

**AUGUST 23 -- TWENTIETH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**"T**he words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe." And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father." As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him-- Jn 6:63c-64a, 65-66



Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

**Sunday, August 23, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, (Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69)**

8:00 am- Dennis Smirak  
10:30 am- For Our Parish Family

**Monday, August 24, Saint Bartholomew, Apostle (Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51)**

7:00 am- Brenda Orsak Bludau  
10:00 am- For Rain (Hallettsville Rehab)

**Tuesday, August 25, Weekday, Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest (1 Thes 2:1-8/Mt 23:23-26)**

7:00 am- Anton & Frances Honish

**Wednesday, August 26, Weekday, (1 Thes 2:9-13/Mt 23:27-32)**

7:00 am- Helen Kresta  
8:05 am- Living and Deceased Members of Alfons & Cecilia Grahmann Family

**Thursday, August 27, (Saint Monica) (1 Thes 3:7-13/Mt 24:42-51)**

7:00 am – Dennis Appelt  
10:00 am- Pat Bollom (Stevens)

**Friday, August 28, (Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church) (1 Thes 4:1-8/Mt 25:1-13)**

7:00 am- Leroy Rybak  
8:05 am- Greig Placette.

**Saturday, August 29, (The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary) (1 Thes 4:9-11/Mk 6:17-29)**

5:30 pm- Daniel Wick

**Sunday, August 30, Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, (Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23)**

8:00 am- Andrew Leopold  
10:30 am- For Our Parish Family  
5:00 pm- Masimo DeLa Rosa (Spanish Mass)

**Bulletin & Radio Broadcast Sponsor:** In Honor of Allan & Evelyn Lanik 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Vigil Light:** For Special Intentions

**Our Gift to God:** Envelopes-\$4,521.50; Loose-\$1,170.00; Children-\$50.00; Assumption-\$741.00; Catholic Education-\$3,241.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 23**

-Baptism Classes – 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.-Family Center

**MONDAY, AUGUST 24**

-Rosary & Evening Prayer-5:30 p.m.—Church  
-Parish Finance Council Mtg.—6:00 p.m.—Mary’s House  
-Parish Advisory Council Mtg.—6:30 p.m. Mary’s House

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 25**

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

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26**

-Divine Mercy Prayer Group—7:00 p.m. – Church Cry Room

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 30**

-CDA Holy Communion (In a body), 8:00 a.m. Mass  
-Spanish Mass—5:00 p.m. ;  
-Covered Dish Supper--Family Center

**Among our sick:** Donna Avant, Lorene Christ, Josephine Muniz, Wilbert Kalinec, Barbara Kubena, Kathy Davis, Marilyn Palmquist, Doug Blumberg, Becky Pekar, Amanda Gutierrez, Harvey Drozd, Monte Staha, Marie Hermes, Karen Perez, Georgie Meyer, Doris Anders, Jack Crandall, Gary Trojcek, Brian Wisnoski, Jeanne McClain, Frances Kutach, Sweet Hrcir, Henry Konvicka, Leo Haas, Jr., Clorisa Hartensteiner, Betsy Brown, Marcella Henke, Mark Henneke, Kirk Remmers, Richard Grahmann, Margie Becker, Dollie Parr, Joyce Tesch, Steve Grasshoff, Buddy Boehm, Sr. Rosalyn Henke, Tommy Kanak, Rose Thumann, Rita Zaruba, JoAnn Zapalac, Gage Pilat, Vernell Macik, William P. Hermes, Bradley Perkins, Leona Maupin, Maryann Grahmann, Daniel Klekar, Cliff Labay, nursing home residents & the homebound.



*Happy Anniversary*

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Teresa & Timothy Kaiser	40 years	August 23
Gary & Carol Pustejovsky	30 years	August 24
Allan & Evelyn Lanik	30 years	August 24
Harvey & Elsie Goedrich	56 years	August 29
Robert & Gloria Haas	51 years	August 29



**MEN’S ACTS RETREAT**

The next Holy Rosary Men’s ACTS Retreat is scheduled for August 27 through August 30, and we will leave from St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Schulenburg, Texas. Located in back of Church are Prayer Poster sign-up sheets. Applications are available on line at <http://www.holyrosaryacts.com>. Any questions, please contact Eamon McCourt at 512-848-6259.

**R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** begins Thursday, September 24, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. Please call Msgr. John to register if you are currently not Catholic and are interested in joining the Church. These sessions are also for those adults who were baptized Catholic but never received their First Communion and Confirmation.

**An Adorer** for Adoration needed for Thursdays at 4:00 a.m. Please contact Charlene Bradbury at 798-3224 (Home) or 798-6191 (cell).

**Bulletin & Radio Sponsors needed – Bulletin - \$80; Radio-\$50. Please call the Rectory.**

### *From the Desk of Msgr. John*

Sacred Heart School started the new year this past week. Hallettsville public schools will start this week.

On **Wednesday, September 2**, the Hallettsville Ministerial Alliance will hold a special Blessing Service for the new school year at the **Football Stadium at 7:00 p.m.** We are encouraging students from the schools in Hallettsville and surrounding area to come together to start this new school year. Teachers, parents, community members and anyone who would like to join us are invited.

This is a first time event. The Ministerial Alliance hopes to make this an annual event. Please come out and fill our Community Football Stadium.

### **AREA PICNICS**

**Sts. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church—Church Picnic, Cistern, Texas, Sunday, August 23, 2015.** Holy Mass: Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Dinner—Fried Chicken & V & V Sausage—11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Adult & Plates to Go--\$9.00, Children Plates - \$4.00. Auction – 1:00 p.m. Trail Ride, Country Store, Cake & Plant Spin, Games, Bingo, Horseshoes; Live Music—Incredible Music Makers; Karaoke, Balloon Artist, Water Slide & Magic Show.

**St. Mary's Parish Annual Festival & Homecoming, Nada Community Center, Sunday, September 6, 2015.** BBQ & Sausage Dinner served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Adults - \$10; Children un 12 - \$5—includes tea & dessert. Drive-thru plates available until 1:00 p.m. Bazaar & Pastry Booths, Country Auction begins at 1:00 p.m. Food & refreshments will be served all day and evening. Bingo, Variety Walk, Kid's Games, Train Ride, Waterslide, Karaoke, & Music from 5-8 p.m. by BJ the DJ. Raffle drawing at 8:30 p.m.

**St. Peter's Catholic Church, Blessing, Texas--The Knights of Columbus Council #4307, Blessing, Texas, is sponsoring a Shrimp Etouffe and Gumbo Meal, Sunday, September 13, 2015.** Serving will start at 11:00 a.m. The meal will consist of shrimp etouffe and gumbo with rice, dessert, and tea or coffee. A large bowl with dessert and beverage-\$9.00 each. A live auction will also be held during the afternoon. Proceeds of the meal will be used for educational programs and scholarships for the youth in the area.

**Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church Annual Festival, Yorktown Community Hall, Yorktown, Texas, Sunday, September 13, 2015.** Holy Cross will also be celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Mass at 9:30 a.m.; Dinner starts at 11:00 a.m. BBQ Beef Should Clod & Sausage-Adult & To-Go Plates--\$10; Children under 12--\$5. Entertainment starts at 10:30 a.m.—Rusty Steins and DJ Val Mungia. Live Auction at 1:00 p.m. (in air-conditioned hall); Country Store, Cake Walk, Bounce House, KC Calf Raffle, and More!

### **Promise of Marriage**

*Jeremy Hill and Christine Bludau on August 29*

### **SHCS News**

#### **Sacred Heart Booster Club Meeting**

Wednesday, August 26, 2015—K.C. Hall of Fame – 7:30 p.m.

*Please pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life!*

### **Sacred Heart 1998 School Bus Sale**

The Sacred Heart Catholic School is accepting sealed bids for the sale of a 1998 International 3800 4 x 2 – 72 passenger school bus (192,500 miles). Anyone interested in viewing this bus may contact Kevin Haas at the school at 798-4251. Bid sheets may be obtained at the school secretary at 313 South Texana Street, Hallettsville, Texas. Sealed bids are to be submitted at the principal's office no later than 10:00 a.m. on Monday, August 31, 2015.

### **20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?'" Today's Gospel continues Jesus' Bread of Life discourse where he emphasizes over and over again that his followers are to "eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood." Not surprisingly, his listeners don't know what to make of this mysterious teaching. So the quarrels begin. We can imagine what was being said: "He's just using analogies," one man would suggest. "No! He says it's 'true food' and 'true drink,'" another would reply. Others would accuse Jesus of blaspheming, while still others would assert that they believe every word he says. And so it went.

This scene is all too common. People encounter a difficult teaching of the faith--one that is challenging to fulfill or difficult to believe--and so they argue about it or rationalize it away instead of just accepting it and living according to it. On a large scale, these sorts of arguments are what lead to the breakdown of Christian unity. Time and time again in history, when a group of people disagrees about a Christian teaching, they splinter off and define their own set of beliefs. Not only does this harm the harmony of the Christian community, but it makes it too easy to avoid the tough parts of the faith.

Some of the things Jesus wants us to do are difficult--like respecting God's plan for sexuality or controlling our urges for unrestrained pleasure, power, or profit. Some of the things Jesus taught us are mysterious--like the teaching that the Eucharist is truly his body and blood. But thankfully he has given us his Holy Spirit to help us understand and do what we should. Let's not waste our time arguing about the faith. Let's just live it.

**God's Embrace Renewal Centers** invites you to become a participant in our Phase One Program "*Lead Me Into The Deep, Lord*" (first three months), "*Instruct Me In Your Ways, Lord*" (remainder of phase one) which will begin here at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Thursday, September 3, 2015. The program will be meeting twice a month on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) and third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Thursdays of each month September through May from 6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m. God's Embrace Renewal Centers was established to bring about renewal in the Catholic Church by facilitating the creation of ardent disciples who glorify God through the witness of their lives and service of the Church. We pray inextricably linked to the divine life of the Trinity and to one another in Christ. For more information or to register, please contact **Sandy Reese** at [sandy.reese@godsembrace.org](mailto:sandy.reese@godsembrace.org) or 979-541-6881, or **Robert Polasek** at 361-798-0021, or email [robertpolasek@outlook.com](mailto:robertpolasek@outlook.com) or visit [www.godsembrace.org](http://www.godsembrace.org). Please sign up by August 20, 2015



## CCD News

-All volunteer commissioning and dinner – August 30, 2015—6-8 p.m. in the Youth House  
-CCD begins on September 9, 2015. CCD registration will be mailed to those previously registered this week. New student forms can be picked up at the rectory. Please contact the office if you have had a change of address. We are in need of a Mass Coordinator, someone that helps with the liturgy for the 8:00 a.m. Mass with the CCD students. You would spend this year shadowing Brenda Mitchon and take over the following year. We also need Catechists and Aides in 1st, 3rd, 4th & 6th grades. Please call 361-741-8730 if you can help out this year. Blessings in Christ!!

## Sacred Heart Women's ACTS Retreat

The retreat weekend begins Thursday evening, September 10, through Sunday, September 13, after Mass. Round trip transportation to Cathedral Oaks is provided from Sacred Heart Parish Center. The cost per retreatant is \$160, which includes the registration fee of \$25, to be submitted with the registration form. The remaining \$135 balance is due Thursday at check-in. You will be contacted when registration is complete and given more detailed information at that time. You can pick up a retreat form in the back of church or on the ACTS website: [www.actsretreats.org](http://www.actsretreats.org) Please make checks payable to Sacred Heart Women's ACTS Retreat and mail your completed registration form and fee to **Kerri Hull, 522 Church Street, Shiner, TX 77984**



## YOUTH NEWS!

Youth news! The fall picnic is Sunday, September 6. The assistance of youth is greatly appreciated to sell squares for the Pig Plop and help make nachos and lemonade. Those wishing to attend our summer youth conference can help earn



credit for their trip. Also, our first Youth night will be set tentatively for Sunday, September 20! All youth who wish to attend youth events must fill out a registration form. Students enrolling in the CCD

program will be able to register for both on their CCD form. Sacred Heart students will receive a separate form that can be brought to the first event.

*Please pray for the Veterans who have served Our Country and have sacrificed and given so much for our freedom!*

## Christian Mothers

Members may pay their dues by mailing them to Alta Brown, 663 CR 135, Hallettsville, TX 77964. Dues-\$10.

## Falling Leaves Gala

Are you looking for a fun evening of memories, food, music, and dancing? Join family and friends at the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Knights of Columbus—Council #2433 **Falling Leaves Gala**, Saturday, October 10, 2015, KC Hall, Hallettsville, Texas. Featuring "The Original Triumphs." **\$100** per Ticket includes Steak Dinner for TWO, Open Bar, Music, Dance and Ticket in the Prize Give-A-Way, as well as other prizes throughout the evening. Doors Open at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will be served from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Dance is from 8:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. **Only 300 Tickets Sold.** Tickets can be purchased at the KC Hall and the Rectory.



**The Annual Teacher Appreciation Indian Open Golf Classic** will be held on Saturday, September 5, 2015, at the Hallettsville Municipal Golf Course. All proceeds will benefit the Sacred Heart Catholic School

Teachers and Staff. The 3-Person Scramble will tee off at 9:30 a.m.

Registration forms are available at the School and the Golf Course, as well as the Rectory. Please call **Kevin Chance at 512-743-1580** for more details.

Hole sponsorships are also available.

## **LET'S GO PLAY GOLF**



# GOOD NEWS!

**Attention All Parishioners: Have you heard the latest news? The Sacred Heart Fall Picnic is just around the corner. Fall Donations, such as cattle, antiques, unique or interesting items to donate to the Auction, are needed for the Fall Picnic held on September 6, 2015. Please call the Rectory. Cash Donations may be dropped off at the Rectory or placed in an envelope and dropped off in the collection basket. Call! Call! Call!**

# PICNIC

## Tickets for 2015 Polaris Ranger

**Crew 570 with 12 ft. Load Trail Landscape Trailer, (Value of \$11,345.00) along with 13 additional prizes:**

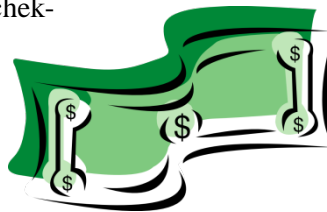
If you have not purchased your tickets (\$35 each or 3 for \$100), they will be available for purchase at the Rectory through Friday, September 4. If there are any unsold tickets, they will be available for sale at the picnic. The 2015 Polaris Ranger is on display at Hoffer's Drive-In. The drawing will be held at the Picnic. Remember buy your tickets **EARLY**. There is a limit of **2000 TICKETS!** Do Not Need to be Present to Win! **BUY!BUY!BUY!**



## **DONATIONS**

**Cattle** – 7-month old Black Baldie Heifer donated John & Sherry Henke; 17-month old Black Brangus Heifer named Terry donated by Rita Wachel & Family in Memory of Richard Reese Wachel; 20-month old Angus Cross Heifer donated by Marcus & Marjorie Grahmann; 7-month old Cross-bred Heifer donated by Jimmy & Sylvia Steffek; 8-month old Angus Cross-Heifer donated by J Bar Angus—Mark & Karen Janak; Black Angus Heifer donated by Charlie & Kathy Haas; 2-year old Brangus Heifer, palpated/bred—3 months—donated by Charles & Doloris Leopold; 12 month old Heifer—open pure bred Angus donated by Chovanetz Ranch

**Cash Donations** – Paul & Theresa Voelkel-\$100; Glenn & Carol Drozd--\$100; Eddie & Catherine Kosh-\$200; Laverne & John Trojcak-\$300; Mary Lee Brosch-\$100; Lillian Gohlke-\$100; Beatrice Butschek-\$50; Gene & Trudy Janak-\$200; JoAna Bochat-\$25; Gladys McMasters-\$50; Judy Renger-\$300; Allan & Evelyn Lanik-\$1,000; Tom & Linda Donnelly-\$80.



**Auction** – 13 Collectible Barbie Dolls and 10 Collectible Hallmark Barbie Ornaments donated by Irene Szwarc; Brand New Trampoline donated by Jimmy & Lisa Adams; 2 one-half processed calf, grass fed, hormone free, Hereford-Beefmaster Cross Bred—Custom Processed. Hanging at Glen's Meat Packing—donated by Anonymous.

## *Sacred Heart Parish Fall Picnic News*

*Believe or Not, but the Parish Fall Picnic is only 2 Weeks away! That is just around the corner. We are still in need of many donations.* If you have cattle, antiques, unique or interesting items to donate to the Auction, please call the Rectory so that we may begin advertising!!!!

**Cash Donations** may be dropped off at the Rectory or placed in an envelope and dropped in the collection basket.

**Raffle Books** --Please buy and sell as many books as possible. The only way to win, win, win—*is to buy, buy, buy tickets*. More books are available at the Rectory.

**Bingo Prizes** are needed. Some examples are grocery items such as sugar, flour, coffee, soft drinks, ketchup, mustard, mayo etc., or household items such as



dishwashing liquid, soap, detergents, paper towels. Many prizes are needed to make Bingo fun for **ALL AGES!** Please bring items to the stage inside the K.C. Hall.

**Workers, Workers, Workers** are always needed for the different committees. If you are not signed up to work, please call the Rectory to volunteer your time! It takes many hard-working hands for a successful and wonderful picnic!!!!

**Please bring to the KC Hall on the morning of the Picnic:**

**Auction:** Please bring items to the Auction Trailer.

**Cake Walk:** Please bring at least 2 cakes or pies.

**Country Store:** Craft items, fresh produce, home canned goods (pickles, veggies, jelly, jalapeños, etc.), home baked goods (pies, cookies, strudels, Kolaches, bread, etc.), farm-fresh eggs, homemade noodles, plants, etc.

**Kitchen:** Pickles, cakes & Kolaches for the Noon meal.

