

September 20, 2009: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Taking a child he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me." — *Mk 9:36-37*
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LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

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 50th Anniversary

Monday, September 21, St. Matthew (Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13)

7:00 am- Russell Grahmann
10:00 am- Lorraine Sengelmann (Hallettsville Rehab)

Tuesday, September 22 (Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Lk 8:19-21)

7:00 am- Hubert & Ethel Bludau

Wednesday, September 23, St. Pio (Ezr 9:5-9/Lk 9:1-6)

7:00 am- Blasé Konvicka, Sr.
8:05 am- Living & deceased members of Guntram & Annie Janak Family

Thursday, September 24 (Hg 1:1-8/Lk 9:7-9)

7:00 am- James Kouba
10:00 am- Living & deceased members of Alfonse Leopold Family (Stevens)

Friday, September 25 (Hg 2:1-9/Lk 9:18-22)

7:00 am- Henry Sitka
8:05 am- Leo T. & Viola Henke

Saturday, September 26, Sts. Cosmas & Damian (Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Lk 9:43b-45)

5:30 pm- Living & deceased members of J.J. & Kathryn Haas Family

Sunday, September 27 (Nm 11:25-29/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48)

8:00 am- Margaret Etzler
10:30 am- Frank & Bessie Pesek
5:00 pm- Jose Guadalupe & Carlos Hernandez (Spanish Mass)

Bulletin Sponsor: In memory of Alvin J. Grahmann & Margaret Etzler by Don & Barbara Rainosek.

Radio Broadcast Sponsor: Steven's Nursing & Rehabilitation Center of Hallettsville.

Vigil Light: In memory of Ryan Grahmann.

Our Gift to God: Envelopes- \$6,424.50; Loose- \$751; Children's- \$32.

Anniversaries:

S.E. & Mary Golsch	50 years	Sept. 20
Albert & Carolyn Pavlicek	40 years	Sept. 20
David & Bobbie Janak	30 years	Sept. 22
Tom & Peggy Kostelnik	58 years	Sept. 25
Richmond & Gay O'Neill	30 years	Sept. 25

Promise of Marriage: Tim Donnelly & Julie Hartmann on October 3.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- St. Joseph's Church Picnic, Moulton. Mass 10 am, City Park. Fried Chicken & Stew Dinner 10:30 am.
- Our Lady of the Gulf Church Picnic, Bauer Community Center, Port Lavaca. Seafood Dinner 11 am.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- Blood Drive, 10:30 am -6:00 pm across from church. Sponsored by SHCS Student Council. Help save a life!
- Rosary & evening prayer, 5:30 p.m. in church.
- SHS Advisory Meeting, 6:15 pm, Teacher's Work Rm.
- Catholic Daughters meeting, 7:00 p.m., Family Center.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- Quilting Circle, 9:00 a.m., KC Hall of Fame Room.
- RCIA Class, 7:00 p.m., Family Center.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- CCD: Grades K - 11th, 6:00 - 7:10 p.m.
- Spiritual Book Study, 6:30 p.m., Mary's House.
- SHCS Booster Club Mtg, 7:30 pm, KC Hall.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- Kolache Fest, KC Hall. All Class Reunion for Sacred Heart & H'ville High. Music by Los Kolaches 7-10pm.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- Kolache Fest, KC Hall.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- Baptism Preparation Class, 9:00 a.m. in the Rectory. Please call the Rectory in advance to register.
- St. John Church Picnic, Koerth at Sweet Home Community Center. Beef Stew & Sausage Dinner 11 am. Auction 1pm. Cake walk, country store, kiddy games.
- Sts. Peter & Paul Church Picnic, Meyersville. BBQ Beef Dinner 11am. Auction 1pm. Bingo, cake walk, country store, kiddy games & more.
- Covered dish supper in Family Center after Spanish Mass.

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, Sharon Grahmann, Sandra Henneke, nursing home residents, homebound.

Flowers at the Altar of Sacrifice are in honor of S.E. & Mary Golsch's 50th wedding anniversary.

Altar Server training has been rescheduled to Saturday, October 3 at 9:00 a.m. in church. This training session is for new altar servers and those who are currently serving.

From the Desk of Father John

In this day and time, we as Catholic Christians need to pray for our country. We are in difficult times economically, politically and morally. We need to pray and put our Christian faith into action.

We should stand for all that is morally right and always defend Christian principles such as truth, honesty, purity and the right to life. We thank God for all the blessings and freedoms we have experienced as a country in the past. We should never take any of these for granted.

We thank God for the rains we have received. These are a true blessing. Let us continue praying for more of this much needed blessing for our area.



The Youth ConneXion



September 27: (7th–12th Graders) Teen Mass at 5:00 p.m., St. Rose Church, Schulenburg followed by free hamburger supper & music 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the KC Hall. For more info., call Kris Hermes 798-9327 or 798-0655.

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

Pictorial Directory – Linda Pavliska 798-3253

Schedule for Group & Other Photos: **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.

Directory photos scheduled 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. Please call Linda Pavliska to schedule your photo session.

Diocese of Victoria has an opening for a full-time staff accountant. Experience as full-charge bookkeeper or equivalent education is required. Must be proficient in Excel & Quick Books. Prefer a practicing Catholic. Please submit resume to P O Box 4070, Victoria 77903.

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.

Pray for the repose of the souls of *James Kocian*, son of Jerome & Alice Kocian; *Norman Swoboda*, father of Kurt Swoboda; *David Michael Repka*, son of Martha Repka; *Harper Koehne*, grandfather of Steven Koehne; *I. B. Krejci*, *Elizabeth Grafe Eilers* & *Hedwig Greer*. May they & all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.



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.

Sacred Heart Women's ACTS Retreat, Nov. 12 -15. Registration forms are at the entrance of the church. Please mail the completed form to the address on the registration form.

Sacred Heart Catholic School ~ 798-4251

Sept. 28: HSA meeting, 7:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria.

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.

Band Hall Wish List: Items needed for our new band hall: 50 Band Stands (\$31 ea.) - \$1,550; Band Chair Move & Store Cart - \$350; Band Stand Move & Store Cart - \$450. Donations may be dropped off at the school office or rectory. Thank you for your kindness & generosity.

The Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) will be administered Sept. 21-25 to all students in grades 1st – 12.

Religious Education (CCD) ~ Office 798-3124

Janice Busselman, Coordinator

Angela McConnell, Assistant

A **mandatory** Confirmation meeting is scheduled on Sunday, Oct. 4 at 6:00 pm in the Cafeteria for all Juniors who will be confirmed this year. At least one parent of each student is required to attend. If you have questions, please call Janice Busselman at 798-9164 or 798-3124.

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It is perhaps one of the most exciting and yet frightening times of a young couple's lives. From the moment they discover that they are expecting a child to the very moment that he or she enters the world, the parents-to-be are filled with joy, but also concern. Will their baby be healthy? Today's doctors can detect health issues long before the baby is born; if something is discovered, how does the young couple receive the news? Are they faced with difficult decisions, or are they bolstered by the message found in today's Gospel?

Given the circumstances of today's fast-paced life, it is difficult to imagine the pace of life in Jesus' day. On a journey by foot through Galilee, Jesus and His disciples had many hours to discuss the meaning of life and the role of Christ in their lives. He tried to explain His final days and hours, but even with seemingly all the time in the world, they did not grasp the immense message He was giving them. Perhaps seeking an easier way to say it, He held a small child, telling them that if they accept an innocent child, they are accepting Him, and in accepting Him, they are accepting God.

In praying the Lord's Prayer, we first and foremost proclaim "Our Father." This is done with the intent to remind us that in order to be fully revealed in our hearts, we must appear to God as innocents, children willing to accept His love unconditionally. We are asking for a purification of our hearts (CCC 2779). As Jesus held that small child out to His disciples, He gave absolutely no conditions as to acceptance of a child. As innocents, children are the symbol of the purity of life and the purity of the love Jesus has for us all.

