

May 12, 2013: The Ascension of the Lord



Jesus said to his disciples: "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day. You are witnesses of these things." — Lk 24:46, 48
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MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, May 12, *The Ascension of the Lord* (Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Lk 24:46-53)

8:00 am- Mother's Day Novena (*Mother's Day*)

10:30 am- For our Parish Family (SHS Baccalaureate)

Monday, May 13, *Our Lady of Fatima* (Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33)

7:00 am- Clifford & Barbara Frederick

10:00 am- Mother's Day Novena (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, May 14, *St. Matthias, Apostle* (Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17)

7:00 am- Mother's Day Novena

Wednesday, May 15, *St. Isidore* (Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19)

7:00 am- Mother's Day Novena

8:05 am- Brenda Bludau

Thursday, May 16 (Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26)

7:00 am- Living & Deceased members of Edward & Louise Kubena Family

10:00 am- Mother's Day Novena (Stevens)

Friday, May 17 (Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19)

7:00 am- Alan Louis Janecek

8:05 am- Mother's Day Novena

Saturday, May 18, *St. John I, Pope & Martyr* (Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39)

5:30 pm- Mother's Day Novena

Sunday, May 19, *Pentecost* (Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23)

8:00 am- Mother's Day Novena

10:30 am- Jim & Lucy Lednický (HHS Baccalaureate)

5:00 p.m.- For our Parish Family (Spanish Mass)

Bulletin Sponsor: Christian Mothers Society.

Radio Broadcast Sponsor: Bill & Virginia Curley.

Vigil Light: In memory of Mary Lucario & for answered prayers.

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$5,987.50; Building Repair Fund-\$1,442; Loose-\$1,955; Children-\$70.

Flowers this weekend at the Altar of Sacrifice are by Stephen & Renee Bludau in memory of Tyler Bludau.

Pray for the repose of the soul of *Bobbie Jo Drozd* of our parish family. *May she rest in the peace of Christ.*

Truck Raffle Tickets for sale at the Rectory - \$100 each. The 2013 Chevrolet Silverado 4x4 Z-71 4-door truck is on display at Grafe Chevrolet GMC.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, MAY 13

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

-KJZT #2 Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Mary's House.

-Choir Practice, 6:15 p.m., Church.

TUESDAY, MAY 14

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

-CCD: 8th Grade Recognition, 7:00 p.m., Church.

-Divine Mercy Study/Prayers, 7:30 pm, Church Cry Rm.

FRIDAY, MAY 17

-SHCS Senior Graduation, 8:00 p.m., K.C. Hall

SUNDAY, MAY 19

Covered Dish Supper after Spanish Mass, Family Center

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, Benedict Bujnoch, Lorene Christ, Matt Pohler, Donna Avant, Donna Coldewey, Wilbert Kalinec, Mary Bonorden, Dorothy Allen Hass, Rev. Lundy Hooten, Josephine Muniz, Vivian Janak, Rose Mary Etzler, Helen Kresta, Bobbie Lee Drozd, Donna Steffek, Frank Gutierrez, Glenn Rabel, Jonathon Drozd, Lisa Grissom, Henry Joe Henke, Jr., Clinton Henneke, Rachel Davis, George Meyer, Leonard Lamza, Antonio DeLuna nursing home residents & homebound.

Young Men's Vocation Retreat – The Diocese of Victoria **QUO VADIS VOCATION RETREAT** for young men who are completing their 8th grade year this Spring through 21 years old will be held at Coopers Farm near LaGrange, Sunday, July 14–Wed., July 17. Spaces are limited. A \$10 non-refundable deposit by July 1 guarantees your spot. Registration forms are available in the church office and in the back of the church. The week will include discussions on discerning God's call in your life. The retreat will be facilitated by priests and seminarians of the Diocese of Victoria. Retreat cost is \$50 per person. Scholarships are available. Please call Fr. Tommy for more information.

Baptism Preparation Class – Two couples are needed to facilitate the Baptism Preparation Class, which is held on the fourth Sunday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the Family Center. If you are interested & need more information, please call Bruce & Gayle Wesson at 798-4600.

Anniversaries:

Sylvin & Loretta Olsovsky	35 yrs.	May 13
Glenn & Evelyn Jansky	30 yrs.	May 14
Edward & Lillie Woytek	56 yrs.	May 14
Dennis & Marlene Berkovsky	40 yrs.	May 17



Please pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life!

From the Desk of Msgr. John

Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. Jesus commissions His disciples to baptize in His name, reminding them that He is always present through His Spirit. Jesus ascended to His Father amid cries of gladness, entering into the heavenly sanctuary. We are to be His witnesses, mindful of the great hope to which we are called.

Today, we also celebrate Mother's Day. We pray for all mothers, living and deceased. We thank Catholic Life Union Branch #22 for providing a flower for each mother at the 8:00 a.m. Mass today and for providing the corsages for the oldest mother and the mother of the youngest child at each of the Masses this weekend.

Today, we also congratulate our Sacred Heart Catholic School graduates who are having their Baccalaureate at the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Religious Education (CCD) –

May 15: 8th Grade Recognition, 7:00 p.m. in church.



Sacred Heart Catholic School –

May 13: School Advisory Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m., High School Library.

May 15: All Awards Banquet, 6:30 p.m., K.C. Hall

May 17: Senior Graduation, 8:00 p.m., K.C. Hall.

May 22: Pre-K & Kindergarten Celebration, 9:00 a.m. in church. 8th Grade Recognition, 7:00 p.m. in church.

Sacred Heart Youth –

May 19: Sacred Heart Youth Group joins St. Anthony Youth Group from Columbus at Splashway Waterpark, 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. This event is open to students currently in 7th-12th Grades. Lunch will be provided. Turn in the filled out Medical Release/Permission Form and \$5 fee to the Rectory or Troy Spring by Friday, May 17. Transportation will not be provided. For entrance into the park, enter Gate B and say you are with Sacred Heart Youth Group. Your name will be on the list if you have turned in a form and \$5 fee. For further questions, call Troy Spring at 798-7185.

Mark Your Calendar: June 2 at 6:00 p.m. - Parish Eucharistic Procession in honor of the Solemn Feast of Corpus Christi (The Body and Blood of Christ) and the Year of Faith. Let us gather together as a parish family and celebrate our faith in the Holy Eucharist.

Teen ACTS Retreat - July 25-28. Registration forms are now available and being accepted for the Teen ACTS Retreat. All forms and fees must be mailed to Therese Ferry in Yoakum. Approximately 20 boys and 20 girls will be accepted as retreatants throughout the Hallettsville Deanery, so spaces are very limited. Acceptance is on a first-come-first-served basis.

~~~ Spring Picnic News ~~~

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

Picnic Committee Chairmen: If you need a workers list and mailing labels, please call the Rectory.

Raffle Books: Please buy or sell as many of the books mailed to you as possible. Additional books are available at the Rectory if needed.

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, jalapenos, etc.), home baked goods (pies, cookies, strudels, kolaches, bread, etc.), homemade noodles, plants, etc.

Kitchen: Pickles, cakes & kolaches are needed for lunch.

Sacred Heart Parish Spring Picnic – May 26th

Our picnic is just around the corner! If you have cattle, antiques, or unusual or interesting items you would like to donate to the auction, please call the Rectory as soon as possible so that we may begin advertising.

Auction: Sr. Patrice Schorp- handmade Lazy Susan; Msgr. John Peters-100 lb. anvil.

Cattle: JBar Angus-Mark & Karen Janak- 18 mon. reg. Black Angus Bull; Winfred & Ida Bludau- 9 mon. cross-bred heifer; Joyce, Chris, Edita & Kristina Rybak in memory of Leroy Rybak- 6 mon. crossbred heifer.

Cash Donations: Eddie & Catherine Kosh-\$125; John & Laverne Trojcek-\$100; Sarah Jansky-\$50.

Sacred Heart Church Pastoral Council Election will be held after all Masses next weekend. You will vote for two women and two men. Nominees – Brenda Henneke, Suzanne Pavlicek, & Barbara (Bobi) Shimek, and Wilbert Etzler, Michael Johnson, & Ron Ridgeway.

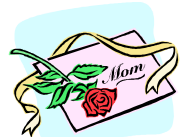
Sacred Heart School Advisory Council Election will be held after all masses next weekend. You will vote for two people. Nominees – Michael (Paula) Grahmann, Tony Machicek, Cheryl Janak Pavliska, & Carol Rother.

Calendar Membership: **May 2:** Dusty Woytek-\$100; **May 3:** Travis Migura-\$100; **May 6:** Emilie, Karlie & Kaylie Hotz-\$50; **May 7:** Brenda Grahmann, Houston-\$50; **May 8:** Agnes Huser-\$100.

Vacation Bible School, June 17-21. First planning meeting: Wed., June 5 at 9:00 a.m. in the Cafeteria. Call CCD Office 798-3124 or Angela's cell 741-8730.



*Happy Mother's Day!
We love you, Mom!*



The Year of Faith

Eucharistic Procession

in honor of the

Solemnity of the

Body & Blood of Christ

June 2, 2013 – 6:00 PM

Sacred Heart Church
Hallettsville, TX



What is a Eucharistic Procession? A Eucharistic Procession is a liturgical procession of the Church by which we take our Lord's Body and Blood truly present in the Blessed Sacrament and place it in a monstrance (a special gold holder that displays the Blessed Sacrament) and carry it about, usually into the streets of the city, as a sign of our faith in the Eucharist. In the tradition of the Church, a Eucharistic Procession is recommended by the Church's liturgical law for the feast days of the Body and Blood of Christ or *Corpus Christi* (which is after the Easter Season – this year being June 2, 2013) and of Christ the King (which is the last Sunday of Ordinary Time before Advent begins). Another form of the Eucharistic Procession is required at the Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper to transfer the Blessed Sacrament out of the church as a symbol of Christ leaving the room of the Last Supper to pray in the Garden of Gethsemane with the Apostles.

What is the significance of a Eucharistic Procession or even any liturgical procession? By its very nature, a procession requires movement from one place to another place. In a liturgical procession, as in the Eucharistic Procession, the movement by the people from one place to another place is meant to symbolize our entire lives and our destiny, which is to be a movement towards eternal union with God. Therefore, the procession is an image of our pilgrimage to God.

What will we do in a Eucharistic Procession? In a procession, as in life, everyone has their particular roles to play. The priest, being the representative of Jesus, will carry the Blessed Sacrament. A special canopy is held above the Blessed Sacrament during the procession. This canopy is symbolic of the Holy Spirit who hovered above Christ at His Baptism in the Jordan. And it also symbolizes that the True Presence of Christ is travelling with us. In the Old Testament, a cloud would settle above the Ark of the Covenant to indicate that God was dwelling with His people. The canopy is like the cloud. Altar servers will lead the procession with the customary processional cross and candles. Two altar servers with burning censers will incense the Blessed Sacrament all throughout the procession as a sign of our worship. Six altar servers will accompany the Blessed Sacrament with lighted torches as in the parable where the wise virgins accompanied the bridegroom to the wedding feast. Two servers will ring bells as during the consecration to draw attention to the Eucharist. First communicants from the parish will be the special escorts of our Lord. Sodalties such as the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Daughters, and the Christian Mothers will be represented in the procession. And all

others will join in singing the praises of our Eucharistic Lord during the procession led by a choir. At the conclusion of the procession, the Rite of Eucharistic Benediction will be celebrated back in the church.

What is the Rite of Eucharistic Benediction or simply Benediction? The word “benediction” simply means blessing. In the Rite of Eucharistic Benediction the priest blesses all the people with the Blessed Sacrament. He wears a humeral veil over his shoulders to cover his hands as a sign that this blessing does not come from him, but comes directly from the Lord who is present in the Eucharist.

When is the Eucharistic Procession? The Eucharistic Procession for our parish will be on Sunday evening, June 2, 2013, beginning in the church at Sacred Heart at 6:00 PM. We will begin with the Rite of Exposition, celebrate a short Liturgy of the Word, and then begin the procession to the courthouse square and back to the church for Benediction.

Who should attend? All Catholics who wish to witness to our Eucharistic faith should plan to participate in this procession! That means ALL CATHOLICS: young and old! Invite friends and family members to join us even if they are not necessary parishioners of our churches. Remember to make this a family event. What better way could you spend a Sunday afternoon, which is the Lord’s day, than for your family to pray together and then “take a walk” with the Lord in this Eucharistic Procession? Recall that Sundays still belong to the Lord and we need to witness to that fact.

What if I can’t walk that far? For those who are not capable of walking to the courthouse square, they may remain in the church and pray a communal rosary which will be led by a leader. Then when the procession returns, the Rite of Benediction will be celebrated.

What do I receive for participating in the Eucharistic Procession? In order to promote the devotion of Eucharistic Processions, the Church grants a plenary indulgence to the faithful who “devoutly participate in a solemn Eucharistic procession, held inside or outside a church, of greatest importance on the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ” (*Manual of Indulgences*, no. 7.3 under Grants). The usual conditions must be met to gain the plenary indulgence, in addition to performing the indulgenced work (this case being participating in the Eucharistic Procession) and to be free from the attachment to sin, even venial sin: 1) to receive the sacrament of confession; 2) to receive Holy Communion; and 3) to pray for the intentions of our Holy Father, the Pope. Confession can be received either several days (usually about 7 days) before or after the procession. Communion should be received at Mass on the Solemnity. And prayer for the Holy Father should be offered that day. If the conditions are not met, then the indulgence is only partial.

What about after the Eucharistic Procession? A fellowship supper will be provided for all who participate in the Eucharistic Procession in the Family Center. This is a time for our parish family to gather together to extend the celebration of our Eucharistic faith from the church into our “regular” lives. Please plan to stay to enjoy each other’s company!

Let us witness firmly to our Catholic faith and

show our love for our Lord who gave us His Body and Blood to be our food and drink,

by participating in the Eucharistic Procession on June 2!