

July 27, 2014: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." — Mt 13:44

LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, July 27 (1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52)

8:00 am- James Grahmann

10:30 am- Deceased members of Silgero Family

5:00 pm- For our Parish Family (Spanish Mass)

Monday, July 28 (Jer 13:1-11/Mt 13:31-35)

7:00 am- Karl Franzl

10:00 am- Deceased members of George Bujnoch Family (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, July 29, St. Martha (Jer 14:17-22/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42)

7:00 am- Viola Jares

Wednesday, July 30, St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (Jer 15:10, 16-21/Mt 13:44-46)

7:00 am- Robert & Vickie Klimitchek

8:05 am- Eugene Novak

Thursday, July 31, St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest (Jer 18:1-6/Mt 13:47-53)

7:00 am- W. R. (Buster) & Anne Hale

10:00 am- Sarah Jansky (Stevens)

Friday, August 1, St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (Jer 26:1-9/Mt 13:54-58)

7:00 am- Martha & Florian Tomsu

8:05 am- Mary (Mrs. Roman) Wenske

Saturday, August 2, St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest (Jer 26:11-16, 24/Mt 14:1-12)

5:30 pm- Alfred, Annie & Ronald Hessler, Roy Kalisek

Sunday, August 3, 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Is 55:1-3/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21)

8:00 am- For our Parish Family

10:30 am- Vernon Supak

Bulletin & Radio Broadcast Sponsor: Catholic Daughters Court Sacred Heart No. 797.

Vigil Light: Special intention for recovery.

Flowers this weekend at the Altar of Sacrifice are in memory of George E. Bujnoch.

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$5,259.93; Catholic Education Env.-\$3,078; Loose-\$1,418; Children-\$44.

We are still in need of 4 Raffle Prizes for our Fall Picnic. If you are able to donate a prize, please call or come by the Rectory as soon as possible. The information must go to the printers soon. Thank you!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, JULY 27

-Baptism Preparation Class, 9:00 a.m., Cafeteria.

-Covered dish supper after Spanish Mass, Family Center.

TUESDAY, JULY 29

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

-American Cancer Society Road to Recovery Volunteer Driver Training & Social, Sacred Heart Family Center.

Update Training for those who have not yet completed the required training online: 10:00-11:30 a.m. Training for new volunteers: 1:30-3:00 p.m. (Judy @ 258-1167)

THURSDAY, JULY 31

-First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins 6:00 p.m. *Intention for August: Peace in the Holy Land.*

-Holy Hour for priestly vocations, 7:00 p.m., Church.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

-First Friday Benediction, 6:00 p.m., Church.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

-Serra Club Mass for Vocations, 8:00 a.m., Queen of the Holy Rosary, Hostyn.

Among our sick: Donna Avant, Lorene Christ, Josephine Muniz, Wilbert Kalinec, Vivian Janak, Bobbie Lee Drozd, Lisa Grissom, Richard Grahmann, Colin Grahmann, Georgia Schaefer, Pat Hanslik, Leroy Loth, Barbara Kubena, Kathy Davis, Russell Janak, Elrose Ehler, Marilyn Palmquist, Doug Blumberg, Terry Mitchon Bludau, Amanda Gutierrez, Melissa Pilat, Becky Pekar, Victor Vasek, Karen Kahanek, Harvey Drozd, Monte Staha, Marie Hermes, Karen Perez, Georgie Meyer, Doris Anders, Jack Crandall, Theresa Hemmi, Gary Trojcak, Georgie Henke, Harold Bonorden, Jerry Novosad, Brian Wisnoski, Jeanne McClain, Louise Pesek, nursing home residents, and the homebound.

Happy Anniversary!

Bruce & Karen Bludau	35 years	July 29
Felipe & Mary Coronado	59 years	July 29
Billy & Margie Renger	50 years	Aug. 1
Daniel & Glenda Trlicek	45 years	Aug. 2
Frank & Charlene Fishar	45 years	Aug. 2

Drawing for a 2014 Polaris Ranger Crew 570 (seating for 4) with 12 ft. Maxey Single Axle Trailer and 13 additional prizes will be held at the Sacred Heart Fall Picnic on August 31. Tickets are \$35 each or 3 for \$100 and are available for purchase at the Rectory.

Mini-Cheer Camp, July 28-30, 9am-12noon, SHCS Gym, for PreK4 & up. Debi Bludau 798-6842.

Stress in your marriage? Sign-up for **Retrouvaille**, a program that helps couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels, including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information or to register for the program on **August 15-17**, call John or Jennifer at (361) 580-2770 or email jbviov@sbcglobal.net.

From the Desk of Msgr. John

We welcome Fr. Barnabas, our new associate pastor, who comes to us from Ghana by way of La Crosse, Wisconsin.

We congratulate the ladies who joined the Society of Christian Mothers last Wednesday evening. It is good to see so many younger women join the Christian Mothers.

Congratulations to the young men and women who made the Teen ACTS Retreat this weekend and those who helped give it. It is always very uplifting to see so many of our young people striving to get closer to God and their faith.

CCD News ~~

Due to construction, CCD classes will begin Sept. 10 this school year. Also, due to numerous incorrect phone numbers on returned registration forms we are asking all families to update their information in person by registering after any of the Masses on August 16, 17, 23 and 24 in the Church Cry Room. If you are unavailable on those days, you may call Angela (741-8730) to schedule an appointment any time before September 1. Full or partial payment is expected at registration unless arrangements have been made. No student will be denied Religious Education for financial reasons.

Falling Leaves Gala featuring The Original Triumphs, Saturday, Oct. 11, 5:30-11:00 p.m., K. C. Hall, Hallettsville.

Tickets on sale now! Only 400 tickets will be sold. \$100 per couple includes a rib-eye steak dinner for two, open bar, dance and prizes (Grand prize \$4,000). Tickets may be purchased at the Knights of Columbus Hall or online at www.kchall.com and click on the Falling Leaves tab. For more information, call 361-798-2311.

Pastoral Institute 3-year Extended Program begins this Fall, both in person and via distance learning. Classes begin Sept. 2, at 9:15-11:30 am and 7-9:15 pm. Classes will be offered at the Chancery in Victoria and projected to St. Roch Church, Mentz and Sacred Heart Church, Hallettsville - *Introduction to the Bible and the Pentateuch* followed by the *Historical and Prophetic Books in the Old Testament*. For information, contact Sherry Kainer at 573-0828 ex. 2223 or pisecretary@victoriadiocese.org.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time –

"When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it."



How many of us think of our faith as "a pearl of great price"? How many of us really recognize the precious treasure we already possess? As

baptized Christians, we have been welcomed into God's family. We are royalty in His kingdom! No matter what our status may be on earth, no matter what treasures we may or may not own right now, we are heirs of God's heavenly kingdom.

It is easy to take this for granted, however. On this side of eternity, it's even a temptation to forget that we have been adopted into God's family. Right now, for us, "the kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field." That is to say, the treasure isn't always so obvious. But that doesn't mean it isn't there. It just means that we have to dig a little bit to find it. We have to remove whatever layers of dirt or sand may be obscuring the priceless package and bring it back into the daylight.

So where is our treasure buried? What, if anything, is obscuring the full flourishing of our faith? Is it buried by the demands of work or school? Is our faith hidden beneath the weight of sickness or sorrow? Have we covered it over with false "treasures" that only give us fleeting joy? Or have we never even given our faith the chance to come into the sunlight at all?

Whatever it is for each one of us, we should resolve to recover the treasure that lies beneath our feet. By giving ourselves to Christ, encountering him regularly through prayer, Scripture study, and the sacraments, we too can experience the joy of that blessed merchant who, by selling all he had, truly became rich.

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.



2014 Echoes of Faith Plus Summer Courses. Do you have any plans for summer? Take a Pastoral Institute course this summer!

July 28/30: *The Learner*, 1-4pm, Chancery, Victoria.

July 29/31: *Sacraments*, 9am-12pm & 6-9pm, Our Lady of Victory, Victoria

Aug. 5/12: *Prayer & Spirituality*, 9am-12pm, Chancery
I Believe/We Believe, 6-9pm, St. Philip, El Campo

Visit www.victoriadiocese.org for a list of August courses. To register for courses, contact Sherry Kainer 573-0828 ext. 2223 or pisecretary@victoriadiocese.org. There is a \$4 fee for companion booklet that may be paid on the day of the class.

XXVII Annual Conference for Catechesis and Ministry, Saturday, October 4, Holy Family Catholic Church, Wharton. Early bird registration will begin soon! For more information, call the Office of Catechetical Ministry at 573-0828 or visit www.victoriadiocese.org.

Amor Meus Spiritual Center upcoming events:

Directed Retreat: Aug. 8-10. Includes liturgy or prayer service and daily meeting with a retreat director focusing on the participant's experience of God and discerning the interior movements of the Holy Spirit. For a private or directed retreat on another date or a longer time, contact Sister Emilie Eilers.

Taizé Prayer: Aug. 26, 7:00-8:00 p.m. Originating in Taizé, France near the birthplace of the foundress, Jeanne Chezard de Matel, prayer is held in the atmosphere of quiet and candlelight. Includes chants, songs, scripture and meditations.

For more information, contact Incarnate Word Convent, Sister Emilie Eilers, 1101 N.E. Water St., Victoria 77901, call 575-7111, email amormeus@yahoo.com or visit www.amormeusspiritualitycenter.org.

God's Embrace Renewal Centers New First-Year Program Update. We are excited to inform you of the times and locations for the First-Year Program of God's Embrace Renewal Centers! Programs will be held at the Diocese of Victoria Chancery on Monday evenings; Parish of the Nativity Hall, Eagle Lake, on Tuesday evenings; Queen of Holy Rosary Church Hall, Hostyn, on Tuesday evenings and God's Embrace Renewal Centers, St. Mary's High Hill, on Thursday evenings. Beginning in August, programs will be held twice per month from 6:30-9:00 p.m. At the program's first session, you will receive additional information and a schedule which will help you to decide if this program will meet your needs. The program is open to anyone interested in renewing their Catholic faith and desiring a deeper relationship with God. Space is limited. If interested in participating, please contact Sandy Reese at (979) 541-6881 or sandy.reese@godsembrace.org. *You do not want to miss this opportunity to become truly*

"spiritually enlightened" and reap the benefits that come with it!

Throughout the year, God's Embrace Renewal Centers also offers: 4 weekend retreats, 5 one-day retreats, individual spiritual direction, weekly prayer sessions, and spiritual companionship training. (You do not have to be a member of the program to attend retreats!)

Through God's Embrace Renewal Centers it is our hope that you will receive all of the necessary help you need to satisfy your hunger for God!

Financial Report – June, 2014

Church Income:

Sunday Collection	\$ 36,247.50
Other Donations	3,804.14
Family Center Rental	805.00
Religious Articles	2,205.50
Interest	278.48
Picnic Transfer	<u>5,000.00</u>
Total Church Income	<u>\$ 48,340.62</u>

School Income:

Tuition	\$ 100.00
Extended Care	190.00
Catholic Education Envelopes	1,591.00
Friends for Catholic Education	2,950.00
Memorials	800.00
Athletics	2,500.00
Marathon	380.00
Donations	450.00
Sweepstakes	16,000.00
Interest	20,000.00
Miscellaneous	<u>200.00</u>
Total School Income	<u>\$ 45,161.00</u>

Church Expense:

Salaries	\$ 8,444.25
Utilities	1,411.82
Church Expense	1,842.87
Rectory Expense	353.12
Office Expense	880.28
Religious Articles Expense	301.75
Building Insurance	1,800.00
Family Center Expense	254.75
Medical Insurance & Pension	2,588.78
Repairs & Maintenance	<u>353.74</u>
Total Church Expense	<u>\$ 18,231.36</u>

School Expense:

Salaries	\$ 74,193.15
Contracted Services	675.18
Office & Teaching Expense	707.80
Utilities	3,189.07
Plant Repairs & Maintenance	1,394.28
Bus & Vehicle Expense	2,177.56
Payroll Taxes	5,589.40
Medical Insurance	15,386.70
Convent Expense	453.75

Technology	379.60
Marathon Expense	94.09
Miscellaneous	133.10
Total School Expense	<u>\$104,373.68</u>
Parish Income	\$ 93,501.62
Parish Expense	<u>-122,605.04</u>
Parish Balance	(29,103.42)

SACRED HEART CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Eunice Christ: Kelley & Carol Bitner-\$25; Franklin Billimek-\$15; Garland & Sherry Gloor-\$20; Mark & Cindy Sheffield-\$75; Leroy & Dollie Mensik-\$50; Scott & Frances Davenport-\$50

In memory of Lawrence & Eunice Christ: Lee Roy & Teri Christ-\$100

In memory of Santos DeLaRosa: Franklin Billimek-\$10; Albert & Rosie Gutierrez-\$10

In memory of Sarah Jansky: Veterans of Foreign Wars-\$25; Douglas & Sharon Schaefer-\$50; Leona Guenther-\$20; Wink & Ida Bludau-\$20; Miranda Moses-\$5; Franklin Billimek-\$15; Chris & Sandra Steffek-\$15; Sherry Hale-\$20; John & Laverne Trojcek-\$25; Peoples State Bank-\$10; American Legion Auxiliary No. 230-\$25

In memory of Louise Tesch: Peoples State Bank-\$10

In memory of Karen Steffek: Richard & Mary Ellen Speyrer-\$20; Charles, Frances & Lana Franta-\$20; Judy Renger-\$25

In memory of Viola Trudy Hajek: Richard & Mary Ellen Speyrer-\$20

In memory of Mary Bonorden: Charles, Frances & Lana Franta-\$20

In honor of Anton Honish's 100th Birthday: John & Alene Steffek-\$15; Leon & Margaret Steffek-\$10

In honor of Franklin & Nola Bohuslav's 50th Anniversary: Alvin Mikulenko & Elrose Kalisek-\$20; Joseph & Ana Henke-\$25

SACRED HEART CHURCH CCD FUND

In memory of Marge Sykes: Henry & Ann Kostelnik-\$20

SACRED HEART CHURCH MUSIC FUND

In memory of Sarah Jansky: Bob Kubena-\$25

SACRED HEART SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Sarah Jansky: Marcia & Marty Hrcncir-\$20

In memory of Eunice Christ: Bea Dittrich-\$20

SACRED HEART SCHOOL OPERATING FUND

Sandra & Bryan Tesch & Senior Class of 1979-\$125

In memory of Rosie Bludau: Employees of Fort Bend County Auditor's Office-\$25

In honor of Anton Honish's 100 birthday: Dennis & Gerardette Haas-\$15

In memory of Sarah Jansky: Harvey Jahn-\$50; Daniel & Shirley Steffek-\$15

In memory of Mary Bonorden: Bill & Margaret Bludau-\$20

In memory of Karen Steffek: Pat & Leona Moore-\$30; Bill & Margaret Bludau-\$20

In memory of Lena Grafe: Roger & Beverly Janak-\$25

In memory of Ed Biehunko: Harvey Jahn-\$25

SACRED HEART SCHOOL ALUMNI FUND

In memory of Sarah Jansky: Virginia Mae Kocian-\$10

SACRED HEART SCHOOL ATHLETICS FUND

In honor of Franklin & Nola Bohuslav's 50th Anniversary: Roger & Beverly Janak-\$25

SACRED HEART QUILTING CIRCLE

In memory of Sarah Jansky: Kubena Funeral Home-\$20

MSGR. JOHN C. PETERS SEMINARY BURSE

In honor of Anton Honish's 100th Birthday: James & Mary Honish & family-\$100

SACRED HEART YOUTH GROUP

In memory of Mary Bonorden: Don & Frances Spring-\$40



Prayer for Peace

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed, kindle in the hearts of all men the true love of peace, and guide with Your pure and peaceable wisdom those who make decisions for the nations of the earth; that in tranquility Your kingdom may go forward, till the earth be filled with the knowledge of Your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(From the Roman Missal)



Pray the Holy Rosary for peace, especially in the Holy Land.