

**January 18, 2009: Second Sunday of Ordinary Time**



*John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched, Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. – Jn 1:35-37*

**LITURGY**

**MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS**

**Sunday, January 18 – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

**(Sm 3:3b-10,19/1Cor 6:13c-15a,17-20/Jn 1:35-42)**

8:00 AM- Deceased members of William & Mary Barton Family

10:30 AM- Mary L. Michna

**Monday, January 19 (Heb 5:1-10/Mk 2:18-22)**

7:00 AM- Living & deceased members of Nickolas & Elizabeth Janak Family

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

**Tuesday, January 20 (Heb 6:10-20/Mk 2:23-28)**

7:00 AM- Mary M. Vana

**Wednesday, January 21 (Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Mk 3:1-6)**

7:00 AM- Albert, Jr., Albert, Sr. & Frances Klekar

8:05 AM- Roy Kalisek

**Thursday, January 22 (Heb 7:25---8:6/Mk 3:7-12)**

7:00 AM- Victor & Christine Rivera

10:00 AM- Joe Gast (Stevens)

**Friday, January 23 (Heb 8:6-13/Mk 3:13-19)**

7:00 AM- Jerome Kocurek

8:05 AM- Mass of Thanksgiving – Bill & Margaret Bludau's 53rd Anniversary

**Saturday, January 24 (Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Mk 3:20-21)**

5:30 PM- Magdalen Muras

**Sunday, Jan. 25 (Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20)**

8:00 AM- Living & deceased members of Frank & Elizabeth Grafe Family

10:30 AM- Daniel & Eddie Stock

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

**Bulletin & Radio Broadcast Sponsor:** KJZT Society #2.

**Vigil Light:** Special Intention.

**Our Gift to God last week:** Envelopes-\$6,133; Loose-\$806; Children's-\$32; Church Endowment-\$60.

**Anniversaries:**

James & Susan Williams 35 years Jan. 19

**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.

**Flowers** at the Sacred Heart statue in memory of Johnny Rainosek; at the Blessed Mother statue in memory of Douglas Bludau; in the Adoration Chapel in honor of Tad & Leslie Jansky by Steve & Donna Kossa.

**Women's ACTS Retreat (Shiner):** March 12-15. Registration forms are in the foyer of the church.

**Religious Education – Janice Busselman 798-3124**

**January 28th:** No class (Catholic Schools Week).

**February 8th:** First Communion Workshop, 3:00 p.m.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 18**

-First Penance, 2:00 p.m. in church.

-Firefall, 6:00 p.m. in church. Parishioners are welcome to join the youth in Eucharistic adoration.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 19**

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

-Catholic Daughters meeting in the Cafeteria at 6:30 pm (due to Novena).

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 20**

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

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

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

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21**

-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.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 25**

-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.

**AMONG OUR SICK:** Hubert Grahmann, Deacon Marvin Fikac, Mary Laas, Jacque Holchak, Alvin Rosenauer, Frank Luke, Macey Moeller, Margaret Flores, Mary Ann Gaitan, Virginia Pederson, Odessa 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, Harvey Prasek, Annette Krupala, Thelma Mikulenska, Alphonse Steffek, Bill Chapline, Anthony Corte, Philip Schlageter, 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, nursing home residents, the homebound.

**Spiritual Book Study** continues to meet each Wednesday, 6–7:10 p.m. at Mary's House, 300 S. Dowling. You are welcome to join in as we review and discuss popular Catholic books. Currently we are studying *The Return of the Prodigal Son* by Fr. Henri J. M. Nouwen. Together we will explore the themes of homecoming, affirmation, and reconciliation through Fr. Nouwen's reflection on Rembrandt's famous painting of the powerful Gospel story in light of his own life journey. He writes in a rich, captivating way that is sure to touch the hearts of all. For book ordering info., call Pat Scherer (979) 562-2252.

**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.

*From the Desk of Father John*

From this evening, Sunday, until Thursday evening, I will be on the annual priest retreat at the Spiritual Renewal Center with half of the priests of the diocese.

Fr. Michael will be in charge!

In the months and years that lie ahead, a very real danger exists that this new Congress will introduce a radical piece of legislation known as the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA). If passed, and signed into law by the new president, this single piece of legislation would usher in a massive expansion of abortion "rights," the scale of which has not been seen since the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in *Roe v. Wade*.

We need to keep praying for the rights of our unborn human beings. By doing this, we are not only respecting human life, but we are also looking at our future and all that these young babies could be someday.

On January 21 at 7:30 p.m. on the eve of the *Roe vs. Wade* Supreme Court decision, we will again join in the prayers at Sacred Heart Church in reparation for the massive killing that resulted from that ruling.



### The Youth ConneXion



**January 18:** Youth Gathering will be combined with Firefall. We will meet at 5:00 p.m. in church & after Firefall gather at the Youth House for social, dinner & discussion of upcoming events.

**Wanted!** Musicians from the parish to help us out with music for Firefall!! If God has blessed you with musical talent, please come to church at 3:00 p.m. on January 18 to prepare for Firefall.

**February 20:** 5th – 8th Grade Youth Lock-In. Details coming soon!

**Spiritual Direction:** The beginning of a new year seems to always call us to reflect. We have hopes and dreams about all the possibilities. Sometimes we even make a list of our new year resolutions. Maybe we resolve to be more faithful to spending time each day in prayer and reflection. Our lives are so busy with jobs, family, involvements in our parish and community. We know God is with us no matter what but realize sometimes it is hard to keep mindful of this fact in the midst of all the commotion of life. We know that in order to get acquainted with someone, we have to spend time with them. God is no different. Perhaps you would find it helpful to meet for one hour once a month with a trained spiritual director who can help you develop your prayer life in such a way that you won't miss the "God moments" that happen continuously in the midst of our full lives. A monthly spiritual direction session is a gift you give yourself. There is no charge. For more information, call Pat Scherer at (979) 562-2252. She has 19 years experience as a spiritual director. She and husband, Johnny, recently relocated here from the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.

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**\*January 19:** Student holiday; faculty retreat.

**\*Spaghetti Supper:** January 21, 5:00–7:00 pm, KC Hall.

**\*Catholic Schools Week:** January 26 – 30.

**\*January 26–30 :** Elementary Library Book Fair, 7:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Open 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. on January 29.

**\*January 29:** Open House, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Soup & Sandwiches in the Cafeteria; \$4 per person. High School Coronation at 7:30 p.m. in the gym. Everyone is welcome to visit our school, have a delicious meal & enjoy the entertainment at Coronation.

**\*January 30:** dismissal at 12:00 noon. No extended care.

**\*Extravaganza, Saturday, February 7, KC Hall.** Social 6:00 p.m.; Dinner 7:30 p.m.; Dance 9:00 p.m. Music provided by Cactus Country. Tickets \$125/couple, which includes social with hors d'oeuvres, steak dinner for two & dance. Tickets are available at the school office & rectory.

**\*Thank you! Knights of Columbus,** for your donation of \$5,351.83, which was the profit from the recent sirloin dinner fundraiser. This donation was used to purchase new textbooks. Your kindness, generosity and support of SHCS is greatly appreciated!

### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Men have a habit that apparently is not shared by their wives. It's called pantry grazing, or cabinet surfing, or raiding the refrigerator. It is a simple process in which we hear a little voice in our heads (or our stomachs) which commands us to find something to eat. Now, most of us are pretty clueless when it comes to what exactly we want or where exactly we might find it. We do our best to graze the pantry or surf the cabinets in solitude, but the minute we open that refrigerator door, our wives are suddenly standing behind us, asking "What are you looking for?"

What are you looking for? Some people spend their entire lives trying to "find themselves" or "find the meaning of life." Sadly, some find neither. Two of John the Baptist's followers were with him when Jesus walked by one day. "Behold, the Lamb of God," John said to them. Immediately, they wanted to be with Him, referring to Him as rabbi, or teacher. Andrew introduced his brother Simon to Jesus who immediately changed Simon's name to Peter. In this short period of time, these men found the meaning of life – and themselves.

Today's Gospel reading from John tells of the beginning of Jesus' other family, His disciples. The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that "the Christian family is a communion of persons, a sign and image of the communion of the Father and the Son in the Holy Spirit" (CCC 2205). By praying daily and reading the word of God, we strengthen our families and further our ability to spread the Gospel of the Lord, just as those called to Jesus' other family were able to do when they found what they were looking for.

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