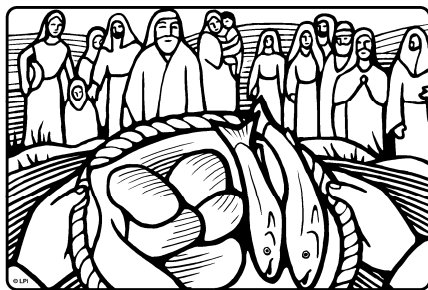


AUGUST 3, 2008: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time



But they said to Him, "Five loaves and two fish are all we have here." Then He said, "Bring them to me," and He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. — Mt 14:17-19

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

8:00 AM- For our Parish Family
10:30 AM- August & Emilia Linhart

MONDAY, AUGUST 4

7:00 AM- Ambrose Pechacek
10:00 AM- Hedwig Pustejovsky (H'ville Rehab)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

7:00 AM- Mary C. Filip

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

7:00 AM- Emil & Frances Polasek
8:05 AM- Joe & Lydia Kostelnik

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

7:00 AM- Jerome Haas
10:00 AM- Joseph & Mary Vanek (Stevens)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

7:00 AM- Hilda Elstner
8:05 AM- Peter & Christina Kristek; Alfred & Anna Etzler

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

5:30 PM- Thelma Spies

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

8:00 AM- For our Parish Family
10:30 AM- Bill Mitchon



Readings for the Week of Aug 3: Sun: Is 55:1-3/ Rom 8:35, 37-39/ Mt 14:13-21; Mon: Jer 28:1-17/ Mt 14:22-36; Tues: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/ Mt 14:22-36; Wed: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/ 2 Pt 1:16-19/ Mt 17:1-9; Thur: Jer 31:31-34/ Mt 16:13-23; Fri: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/ Mt 16:24-28; Sat: Hb 1:12-2:4/ Mt 17:14-20; Sun: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/ Rom 9:1-5/ Mt 14:22-33.

Bulletin Sponsor: In memory of August & Emilia Linhart by Bob & Lou Kubena.

Radio Broadcast Sponsor: Matthew, Martha & John Budau.

Our Gift to God last week: Envelopes- \$4,735; Loose-\$1,180; Children's- \$69; Manna- \$731.

Anniversaries:

James & Joyce Bucek	56 years	August 3
Darryl & Cheryl Steffek	30 years	August 5
Donald & Barbara Steffek	25 years	August 6
Richard & Rita Wachel	54 years	August 7

Promise of Marriage: Amber Stiewert and Paul Sklar on August 9th.

Flowers in church in memory of Tim Schaefer.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

-St. Joseph Picnic, Yoakum Community Center. Stew & Sausage Dinner 10:30 am. Auction 12:30 pm.
-St. Peter & Paul Festival, Frelsburg. Fried Fish Dinner 11 am. Auction 1 pm. Bingo, raffle, country store, etc.
-St. Anthony's Shrimporree, Recreation Center, Palacios. Shrimp & BBQ Dinner 11 am. Auction 1 pm.

MONDAY, AUGUST 4

-Rosary & Evening Prayer: 5:30 p.m. in church.
-KJZT Meeting: 6:30 p.m. in the Family Center.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

-Quilting Circle: 9:00 a.m.–Noon, KC Hall of Fame Rm.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

-SHCS Registration: 9 – 2 pm & 5 – 6 pm, Cafeteria.
-Divine Mercy Prayer Group: 7:30 pm, Cry Room.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

-JCDA Sleepover: 7:00 p.m., Family Center.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

-St. Michael's Harvest Feast, Veteran's Park, Weimar. Fried Chicken & Stew Dinner 11 am. Auction 1 pm. Bingo, raffle, booths & games. Music: Shiner Hobo Band (12pm), Czechaholics (2pm), Red Ravens (6 pm).

AMONG OUR SICK: Hubert Grahmann, Deacon Marvin Fikac, Mary Laas, Jacque Holchak, Alvin Rosenauer, Frank Luke, Douglas Bludau, Macey Moeller, Margaret Flores, Wilhelm Grahmann, Virginia Pederson, Odessa Blumberg, Debbie Fishbeck, Mary Ann Gaitan, Johnny Rainosek, Carolyn Steffek, 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, Helen M. Appelt, Paige Haas, Annette Krupala, Emma Meyer, Viola C. Grahmann, Sr. Rosalyn Henke, Ernest Schulte, Thelma Mikulenka, John Schlageter, Alphonse Steffek, Ethel Bludau, Mary Ann Kana, nursing home residents & the homebound.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Hilbert Grahmann, brother of Marguerite, Emil & Bernard Grahmann; Bernard Pustka, brother of Helen Motal; and Tim Schaefer of our parish family. *May they and all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.*

July Baptisms: Rylee Faith, daughter of Ryan & LeeAnne Smolik; Kaden Jack, son of Justin Boleware & Jessica Tolson; Timber Ray, son of Timothy "Buck" & Wendy Janak; Sadie Jade, daughter of Steven & Rachel Clark; and Zane Allan Brown.

Welcome to the parish: Pete & Alicia Garcia, Jr.; Tivo & Evelyn Delgado & daughters, Ashley Kutach & Michelle & Anna Pardy; and Michael & Minerva Bennett.

Safe Environment Training: Monday, August 11, 6:00–7:30 pm, in the Family Center for all new employees & volunteers at Sacred Heart Parish & School. **Renewal Training:** 7:45–8:45 pm in the Family Center. A renewal training session must be attended every 3 years. Please call Donna Shimek 798-4501 to register for the classes.

From the Desk of Father John

During this year of St. Paul, we ask “Why is St. Paul Relevant Today?”

From his Letters, we know that Paul was far from being a good speaker; on the contrary, he shared with Moses and Jeremiah a lack of oratory skill. “His bodily presence is weak, and his speech of no account” (2 Corinthians 10:10), his adversaries said of him. – Pope Benedict XVI, *The Apostles*

How would God choose such a man to be an Apostle who, prior to his conversion, even persecuted Christians? And how did this man succeed in proclaiming the Gospel with such power that it earned him the title “Founder of the Christian Church”?

We know the answer to this from St. Paul’s own words: “It is not I who live, but Christ who lives in me” (Galatians 2:20).

Pope Benedict continues: The extraordinary apostolic results that [Paul] was able to achieve cannot, therefore, be attributed to brilliant rhetoric or refined apologetic and missionary strategies.

The success of his apostolate depended above all on his personal involvement in proclaiming the Gospel with total dedication to Christ; a dedication that feared neither risk, [nor] difficulty, nor persecution.

In light of this, what challenges – many of which may seem insurmountable – do we face in our own lives? Are we focused on living our lives or living our Faith, as St. Paul did? Are we allowing Christ to live – to breathe, speak, walk and reach out – in our daily lives, beyond Sunday Mass?

May we spend this jubilee year of St. Paul rising to the challenge of the great Apostle’s exemplary perspective and actions.

Capital Campaign Report: To date the Diocese of Victoria has collected \$3,851,903.64 (29%) of the \$13,400,716.57 pledged to the Reflection of Faith Capital Campaign. Built into the Campaign is a financial rebate for each Parish. Each Parish will be rebated 20% of all funds raised up to the individual Parish Goal. Of the funds raised above the Parish Goal, 50% will be rebated back to the Parish.

As of July 7, Sacred Heart Parish had 430 pledges with a pledged amount of \$488,626.00, with \$150,476.17 received so far. We received our rebate check for the first half of 2008 in the amount of \$30,095.23. Our youth ministry will benefit from some of this.

JCDA Sleepover “Camp Out”: Friday, Aug. 8–9, 7 pm to 8:30 am in the Family Center. Please bring a sleeping bag, snack & a tent if you have one. We will have an evening of fun making Smores, etc. Parents who want to volunteer to help in any way may call Shanna Clark (798-9189) or Amy Shimek (798-9116). Current members need to bring their JCDA folder with the Pin & Charm Sheet filled out. The sleepover is open to any girl in 1st – 8th Grade interested in joining Jr. Catholic Daughters.

SACRED HEART PARISH FALL PICNIC SUNDAY, AUGUST 31st

It’s almost picnic time! If you have cattle or special items (such as antiques or collectibles) to donate to the auction, please call the rectory at your earliest convenience so we can begin advertising. Cash donations are also being accepted at this time.

Cattle: Todd & JoAnn Schindler- reg. Brahma heifer.

Auction: Frank & Bernadette Bludau- antique sausage stuffer; Irene Szwarc- 23 Barbies; Eddie & Catherine Kosh- 62 salt & pepper shaker sets.

Cash Donations: Martha Sitka- \$100; William & Lillian Gohlke- \$100; Olga Haas- \$200; Frank & Bernadette Bludau- \$100; Gilbert & Bea Butschek- \$100.



The Youth ConneXion



August 10: Youth Group Meeting 4:00 pm.

-Discuss plans for DECLARE VICTORY!

-Church Picnic (Pig Plop, Nachos, Lemonade, etc....)

August 16: CHAMPS meet in church at **2:30 pm** (time change). -Incoming 3rd – 7th graders.

August 17: Youth meet at 5:00 p.m. in church. **Firefall** at 6:00 p.m.

August 23 – 24: DECLARE VICTORY!

-All Diocesan High School Youth at KC Hall

-Hosted by Sacred Heart Youth Group

Contact Kris & Greg Hermes if you have any questions
798-9327 or 798-0655.

Do you enjoy learning about your Catholic faith while working with children & young adults? If so, we need you! We will need several catechists for the Religious Education Program this year. Please volunteer your God-given talents & enjoy the rewarding experience of working with our youth. Call Janice Busselman at 798-9164.

Sacred Heart Daycare is accepting applications for part-time help in the infant room (must be at least 21) & 1 yr. old room. Call Amy Shimek at 798-1806 for details.

Sacred Heart Daycare has openings for 4 year olds. Please call Amy Shimek at 798-1806.

Pro-Life: A baby in the womb has but one voice – yours. Speak up for the unborn.

SHCS Band: Members need to be measured for uniforms at the Blahuta Advertising table during registration.

Boys/Cub Scouts Membership Rally: August 27 at 7:00 p.m., KC Hall. Boys 6–21 are encouraged to join. For information, call Kim Lofland (979) 743-6733. The local chapter is sponsored by KC Council #2433.

SACRED HEART CHURCH MUSIC FUND

In memory of Margaret “Maggie” Timm:

Harry Hruzek	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Tim Hines & Hannah	30.00
Bob & Lou Kubena	20.00

Victoria Diocese Pastoral Institute Classes: Please pre-register on-line at www.victoriadiocese.org or call 573-0828 ext. 28.

Aug 5 & 7: *“Intro. to the Scriptures”* 7 – 10 pm, Holy Cross, East Bernard.

Aug 5 & 7: *“Sacraments”* 6:30 – 9:30 pm, St. Philip, El Campo.

Aug 6 & 13: *“Liturgy”* 6:30 – 9:30 pm, Queen of the Holy Rosary, Hostyn.

Aug 6 & 13: *“Church”* 6:30 – 9:30 pm, St. Patrick, Bloomington.

Aug 16: *“I Believe, We Believe”* 9:00 am – 3:30 pm, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Bay City.

Aug 16: *“Sacraments”* 9:00 am – 3:30 pm, Holy Cross Activity Center, Yorktown.

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time: In Hollywood's version of Man of La Mancha, Don Quixote sings of doing what seems impossible – fighting unbeatable foes, righting unrightable wrongs, trying when one's arms are too weary. But it is the last verse which is the most powerful: "And the world will be better for this / that one man, scorned and covered with scars / still strove with his last ounce of courage / to reach the unreachable star."

In today's Gospel reading from Matthew, we hear the story of the feeding of the 5,000 people with only a few loaves of bread and a couple of fish. Impossible, you say? This is the only miracle of Jesus that is recorded in all four Gospels. Our lesson is to look deeper into the miracle and realize that the gifts God has given us are so plentiful we can share with those around us, especially those who need God the most.



Once we have grasped the reality of God's power, we will then confirm our faith and hope because we will once and for all know that nothing is impossible with God (CCC 274). When faced with a seemingly impossible challenge, do not allow the test of doubt to keep you from realizing your potential. Even the disciples, who witnessed so many miracles, coped with doubt as to the resurrection of Christ; look at what they were able to accomplish!

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SACRED HEART CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Margaret “Maggie” Timm:

Mark & Sandra Henneke	15.00
Gene Renger	50.00
Arthur & Rose Mary Etzler	10.00
Don & Barbara Rainosek	20.00
Henry & Ann Kostelnik	10.00
Evelyn & Phillip Bujnoch	10.00
Victor C. & Lucille Vasek	10.00
Tristan & Dana Pohler	10.00
Rosalie Tobola	5.00
Caroline A. Polasek & Robert Polasek	20.00
Allen & Anita Steffek	10.00
Judy Renger	20.00
Henry Joe & Delores Jasek	10.00
Urban & Theresa Hemmi	10.00

SACRED HEART CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Margaret “Maggie” Timm:

Rosalee Gaskamp	10.00
Wink & Ida Bludau	20.00
Dennis & Lorene Nollkamper	20.00
Sherry Hale	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Wilton Hrnecir	50.00
Alvin Paul & Barbara Grahmann	15.00
Andrew Kutac Family	10.00
Bill & Virginia Curley	10.00
Karen & Harvey Renger	25.00
Leo & Evelyn Hoffer	100.00
Daniel & Beverly Wagner	20.00
Don & Nancy Hale	15.00
Hoffer's Drive In & Grocery	100.00
<u>In memory of Justina Kolos:</u>	
Charles & Dorothy Jansky	10.00
Charles & Mary Chapman	10.00
Peoples State Bank	10.00

SACRED HEART SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Margaret “Maggie” Timm:

Frances Holley	25.00
Melvin & Joyce Janak	10.00
Frank & Charlene Fishar	20.00
George & Dorothy Bujnoch	25.00
Phil & Rose Hemmi	10.00
Terry & Ervin Bludau & Family	20.00

In memory of Justina Kolos:

Alton & Bernice Michalcik	10.00
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In honor of George Bujnoch's 80th Birthday:

Phillip & Evelyn Bujnoch	20.00
Gene & Margaret Novak	20.00

SACRED HEART SCHOOL ALUMNI ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Margaret “Maggie” Timm:

Cynthia McIntosh	25.00
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SACRED HEART SCHOOL OPERATING FUND

In honor of Msgr. Stanley Petru's 60th Anniv. of Ordination:

Arthur Etzler, Jr.	60.00
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SACRED HEART ACTS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In memory of Margaret “Maggie” Timm:

Kenneth & Kathy Fishbeck	15.00
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SACRED HEART SCHOOL LIBRARY

In memory of Margaret “Maggie” Timm:

Charles & GERALYN Klimitchek	20.00
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SACRED HEART SCHOOL ATHLETICS FUND

In memory of Margaret “Maggie” Timm:

Blackie & Karen Bludau	10.00
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SACRED HEART SCHOOL BAND FUND

In honor of Henry & Frances Kallus' 35th Anniversary:

Michael & Janice Jares	25.00
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SACRED HEART QUILTING CIRCLE

In memory of Margaret “Maggie” Timm:

Daniel & Mathilda Melnar	20.00
Kubena Funeral Home	20.00

SACRED HEART CHURCH MUSIC FUND

In honor of George Bujnoch's 80th Birthday:

Bruce & Kelly Schimcek & Family	15.00
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SACRED HEART EARLY CHILDHOOD & DAYCARE

In memory of Margaret “Maggie” Timm:

Bill & Fran Byrd	20.00
Vickie Klimitchek	10.00
James & Dorothy Kouba	10.00
Harry & Vernell Macik	10.00