

May 16, 2010: Ascension of the Lord



Then he led them out as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them. As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven. They did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God. — Lk 24:50-53

LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, May 16, Ascension of the Lord (Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53)

8:00 am- Mother's Day Novena (CCD Baccalaureate)
10:30 am- For our Parish Family (SHCS Baccalaureate)

Monday, May 17 (Acts 19:1-8/ Jn 16:29-33)

7:00 am- Alan Joseph Janecek
10:00 am- Mother's Day Novena (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, May 18, St. John I (Acts 20:17-27/ Jn 17:1-11a)

7:00 am- Laddie & Mary Konvicka
Wednesday, May 19 (Acts 20:28-38/ Jn 17:11b-19)

7:00 am- Alfred Jahn
8:05 am- Margaret Fojt

Thursday, May 20, St. Bernardine of Siena (Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/ Jn 17:20-26)

7:00 am- Don Zimmerman
10:00 am- Bobby Najvar (Stevens)

Friday, May 21, St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions (Acts 1:15-17,20-26/Jn 15:9-17)

7:00 am- Alfonse & Helen Steffek
8:05 am- Leona Haase

Saturday, May 22, St. Rita of Cascia (Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/ Jn 21:20-25)

5:30 pm- Alois & V.C. Labay
Sunday, May 23, Pentecost (Acts 2:1-11/ 1 Cor12:3b-7, 12-13/ Jn 20:19-23)

8:00 am- Tyler Bludau
10:30 am- Frank Gutierrez
5:00 pm- For our Parish Family (Spanish Mass)

Bulletin Sponsor: David & Mary Polasek.

Radio Broadcast Sponsor: Allan & Evelyn Lanik.

Vigil Light: Special Intention for health.

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$5,454; Loose-\$1,006; Children-\$50.

Anniversaries:

Louise & Herbert Keil	40 years	May 16
Gail & Jerry Tesch	30 years	May 17
Karen & Robert Kahanek	25 years	May 18
Anton & Mary Steffek	63 years	May 20
Beatrice & Gilbert Butschek	55 years	May 21
Lois & Raymond Dornak	54 years	May 21

Calendar Membership: **May 6:** Lawrence Wagner-\$100; **May 7:** Debbie Rokyta, Victoria-\$100; **May 10:** Diane Blaschke-\$50; **May 11:** Rev. Henry Rachunek, Hungerford-\$50; **May 12:** Laura Jirkovsky-\$100.

The white banner hanging on the pulpit was donated by the Hall, Newmann & Waynick families in memory of Eddie Schulte.

KJT #43-Wied meeting at 7:30 p.m., May 17, Wied Hall.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, MAY 16

- St. Michael Church Picnic, Cuero. Roast Beef Dinner 11 am. Auction, bingo, country store, game booths.
- Confirmation Meeting for all current Freshmen (CCD & SHCS), 6:00 p.m., Cafeteria.

MONDAY, MAY 17

- Rosary & evening prayer, 5:30 p.m. in church.
- Catholic Daughters meeting., 7:00 p.m., Family Center.

TUESDAY, MAY 18

- Quilting Circle, 9:00 a.m., KC Hall of Fame Room.
- Serra Club meeting, 7:00 p.m., Jalisco's Café.
- K.C. Officers meeting, 7:30 p.m., KC Hall.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

- Spiritual Book Study, 6:30 p.m., Mary's House.
- Divine Mercy Study & Prayer, 7:30 pm, Church Cry Rm

SUNDAY, MAY 23

- Baptism Preparation Class, 9:00 a.m. in the Rectory. Call the Rectory in advance to register.
- 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, Paige Haas, Anita Kallus, Jeff Zavesky, Renae Ross, Alma Jurena, Kate Kopecky, Michael L. Drozd, Bill Biehunko, Frank Fishar, Pam Dornak, Clayton Patek, Suzanne Romano, Alice Kocian, Mary Agnes Grahmann, Anita Bohuslav, Betty Toman, MacKenzie Fogle, Henri Mae Patek, Doyleen Drozd, Bryce Saldi, Travis Klimitchek, Judith Koerth, Louise Tesch, Thelma Mikulenska, Sandra Henneke, Mary Ann Koenig, Ronald Kanak, Marcella Henke, Helen Mitchon, Tillie Schott, Georgia Schaefer, Joseph Ilardo, Dolores Ludwig, Denise Lewis, Evelyn Kutac, Emil Grahmann, Lillie Demny, Henry Morris, Bruce Fritz, Milada Netardus, Paula Nemecek, Ernest Schulte, Guntram Janak, Ray Palmer, Candice Chandler, Dorothy Dworsky, Antonia Jahn, Alvin Steffek, Sr., Josh Mann, Faith Del Castillo, Theresa Steffek, Edna Key, Oretha McCord, Josephine Matejek, Judy Johnson, Donna Avant, Kirk Remmers, Danielle Grady, Royce Chudej, Olga Haas, nursing home residents, homebound.

Truck Give-Away Tickets \$100 each for 2010 GMC Crew Cab Truck. Drawing at Sacred Heart Spring Picnic, May 30, KC Hall. Tickets available for purchase at the Rectory

Additional flowers at the Altar of Sacrifice last weekend were in memory of Eddie Schulte.

Life Awareness Religious Vocation Weekend for single adults, ages 18 to 45, July 23–25, Holy Name Retreat Center, 430 Bunker Hill, Houston. For information or registration, please call the Rectory.

Fund Drive for purchase of house at 318 S. Texana:

Rudy Petru	100.00
Richard & Frances Henke in memory of Frank & Rose Lee Henke, Jerome & Bernice Malina	100.00

From the Desk of Father John

Congratulations to Kasey Steffek, son of Ricky & Barbara Steffek, who has had perfect attendance at CCD, Religious Education, from Kindergarten through 11th Grade. We had a great number of perfect attendances throughout our Religious Education Program this year. Congratulations to all.

We thank Janice Busselman for being our Religious Education Coordinator for the past eight years. She has done an excellent job. She is now retiring from this position.

We welcome Angela McConnell as our new Religious Education Coordinator. She has been assisting Janice this past year. Angela, her husband Bruce and son Joseph moved to Hallettsville in October, 2007. She has a variety of experience and is looking forward to this position on our Sacred Heart Staff. Please welcome her.

Fr. John Kollannur who has been with us for the past 3 months has gone back to India for a few weeks because of his immigration papers. He hopes to return and work in the Diocese of Victoria.

This past week, I was in Irvine, California for a few days to celebrate the First Holy Communion of two young girls whose mother was part of my exchange program from Mexico City a number of years ago.



The Youth ConneXion



May 16: Youth Social 8th – 12th Grades, Youth House.

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

Religious Education (CCD) ~ Office 798-3124

Janice Busselman, Coordinator

Angela McConnell, Assistant

May 16: 8th Grade Recognition Mass, 2:30 pm

followed by reception in Family Center. **Confirmation**

Meeting for all current Freshmen at 6:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria.

Sacred Heart Catholic School (798-4251)

May 17-19: Senior final exams. Senior dismissal: May 17 & 18 at 12:00 noon, and May 19 at 10:00 a.m.

May 19: All Awards Banquet, KC Hall, 6:30 p.m.

May 21: Senior Graduation, 8:00 p.m., KC Hall.

May 24-25: PreK-8th classes dismiss at 2:00 p.m. High School classes dismiss at 12:00 noon.

Ready for a High Seas Expedition? Then come along to Vacation Bible School. The fun begins June 14 – 18, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Forms may be picked up in church or at the rectory. Please call Angela, 798-3124 or home 798-9494, to volunteer or for more information.

The Will of God never takes you to where the Grace of God will not protect you.

Sacred Heart Parish Spring Picnic – May 30th

It's almost picnic time! If you have any cattle, antiques or other unusual or interesting items to donate to the auction, please call the Rectory as soon as possible so we can begin advertising the items. Cash donations are also being accepted at this time.

Auction: Fr. Michael- *Mary of the Eucharist* painting; In memory of Fred & Angeline Pustejovsky- Quilt; Cynthia Robinson- misc. items; Dorothy Bujnoch-antique corn sheller & misc. items; Irene Szwarc-antique & new Barbie dolls; Colorado County Propane-10 gal. Jambalaya pot with stand & burner; Fred & Debra Huser Family-wolmanized glider swing; Ron & Marie Ridgeway, Sr.- Beach Picnic Basket (snacks, 2 chairs & umbrella).

Cattle: Marcus & Marjorie Grahmann-13 mon. Brangus-Angus cross heifer; J Bar Angus (Mark & Karen Janak Family)-black white-face 2 yr old bred heifer.

Donations: Leo & Evelyn Hoffer-\$500; Lillian & William Gohlke-\$100, Rudy Petru-\$100; Richard & Rita Wachel-\$150; Lucille Werner-\$50.

Thank you to all CDA members who baked, donated or helped in any way at the annual CDA Bake Sale held at the Fiddlers Frolics. It was once again a huge success!
– CDA Bake Sale Committee

Vocation Camp, July 18 – 21, Spiritual Renewal Center, Victoria for young men 15-21. Cost \$50 (includes food). Call the Diocese of Victoria Vocation Office & Office of Youth Ministry, 552-6140 or email OLGulf@aol.com or dvanelli@victoriadiocese.org.

Ascension of the Lord. He is risen! He has ascended! He is with us! Alleluia! It may seem odd at first to put those exclamations together, but the truth is that they are all united in a line of thought. There would be no Christians if Jesus had not risen from the dead. The resurrection of Christ is the foundation of our faith. His rising from the tomb gives us the promise of new life since through His resurrection He has conquered sin and broken the chains of death. His ascension to the right hand of the Father is a sign of hope for us all. As the preface to the Eucharistic prayer for this day says: Christ "has passed beyond our sight, not to abandon us but to be our hope? Where He has gone, we hope to follow" (P 26). But He is still with us, through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, the gift poured out on all the baptized. As the alternate preface for today states, "In His risen body Christ plainly showed Himself to His disciples and was taken up to heaven in their sight to claim for us a share in His divine life" (P 27). Christ is with us through the divine life that we share. So it is pretty easy to shout, "Alleluia!" Like the disciples on that Ascension day, we might wish that Jesus was still physically walking around on this earth right next to us. If we succumb to that longing, we forget the commission that Jesus gave to His disciples-including us. In His name we are to preach

repentance for the forgiveness of sins to all the nations. We are to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth. While we may not take up the path of missionary endeavor in some foreign land, we are still called to witness to Christ with that same missionary zeal through our lives each day.
