

**September 13, 2009: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." — Mt 8:34-35  
Excerpta from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1996, 1970 CCD.

**LITURGY**

**MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS**

**Sunday, September 13 (Is 50:5-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35)**

8:00 am- Joe R., Emilie, Margaret, Jerome & Helen M. Steffek  
10:30 am- Alfons & Lillie Michalcik

**Monday, September 14, Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

**(Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17)**

7:00 am- Robert F. Klekar  
10:00 am- Living & deceased members of John Morisak Family (Hallettsville Rehab)

**Tuesday, September 15, Our Lady of Sorrows (1 Tm 3:1-13/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35)**

7:00 am- Lorine Vasek

**Wednesday, September 16, Pope Cornelius & St. Cyprian**

**(1 Tm 3:14-16/Lk 7:31-35)**

7:00 am- Deceased members of Joe & Justina Kolos Family  
8:05 am- Living & deceased members of Henry & Emily Christ Family

**Thursday, September 17, St. Robert Bellarmine (1 Tm 4:12-16/Lk 7:36-50)**

7:00 am- Catholic Life Insurance Branch No. 22  
10:00 am- Wilhemina Minnie Schraer (Stevens)

**Friday, September 18 (1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3)**

7:00 am- Joe P. & Wilhelmina Kallus, Grace Liska  
8:05 am- Leroy Bludau

**Saturday, September 19, St. Januarius (1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15)**

5:30 pm- For our Parish Family

**Sunday, September 20 (Wis 2:12, 17-20/Jas 3:16---4:3/Mk 9:30-37)**

8:00 am- Louis R. Kallus  
10:30 am- Mass of Thanksgiving - S. E. & Mary Golsch's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Bulletin Sponsor: In memory of V. L. & Rose Rainosek by Don & Barbara Rainosek.

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Vigil Light: In memory of Alice Miller by Ella Mae Bludau.

Our Gift to God: Envelopes- \$5,476; Bldg Repair Fund-\$453; Retired/Needy Priests-\$740; Catholic Ed.-\$1,475; Loose- \$1,416; Children's- \$85.

**Anniversaries:**

Marvin & Lillian Rabel	51 years	Sept. 14
Larry & Marie Migl	25 years	Sept. 15
Boyce & Anita Rother	57 years	Sept. 15

Promise of Marriage: Jason Mertz & Kourtney Hartmann on September 19.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

- Holy Cross Festival, Yorktown Community Hall. BBQ Beef & Sausage Dinner 11 am. Auction 12:30 pm.
- BBQ Calf Group, KC Hall. Social 5:30 pm. Meal 6:30 pm.
- Firefall, 6:00 p.m. in church. Parishioners are invited to join the youth in Eucharistic Adoration.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

- Rosary & evening prayer, 5:30 p.m. in church.
- Christian Mother's Holy Hour, 6:00 p.m. in church.
- KJZT Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Mary's House.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

- Quilting Circle, 9:00 a.m., KC Hall of Fame Room.
- RCIA Class, 7:00 p.m., Family Center.
- Serra Club Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Jalisco's Café.
- K.C.'s Officers Meeting, 8:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

- CCD: Grades K – 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 – 7:10 p.m.
- Spiritual Book Study, 6:30 p.m., Mary's House.
- Divine Mercy Prayers, 7:30 p.m., Church Cry Room.
- SHCS Booster Club Mtg, 7:30 pm, KC Hall.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

- Altar Server training for new & current servers, 9:00 am in church.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

- St. Joseph's Church Picnic, Moulton. Mass 10 am, City Park. Fried Chicken & Stew Dinner 10:30 am. Auction 1 pm, cake walk, country store, kiddy rides & more.
- Our Lady of the Gulf Church Picnic, Bauer Community Center, Port Lavaca. Seafood Dinner 11 am. Auction, bingo, raffle, cake spin, country store, & more.

**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, 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, Louise Pesek, Doyleen Drozd, Bryce Saldi, Travis Klimitchek, Judith Koerth, Thelma Mikulenska, Louise Tesch, nursing home residents, homebound.

IWBS Sisters are hosting a "Come & See" visit for single Catholic women (high school graduates to 50), Sept. 19 at Incarnate Word Convent, Victoria. For information, call 575-7111 or email [iwbsvoc@yahoo.com](mailto:iwbsvoc@yahoo.com).

Diocese of Victoria, Catechesis & Ministry Conference, Holy Family Parish, Victoria, September 26. Registration begins 7:30 a.m. Opening prayer 9:00 a.m. All adults are welcome to attend. For information, call 573-0828.

## From the Desk of Father John

Thank you to all who helped in any way to make our parish picnic a success. It was a wonderful day.

Thank you to Bishop Fellhauer for being with us on Friday and celebrating Mass, participating in the 9-11 ceremony, blessing the Band Hall addition, the Youth House addition, Mary's House and blessing Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Kocian for their 75<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. It was truly a day of blessing.



### The Youth ConneXion



**Sept. 13:** Champs meeting in the Youth House starting at 3:00 p.m.

**Sept. 13:** Youth meet in church at 5:00 pm. Firefall at 6:00. Youth gathering at the Youth House after Firefall.

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

### Pictorial Directory – Linda Pavliska 798-3253

#### **Schedule for Group & Other Photos:**

**Sept. 13:** Youth Group & Champs, 7:00 pm in church; ACTS, 7:30 pm in the Rectory. **Sept. 14:** KJZT, 6:30 pm, Mary's House. **Sept. 15:** Manna Food Pantry & Lamb, 1:00 pm. **Sept. 20:** SHCS Band Boosters, 9:15 am, Band Hall; Choir, 9:30 am, church. **Our Military:** Bring photos to the Rectory with rank, name, branch of service & where stationed.

**Another week for directory photos has been added on Sept. 29 – Oct. 3** for retakes & for those who have not yet had their pictures taken. Photo sessions will be held Tuesday–Friday 4:00–8:40 pm & Saturday 10:00 am–4:40 pm. To schedule your session, call Linda Pavliska 798-3253.

Padre Ermilindo Di Capua, companion of St. Pio, will celebrate Mass, 1 pm, Sept. 13, St. Mary's Church, Victoria.



**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 & 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.

Celebrate the Feast of the Archangels, Sept. 29, Raphael's Refuge, 2715 W. Hwy 90, Flatonia. Devotional Prayers 11:00 am. Mass 12:05 pm.

### *Sacred Heart Catholic School ~ 798-4251*

**Sept. 27:** BBQ Pork Dinner plates to go, 11am – 12:30 pm, KC Hall. Tickets \$7 available at Beauty Boutique, Hoffer's, SH Credit Union, school office & Rectory.

**The Adopt-A-Student Program** is a tuition assistance program. Your gift to this fund helps Sacred Heart Catholic School students receive a Catholic education. For information, please call the school office.

## Religious Education (CCD) Janice Busselman, Coordinator ~ 798-3124

Catechist aides are still needed for Grades 2 – 8. The main role of the aide is to assist and support the Catechist. They are not required to prepare the lesson plan or to teach the class. If you are unable to volunteer at every class, consider teaming up with another parent to share the duties. Please consider this important ministry to the children of our parish!

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It is not uncommon, when talking to a friend about all of the challenges we are facing in our day-to-day lives, to have that friend tell us, "We all have our crosses to bear." It seems, however, that linking the symbol of the world's greatest sacrifice to a pile of past-due bills on the table is rather simplistic and misses the point of bearing our own cross. What are our real challenges, anyway? Is it harder to navigate this life's worldly difficulties, or to proclaim proudly our undying love of Jesus Christ to any and all who will listen?

Today's Gospel reading from Mark offers the memorable question from Jesus to His disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" Their answers are varied, but His follow-up question is more important: "But who do you say that I am?" They have had the opportunity to be closest to Him, witness His miracles and enjoy His private teachings. And it is at this point that Jesus offers them yet another insight into everlasting life: "Whoever wishes to come after Me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me." The cross He is referring to is our willingness never to deny Him as the one true savior, even if it means giving our lives in His name.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines the cross as "the unique sacrifice of Christ, the 'one mediator between God and men.'" In telling His disciples – and us – that in order to follow Him we must take up our own crosses, we are offered the possibility of being made partners in the paschal mystery (CCC 618). In a way, when a friend offers that "we all have our crosses to bear," as followers of Jesus we can be assured that yes, but it is only one, and it really isn't very heavy at all!

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