

SEPTEMBER 18, 2011: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



“Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous? Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.” Mt. 20:13-16

LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, Sept. 18 (Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a)

8:00 am- Louis R. Kallus
10:30 am- For our Parish Family

Monday, Sept. 19, St. Januarius (Ezr 1:1-6/Lk 8:16-18)

7:00 am- Leroy Bludau
10:00 am- George Bujnoch (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, Sept. 20, Sts. Andrew Kim Taegon & Paul Chong Hasang & their companions (Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Lk 8:19-21)

7:00 am- Robert, Julie & James Grahmann
Wednesday, September 21, St. Matthew (Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13)

7:00 am- Joe P. & Wilhelmina Kallus
8:05 am- James Kouba

Thursday, September 22 (Hg 1:1-8/Lk 9:7-9)

7:00 am- Russell Grahmann
10:00 am- Sharon Kocian (Stevens)

Friday, Sept. 23, St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Hg 2:1-9/Lk 9:18-22)

7:00 am- Victor & Dorothy Svetlik
8:05 am- Living & deceased members of Guntram & Annie Janak Family

Saturday, September 24 (Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Lk 9:43b-45)

5:30 pm- Eddie Schulte, Sr.
Sunday, Sept. 25 (Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11/Mt 21:28-32)

8:00 am- Joseph J. & Kathryn Haas Family
10:30 am- Leroy Schindler
5:00 pm- For our Parish Family (Spanish Mass)

Bulletin Sponsor: Matthew, Martha & John Bludau.

Radio Broadcast Sponsor: Catholic Life Branch #22.

Vigil Light: In memory of Kelly Wood by Brazos, Lawrence & Marcella Wagner.

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$3,927; Retired & Needy Priests-\$742; Catholic Education-\$1,580; Loose-\$910; Children-\$54.

Flowers at the Altar of Sacrifice last weekend were in honor of Devin & Jaime Jahn Mertz.

Flowers at the Altar of Sacrifice are in memory of Dennis Smirak by Aaron & Rhonda Smirak Bludau.

Anniversaries:

Michael & Lois Kallus	30 years	Sept. 19
Robert & Marie Tobola	30 years	Sept. 19
Siegfried & Mary Golsch	52 years	Sept. 20

Pray for the repose of the souls of *Joe C. Kozel*, brother of Mary (Hubert) Grahmann; and, *Donald Berger*, father of Carol Henneke. *May they rest in the peace of Christ.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

-St. Joseph Church Picnic, K.C. Hall, Moulton. Open air Mass, 10:00 am, City Park. Fried Chicken & Stew Dinner.
-Firefall, 5:00-6:00 p.m., Church. Parishioners are invited to join the youth of our parish in Eucharistic Adoration.
-Novena for rain, 7:00 p.m., Church.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

-Rosary & evening prayer, 5:30 p.m., Church.
-Catholic Daughters meeting, **6:00 p.m.**, Family Center.
-Novena for rain, 7:00 p.m., Church.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

-Quilting Circle, 9:00 a.m., KC Hall of Fame Room.
-Novena for rain, 7:00 p.m., Church.
-Serra Club meeting, 7:00 p.m., Jalisco's Café.
-Home & School Assoc. meeting, 7:30 p.m., Cafeteria.
-K.C. Officer's meeting, **8:00 p.m.**, K.C. Hall.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

-JCDA meeting, 3:45-5:00 p.m., Family Center.
-CCD: K-12th Grade, 6:00-7:15 p.m.
-SHCS Booster Club meeting, 7:30 p.m., K.C. Hall.
-Divine Mercy Study/Prayers, 7:30 p.m., Church Cry Rm.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

-Baptism Preparation Class, 9:00 a.m., Rectory. Please call the Rectory in advance to register.
-St. John Church Picnic (Koerth), Sweet Home Community Center. Beef Stew & Sausage Dinner 11am-1pm.
-St. Philip Church Picnic, K.C. Hall, El Campo. BBQ Beef & Sausage Dinner, serving begins 11:00 a.m.
-Sts. Peter & Paul Church Picnic, Meyersville. BBQ Beef Dinner 11am-1pm. Auction, bingo, booths & kid's games.
-Covered dish supper after Spanish Mass, Family Center.

Among our sick: Edna Key, Frank Fishar, Helen M. Appelt, Faith Del Castillo, Michael Gerdes, Renae Ross, Hubert & Mary Grahmann, Odessa, Doug & Richard Blumberg, Danielle Grady, Rose Thumann, Dr. Michael Moore, Bill Gohlke, Sterlin Ritchie, Brenda Grahmann, Ed Aulick, Ricky Skelton, Larry Appelt, Victor Pavliska, Anita Bohuslav, Anita Kallus, Daniel Wick, Josephine Janak, Paul Najvar, Betty Hernandez, Gene Drozd, Irene Bordovsky, Steven DeLaRosa, Milissa Zamora, Rhonda Janak, Larry Korenek, Alex Drozd, Red Kahanek, Theresa Steffek, Donna Haas Belt, Bobby Pavliska, Betty Hemmi, Wesley Buchanek, nursing home residents & homebound.

Christian Initiation for Adults: Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church? Please call Fr. Tommy to sign up for RCIA classes to receive instruction on the Catholic faith.

JCDA (Jr. Catholic Daughters) meeting, Wed., Sept. 21, 3:45-5:00 p.m. in the Family Center. If you have not paid your dues, please bring them to the meeting along with the Medical Release form. See you there!

Thank you to all who have been attending the Novena for rain. It is very encouraging to see such good attendance.

This weekend and next weekend, we will be taking up a second collection for the people who have been affected by fires in the Bastrop area. The funds will be sent to Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Austin and they will distribute accordingly. I know some of you have already helped some relatives and others directly. God bless all of you for your generosity in a time of need such as this.

**Religious Education (CCD) ~ Office 798-3124
Angela McConnell, Coordinator**

Sept. 24: Conference for Catechesis & Ministry, Holy Family Parish, Victoria.

Oct. 2: Confirmation mini-retreat for Junior candidates & their sponsors. Jr. Sponsor forms are *way* past due!

Oct. 9: First Penance workshop & commissioning ceremony, 5:30-7:00 p.m., Cafeteria.

Oct. 15: Sophomore confirmation cemetery clean up day, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Oct. 16: 9th Grade youth involvement, 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Oct. 19: Firefall adoration – grades 2-11.

**Sacred Heart Catholic School News
Office 798-4251**

Sept. 19: Student Council Blood Drive, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sept. 26: Pork BBQ Dinner, 4:30-6:30 p.m., KC Hall. Tickets \$7 each.

Box Tops for Education: Please save the box tops of all General Mills products. Some boxes have the label "Box Tops for Education" and some do not. The company is accepting all tops. SHCS receives 15 cents for each top.

Campbell Soup labels changes: The front panel product labels are no longer accepted. Please clip and send in the Campbell Soup UPC labels of the accepted products.

Sacrament of Confirmation for Adults: Are you an adult at least 18 years or older who regularly practices your Catholic faith, but still needing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation? Please call Fr. Tommy to sign up for Confirmation preparation classes for Adults. The bishop will be coming to our parish on May 20, 2012 to administer the sacrament of Confirmation to all those who are prepared.

Altar Server Theology Test Grades: All servers who have taken the theology test on Sept 6 and who have not been personally contacted by Fr. Tommy have passed the test. If you would like to know your specific grade, you may contact Fr. Tommy at the church office.

The Gabriel Project needs volunteers. If interested, please call Renae Harper, 361-208-4047. An informational meeting will be held Mon., Oct. 3 at 6:30 p.m., Family Center.



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. To think that so much water can fall out of the sky, which now is empty and clear! We place our trust in You. We are sure that You know our needs. But You want us to ask You anyway, to show You that we know we are dependent on 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.

**The Youth ConneXion
Greg & Kris Hermes: 798-0655**

Sept 18th: Firefall 5:00 p.m. in church, followed by youth social at the Youth House for 8th-12th Grades.

Oct 1st: BACK TO SCHOOL BASH (Dance), Sacred Heart Family Center, 7:00-11:00 p.m. All Jr. High parish members are invited (5th-8th). Come enjoy an evening of fun, food & dancing with your friends.....FREE!!

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time – The vineyards of California are so beautiful this time of year. The clusters of grapes are hang-ing from the vines and the owners of the vineyards are waiting for the right moment to pick each variety of grape. Some grapes will develop more character if left for a longer "hang" time, while others must be collected rapidly for their peak quality. In any event, these weeks will be filled with long days for the myriad of workers who crawl over the steep hillsides and rolling hills to bring in the grapes. From south to north the workers will move in their race against time to ensure that each block of grapes is brought in at its best.



Winemakers in California will understand the plight of the landowner in this weekend's parable. The grapes must be brought in. There is no time to put things off. You can't wait for another week. To do so is to risk the entire harvest. While we tend to focus on the landowner's generosity in the parable (a meaning not to be lost, since we are comparing the landowner to God), we should not lose sight of the fact that the landowner needs the harvest completed now! He cannot wait, lest his crop be lost.

It is that sense of immediacy that could impel us today. God has no time to waste. His people need to be attentive to the needs of the vineyard now. That can translate into daily life in the ways that we interact with others. We don't have to be preaching the Gospel from our work cubicle or in the grocery store aisle. But how we act on the factory floor, in the store parking lot, at our child's soccer game, or in the classroom can reveal what kind of worker in the vineyard we are. God needs us now to work hard at being examples of the Christian life. Then will come our reward.