

October 20, 2013: Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time



“Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?” — Lk 18:7-8
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LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, October 20 (Ex 17:8-13/2 Tm 3:14--4:2/Lk 18:1-8) World Mission Sunday

8:00 am- Elizabeth Hermes

10:30 am- Arthur & Marie Voelkel

Monday, October 21 (Rom 4:20-25/Lk 12:13-21)

7:00 am- Rudolph & Henrietta Pesek

10:00 am- Joe P. & Annette Novak, Benefactors
(H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, October 22, Bl. John Paul II, Pope (Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Lk 12:35-38)

7:00 am- Living & deceased members of Julius & Helen Grahmann and Florentine & Adela Janak Families

Wednesday, October 23, St. John of Capistrano, Priest (Rom 6:12-18/Lk 12:39-48)

7:00 am- Alphonse & Helen Steffek, Rudy & Bernadette Konarik

8:05 am- Stacey Rabel

Thursday, October 24, St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop (Rom 6:19-23/Lk 12:49-53)

7:00 am- Gene Schindler

10:00 am- Frankie E. McElroy (Stevens)

Friday, October 25 (Rom 7:18-25a/Lk 12:54-59)

7:00 am- Freida & Newton Renken

8:05 am- Edward & Gussie Kurtz

Saturday, October 26 (Rom 8:1-11/Lk 13:1-9)

5:30 pm- James “Smokey” & Helen Appelt

Sunday, October 27 (Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14)

8:00 am- Frank J. Matula

10:30 am- Anita & George Kallus

5:00 pm- Frank N. Rocha (Spanish Mass)

Bulletin Sponsor: Catholic Daughters Court Sacred Heart No. 797.

Radio Broadcast Sponsor: In memory of Gene Schindler, and Louis and Lucie Sitka.

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$5,011.50; Loose-\$1,080; Children-\$30.



Please pray for the repose of the souls of *George Meyer*, brother of Virginia Curley, and, *Rosario M. Loredo*, mother of Irene Matula and Anna Henke. *May they and all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

- Catholic Daughters to receive Holy Communion in a body, 8:00am Mass. Coffee & Donuts served after Mass.
- Blessing of new mausoleum, 4:00 p.m., S.H. Cemetery.
- Blessing of lights on Bell Tower, 4:30 p.m., Church.
- Catholic Knowledge Bowl, 5:00 p.m., SHCS Gym.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

- Rosary & Evening Praise, 5:30 p.m., Church.
- Catholic Daughters Open Mtg, 7:00 pm, Family Center.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

- CCD: K-12th Grade, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- SHCS Booster Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m., K.C. Hall.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

- RCIA, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Family Center.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

- Pick up Apple Strudels 10 am-5 pm, Family Center.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

- Baptism Preparation Class, 9:00 a.m., Family Center. Call the Rectory in advance to register for the class.
- Covered dish supper after Spanish Mass, Family Center
- Trunk ‘r Treat after Spanish Mass, Gym Parking Lot.

Among our sick: Donna Avant, Lorene Christ, Matt Pohler, Wilbert Kalinec, Mary Bonorden, Josephine Muniz, Vivian Janak, Bobbie Lee Drozd, Donna Steffek, Glenn Rabel, Lisa Grissom, Rachel Davis, Richard Grahmann, Colin Grahmann, Marie Hermes, Emil Hermes, Georgia Schaefer, Pat Hanslik, Leroy Loth, Debby Kolos, Barbara Kubena, Kathy Davis, Yvonne Muska, Russell Janak, Timothy Brosch, Marilyn Palmquist, Johnny Krenek, Doug Blumberg, Ronnie Rainosek, nursing home residents, & the homebound.

Anniversaries:

Charles & Evelyn Michalec	64 years	Oct. 24
Benedict & Mary Brosch	60 years	Oct. 24
Sylvester & Mildred Grahmann	65 years	Oct. 25
Anthony & Anna Etzler	45 years	Oct. 26

Catholic Daughters open meeting on Monday, October 21st at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Center. Catholic women interested in learning about the Catholic Daughters or joining the organization are invited to attend. CDA members are welcome to bring guests to the meeting.

Area Picnics & Festivals:

Oct. 27: St. Andrew Altar Society, Hillje. Turkey & Dressing Dinner begins 11am. Bake sale, cake walk, country store, kid’s games, music, raffle.

Gabriel Project – Learn how you can help women in a crisis pregnancy by attending an informational meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 29 at Mary’s House, 300 S. Dowling. For information, call Theresa Kostelnik at 361-772-4153 or email takostelnik@att.net.



From the Desk of Msgr. John

Thank you to all who sent cards and gifts, offered Masses and attended the Open House for my 65th birthday. Thank you to the Rectory Staff for hosting the Open House.

Today, we welcome Bishop David Fellhauer to our parish. He will be present for our First Annual Parish Catholic Knowledge Bowl at 5:00 p.m. in the gym.

At 4:00 p.m., prior to the Knowledge Bowl, the Bishop will go out to the Sacred Heart Cemetery and bless the new mausoleum, which includes niches for those who wish to be cremated. Everyone is invited to come for the blessing at the cemetery.

At 4:30 p.m. the Bishop will bless the new lighting on the north side of the Church Bell Tower, lighting the letters that spell Sacred Heart Catholic Church. This will make the church's name more visible from the highway. We thank Vic Roeber for donating this project in honor of my 65th birthday, upcoming 40th anniversary of ordination and upcoming 20th year as pastor.

CCD News ~~

Oct. 20: 9th Grade Youth Involvement 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Oct. 23: Jr. High & High School - Safe Environment lessons as required by the USCCB & Victoria Diocese. Deacon Harper will conduct Safe Environment Training during regular class time for all parents in the cafeteria. Parents not wanting their children to take the class, must come to the R.E. Office to sign an "Opt Out" form. Material will be provided to parents opting out to review with their children. Training for elementary grades will be held on Nov. 13th.

November: Texas Right to Life essay contest.

Sacred Heart Catholic School News ~~

Oct. 26: HSA Apple Strudel Bake, Family Center. Pick up 10am-5pm. Unbaked-\$14. Baked-\$16. To order, call Charlene Bradbury 798-3224, Annette Henke 798-5374 or email charlene_bradbury@hotmail.com. *Orders must be placed in advance to be guaranteed strudels.*

Donations for apples are needed. If you are able to donate \$25 for a box of apples, please drop off a check at the School Office. Your help is needed to make our Apple Strudel Bake Sale a success.

Oct. 28: Early dismissal 2:00 p.m. Senior Class trip to Planned Parenthood, Houston.

Oct. 28-Nov. 1: Scholastic Book Fair.

Notice: PreK-12 grade teachers will be conducting Safe Environment lessons Oct.14-30. Students will bring home notes informing parents of the date and time of the lesson. Parents are also welcome to attend these lessons.

Help Wanted: Part-time cafeteria worker at Sacred Heart Catholic School. Call the cafeteria manager, Christina Brooks at 798-2122 between 8:00-10:00 a.m.

Sacred Heart Youth News ~~

Annual Trunk 'r Treat, Sunday, October 27, Sacred Heart School Gym Parking Lot, 6:00 p.m. to dark. If you plan to hand out treats, please park your vehicle in the gym parking lot by 5:00 p.m. We really appreciate your support...this is a safe & fun event for the youth. If you have any questions, please call Kris Hermes 798-0655.

Not Just One of "Many Issues." The Church has made it clear that abortion is by far the most important Catholic social justice issue. Pope John Paul II put it this way: *"Above all, the common outcry, which is justly made on behalf of human rights - for example, the right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture - is false and illusory if the right to life, the most basic and fundamental right and the condition for all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination"* (Christifideles Laici, 1988).

Wow, "false and illusory" are indeed strong words! Pope John Paul was responding (in part) to the discredited "Seamless Garment argument" that claims that abortion is just one of many social justice issues.

Obviously, there are many societal problems that need addressing and about which the Church is concerned. However, if abortion is the taking of human life (and even most advocates of abortion now have to admit this) then our nation is engaged in a holocaust. Indeed, around 3,500 innocent babies lose their lives each and every day!

To suggest that this is even in the same universe as poverty, unemployment, homelessness, etc. is indefensible. Of course, if the proponents of the so-called Seamless Garment argument were the ones that were threatened in the womb, they would suddenly stop saying that abortion is just "one of many issues." (By Pro-Life Articles Author)

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time – We have witnessed plenty of tragic events in our country's history. Life's traumas can break into our own lives, or the lives of people we know, at any moment.

Jesus uses a curious example in the Gospel today. An unjust judge renders a helpful decision because of the incessant pestering of a widow. In the time of Jesus, widows were without recourse. They had no man to stand for them, so they were left to their own devices. The widow wears down the judge, who becomes fearful for his own well-being, unless he provides a just outcome.

We have seen it over and over again in our lives: when tragic events happen, people respond out of the goodness of their hearts. Whether it is a large-scale response as in the case of hurricanes or storms, or the compassionate outreach of a small group of neighbors and friends, in a time of need, it seems as though there is always someone who steps up to help. God is there too. We may not always be aware of God's presence, but he is with us in the darkest moments of life. Our prayer to God is not so much pestering an unjust judge (for God can never be unjust) as it is reminding ourselves that God is near to us. In the dark and difficult moments of our existence, God is there, and our prayer keeps us close to him. ©2013 Liturgical Publications, Inc.