

February 15, 2009: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged Him and said, "If You wish, You can make me clean." Moved with pity, He stretched out His hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." – Mark 1:40-41

LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, February 15 (Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/ 1 Cor 10:31;11:1/ Mk 1:40-45)

8:00 am- For our Parish Family

10:30 am- Living & deceased members of Catholic Life

Monday, February 16 (Gn 4:1-15, 25/Mk 8:11-13)

7:00 am- Ashley Hemmi

10:00 am- Laurence Christ (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, February 17, Seven Founders of the Order of Servites (Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Mk 8:14-21)

7:00 am- Eugene Novak

Wednesday, February 18 (Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Mk 8:22-26)

7:00 am- Deceased members of Joe & Justina Kolos Family

8:05 am- Louis & Mary Haidusek

Thursday, February 19 (Gn 9:1-13/Mk 8:27-33)

7:00 am- Gus & John Pastucha; Tonie Clark

10:00 am- Victor & Alma Brosch (Stevens)

Friday, February 20 (Gn 11:1-9/Mk 8:34--9:1)

7:00 am- Richard, Raymond & Joyce Wanek

8:05 am- Mass of Thanksgiving – John & Evelyn Pavliska's 60th Wedding Anniversary

Saturday, February 21, St. Peter Damian (Heb 11:1-7/Mk 9:2-13)

5:30 pm- Living & deceased members of George & Apolena Bujnoch Family

Sunday, February 22 (Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25/2 Cor 1:18-22/Mk 2:1-12)

8:00 am- Louis R. Kallus

10:30 am- Leon Bujnoch

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



Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule (February 25th):

Sacred Heart: 6:45 a.m., 8:05 a.m., 12:05 p.m. & 6:15 p.m.; **St. Mary's:** 6:00 p.m.; **Moravia:** 7:30 p.m.

Bulletin Sponsor: Stevens Nursing & Rehabilitation Center of Hallettsville.

Radio Broadcast Mass Sponsor: In memory of V.C. Labay by Leona Labay Family.

Vigil Light Sponsor: In memory of Eugene Novak by his family.

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$4,449.50; Loose-\$1,284; Children's-\$32; Catholic Ed.-\$390; Church End.-\$60.

Promise of Marriage: Stuart Kalisek & Holly Holik on Feb. 21; Andrew Henke & Sheila Wenske on Feb. 28.

Flowers last week at the statues of the Blessed Mother & Jesus were in memory of Virginia Pederson.

Bulletin & Radio Broadcast Mass sponsors are needed. If you are able to sponsor one or both, please come by the Rectory at your earliest convenience. *Thank you!*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

-**Firefall,** 6:00 p.m. in church. Parishioners are invited to join the youth in Eucharistic Adoration.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16

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

-Catholic Daughters meeting, 6:30 p.m., Family Center.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

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

-RCIA Class, 7:00 – 8:15 p.m., Family Center.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

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

-Spiritual Book Study, 6:00 p.m., Mary's House.

-Divine Mercy Prayer Group, 7:30 p.m., Church Cry Rm.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

-5th-8th Grade Lock-In, 6:00 p.m., Family Center.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

-5th-8th Grade Lock-In ends at 11:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

-JCDA Induction at 8:00 a.m. Mass.

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

-High School Youth Spectacular, Holy Family, Victoria.

-Czech Heritage Day, Sacred Heart Parish, Flatonia.

Mass 1:30 p.m. Music, song & svacina 2:30 – 7:30 p.m. P.O.L.K. of A. Dancers. Gifts from the Czech Republic.

-Covered dish supper in Family Center after Spanish Mass.

AMONG OUR SICK: Hubert Grahmann, Deacon Marvin Fikac, Mary Laas, Jacque Holchak, Alvin Rosenauer, Frank Luke, Macey Moeller, Margaret Flores, Mary Ann Gaitan, Odessa & Doug Blumberg, Debbie Fishbeck, 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, Annette Krupala, Thelma Mikulenka, Alphonse Steffek, Bill Chapline, Anthony Corte, Maggie Volcik, Matthew Walker, Amanda Conniff, Marcella Henke, Margaret Timm, Madeline Lakey, Sylvester Garza, Harry Jackson, Helen M. Appelt, Luke Bludau, Mary Kaiser, Michael Kutac, Rosalie Simpson, Hedwig Greer, Josephine Matejek, Ed Aulick, Paige Haas, Milada Netardus, Agatha Janak, Anita Kallus, Leonard Kubena, Hubert Etzler, Jeff Zavesky, Renae Ross, Anita Drabek, nursing home residents & the homebound.

Novena for rain will be held Feb. 15–23 at 7:30 p.m. in church. On Feb. 20, it will be held at 6 pm. Please come & pray for the much needed rain in our area.

Perpetual Adoration: An adorer is needed on Fridays at 1:00 p.m. If you are able to spend this hour with our Lord, please call Charlene Bradbury, 798-3224.

Anniversaries

Clarence & Beatrice Brown	51 years	Feb. 15
Vernon & Esther Supak	61 years	Feb. 18
Leo & Evelyn Hoffer	59 years	Feb. 21

From the Desk of Father John

The Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA) is, like many other words in the abortionists' vocabulary, a complete lie because it gives no freedom to oppose abortion and no choice except that of the abortionists. Their choice is to remove all restrictions on abortions for any reason and have the taxpayers fund abortion. Reproductive rights is its euphemism for turning the womb into a killing field. It is the centerpiece of the sexual revolution of the '60s and has long been the goal of pro-abortion forces. Now they think that this prize is within their reach because of the election of the most pro-abortion candidate in the history of the presidency and his statement as a campaigner that he would sign the act. With Democrats whose pro-death platform features abortion in control there is a good chance that it could become law. A president and a political party that claim to be for minorities' have no intention to include the unborn among them.

The law is supported by abortionists (indeed it could be called the Abortionists Bailout Plan to counter the fact that abortions have plunged 25 percent since 1990 to 1.2 million a year) in spite of being opposed by the majority of Americans. Surveys covering several years show that 4 out of 5 Americans would limit the legality of abortion. About 1 in 3 would limit abortion to rape, incest, or saving the mother's life. One-third would limit abortion to the first trimester of pregnancy or the first six months. Only 9 percent said abortion should be legal for any reason at any time during pregnancy. Yet this last view is the one that would be represented by passage of FOCA.

Under our Constitution the government should be in the business of protecting life, not engaged in what Pope Benedict XVI calls "state-sanctioned infanticide." Thomas Jefferson said in 1809: "The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only legitimate object of good government." The legalization of abortion logically leads to a society in which the powerful, for their self-interest, decide which human beings will live and die.

The FOCA is even more radical than the *Roe v. Wade* decision. It would nullify 550 laws.

We thank Fr. Denis Wilde from Priests for Life for giving us our mini mission this past week and for preaching at all of the Masses this weekend. Today we pray in a special way for a greater respect for life.



The Youth ConneXion



February 15: Firefall at 6:00 p.m. in church. Youth gathering at the Youth House after Firefall.

Feb. 20 & 21: 5th–8th Gr. Youth Lock-In, Family Center.
February 22: High School Youth Spectacular, Holy Family Parish, Victoria. Doors open at 11:00 a.m. Liturgy celebrated with Bishop Fellhauer. Delicious lunch, great music, workshops, fun & fellowship! Ends at 6:00 p.m.

Religious Education – Janice Busselman 798-3124

February 25: Ash Wednesday Parish Mass 6:15 p.m.; 10th Grade participate.

Sacred Heart Catholic School News (361) 798-4251

***Magazine Drive:** February 10 – 24. 40% of the price of the magazines remains with our school. Please renew your subscriptions or place new orders with our school. Thank you for your support.

***Classes dismissed** Monday, February 16th.

***Thank you!** to the Arnold J. & Irene B. Kocurek Family Foundation for the \$3,000 grant we received for the S.H. Library Media Centers. Their kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated.

Disciples on the Journey Lent 2009: Pope Benedict XVI has dedicated 2009 to the Word of God in Scriptures. Bishop Fellhauer is strongly encouraging all Catholics in the diocese to use *Disciples on the Journey* to reflect on the Sunday Scripture readings. Make a decision to either join a *Disciples on the Journey* group in our parish, or invite your family or friends to join you in your home to share & reflect on the Word of God this Lent.

JCDA Day celebration on Sunday, February 22 at the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Each member is asked to attend wearing their sash. Any girl who has not been formally inducted will be inducted during Mass. Any girl in 1st - 12th grade wanting to become a member can join us at this time. If you have questions, please call Shanna Clark 798-9189 or Amy Shimek 798-9116.

The IWBS Sisters "Come and See" Weekend: February 28 – March 1 for single Catholic women, 18 – 50 years old, at Incarnate Word Convent, Victoria. High School Seniors are welcome even if they are not yet 18 years old. For information, log on to www.iwbsvictoria.org, email iwbsvoc@yahoo.com or call 575-7111.

Contribution Statements for 2008 are available upon request. **Please call BEFORE coming by the Rectory to give us time to prepare your statement.** Thank you.



Prayer for Rain: 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 and fields, dear God, and bless them with the living blessing of soft rain. Then the land will rejoice, and the rivers will sing Your praises, and the hearts of men will be made glad. Amen.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL OPERATING FUND

In memory of Douglas Bludau:

Buck & Janice Bludau & Family	40.00
Dennis & Judy Barta	10.00
Vernell Bozka	15.00
Andy Besetzny	20.00
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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sometimes it is simply impossible to keep a secret, especially good news. Our natural inclination is to "shout it from the mountaintop" even if we were told not to say a word. So, too, is it difficult to keep from blowing our own horn while on that mountaintop. We take it upon ourselves to perform some act of charity for a friend in need, and can't wait to tell someone about it. Part of us feels good about what we've done, but the other part – our pride – seeks recognition from others. But there is really only one whose recognition and approval we will ever need, and God already knows what we've done!

Today's reading from the Gospel of Mark is a perfect example of our inability to keep a secret. A leper is cleansed by Jesus, his disease completely cured. But Jesus explicitly tells the man to keep this to himself and simply give thanks in the temple. Unfortunately, the man cannot keep himself from telling everyone about the miracle that Jesus performed; in doing so, Jesus' ability to carry out His mission is hampered. Unable to simply preach in the villages and towns, He must remain in the outlying areas. Even so, the crowds still find Him, though not always for the reasons He sought them.

In the Catechism of the Catholic Church, we are helped to understand the very beautiful and abundant rewards of acts of charity. The fruits of our labor, as they are called, are joy, peace, and mercy (CCC 1829). Jesus speaks on many occasions about the need to keep our good deeds to ourselves. The recipient knows what you have done, as does the Father. Having received joy, peace, and mercy, what more could you ask for!

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