

**September 6, 2009: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**



Then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. — Mk 7:34-35

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**LITURGY**

**MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS**

**Sunday, September 6 (Is 35:4-7a/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37)**

- 6:30 am- For our Parish Family
- 8:00 am- Ervin & Vlasta Dieringer
- 10:30 am- Francis Mark Hagendorf

**Monday, September 7 (Col 1:24--2:3/Lk 6:6-11)**

- 7:00 am- Special Intention
- 10:00 am- Living & deceased members of Theo & Mary L. Grahmann Family (Hallettsville Rehab)

**Tuesday, September 8, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23)**

- 7:00 am- Leon Bujnoch

**Wednesday, September 9, St. Peter Claver (Col 3:1-11/Lk 6:20-26)**

- 7:00 am- Living & deceased members of KJZT #2.
- 8:05 am- Dale Schulte
- 6:10 pm- For Rain (CCD Mass)

**Thursday, September 10 (Col 3:12-17/Lk 6:27-38)**

- 7:00 am- Hubert & Ethel Bludau
- 10:00 am- Living & deceased members of Frank Bujnoch Family (Stevens)

**Friday, September 11 (1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Lk 6:39-42)**

- 7:00 am- John & Victor Trojcak, Julius & Annie Horky
- 8:05 am- Paul & Carolyn Dworsky; Theo, Agnes, Ervin & Alfonse Etzler

**Saturday, September 12, Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin (1 Tm 1:15-17/Lk 6:43-49)**

- 5:30 pm- For our Parish Family

**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

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Vigil Light: Special Intention (DJL).

Our Gift to God: Envelopes- \$5,039; Loose- \$856; Children's- \$27.

**Anniversaries:**

Urban & Theresa Hemmi	69 years	Sept. 8
Andrew & Barbara Leopold	25 years	Sept. 8
Henry & Elrose Muenster	53 years	Sept. 8
Anthony & Rachel Siegel	30 years	Sept. 8
Arthur & Rose Mary Etzler	62 years	Sept. 9

August baptisms: Logan Paul, son of Steven & Kelly Desautels; Caine William, son of William & Lorie Chapman; Connor James, son of Tad & Leslie Jansky; Jorge & Sergio Alexander, sons of Sergio & Yolanda Aguillon; Allison Grace, daughter of John Paul & Shanna Clark; Weston Shaw, son of Charles & Robin Koncaba.

*Heavenly Father, hear our prayers. Send us the rain we need.*

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

-Sacred Heart Parish Fall Picnic, KC Hall. Fried Chicken & Stew Dinner, homemade dressing & all the trimmings 10:30am-1pm. Drive thru plates to go 10:30am-1:30pm Adults \$7, children \$4. Auction 1pm. Bingo (Noon-6 pm), cake walk, country store, religious articles, kiddy rides, game booths, washer pitching tournament 5pm, delicious food & more! Music on Main Pavilion 11am-1pm by Kovanda's Authentic Czech Music. Free dance 1- 9 pm on Polka Pavilion/Biergarten by Red Ravens & Dujka Brothers. *Bring your entire family & join your friends for a great time at the picnic!!!*

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 (LABOR DAY)**

- No rosary & evening prayer.
- Ushers & Greeters meeting, 6:00 p.m. in church.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

- Quilting Circle, 9:00 a.m., KC Hall of Fame Room.
- JCDA meeting, 3:45 pm, Family Center. \$15 dues may be paid at the meeting so shirts can be ordered. For info. call Shanna Clark 798-9189 or Amy Shimek 798-9116.
- RCIA Class, 7:00 p.m., Family Center.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

- CCD: Grades K - 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 11**

-Bishop David Fellhauer will celebrate the 8:05 a.m. Mass followed by the blessing of the Band Hall, Mary's House & the addition to the Youth House.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

- 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.

**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, Harry Jackson, 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, Jennifer Lackey, Louise Pesek, Doyleen Drozd, Bryce Saldi, Travis Klimitchek, Judith Koerth, Thelma Mikulenka, Louise Tesch, nursing home residents, homebound.

**Bulletin Notices:** Written notices must be submitted to the Rectory by Noon on Tuesdays. Notices will be printed in the bulletin as space allows. Thank you.

Gabriel Project Workshop, Sept. 22, Holy Family Church, Victoria, 6:30-9:30 pm. RSVP to Martha at 571-7130.

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

## From the Desk of Father John

Today is our Parish Fall Picnic. We welcome all of our out of town visitors.

This coming Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, Bishop Fellhauer will be here at Sacred Heart to celebrate the 8:05 a.m. Mass, join in the 9-11 prayer service at the flag pole, bless the Band Hall renovation and addition, bless the Youth House addition and bless Mary's House. Everyone is invited to join the Bishop at any or all of these events on Friday.

We thank Victor C. Roeber for funding the Band Hall project, the Wilhelm and Georgie Mae Grahmann Estate for the Youth House Addition, and James and Judy Evans for donating Mary's House to the parish. Please keep all of our benefactors in your prayers.



### The Youth ConneXion



**Sept. 6:** Church Picnic – Pig Plop, Nachos, Lemonade & T-Shirt sales. We need everyone to work the picnic!

**Sept. 11:** Blessing of new addition to the Youth House.

**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. 8:** SHCS Cafeteria Employees, 9:00 am, Cafeteria; Stevens & Hallettsville Rehab Residents, 10:00 am.

**Sept. 9:** CCD Staff, 5:30 pm in church. **Sept. 13:** Youth Group & Champs, 7:00 pm in church; ACTS, 7:30 pm in the Rectory. **Sept. 14:** KJZT, 6:30 pm in Mary's House.

**Sept. 15:** Manna Food Pantry & Lamb, 1:00 pm. **Sept. 20:** SHCS Band Boosters, 9:15 am in Band Hall; Choir, 9:30 am in church. **Our Military:** Bring photos to the Rectory with rank, name, branch of service & where stationed.

Welcome to the Parish: Tad & Leslie Jansky, & Connor; William & Sandra Dierschke, & Cassie; Steven & Yvonne Machicek, Jacqueline & Lilly; Joseph & Ana Henke, & Kristen; Kevin & Angie Pilat, Kelsey, Atley & Emily; Joe & Jackie Rodriguez; Bobby & Amanda Rollert, Chelsea, Brooke, Michael & Gabe; Diana Wilkinson; Kevin & Melanie Rother.

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).

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 more information, please call the school office at 798-4251.

Christian Mothers holy hour, Sept. 14, 6–7 pm in church.

## ~~ FALL PICNIC NEWS ~~

### **Please bring to the KC Hall on Sunday morning:**

**Cake Walk:** Please bring at least 2 cakes.

**Country Store:** Crafts & handmade items, fresh & canned vegetables, jelly, baked goods, noodles, etc.

**Bingo** has been extended to 6:00 p.m.; therefore, we are in need of many more prizes. Please bring all bingo prizes to the stage at the KC Hall. *Thank you!*

**Auction:** You may bring your auction items to the auction trailer at the Main Pavilion.

**Pickles, Cakes & Kolaches** are needed for the dinner. Please bring these items to the kitchen.

**Raffle Books:** Don't forget to turn in your raffle books!

### **Sacred Heart Parish Fall Picnic – September 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Cattle:** M/M Marcus Grahmann- 20 mon. crossbred heifer; M/M Charles Leopold- Brangus cow with 1st calf; J-Bar Angus (M/M Mark Janak)- 19 mon. reg. black Angus bull; M/M Wink Bludau- 8 mon. crossbred heifer; M/M Bill Hrcncir- crossbred heifer; M/M Leroy Janak- 8 mon. crossbred heifer; M/M Ronnie Huser- crossbred heifer, exposed; M/M Charles Haas- 7 mon. Brangus heifer; M/M John Henke- 19 mon. bred Brangus heifer.

**Auction:** Terry Bludau- caps; Dorothy Nagelmueller- antique rocker; Ella Mae Bludau- doll cradle; Fr. John-Queen-size *Quilters Flower Garden* Quilt; Irene Szwarc-Barbies; Judge/M Ronnie Leck- picture of Lavaca Co. Courthouse; Arthur Spies Family- 6 (50 lb) bags clean deer corn; Sweet Home Sand & Gravel- \$200 & \$100 gift certificates; Cynthia Robinson- bird house, Santa Claus statues, canister; Pat Mercer Photography- Portrait Sitting & 11x14 portrait; Wink Bludau- Nativity from Salzburg; Michael & Sandy Bujnoch- decorative metal cross; Bobby & Amanda Rollert (BAR II Truck Accessories)- heavy duty grill guard for full size truck.

**Cash Donations:** Evelyn Schaefer-\$50; Sylvia Kallus-\$200; Buddy J. Eilers-\$250; Marjorie Krupala-\$300; Marcus & Annette Krupala-\$100; Joe & Magdalene Steffek-\$100; Margaret Bludau-\$100; Mary Prasek-\$13; Lillian Haas-\$100; Welden & Virginia Lell-\$100; John & Laverne Trojcak-\$150; Johnny & Esther Kelley-\$100; Arthur & Rose Mary Etzler-\$100; Olga Haas-\$100.

### **Religious Education (CCD)**

**Janice Busselman, Coordinator ~ 798-3124**

CCD begins this Wednesday, Sept. 9 with an opening Mass at 6:10 p.m. All parents are invited to attend Mass after dropping off their children at their classroom.

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 church!

CCD Staff photo, 5:30 p.m. in church on Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>.

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## One Minute Meditations

### Pass on the gift

In the encyclical, *Caritas in Veritate*, Pope Benedict XVI said, "Love is God's greatest gift to humanity; it is his promise and our hope." As Catholics, we convey God's love to others through charity. To find more ways to practice charity, visit the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' website: [www.usccb.org/jphd](http://www.usccb.org/jphd).

### Why a Catholic Bible?

Choosing a Catholic Bible ensures that you get the whole story. A Catholic edition includes all the Church's sacred books, plus there are introductions and notes to help understand what is read. And it carries assurance that it is free of errors in Catholic doctrine. So you get nothing but the truth.

### Our "Call"

When God calls, his children respond. The Father called a chosen people, prophets, and kings to service. They responded. Jesus called his apostles and disciples. They responded. God calls each of us. Have you responded? Are you where he wants you to be?



## The most important thing

When Jesus promised to be with us always, he wasn't just talking symbolically. He meant that he would stay with us – body, blood, soul, and divinity. In fact, when we go to Mass, we meet Jesus himself "truly, really, and substantially contained" in Holy Communion (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, sec. 1374*). He is there every time.

**We meet the one and only Jesus.** The Jesus we meet in Holy Communion is the same person who now sits at the right hand of the Father. How this happens is a mystery but we know it through faith – a faith deepened by Holy Communion.

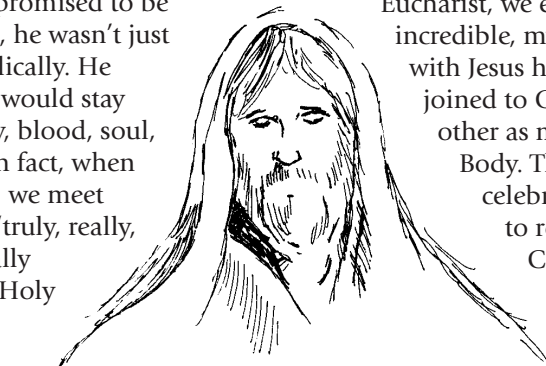
**We are joined to Jesus.** At Mass, we aren't just spectators. By celebrating the

Eucharist, we enter into an incredible, mystical relationship with Jesus himself. We are joined to Christ and to each other as members of his Body. The best way to celebrate the Eucharist is to receive Holy Communion devoutly and frequently.

**We believe in Jesus.** After we hear the words, "The Body of Christ," and "The Blood of Christ," we say, "Amen" derived from the Hebrew word meaning

"confirm." Saying "Amen" means that we believe what we are about to receive is truly the Body of Christ and the Blood of Christ.

That makes receiving Holy Communion the most important thing we do.



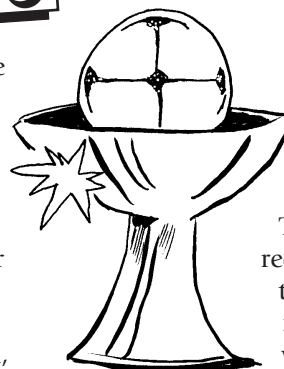
## Why Do Catholics Do That?

First, ensure that you are free from grave sin. If in doubt, receive the Sacrament of Penance first.

Then, fast from food or drink for at least one hour prior to receiving the Eucharist.

When the priest, deacon,

## What is the right way to receive Holy Communion?



or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion says, "The Body of Christ" and "The Blood of Christ," answer, "Amen." Then put out your hands to receive the host or extend your tongue to receive it by mouth, and grasp the cup with two hands.

# Let go of the good life

Who doesn't want to live the "good life?" Wouldn't it be great to have all the money you need, go on exotic vacations, and own your dream home? Yet, ask people who have all the world can offer and most will say they still don't have everything they want. This is because the good life doesn't exist here on Earth.

This world isn't perfect and can't give us true happiness despite the money or comfort we may have here. As Catholics,



we know that the good life is only possible when we are with God. Trying for anything else will cause us to lose our way.

St. Paul said, "No trial has come to you but what is human. God is faithful and will not let you be tried beyond your strength; but with the trial he will also provide a way out, so that you may be able to bear it" (1 Corinthians 10:13). Catholics know that the good life isn't where we are, it's where we are going.

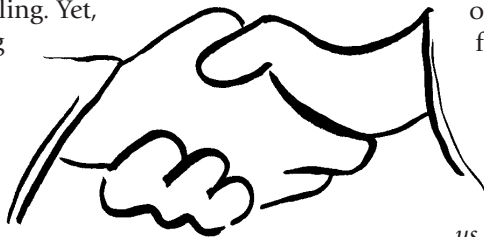
## from Scripture

### Mark 9:38-48, Be ruthless with sin

The disciples were jealous of an unfamiliar man who healed in Jesus' name. It seemed that they were more concerned about losing the spotlight than in healing. Yet, we do the same thing when we refuse to participate in good works because the people are unfamiliar, those in charge don't do things the way we'd like, or we fear our efforts won't get recognized. Competitiveness and ego have no place in the Christian community.

Jesus was very clear; we must be ruthless in removing sin from our

lives. Giving up a relationship, job, or habit that keeps us from God may seem just as painful as cutting off a hand, but the consequences of our choices last forever.



Being lukewarm toward Jesus is not possible. "For whoever is not against us is for us." Not all of Jesus' followers resemble each other or belong to the same groups. But all who are on Jesus' side have the same goal to build up the kingdom of God. Our differences should never interfere with the work of the kingdom.

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## Feasts & Celebrations

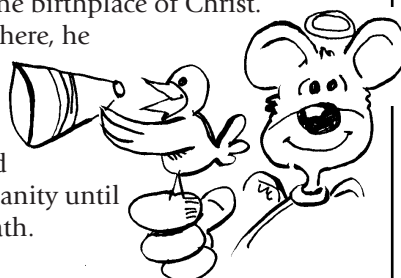
**Sept. 8 – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin.** The birth of Mary marks the approach of salvation. She was born pure and holy with the privilege of becoming the Mother of God.

**Sept. 9 – St. Peter Claver (1654).** St. Peter was a Jesuit who left his native Spain to become a missionary in the West Indies. He focused his work on providing care and showing God's love to the thousands who were brought there to be sold as slaves. It is said that Claver instructed and baptized about

300,000 slaves during his 40 years of service.

**Sept. 29 – St. Jerome (420).** St. Jerome, known for his intellect, was called by God and given the task of going to Rome and revising the Latin Bible. Upon completion, Jerome spent his life visiting each spot significant to Christ's life. He eventually settled in Bethlehem, living in the cave believed to be the birthplace of Christ.

From there, he used his pen to uphold Christianity until his death.



## Q & A What is RCIA?

Every year thousands of adults choose to join the 1.13 billion Catholics in the world today. They embark on this journey of conversion through RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

Started in 1972 by Pope Paul VI, the process has four stages, beginning with a Period of Inquiry. This step is the personal reflection of one's own life and their journey into a life of Catholic Christian faith.

The Catechumenate phase, for those never baptized, concentrates on the spiritual formation of the individual. It allows them to explore the Catholic Church and decide how they can grow as part of the Catholic community.

The Election phase prepares individuals for the sacraments. It begins with the Rite of Election on the first Sunday of Lent and leads to Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion.

Additional education continues into the Mystagogy or final stage. It focuses on the liturgy, sacraments and Catholic teachings. It is also the time where new Catholics review their lifelong mission to love and serve the Lord.

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