

October 25, 2009: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way. — *Mt 10:1-52*

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LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, October 25 (Jer 31:7-9/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52)

8:00 am- Leroy Schindler
10:30 am- Frank & Anna Konvicka; August Henke
5:00 pm- Josie Rivera (Spanish Mass)

Monday, October 26 (Rom 8:12-17/Lk 13:10-17)

7:00 am- John Jalufka
10:00 am- Deceased members of Class of 1956 (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, October 27 (Rom 8:18-25/Lk 13:18-21)

7:00 am- Charles F. Sommer

Wednesday, October 28, Sts. Simon & Jude (Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16)

7:00 am- Leon Klekar, Sr.
8:05 am- Hubert & Millie Gerlich

Thursday, October 29 (Rom 8:31b-39/Lk 13:31-35)

7:00 am- John Pustka
10:00 am- John Haas, Sr. (Stevens)

Friday, October 30 (Rom 9:1-5/Lk 14:1-6)

7:00 am- Banna Jares
8:05 am- Douglas Bludau

Saturday, Oct. 31 (Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Lk 14:1, 7-11)

5:30 pm- Joe J. & Stella Smolik

Sunday, November 1, All Saints (Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/ Mt 5:1-12a)

8:00 am- Julius Olsovsky
10:30 am- For Our Parish Family

Bulletin Sponsor: In memory of Frank H. & Mary Migl by Mary & Harold Bonorden.

Radio Broadcast Sponsor: WNCP of Hallettsville.

Vigil Light: Special intention (jbmm).

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$6,160.50; World Mission-\$479; Loose-\$848; Children's- \$46.

Anniversaries:

Sylvester & Mildred Grahmann	61 years	Oct. 25
David & Barbara Gummelt	35 years	Oct. 26
Donald & Mary Laas	35 years	Oct. 26

Flowers at Eucharistic Altar in memory of Kenny Sevcik & Henry "Heinie" Etzler, Sr. by Jason & Michele Etzler.

Visitation & blessing of graves for All Souls Day:
 Ascension of Our Lord, Moravia: Sat., Oct. 31 at 5:30 pm.
 St. John: Sunday, November 1 after 9:30 am Mass.
 St. Mary: Sunday, Nov. 1 at 8:15 am.
 Sacred Heart: Sunday, Nov. 1 at 3:00 pm & Monday, Nov. 2 at 8:15 am.
 St. Augustine, Worthing: Sunday, Nov. 1 at 3:45 pm.
 St. Anthony, Witting/Breslau: Sunday, Nov. 1 at 4:30 pm.
 St. Ludmila, Wied: Sunday, Nov. 1 at 5:15 pm.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 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.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

- Rosary & evening prayer, 5:30 p.m. in church.
- Parish Finance Council mtg., 6:00 p.m., Mary's House.
- Parish Council meeting, 6:30 p.m., Mary's House.
- Men's ACTS meeting, 7 pm, Yoakum Family Center.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

- Quilting Circle, 9:00 a.m., KC Hall of Fame Room.
- Altar Society meeting, 5:15 p.m. in church.
- RCIA Class, 7:00 p.m., Family Center.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

- CCD: Grades K – 11th, 6:00 – 7:10 p.m.
- Spiritual Book Study will not meet this week.
- SHCS Booster Club Mtg, 7:30 p.m., KC Hall.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

- Home & School Assoc. Strudel Bake Sale, Cafeteria.

AMONG OUR SICK: Hubert Grahmann, Alvin Rosenauer, Odessa & Doug Blumberg, Josie Ohnheiser, Mason Leibham, Riley Mika, Mary Bonorden, Annette Krupala, Anthony Corte, Amanda Conniff, Margaret Timm, Helen M. Appelt, 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, Alice Kocian, Anita Bohuslav, Betty Toman, MacKenzie Fogle, Henri Mae Patek, Louise Pesek, Doyleen Drozd, Bryce Saldi, Travis Klimitchek, Judith Koerth, Thelma Mikulenka, Louise Tesch, Sharon Grahmann, Sandra Henneke, Mary Ann Koenig, Ronald Kanak, Marcella Henke, Helen Mitchon, Tillie Schott, Robert Vasek, Georgia Schaefer, GERALINE Morgenroth, Joseph Ilardo, Anthony Petru, Gus Werner, nursing home residents & homebound.

Sacred Heart Catholic School ~ ~ 798-4251

- Oct. 26:** Early dismissal, 2:00 p.m.
- Oct. 26 – 30:** Red Ribbon week. The red ribbon is a symbol of awareness & a sign that we continue to strive for a drug-free state & nation.
- Oct. 31:** HSA Strudel Bake, Cafeteria. Baked strudels \$14, unbaked \$12. Sugar, shelled pecans & cash donations are needed & may be dropped off at the school office or rectory. If you are interested in working or placing an order, please call Charlene Bradbury 798-3224, Annette Henke 798-5374, Angie Harper 798-3323 or Wendy Janak 798-9162.



The Youth ConneXion



- Oct. 31:** "Trunk or Treat" & Jr. High Parish Youth Dance. See bulletin insert.
- Music Practice:** Mondays, 4:00–5:30 pm, Youth House.

From the Desk of Father John

Thank you to everyone who sent cards, gifts, healthy food, radio requests, good wishes & prayers for my 61st birthday on Oct. 14th. Everyone is always so thoughtful. God bless you.

Our pictorial directory has been sent to the publishers to prepare our proof. Thank you to all who participated in the directory. A special thank you goes to Linda Pavliska, our coordinator, & her team Jackie Bludau, Sheila Jansky, Debra Huser, Debra Smirak, Cheryl Leopold, Angie Harper, Joan Stock, Karen Steffek, & our photographers, Barbara Grahmann & Ed Scherer.

Sunday, Oct. 25 through Sunday, Nov. 1 is White Ribbon Against Pornography (WRAP) Week. White ribbons will be displayed around the parish property by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas to remind us of this.

People sometimes think of pornography as “harmless visual stimuli” & wonder what the big deal is with something you do in the privacy of your own home. The reality, however, is that pornography is profoundly harmful, both to the viewer & to society.

A new meta-analysis (a statistical integration of all existing scientific data) from Canada has shown irrefutably that involvement with pornography leads to behavioral, psychological, & social problems. Some of this includes disturbed views of intimacy, such as sexual domination or submissiveness; objectification of people; fetishes; aggression; & even violence. In some extreme cases, people have become so addicted—especially to Internet porn—that they can no longer be around computers even for work.

While pornography is often considered a solitary act, it's more like an underwater earthquake that causes a tsunami which in turn destroys countless lives hundreds, or even thousands, of miles away. Its victims are many:

- a) Those who expose the most intimate parts of their bodies to create sexual illusions & incite lust in others—who, as one person put it, subject themselves to repeated rape in the minds of strangers in order to make a living;
- b) Children whose innocence has been shattered for profit;
- c) Husbands & wives whose marriages have been destroyed;
- d) Those who have been subjected to unwanted sexual violence because someone else's addiction to pornography has driven them to seek sexual pleasure at any cost;
- e) Those who are so trapped in fantasy they can never have a genuine relationship with another person.

By destroying lives, pornography becomes more than a private vice; it becomes an unspeakable sin of violence against humanity.

Next weekend at all the Masses we will remember those who died during the past year. If family members are present, they may come up to light a candle when the deceased's name is called.

Blessing of Hermes Hall at the Spiritual Renewal Center will be on Nov. 4 at 1:45 pm. All are invited to attend.

IWBS Sisters “Come & See” weekends, Oct. 31–Nov. 1 & Nov. 28–29 at Incarnate Word Convent, Victoria for single Catholic women up to 50 years of age. If interested, call 575-7111, email iwbsvoc@yahoo.com or check out their website at www.iwbsvictoria.org for more info.

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Janice Busselman, Coordinator

Angela McConnell, Assistant

Each of us are disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ & through the Ministry of Catechesis we spread God's word. Pope Benedict has asked us to pray this month for those who are called to serve the church. Today we especially & prayerfully thank: Janice Busselman, PCL & Angela McConnell, Asst. PCL; Youth Involvement Mass – Pam Etzler & Brenda Mitchon; Kinder. – Sharon Leopold, Aides – Mary Leopold & Jeanette Shimek; 1st – Gail Kallus, Aide – Lisa Hermes; 2nd – Pat Mladenka, Aides – Renee Hardt & Marna Klimitchek; 3rd – Christie Steffek; 4th – Glenda Trlicek, Aide – Roxanne Deem; 5th – Carol Bozka; 6th – Karen Steffek; 7th – LEEAN ROTHER, Aide – Rhonda Henneke; 8th – Carlotta Henry, Aide – Colleen Guevara; 9th – Terry & Sarah Wick; 10th – Todd Schindler; 11th – Fr. Michael; Music Ministry – Diane Pruet, Aide – Pat Sutton; Office Aide – Sandra Satsky; Substitute Teachers & Aides – Kris Hermes, Melissa Leita, Mary Ann Etzler, David Smolik, Sharee Rainosek, Karen Kahanek, & Carl Blahuta.

Let us pray: Father, You will Your Church to be the sacrament of salvation for all peoples. Make us feel more urgently the call to work for the salvation of all, until You have made us all one people. Inspire the hearts of all Your people to continue the saving work of Christ everywhere until the end of the world.

From the Votive Mass for the Spread of the Gospel

To be in compliance with the Safe Environment training as required by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, CCD students will be instructed on some aspect of “Safe Environment” during class on either Oct. 28 or Nov. 4. If you have a student attending CCD, you may preview the material ahead of time or attend class with your child the night of the training. If you do not want your child to receive this instruction, please come by the CCD office and fill out a Parent “Opt Out” Form. If you have any questions, please call the CCD office.

Our high school CCD students will be attending a NET retreat in Shiner on Nov. 4. We will leave from Sacred Heart School at 5:30 pm and return at approximately 9:30 pm. The students will travel there by school bus and will be provided dinner. You will be receiving a letter in the mail with more details.



**All
Hallows
Eve**

L.A.M.B. Thrift Store is in Need of Donations.

Many organizations that collect donations don't make the best use of them. At the L.A.M.B. Thrift Store at 418 S. Ridge St. in Hallettsville, 100% of the revenue goes to The Manna Food Pantry. Your donations and purchases benefit the people in our community. In giving to The Thrift Store, be assured you can trust that all of the money will be used here in Lavaca County. L.A.M.B. is a 501c(3) and your donations are tax deductible. Just ask one of the volunteers for a form when you donate items.

You can stretch your clothing budget at L.A.M.B.'s Thrift Store. With a wide variety of clothing and accessories for everyone, The Thrift Store is the place where prices are realistic. The volunteers pride themselves with the quality of clothing and items they sell. Because of the spacious layout of the building, you don't have to dig for treasures in large piles. The store is organized, displayed and marked so you can find exactly what you need and there is always a friendly volunteer to help you find that special something.

The Thrift Store currently is in need of household items including linens, sheets, towels, kitchen utensils, dishes, pots, pans and knick-knacks. These items sell quickly. Small working appliances as toasters, coffee pots, irons and curling irons are always in short supply. There are never enough jewelry items or good, clean baby items. Currently we have a good selection of children's toys. We have our Spring and Summer items displayed along with holiday items. At the end of the summer and winter season, we have a 1/2 price sale and a \$2.00 bag sale with all the clothes you can fit in a bag for \$2.00.

If you are doing Fall cleaning or just cleaning out a closet, please remember us. We will gladly accept good, clean items without rips, tears or stains. Your unwanted items can make a huge difference in the lives of others. Unfortunately due to space limitations, you need prior approval to donate any large upholstered furniture. Please make your donations during store hours rather than set them outside in the weather.

Store hours are from 9:15 a.m. to 2:15 p.m., Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The phone number is 798-9111. If you need additional information, you may call Monica Foyt at 798-1572 or Elaine Rogers at 798-1632.

Please pray for vocations to the priesthood & religious life!

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When you have an opportunity to take a once in a lifetime chance, do you take it? Granted, there is no strict definition for such an instance, but in the strictest sense of the term, do you take chances or do you play it safe? One could argue that our lives are a series of opportunities, and some of the choices we make are the only chances we'll ever have. We may decide to go to work rather than college, and years later we're unable to find the time or the will to go back and get that degree. Or sometimes a once in a lifetime chance is as simple as asking for something.

Bartimaeus figured that he had nothing to lose; blind since birth, he had heard that Jesus was preaching to a crowd nearby. Knowing in his heart that Jesus was truly the Son of God, Bartimaeus went to Jesus, and interrupting His sermon asked Jesus to cure his blindness. Jesus' compassion for a man who had such faith without seeing led Him to grant his wish. If we can have faith in Jesus without ever having seen or heard Him, will we realize a "once in a lifetime chance"?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church, teaching on faith, states: "[A] disciple of Christ must not only keep the faith and live on it, but also profess it, confidently bear witness to it, and spread it" (CCC 1816). Bartimaeus not only possessed great faith in Jesus, he was unashamed and unafraid to call out to his Savior in front of the many people around him. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus said, "Everyone who acknowledges Me before others I will acknowledge before My heavenly Father." Today, if you meet someone who needs the loving arms of Jesus Christ, take that chance to share His promise of everlasting life.



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SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

“TRUNK OR TREAT”

WHEN: OCTOBER 31ST

TIME: 6:30 - 7:30 (following 5:30pm mass)

WHERE: SH GYM PARKING LOT

What is “TRUNK OR TREAT”???

It is a SAFE way to celebrate Halloween with your kids and an opportunity to mingle with other families from our parish. Everyone is invited to participate.

What do I have to do???

All you have to do is park your car in the SH gym parking lot before the 5:30pm mass if you would like to hand out treats to the children.

You may decorate your car....please no blood or gore; we do not want to scare them. Bring your “treats” to pass out to the children from 6:30 - 7:30.

ALL CHILDREN (infant - 4th graders) ARE INVITED TO “TRUNK OR TREAT”.

JR. HIGH “MONSTER MASH” DANCE

WHEN: OCTOBER 31ST

TIME: 7:30 - 10:30 (following “Trunk or Treat”)

WHERE: Sacred Heart Gym

Who is invited???

ALL JR. HIGH STUDENTS FROM SACRED HEART PARISH
(St. Mary's, Moravia, St. John & Sweet Home)

No costumes....school dress code will be enforced.

NO ADMISSION * CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE

If you have any questions please contact Greg & Kris Hermes 798-0655.