

August 25, 2013: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



“People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.” — Lk 13:29-30

Paraphrase from the Lectionary for Mass, ©2001, 1976, 1970 CDL.

LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, August 25 (Is 66:18-21/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30)

8:00 am- Tyler Bludau

10:30 am- For our Parish Family

5:00 pm- Paula Loya (Spanish Mass)

Monday, August 26 (1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Mt 23:13-22)

7:00 am- Allyne Haas Psencik

10:00 am- William J. & Justina Gerlich (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, August 27, St. Monica (1 Thes 2:1-8/Mt 23:23-26)

7:00 am- Vernon Supak

Wednesday, August 28, St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (1 Thes 2:9-13/Mt 23:27-32)

7:00 am- Robert & Rosa Helmcamp

8:05 am- Annette Krupala

Thursday, August 29, The Passion of St. John the Baptist (1 Thes 3:7-13/Mk 6:17-29)

7:00 am- James Pekar; Herbert, Matthew & Loula Turk

10:00 am- John & Stephanie Pavliska (Stevens)

Friday, August 30 (1 Thes 4:1-8/Mt 25:1-13)

7:00 am- Lillie & Willie Wagner, & Willie, Jr.

8:05 am- Billy Joe Sitka

Saturday, August 31 (1 Thes 4:9-11/Mt 25:14-30)

5:30 pm- Kyle L. Jalufka

Sunday, September 1 (Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14)

6:30 am- For our Parish Family

8:00 am- John & Lucille Jalufka, & Ben Huser

10:30 am- Edwin, Billy & Earline Chovanetz

Bulletin Sponsor: In memory of Raymond Ben Steffek by his family.

Radio Broadcast Sponsor: Pete & Glenda Trlicek in memory of Otto Lee & Ethlyne Zappe.

Vigil Light: In memory of Leon Brown.

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$5,314.50; Assumption-\$1,365; Catholic Education-\$2,319; Loose-\$928; Children's (2 wks.)-\$56.

Flowers in church last week were in memory of Siegfried Golsch.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of *Lillie Woytek* of our parish family. *May she rest in the peace of Christ.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

-**Blood Drive**, 8:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Gym Parking Lot.

-**Baptism Preparation Class**, 9:00 a.m., Family Center.

-**Covered Dish Supper** after Spanish Mass, Family Center.

MONDAY, AUGUST 26

-**Rosary & Evening Praise**, 5:30 p.m., Church.

-**Parish Finance Council Mtg**, 6:00pm, Mary's House

-**Parish Advisory Council Mtg**, 6:30pm, Mary's House

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

-**Quilting Circle**, 9:00 a.m., K.C. Hall of Fame Room.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

-**CCD**: K-12th Grade, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

-**SHS Booster Club Mtg**, 7:30pm, KC Hall of Fame Rm

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

-**Sacred Heart Parish Picnic, K.C. Hall.** Country Fried Chicken & Stew Dinner with homemade dressing – serving 10:30am-1:30pm. Drive-thru plates to go 10:30am-1pm (Adult plates only). Adults \$8 & Children \$4. Inside KC Hall, bingo (noon-6pm), cake walk, country store & religious articles booths. Auction begins 1pm. Kiddie games & rides all afternoon. Washer Pitch Tournament begins 5pm. Delicious hamburgers & cold refreshments all afternoon. Polka Music: Kovanda Czech Band 11am-1pm on Main Pavilion; Dujka Bros. & Red Ravens 1-9pm on Polka Pavilion/Biergarten. *Fun for all ages!!!*

Among our sick: Edna Key, Frank Fishar, Faith Del Castillo, Michael Gerdes, Renae Ross, Doug Blumberg, Ed Aulick, Rose Thumann, Sterlin Ritchie, Ricky Skelton, Larry Appelt, Milissa Zamora, Chris Layton, Hank Morris, Frank, Patrick & Robben Nemec, LaNora Konvicka, Delores Grahmann, Donna Coldewey, Benedict Bujnoch, Lorene Christ, Matt Pohler, Donna Avant, Wilbert Kalinec, Mary Bonorden, Rev. Lundy Hooten, Josephine Muniz, Vivian Janak, Helen Kresta, Bobbie Lee Drozd, Donna Steffek, Frank Gutierrez, Glenn Rabel, Lisa Grissom, Rachel Davis, George Meyer, Leonard Lamza, Richard Grahmann, Colin Grahmann, Marie Hermes, Emil Hermes, Georgia Schaefer, Pat Hanslik, Leroy Loth, Viola Jares, Heidi Rother, Debby Kolos, Barbara Kubena, Barbara Matula, Kathy Davis, Vernell Bozka, Noah Henke, Yvonne Muska, Peanut Leopold, nursing home residents, homebound.

Drawing for 2013 Polaris Ranger Crew 550 seating for 4 with 12' trailer will be held at the Sacred Heart Fall Picnic on September 1. Tickets are \$35 each or 3 for \$100 and are available for purchase at the Rectory.

Anniversaries:

Harvey & Elsie Goedrich	54 years	Aug. 29
Bernard & Mary Grahmann	45 years	Aug. 31
Donna & Clarence Coldewey	45 years	Aug. 31

Area Picnics & Festivals:

Aug. 25: Sts. Cyril & Methodius Picnic, Cistern.

Aug. 25: St. Mary Bazaar, C of C Community Center., Ellinger.

From the Desk of Msgr. John

I would like to share with you a few additional guidelines for Church etiquette, which is continued from last week:

- 1.) Please refrain from reading the bulletin, e-mails, text messages, Twitter, or Facebook during Mass.
- 2.) Please no MP3 devices, iPods, Nano or otherwise...
- 3.) Please do not come late, scoot out after Holy Communion, or rudely leave before the Liturgy is concluded, including the priest's recessional.
- 4.) Please participate in the Mass - body, mind and spirit singing, speaking, praying, attending within the heart and in the body.

The question may be asked, "Why?" The answer is **reverence, respect, participation**. Our obligation is **not** bodily presence in the church during the time the Mass is being celebrated; our opportunity and obligation each Sunday and Holy Day is active participation in mind, heart and body in the Liturgy, in which the saving mysteries of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ are celebrated in a way that we may enter into them.... If that sounds heady, well it may be, but that's how it is, that is our privilege as Catholics to take part in by prayerfully lifting up our minds and hearts and offering ourselves with Jesus Christ at the altar.

CCD News ~~

Aug. 25: All volunteer commissioning & dinner, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Youth House.


Aug. 28: First day of class.

Sacred Heart Catholic School News ~~

Aug. 31: Indian Golf Classic, Hallettsville Golf Course.

Sept. 2: No school – Labor Day holiday.

Please pray for the blessing of beneficial rainfall!

*Heavenly Father, we believe that it is You Who created our world with all of its beauty and life. We believe that it is You Who put into place the systems of nature that sustain, nurture and renew this work of Your hands. We believe that it is You Who hears Your children when they call upon You. Hear then, this prayer which comes from a heart filled with confidence and trust. Grant to us and to all who seek it, the gift of a bountiful rain. Water our lands so that they may once again spring to life and reflect the beauty of Your creation. Fill our lakes and rivers with sufficient rain so that they may continue to provide life giving and refreshing water to all who depend upon it for their livelihood and well-being. Please do not let many more days pass without sending us this most needed blessing of rain. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Your Son Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.*

Sacred Heart Fall Picnic News – Sept. 1, 2013

Dressing: Please come to the KC Hall at 7:00 a.m. on Friday to help make the dressing.

Potato Peeling: Please come to the KC Hall at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday to help peel potatoes.

Cash Donations are being accepted at the Rectory, or place it in an envelope & drop it in the collection basket.

Raffle Books: Don't forget to turn them at the Rectory by Friday, or bring them to the raffle table on the Main Pavilion on Picnic Sunday.

Polaris Drawing: If you have not yet purchased your tickets (\$35 each or 3 for \$100), they will be available for purchase at the Rectory through Friday. If there are any unsold tickets, they will be available for purchase at the picnic.

Workers are still needed - Treasurer's Committee, Stew Cooking & Kiddy Rides. If you are not signed up to work at the picnic, *please* call the Rectory as soon as possible. **Adults as well as students are needed! This is a great time to earn service hours!!!**

Please bring to the KC Hall on the morning of the picnic:

Auction: Please bring items to the Auction Trailer.

Bingo Prizes: Suggested items – groceries, household items, children's toys & books, gift cards, etc.

Cake Walk: Please bring at least 2 cakes.

Country Store: Craft items, fresh produce, home canned goods (pickles, veggies, jellies, jalapeños, etc.), home baked goods (pies, cakes, cookies, strudels, kolaches, bread, etc.), homemade noodles, plants, etc.

Kitchen: Pickles, cakes & kolaches are needed for the noon meal.

Donations Received:

Auction Items: Randy Bludau-Custom made cedar plank cooler; Daniel Kuhn- 3 antique railroad lanterns, thermometer, wall-hung kerosene lamp; Irene Szwarc- 10 Collectible Barbies.

Cash Donations: Edmund Koerth-\$100; R.L. & Elsie Orsak-\$100; James & Tonie Brooks-\$100.

Cattle: Charles & Kathy Haas-cow & calf; Rita Wachel & Family- Angus/Brangus cross heifer; Wink & Ida Bludau-heifer calf; Marcus & Marjorie Grahmann- 20 mon. Angus cross heifer; JBar Angus-Mark & Karen Janak- 20 mon. registered black Angus bull.

Christian Mothers Society- please mail your \$6.00 dues to Alta Brown, 663 C. R. 135, Hallettsville.

Ganado Women's ACTS Retreat, Baptist Encampment, Palacios, Sept. 12-15. For info or to register, call Karen Klaus 361-771-2961 or email abvmchurch@ykc.com.

Online Issues in Today's Online World, Adult Program, 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 28, First United Methodist Church. Presented by Weldon Floyd, Regional Information Technology Specialist II, Texas A&M University.

Perpetual Adoration: An adorer is needed on Mondays, 4:00-5:00 p.m. If you are able to spend this hour with Our Lord in prayer and adoration, please call Charlene Bradbury 798-3224.

Amor Meus Directed Retreat, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., September 21, Incarnate Word Convent, Victoria. Come and spend a quiet day of prayer listening to the voice of God speaking in the stillness of your heart. The theme for September Retreat: "Hope: How the Heart Sees," will be guided by Mary Wilder – Adjunct teacher, Oblate School of Theology. Women and men are welcome. Call for reservations 575-7111.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

State fairs are famous for their many contests. The best cow, the best pig, the best sheep are hailed as "Grand Champions." The best cake, the best raspberry jam, the finest pickles, and the most delectable pie are awarded blue ribbons. Cheese and butter, honey and maple syrup, fruits and vegetables, agricultural products of all kinds win prizes of distinction based on criteria for their category. Handcrafted items are also entered into competition, and ribbons won displayed on the home mantle. While almost anyone can enter one of these contests, there is only one blue ribbon, only one grand champion.

In Sunday's Gospel we hear Jesus respond to a question posed to Him about the number who will be saved. One of the tenets of our faith concerns the universal salvific will of God, that is, God wants everyone to be saved. But God has also given human-kind free will, meaning that people have a choice in accepting God's invitation to salvation. For those of us who are believers, it can be difficult to comprehend that someone would not want to enjoy eternal life. But that is a choice that God offers, and the Gospel this Sunday reinforces the idea that being saved is more than just a casual acquaintance with Jesus.

Like a competition at the state fair, there are criteria for entering the kingdom of God. They are not mysterious. There is not some secret code that we need to know. What is needed is clearly spelled out just like the rules for entering a pie or jar of canned peaches. We need to love God. We need to listen to His Word. We need to be compassionate toward others. We need to love our neighbor. The difference between these criteria and entering a state fair contest is that there is always more than one grand champion in the Christian life. Everyone who follows faithfully gets a blue ribbon.

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Parish Financial Report – July, 2013

Church Income:

Sunday Collections	\$ 30,900.50
Other Donations	2,446.41
Family Center Rental	720.00

Interest Income	26,371.17
Total Church Income	<u>\$ 60,438.08</u>

School Income:

Catholic Education Envelopes	\$ 2,890.00
Memorials	1,460.00
Shop Donations	110.00
Athletics	13,600.00
Alumni Gifting	6,341.60
Knights of Columbus General Donation	19,922.10
Sweepstakes	5,600.00
Grants	4,117.00
Interest	7,972.65
Miscellaneous	25.32
Total School Income	<u>\$ 62,038.67</u>

Church Expenses:

Salaries	\$ 8,151.54
Utilities	1,713.63
Church Expense	956.45
Rectory & Office Expense	1,824.53
Religious Articles	232.86
Insurance – Building & Auto	2,285.01
Family Center Expense	254.53
Repairs	498.40
Medical Insurance & Pension	2,588.78
Total Church Expenses	<u>\$ 18,505.73</u>

School Expense:

Salaries	\$ 70,518.94
Contracted Services	176.47
Office & Teaching Expense	1,362.77
Plant Repairs & Maintenance	338.89
Bus & Vehicle Expense	424.23
Payroll Taxes	5,301.71
Medical Insurance	15,386.70
Convent Expense	710.50
Technology	320.03
Alumni Gifting Expense	467.50
Total School Expense	<u>\$ 95,007.74</u>

Parish Income	\$122,476.75
Parish Expenses	<u>-113,513.47</u>
Parish Balance	\$ 8,963.28

SACRED HEART CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Marvin Steffek: Daisy Newton-\$20; Henrick Newton-\$20; Anthony & Anna Etzler-\$10; John & Sherry Henke-\$25; R. L. & Elsie Orsak-\$10; Allen & Anita Steffek-\$25; Alvin Paul & Barbara Grahmann-\$20. **In memory of Joseph Jansky:** Alvin Paul & Barbara Grahmann-\$20; Dennis & Sheila Jansky-\$20; Gordon & Mary DeLoach-\$25; Knights of Columbus #2433-\$25. **In memory of Theresia Brosch:** Viola M. Konvicka-\$15. **In memory of Daniel Strauss:** Mark & Dianne Grahmann-\$50. **In memory of Dorothy Hass:** Marcus & Marjorie Grahmann-\$25.

SACRED HEART CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Andrew Leopold, Sr.: Darryl & Cheryl Steffek-\$20; Stanley & Betty Bujnoch-\$20; Henry & Elrose Muenster-\$20; Allan & Janet Miller-\$50; Tom & Linda Baker-\$100; Frank & Darlene Bludau-\$25; Alton & Sue Hermes-\$20; Michael, Janice & Steven Jares-\$20; Charles & Frances Franta-\$20; Charles & Doloris Leopold-\$25; Bohumir & Mary Ann Pustejovsky-\$25; Wayne & Lee Ann Freytag-\$25; Sherry Hale-\$10; Gus & Susie Strauss-\$25; Tony & Joyce Bludau-\$10; Brandon & Brandi Pohl-\$20; Soila Sanchez-\$10; Sharon Janak-\$10; Lucille (Cudlum) Werner-\$20; Mary & Andy Chapman-\$25; Leroy & Donna Leopold-\$25; Johnnie & Alene Steffek-\$10; Harvey & Elsie Goedrich-\$20; Lillian Harned-\$20; Stephen & Renee Bludau-\$20; Monte & Arleen Werner-\$20; Gene & Bettye Bujnoch-\$10; Matthew, Lisa & Jacob Motal-\$10; Barbara & Ricky Steffek-\$10; Henry & Ann Kostelnik-\$10; Arthur & Rose Mary Etzler-\$20; Keith & Lisa Boenig-\$20; John & Sherry Henke-\$20; James & Mary Honish-\$20; Mary Jahn-\$25; David & Mary Polasek-\$25; Dorothy Stavinoha-\$50; Mozisek & Hirschhauser Families-\$30; Doris Opela-\$15; Mike & Susan Quigley-\$50; Rose Moczygemba-\$20; Larry & Agnes Greer-\$10; Knights of Columbus #2433-\$25; James & Joyce Bucek-\$20; Judith Renger & Gene Renger-\$40. **In memory of Bobbie Jo Drozd:** Christian Mothers Society-\$25

SACRED HEART CHURCH FLOWER FUND –

In memory of Andrew Leopold, Sr. by his family-\$50

SACRED HEART RELIGIOUS EDUCATION –

In memory of Andrew Leopold, Sr.: Steven & Cheryl Leopold-\$25; Kevin & Janice Busselman-\$50. **In memory of Marvin Steffek:** Mary & Leonard Sklar-\$15; Frank & Elrose Migl-\$25

SACRED HEART CHURCH MUSIC FUND –

In memory of Andrew Leopold, Sr., Steve Henke & Wilma Pesek: Bob Kubena-\$65. **In memory of Marvin Steffek:** Kubena Funeral Home-\$20.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Marvin Steffek: Phillip & Rosemary Hemmi-\$10. **In memory of Andrew Leopold, Sr.:** Winfred & Ida Bludau-\$20; Dorothy Bujnoch-\$20; Greg & Kris Hermes-\$20; Linda Pavliska-\$10; George & Irene Knebel-\$25; Janet & Ronnie Hornischer-\$25; Dorothy Kouba-\$10; Matthew, Martha & John Bludau-\$10; Hilmer & Margaret Appelt-\$20; Wilma & Franklin Sary-\$20; Kevin & Lara Haas-\$20; Robert & Louise Pesek-\$20.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL OPERATING FUND –

In memory of Ronald Brown: Mark & Dianne Grahmann-\$50. **In memory of Marvin Steffek:** Rosemary Hermes-\$10; Dennis & Gerardette Haas-\$20; John & Frances Bock-\$20; Daniel & Shirley Steffek-

\$15; Leo & Dorothy Henke-\$10; Ervin & Terry Bludau-\$20. **In memory of Rebecca & Julie Steffek:** Mark & Dianne Grahmann-\$50. **In memory of Andrew Leopold, Sr.:** Andrew & Laurie Janak-\$10; Robert & Barbara Grahmann-\$10; Jimmy & Tammy Garner-\$20; Rosemary Hermes-\$10; Gene & Maureen Schott-\$25; Robert & Carol Rother-\$25; Everett & Pam Bludau-\$25; Marvin & Imelda Orsak-\$20; Marty & Debi Bludau-\$20; Franklin Billimek-\$20; Andrew & Jane Pesek-\$15; Glenn & Donna Leopold-\$10; Bob & Jeanette Henke-\$20; Raymond Henke-\$20; Dennis & Gerardette Haas-\$20; Norrell & Mickey Schulte-\$20; Frank & Bernadette Bludau-\$10; Richard & Frances Henke-\$10; Joseph & Dorothy Etzler-\$10; Margaret Bludau-\$20; Ervin & Terry Bludau-\$20; Ella Mae Bludau-\$20; Arthur Etzler, Jr.-\$25; Leroy & Alice Janak-\$15; Bob & Yvonne Slays-\$35

SACRED HEART SCHOOL ALUMNI FUND – **In memory of Andrew Leopold, Sr.:** Diane & Ronnie Bollom-\$20

SACRED HEART SCHOOL ATHLETICS – **In memory of Marvin Steffek:** Mark & Karen Janak-\$20. **In memory of Ronald Brown, Andrew Leopold, Sr., & Allyne Psencik:** Franklin & Nola Bohuslav-\$60

SACRED HEART SCHOOL BAND FUND – **In memory of Andrew Leopold, Sr.:** Keith & Joan Mudd-\$20

PAM DORNAK SCHOLARSHIP FUND – **In memory of Marvin Steffek:** Randy & Tori Dornak-\$20

JEROME HAAS SCHOLARSHIP FUND – **In memory of Elaine Rogers, Andrew Leopold, Sr., Ronald Brown, & Joseph Jansky:** Georgia Haas-\$40

DOROTHY HENNEKE SCHOLARSHIP FUND – **In memory of Andrew Leopold, Sr.:** Edwin & Mary Ann Grahmann-\$20; Rose & John Henneke-\$100; Tyler Henneke & Christy Boettcher-\$100; Roland Henneke-\$20

SACRED HEART EARLY CHILDHOOD & DAY CARE – **In memory of Ronald Brown:** Royce & Anna Brown-\$20; Lily Nelson & Yvonne Muska-\$25; Bill & Fran Byrd-\$20. **In memory of Andrew Leopold, Sr.:** Bernice Bujnoch-\$5; Travis & Audrey Klmitchek-\$20.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL LEARNING CENTER **In memory of Marvin Steffek:** Trey & Jennifer Kraatz-\$25; Brian & Christine Haas-\$20. **In memory of Rebecca & Julie Steffek:** Robert & Jackie Kloppenburg-\$200; Frank & Jo Nell Janecek-\$25. **In memory of Andrew Leopold, Sr.:** Glenn & Shara Steffek-\$20; Raymond & Virginia Steffek-\$25; Frank & Jo Nell Janecek-\$20. **In memory of Frankie Klekar:** Frank & Jo Nell Janecek-\$20