

August 23, 2009: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered Him, "Master, to whom shall we go." You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that You are the Holy One of God."

LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, August 23 (Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Eph 5:21-32/Jn 6:60-69)

8:00 am- For our Parish Family

10:30 am- Bennie, Lucille & Otto Linhart

Monday, Aug. 24, St. Bartholomew (Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51)

7:00 am- Justine Ziegler & Rudolph Kanak

10:00 am- Priests (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, Aug. 25, St. Louis of France & St. Joseph Calasanz (1 Thes 2:1-8/Mt 23:23-26)

7:00 am- John Pustka

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

7:00 am- Phillip Chaloupka

8:05 am- Living & deceased members of Joe & Agnes Leopold Family

Thursday, Aug. 27, St. Monica (1 Thes 3:7-13/Mt 24:42-51)

7:00 am- Joe & Irene Drabek

10:00 am- Eddie Belcik (Stevens)

Friday, August 28, St. Augustine (1 Thes 4:1-8/Mt 25:1-13)

7:00 am- Emma Donnelly

8:05 am- Special Intention

Saturday, August 29, Martyrdom of John the Baptist (1 Thes 4:9-11/Mk 6:17-29)

5:30 pm- Lorine Vasek, Henry J. & Martha Lorfing

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

8:00 am- Robert & Rosa Helmcamp

10:30 am- Raymond & Elizabeth Linhart Brosch & Helen Marie

5:00 pm- For our Parish Family (Spanish Mass)

Bulletin Sponsor: In memory of Bennie, Lucille & Otto Linhart by Bob & Lou Kubena.

Radio Broadcast Sponsor: Catholic Life Branch 22.

Vigil Light Sponsors: In memory of Jerry & Bertha Mozisek.

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$7,991.50; Assumption-\$774.50; Loose-\$895; Children's-\$28.

Anniversaries:

Daniel & Carolyn Etzler 30 years Aug. 25

Harvey & Elsie Goedrich 50 years Aug. 29

Robert & Gloria Haas 45 years Aug. 29

Flowers this weekend at the Altar of Sacrifice are in memory of Dennis Smirak by Debra Smirak & Family. Flowers last week in the Adoration Chapel were in memory of Frances Mark Hagendorf.

Promise of Marriage: Malori Bohuslav & William Palasota on August 29.

God, our Father, please bless us with the rain we need. This we ask through Christ, our Lord. Amen!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

-Baptism Preparation Class, 9:00 a.m. in the Rectory. Please call the Rectory in advance to register.

-Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church Picnic, Cistern. Polka Mass 10:00 am.

-Holy Rosary Church Bazaar, Rosenberg.

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

-Rosary & evening prayer, 5:30 p.m. in church.

-Parish Finance Council meeting, 6 p.m., Mary's House.

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-SHCS Advisory Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Teachers Work Room.

-Men's ACTS meeting, 7:00 p.m., Moulton Parish Hall.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

-Spiritual Book Study, 6:30 p.m., Mary's House.

AMONG OUR SICK: Hubert Grahmann, Alvin Rosenauer, Odessa & Doug Blumberg, Josie Ohnheiser, Clint Brewer, Mason Leibham, Riley Mika, Mary Bonorden, Annette Krupala, Anthony Corte, Amanda Conniff, Margaret Timm, Harry Jackson, Helen M. Appelt, Luke Bludau, Mary Kaiser, Michael Kutac, Rosalie Simpson, Ed Aulick, Paige Haas, Anita Kallus, Hubert Etzler, Jeff Zavesky, Renae Ross, Alma Jurena, Kate Kopecky, Michael L. Drozd, Bill Biehunko, Lindal Finley, Frank Fishar, Pam Dornak, Clayton Patek, Suzanne Romano, Mary Agnes Grahmann, Raymond Dornak, Bill Bludau, Alice Kocian, Anita Bohuslav, Theresa Steffek, Betty Toman, MacKenzie Fogle, Henri Mae Patek, Jennifer Lackey, Louise Pesek, Doyleen Drozd, nursing home residents, the homebound.

Catholic Daughters will attend 8:00 a.m. Mass on August 30th and receive Holy Communion in a body.

The Junior Catholic Daughters (JCDA) will hold its first meeting of the school year on Monday, August 24 from 3:45 – 5:00 p.m. in the Family Center. Any Catholic girl in 1st – 12th grade is invited. We will be taking our organization picture for the church directory. Hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please call Shanna Clark 798-9189 or Amy Shimek 798-9116.

Group pictures will be taken in church after the 8:00 am Mass on **August 23** of Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Ushers & Altar Servers, and on **August 30** of Lectors, Cantors, Organists & Rosary Leaders. Members of these ministries are urged to be present.

Residents of Hallettsville Rehab & Stevens will have their pictures taken on **September 8** beginning at 10:00 a.m. If you would like to be present for your loved one's picture taking, you are welcome to attend.

Honoring our Troops ... We will have a page honoring military personnel who are members of Sacred Heart Church. Please drop off a picture of your loved one at the Rectory so we can include them on our military page.

Questions? Call Linda Pavliska, 798-3253 after 5:00 p.m.

From the Desk of Father John

Summer vacation is pretty much over. Sacred Heart Catholic School began this past Monday. HISD begins this Monday. We now start planning our schedules for the school year.

Please mark the following dates on your calendars if they apply to you:

-Monday, August 31, 7:00 p.m.: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Workshop in church – “How To.” This is for **ALL** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

-Monday, August 31, 7:00 p.m.: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Workshop at St. Mary’s in St. Mary Church for **ALL** St. Mary’s Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

-Monday, September 7, 6:00 p.m.: Ushers & Greeters meeting in church for **All** current ushers & those wishing to be. If you are not present, we will assume you are not interested.

-Tuesday, September 8, 7:00 p.m. & every following Tuesday: RCIA in Family Center for Catholics and Non-Catholics who wish to learn more about the Catholic Church.

-Saturday, September 19, 9:00 p.m.: **ALL** altar servers in church – practice with new and future altar servers.

An adult bible study will be conducted on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 – 7:10 p.m. Date to be announced.



The Youth ConneXion



August 30: End of Summer Bash beginning at 3:00 p.m. at the Youth House.

September 13: CHAMPS will begin monthly gatherings at the Youth House. More information to follow.

Music Practice: Mondays, 4:00–5:30 pm, Youth House.

Religious Education (CCD)

Janice Busselman, Coordinator ~ 798-3124

CCD registration is now underway. Registration packets have been mailed to previously registered families. If you have a new student to register, please come by the Rectory to pick up a new family packet.

Many volunteers are needed to help make our CCD Program a success. We still have many spots that need to be filled. If you have children attending CCD, please consider volunteering your time as a teacher or teacher’s aide. Working with the children of our parish can be a truly rewarding experience, and you just may be surprised at how many new things you learn about our Catholic Faith! Please, take the time to help where you are able.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer your time, please call Janice at 798-9164. Thank you for supporting our CCD Program.

Sacred Heart Parish Fall Picnic – September 6th

The Fall Picnic is almost here! If you have any cattle, antiques or other interesting items you would like to donate to the Auction, please call the rectory as soon as possible to give us ample time to advertise the items. Cash donations are also being accepted at this time.

Cattle: Marcus & Marjorie Grahmann- 20 mon. crossbred heifer; Charles & Doloris Leopold- Brangus cow with first calf; J-Bar Angus (Mark & Karen Janak)- 2 year old registered bred heifer.

Auction: Terry Bludau- 2 caps; Dorothy Nagelmueller- antique rocker; Ella Mae Bludau- doll cradle; Fr. John-Queen-size (91x100) *Quilters Flower Garden* Quilt; Judge Ronnie & Mary Leck- picture of Lavaca County Courthouse.

Cash Donations: Richard & Rita Wachel-\$150; Harold & Mary Bonorden-\$100; Judy Renger-\$300; Emmerlin Dworsky-\$100; Lillian & William Gohlke-\$100; Vernon & Esther Supak-\$100; James & Tonie Brooks-\$100; Sarah Jansky-\$100; Martha Sitka-\$100; Daniel Kuhn-\$100; R.L. & Elsie Orsak-\$100.

Don’t forget to turn in your raffle books!!

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For many years, an organization held huge seminars around the country, bringing in motivational speakers to talk to salespeople from all areas of business. It was an all-day event, and crowds of ten thousand or more would fill arenas to hear the speakers. At the conclusion of the day, everyone was filled with a renewed spirit and zest for selling, having been taught many little lessons on how to be better. Unfortunately, many of those who attended the lectures didn’t put into practice what they had heard, and had soon turned back to their old habits.

In today’s Gospel reading, we hear some of the saddest words imaginable: “many (of) His disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied Him.” While Jesus knew that they would, how utterly devastated must He have felt? He even turned to His chosen Twelve, asking if they wanted to leave as well. Judas Iscariot did; Peter nearly did when the going got rough. But that is when we need to stand firm, shoulder to shoulder with Jesus, knowing He would never turn away from us.

Our child has fallen and scraped her knee; her first thought is to cry out our name. Who among us would turn away from our child in her time of need? Just as God does not turn away, He invites our cry to Him by asking us to pray. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that we “are sinners who as Christians know that we have turned away from our Father. Our petition [prayer] is already a turning back to Him” (CCC 2629). When Jesus asks the Twelve Apostles if they, too, will leave Him, Peter asks where else would they go, except to the one who has the words of eternal life. Where else would you turn?



Prayer: Almighty God, we are in need of rain. We realize now, looking up into the clear, blue sky, what a marvel even the least drop of rain really is. We place our trust in You. Look on our dry hills & fields, dear God, & bless them with the living blessing of soft rain. Then the land will rejoice, & the rivers will sing Your praises, & the hearts of men will be made glad. Amen.