking like that can lead to baptismal suicide - drowning in the waters of baptism without ever experiencing the power of the Resurrection. Paul doesn't mince any words this week when he tells the Corinthians, "You are Christ's body." He can say that because we have all been given of the one Spirit.

So, if you're baptized you have the Spirit of God, just like Jesus in today's Gospel. That Spirit of God sends us to bring good news to the poor, "to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free."

WOW! What a task. It sounds impossible. As a matter of fact, it is - if we tried to do it alone. But we don't have to. We can do all those things - and more - because we are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, through one Spirit. How we work that out in each community is part of the discernment of the Spirit that takes place, discovering the best ways to use each person's talents and gifts. God's Spirit is given for the common good, and it is in the community of faith that each of us discovers the ways that God wants us to fulfill our baptismal call.



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In memory of Jerome Kocian:

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In memory of Tom Prasek:

Rosemary Hermes 10.00

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In memory of Ben Spanihel:

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