



“He said to one of them in reply, ‘My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give the last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?’ Thus the last will be first, and the first will be last.” — Mt 20:13-16

LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, September 28 (Ez 18:25-28/ Phil 2:1-11/ Mt 21:28-32)

8:00 AM- Willie Holik & Bonnie Grahmann
10:30 AM- Living & deceased members of Catholic Knights
5:00 PM- For our Parish Family (Spanish Mass)

Monday, September 29 (Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/ Jn 1:47-51)

7:00 AM- Hubert A. Bludau
10:00 AM- Victor Leopold (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, September 23 (Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/ Lk 8:19-21)

7:00 AM- Living & deceased members of John & Laura Grahmann Family

Wednesday, September 24 (Prv 30:5-9/ Lk 9:1-6)

7:00 AM- Joe P. & Wilhelmina Kallus; Alfred & Mary Technik
8:05 AM- Living & deceased members of Guntram & Annie Janak Family

Thursday, September 25 (Eccl 1:2-11/ Lk 9:7-9)

7:00 AM- Leo T. & Viola Henke
10:00 AM- Elizabeth Urbish (Stevens)

Friday, September 26 (Eccl 3:1-11/ Lk 9:18-22)

7:00 AM- Henry Sitka
8:05 AM- Ryan Grahmann

Saturday, September 27 (Eccl 11:9-12:8/ Lk 9:43b-45)

5:30 PM- Margaret Etzler

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Bulletin Sponsor: Frank & Elrose Migl.

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Vigil Light: In memory of Ryan Grahmann by Josephine Matejek.

Our Gift to God last week: Envelopes- \$5,090; Loose-\$900; Children's- \$50; Retired & Needy Priests- \$954.

Anniversaries:

Edward & Betty Janak 54 years Sept. 22
Travis & Audrey Klmitchek 25 years Sept. 24
Tom & Peggy Kostelnik 57 years Sept. 25

Promise of Marriage: Ashley Marie Henneke & John Taylor Patlovany on October 4th.

Flowers this week at the Altar of Sacrifice in honor of Ashley & Stephen Grahmann on their wedding day by Laurence & Carol Bludau and Edward & Patty Grahmann.

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.
-Holy Cross Festival, Yorktown. Dinner 11:00 a.m.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- Rosary & Evening Prayer: 5:30 p.m. in church.
-Parish Finance Council Mtg.: 6:00 pm in the Rectory.
-Parish Advisory Council Mtg.: 6:30 pm in the Rectory.
-Men's ACTS: 7 pm, St. Joseph Family Center, Yoakum.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- Quilting Circle: 9 a.m. - Noon, KC Hall of Fame Room.
-RCIA Class: 7:00 - 8:15 p.m. in the Cafeteria.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- CCD: Grades K - 11th, 6:00 - 7:10 p.m.
-SHCS Booster Club Mtg: 7:30 pm, KC Hall of Fame Rm.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- Baptism Preparation Class: 9:00 a.m. in the Rectory. Please call the Rectory in advance to register.
-Covered dish supper in Family Center after Spanish Mass.
-Queen of Peace Church Picnic, Sweet Home. Stew & Sausage Dinner 11 am. Auction 1 pm, cake walk, country store, kiddie rides, raffle, music, & more!
-Sts. Peter & Paul Church Picnic, Meyersville. BBQ Beef Dinner 11 am. Auction 1 pm. Bingo & more!

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, Amanda Conniff, Rachel Siegel, nursing home residents & homebound.

Flowers last week in memory of Francis Hagendorf; this week at the Eucharistic Altar in memory of Russell Grahmann by Marvin & Annette Grahmann & Family.

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.

Pro-Life: Abortion: Call it "choice" or call it murder - you certainly can't call it health care. Of the 4000+ surgical abortions performed in America every day, almost every one is done for non-medical reasons on perfectly healthy babies. The baby always dies and the mother often leaves with physical, mental or spiritual injuries.

From the Desk of Father John

Further reflections on cohabitation –

Seven Bad Reasons to Live Together

1. You are afraid of making a permanent commitment.
2. You want to marry, but your partner doesn't.
3. You want to test the relationship to see if this person would make a good mate.
4. You want to get away from your parents or your roommates.
5. You don't want the legal complications of a divorce if it doesn't work out.
6. You can afford a nicer apartment if you live together.
7. You are lonely.

The Dark Side of Cohabitation

Researchers have shown overwhelmingly that cohabitation as an alternative to marriage produces many negative effects:

- *Both men and women who live together are less committed to each other sexually and are more likely to be unfaithful than married people.
- *Couples who live together tend to have more conflicts over money than married couples.
- *Both men and women who live together have more health problems and are more likely to suffer from depression than married couples.
- *Couples who live together are less likely to attend church.
- *Men in cohabiting relationships are less likely to help with housework or childrearing.
- *Only half of cohabiting couples actually marry. Up to 30 percent of people who live together never *intend* to marry.
- *Married couples who lived together before marriage have poorer communication skills in discussing problems than married couples who did not live together.
- *Living together increases the risk of domestic violence and abuse.
- *Within five years of a live-in relationship, while half of cohabiting couples marry, about 40 percent break up, and the rest continue to live together. Only 4 percent of cohabiting couples stay together for ten years.



The Youth ConneXion



September 21: Youth meet in the church at 5:00 p.m. Firefall at 6:00 p.m. *Visiting Youth Group gathering at the Youth House to follow with meal!

October 11: CHAMPS meet in church at 2:30 p.m.

November 9: Jr. High Fiesta in Victoria.

Victoria Diocese Annual Conference for Catechesis & Ministry, Sept. 27, Holy Family Parish, Victoria. Doors open at 7:30 am. Opening Prayer at 9 am. Fee \$14 per person; group rates available. For info., call the catechetical office at 573-0828 or email calvarez@victoriadiocese.org.

Religious Education – Janice Busselman, 798-3124



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

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

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***BBO 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.

Gabriel Project: Monthly meetings every 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m., Holy Family Education Bldg., Victoria. **Angel Workshop/Training** on Oct. 25, 9–3 pm, Holy Family Church, Victoria. Lunch provided. To register, call Esther 655-9951 or Barbara 649-1612. **Phone Line Training** – Sept. 28th, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Holy Family Education Bldg, Victoria. Phone line volunteers are needed. To register, please call Stefani at 578-1824.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Every day, in hospitals and churches of all denominations across the country, meetings are held to provide a means of support to those fighting the terrifying grip of addiction. At those meetings, there is never an issue as to the age of the attendees. Perhaps a person late in life has finally decided to do something about a lifelong problem; or perhaps a young person attends, hoping to avoid a lifelong problem. Either way, both are welcomed unconditionally; their goal and their reward are the same.

Today's Gospel reading gives us the parable of the landowner who hired laborers to work in his vineyard. As the day went on, he continued to bring laborers to his fields even up to the last hour of the day, yet all were paid the same wage. Those who had readily agreed to work all day for a certain wage – their reward – were not thrilled that those who had only worked an hour were given the same wage, the same reward. If our reward for believing in God is eternal life, what is the point of bringing others into the light if they shouldn't expect the same reward?

Of all of the characteristics of the human soul, one stands above the rest – hope. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that we as faithful followers of God are given the hope of glory in heaven if we love Him and do as He directs through His word, His Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit (CCC 1821). In the parable of the landowner and the vineyard workers, we are given witness to hope; those laborers who were still waiting at the end of the day for a job were hopeful that they might work even for a short time in hopes that they could provide for their families. We stand at the altar with hope and faith that God will provide eternal life. ©2008 Liturgical Publications Inc

