

September 14 2008: Exaltation of the Holy Cross



"And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyne who believes in Him may have eternal life." For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so he who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life. – Jn 3:14-16

LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, September 14 (Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/ Jn 3:13-17)

8:00 AM- For our Parish Family

10:30 AM- Raymond & Elizabeth Linhart Brosch, Helen Marie

Monday, September 15 (1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/ Jn 19:25-27)

7:00 AM- Lorine Vasek

10:00 AM- Mildred Wasserbauer (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, September 16 (1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/ Lk 7:11-17)

7:00 AM- Joyce Gerrity

Wednesday, September 17 (1 Cor 12:31-13:13/ Lk 7:31-35)

7:00 AM- John, Mary & Johnnie Leopold

8:05 AM- Leroy Bludau

Thursday, September 18 (1 Cor 15:1-11/ Lk 7:36-50)

7:00 AM- Larry Machicek

10:00 AM- Josephine Michna Fishbeck (Stevens)

Friday, September 19 (1 Cor 15:12-20/ Lk 8:1-3)

7:00 AM- Living & deceased members of John & Christina Morisak Family

8:05 AM- Russell Grahmann

Saturday, September 20 (1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/ Lk 8:4-15)

5:30 PM- For our Parish Family

Sunday, September 21 (Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24,27a/Mt 20:1-16a)

8:00 AM- Louis R. Kallus

10:30 AM- Frank V. & Rose Lee Henke

Bulletin Sponsor: In memory of Raymond & Elizabeth (Linhart) Brosch & Helen Marie by Bob & Lou Kubena.

Radio Broadcast Sponsor: In memory of Stacey Rabel by Marvin & Lillian Rabel.

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

Our Gift to God last week: Envelopes- \$6,286.50; Loose- \$1,163; Children's- \$14; Catholic Ed- \$950.

Anniversaries:

Marvin & Lillian Rabel 50 years Sept. 14

Boyce & Anita Rother 56 years Sept. 15

Promise of Marriage: Ashley N. Bludau & Stephen E. Grahmann on September 20th.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Wilhelm Grahmann of our parish family. *May he & all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.*

RCIA/Adult Education Classes begin Tuesday, Sept. 23, 7:00 – 8:15 p.m. in the Cafeteria for those interested in joining the church or learning more about the Catholic faith. Please call the Rectory to register for the classes.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

-Rosary & Evening Prayer: 5:30 p.m. in church.

-Catholic Daughters Meeting: 7:00 p.m., Cafeteria.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

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

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

-CCD: Grades K – 11th, 6:00 – 7:10 p.m.

-Divine Mercy Prayer Group: 7:30 p.m. in the Cry Room.

-SHCS Booster Club Mtg: 7:30 pm, KC Hall of Fame Rm.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

-Firefall: 6:00 p.m. in Church. Parishioners are invited to join the Youth in Eucharistic Adoration.

-St. Joseph's Church Picnic, Moulton. Fried Chicken & Stew Dinner 10:30 am. Mass 10 am, City Park. Auction 1 pm. Cake walk, country store, kiddie games & more.

-Holy Cross Festival, Yorktown. BBQ Pork & Sausage Dinner 11 am. Auction 12:30 pm. Bingo, cake walk, etc.

AMONG OUR SICK: Hubert Grahmann, Deacon Marvin Fikac, Mary Laas, Jacque Holchak, Alvin Rosenauer, Frank Luke, Douglas Bludau, Macey Moeller, Margaret Flores, Mary Ann Gaitan, Virginia Pederson, Odessa Blumberg, Debbie Fishbeck, Johnny Rainosek, 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, Paige Haas, Annette Krupala, Sr. Rosalyn Henke, Juno Werner, Ernest Schulte, Thelma Mikulenka, John Schlageter, Alphonse Steffek, Ethel Bludau, Mary Ann Kana, Bill Chapline, Harry Macik, Dorothy Petru, Anthony Corte, Philip Schlageter, Maggie Volcik, Lorene Fuller, Matthew Walker, nursing home residents & homebound.

Women's ACTS Retreat Applications are in the foyer of the church.

Pro-Life: There is little security in this country; little job security, personal security or national security. There can be no security out there until a baby has security in his/her own mother's womb. The killing must stop.

Flowers last week were in memory of Mary Lee Zappe.

Religious Education – Janice Busselman, 798-3124



First Penance Workshop & Commissioning Service for parents & students is on Oct. 5 at 5:30 pm in the Cafeteria.

Safe Environment: training for students will take place on Sept. 17 & 24 during class. For more information, please call Janice Busselman.

SACRED HEART CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Victor Patek, Sr.:

Charles & Dorothy Jansky 10.00

Gene & Elaine Schindler 25.00

In memory of Viola C. Grahmann:

Charles & Dorothy Jansky 10.00

Amanda & James Orsak 10.00

From the Desk of Father John

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make our parish picnic a great success. The spirit of cooperation in working together is magnificent.

Today, we continue our reflection from last week on the topic of cohabitation. Today we look at the biggest misconception in cohabitation.

Couples often claim living together is a good way to test their compatibility before making a permanent commitment, but nothing could be further from the truth.

Couples who live together before marriage actually face a higher risk of divorce than those who do not – up to 85 percent higher, according to several studies. One reason is that many cohabiting couples drift into marriage as the next logical thing to do without any intentional decision to commit themselves to each other for life.

They bring into the marriage attitudes and behaviors that developed when they were two uncommitted individuals living together. They place less emphasis on shared dreams, common values, and mutual understanding. They are less willing to make sacrifices for each other. They tend to speak in terms of “I” rather than “we.” Decision-making and handling finances tend to be based on “yours and mine” instead of “ours.”

Cohabiting couples do not view their relationship in the same way that married couples do. Women tend to perceive cohabitation as a step before marriage; men are more likely to see cohabitation as a step before making a commitment.



The Youth ConneXion



September 14: Youth Group gathering at the Youth House at 4:00 p.m. Meeting to follow.

September 21: Youth meet in the church at 5:00 p.m. Firefall at 6:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart Catholic School News (361) 798-4251

***Booster Club** meets every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the KC Hall of Fame Room during football season.

***BBQ Pork Dinner:** Plates to go on September 28, KC Hall. Tickets \$7.00 each.

***The Adopt-A-Student Program** is a tuition assistance program for SHCS families. This is a wonderful way to honor a loved one or a friend – living or deceased – for a special occasion such as an anniversary or birthday. For donation information, please call the school or rectory.

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In memory of Viola C. Grahmann:

Bernard & Dorothy Zabransky	10.00
Doug & Tina Steffek & Family	10.00
Mary Ann Spies	20.00
Liz & A.J. Mican	10.00
Alvin & Lynette Langhamer	20.00

Spiritual Book Study introductory meeting on Wed., Oct. 8 from 6–7:10 pm in the Family Center for adults interested in taking part in the book study. At our last parish mission Fr. Jim mentioned numerous books on spirituality by well-known Catholic authors. It has been a while since the mission. This will be a great opportunity to revisit, continue our study and be inspired by using the books the mission's key thoughts were based upon. At this introductory meeting we will review those titles suggested and choose a spiritual book that we as a group will read and discuss. For those whose children are in CCD during this time, this is a chance for you to model your commitment to continuous learning about our faith by doing something for your own enrichment while your children are in class. All adults are welcome. For more information, call Pat Scherer at 562-2252.



Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Take a good look at the world around you today. What do you see? A society wracked with crime, selfishness, hatred, and it only seems to get worse every year.

It's a hard world to love, isn't it? Not for God. This world is His creation, something to be cherished for all time. And in giving us His only Son so that our sins are forgiven, we must understand that Jesus doesn't just cleanse the sins of the past, but also of every sin to come. Our responsibility? To believe. Many a popular song contains a variation on the phrase, "I would do anything for love." That is exactly what God did for us. He loved the world and all of its children so deeply that He sent His Son, Jesus, literally to save us from ourselves. Even though the Father and the Son both knew the fate that waited on a stony hill called Calvary, this most beautiful mission was begun. "For God so loved the world?" And while we may be willing to do anything for love, we need only to have faith and belief in God and we will be loved for all eternity.

By giving us His Son, God has revealed to us the very essence of His truth. "Full of grace and truth," He came as the "light of the world." By believing and following Jesus, we are living in the spirit of the truth (CCC 2466). On this the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, we are reminded that this most powerful and most recognized symbol is a part of our lives as believers in the truth that is Jesus Christ. Just as we are sealed with the sign of the cross at baptism, we begin and end our conversations with God with the sign of the cross. Today, examine your heart and understand what Jesus was willing to do for you. What are you willing to do for him?



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Franklin & Henrietta Filip	10.00
Franklin Billimek	20.00
Don & Barbara Rainosek	10.00
Danny & Barbara Alcorn	25.00
Fred & Anita Spangler	20.00