

## September 14: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross



“And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.”  
For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. — Jn 3:14-16

### LITURGY

#### MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

##### Sunday, September 14 (Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17)

8:00 am- Living & deceased members of Donald G. Berger Family

10:30 am- For our Parish Family

##### Monday, September 15, *Our Lady of Sorrows* (1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35)

7:00 am- Rudolph & Henrietta Pesek

10:00 am- Viola Jares (Hallettsville Rehab)

##### Tuesday, Sept. 16, *Sts. Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs* (1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Lk 7:11-17)

7:00 am- Robert Klekar

##### Wednesday, Sept. 17, *St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church* (1 Cor 12:31--13:13/Lk 7:31-35)

7:00 am- Adolph & Caroline Polasek

8:05 am- Leo & Viola Henke

##### Thursday, September 18 (1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 7:36-50)

7:00 am- Dwayne Janak, Guntram & Annie Janak, Sr.

10:00 am- William Suggie Grahmann (Stevens)

##### Friday, September 19, *St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr* (1 Cor 15:12-20/Lk 8:1-3)

7:00 am- Living & deceased members of John & Christina Morisak Family

8:05 am- Leroy Bludau

##### Saturday, September 20, *Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest & Paul Chong Ha-sang, & Companions, Martyrs* (1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Lk 8:4-15)

5:30 pm- For our Parish Family

##### Sunday, Sept. 21, *Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time* (Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a)

8:00 am- Rebecca & Julie Steffek

10:30 am- Ray Earwood

**Bulletin & Radio Broadcast Sponsor:** Catholic Life Insurance Union Branch #22.

**Vigil Light:** In memory of Dennis Smirak & Debbie Technik.

**Our Gift to God:** Envelopes-\$7,464.50; Building Repair Fund-\$600; Loose-\$1,325.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of *Terry Mitchon Bludau* of our parish family. *May she and all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.*

Flowers at the Altar of Sacrifice this weekend are in memory of Karen Steffek by Marty, Kelsey and Dillon Steffek, Henry and Ann Kostelnik, and Robert and Leona Steffek.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

-KJZT #2 Meeting, 3:00 p.m., Mary's House.

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

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

-Catholic Daughters Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Family Center.

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

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

-P.I. Classes, 9:15-11:30am & 7-9:15pm, Family Center.

-Serra Club Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Jalisco's Café.

-K.C. Officer's Meeting, 7:30 p.m., K.C.Hall.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

-CCD: K-12<sup>th</sup> Grade, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

-First Penance Workshop, 5:30-7:00 p.m., Cafeteria.

**Among our sick:** Donna Avant, Lorene Christ, Josephine Muniz, Wilbert Kalinec, Barbara Kubena, Kathy Davis, Elrose Ehler, Marilyn Palmquist, Doug Blumberg, Amanda Gutierrez, Becky Pekar, Victor Vasek, Karen Kahanek, Harvey Drozd, Monte Staha, Marie Hermes, Karen Perez, Georgie Meyer, Doris Anders, Jack Crandall, Gary Trojcek, Georgie Henke, Jerry Novosad, Brian Wisnoski, Jeanne McClain, Frances Kutach, Henry Konvicka, Clorisa Hartensteiner, Sweet Hrnair, Betsy Brown, Ed Aulick, Ben Brosch, nursing home residents, & the homebound.

### *Happy Anniversary!*

Marvin & Lillian Rabel	56 years	Sept. 14
Larry & Marie Migl	30 years	Sept. 15
Wilbert & Mary Supak	52 years	Sept. 15
Andy & JoAnn Shimek	25 years	Sept. 16
Joe & Pickle Cash	40 years	Sept. 16
Albert & Carolyn Pavlicek	45 years	Sept. 20

### Area Church Picnics:

**Sept. 14: *Holy Cross***, Yorktown Community Center.

Holy Mass 9:30 am. BBQ Beef & Sausage Dinner.

**Sept. 21: *Our Lady of the Gulf***, Bauer Community

Center, Port Lavaca. Seafood Platter with all the trimmings 11am-1:30pm. Auction 12:30. Arts & crafts, bingo, raffle, cake spin, country store, kid's games.

*Food! Food! Food!* (Egg rolls, sausage, nachos, tamales, Kolaches, roasted corn, bbq on bun, pizza, desserts).

**Sept. 21: *St. Joseph, Moulton City Park***. Outdoor Mass

10am. Fried Chicken & Stew Dinner 10:30am. Auction

1pm. Cake walk, country store, kid's games, raffle.

Music by Los Kolaches & D.J. the DJ.

### *Falling Leaves Gala featuring The Original Triumphs,*

**October 11, 5:30-11:00 p.m., K. C. Hall, Hallettsville.**

Tickets on sale now! \$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, online at [www.kchall.com](http://www.kchall.com) (click on the Falling Leaves tab), or at the Rectory. For more information, please call the K.C. Hall at 361-798-2311.

*From the Desk of Msgr. John*

It has been a while since we had our pictures taken for the Pictorial Directory. The directories should be in within the next two weeks. We thank you for your patience.

School is underway, C.C.D. has begun, and many activities are now happening. It is important to prioritize our events and the time we have.

Think of a poster with a montage of pictures: a playing child – “too young to think of God”; a young fellow on a motorbike – “too self-assured to think of God”; a newlywed couple – “too happy to think of God”; a man at a desk – “too busy to think of God”; a woman in bed – “too tired to think of God”; and a tombstone – “too late to think of God.”

If there is love, there is always time. Check your prayer life!

**CCD News ~~**

**Sept. 21:** First Penance Workshop & Commissioning Ceremony, 5:30-7:00 p.m., Cafeteria.

**Sept. 24:** Mass Day, 6:15 p.m. (Catechists participate)

**Sacred Heart School News ~~**

**Sept. 15:** Home & School Assoc. meeting, 7:00 p.m., Cafeteria. During the meeting a special program entitled “*Bullying-What Every Adult Needs to Know*” will be held for all parents. This video is provided through the Diocesan Safe Environment Program.

**Sept. 17:** Booster Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m., K.C. Hall.

**SACRED HEART YOUTH NIGHT COMING SOON!** Sunday, September 21st, 5-7:30 pm. We welcome all the youth of the community 8-12th grade for an hour of adoration, song, and prayer, followed by a meal and fun time at the youth house. This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, let us ponder in our hearts the meaning of this great mystery. As we recall our present sufferings we rejoice knowing that our God has not given us a burden that he is not willing to carry. As Christians we do not carry our cross alone.

If you are interested in serving as a Lector or Extraordinary Minister (Holy Communion), please call the Rectory to have your name placed on the list.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) will begin on Thursday, October 2. If you or someone you know is interested in learning about the Catholic Faith with the possibility of joining the Catholic Church, please call the Rectory to register. If you are already Catholic and are interested in helping with the RCIA process as a Sponsor or Team Member, please call the Rectory. There are a variety of ways you can be of service.

Christian Mothers: Please mail your \$10 dues to Alta Brown, 663 County Road 135, Hallettsville. Please make your check payable to Christian Mothers Society. If you have any questions, please call Alta at 798-4628.

*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.*

*The Exaltation of the Holy Cross –*



"And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up." The first reading today refers to the story of the Israelites and the serpents. These

venomous creatures were biting and killing the people of Israel wandering in the desert. Moses begged God to save them from the affliction. God chose a strange antidote to the poison: He told Moses to mount a bronze serpent on a pole. Those who looked at it survived.

In the Gospel reading, John refers to this historical event in the context of salvation. Then, the people of God were saved from physical death by looking up. Now, we are saved from spiritual death in much the same way. Through the cross where Jesus was "lifted up," God has given us an antidote to the poison of sin. The habits of selfishness that threaten to suffocate our souls can be overcome when we raise our eyes to this cross upon which Christ made the ultimate act of selflessness.

Today at Mass, many of us will sing the rousing hymn "Lift High the Cross" and call to mind this "triumphant sign" that has come to be equivalent with Christianity itself. The cross is our symbol, our banner, and our hope. As Christians, we march behind it with confidence and courage because through it, even the most fearsome of all human realities—sin and death—have been conquered. Now we can enjoy the gift of eternal life.

But, like the children of Israel wandering in the desert, we have to participate in our own salvation. God desired that they actively "look" at the bronze serpent instead of passively being cured. So too, we must choose to actively embrace the cross of Christ by modeling our lives after the generous, life-giving love of the Lord.



## Parish Financial Report – July, 2014

### Church Income:

Sunday Collections	\$ 28,762.89
Other Donations	2,796.17
Family Center Rental	1,075.00
Peter's Pence Collection	534.00
Interest	<u>21,610.27</u>
Total Church Income	<u>\$ 54,778.33</u>

### School Income:

Tuition	\$ 755.00
Catholic Education Envelopes	3,078.00
Truck Raffle	23,842.82
Memorials	560.00
Marathon	11,167.75
Alumni Gifting Campaign	24,735.66
Knights of Columbus General	15,909.19
Interest	4,000.00
Magazine Drive	<u>55.60</u>
Total School Income	<u>\$ 84,104.02</u>

### Church Expenses:

Salaries	\$ 8,437.73
Utilities	1,677.74
Church Expenses	1,220.15
Rectory Expenses	546.52
Office Expenses	1,071.65
Religious Articles	787.86
Building & Car Insurance	2,128.35
Family Center Expenses	221.18
Special Collection – Peter's Pence	534.00
Medical Insurance and Pension	2,678.78
Repairs & Maintenance	<u>621.04</u>
Total Church Expenses	<u>\$ 19,925.00</u>

### School Expenses:

Salaries	\$ 74,458.15
Contracted Services	398.89
Office & Teaching Supplies	4,124.24
Postage Expenses	103.69
Home & School Association Dues	1,312.00
Library Expense	154.00
Utilities	3,754.24
Plant Repairs	1,086.72
Custodial Supplies	102.84
Bus & Van Expenses	1,398.46
Payroll Taxes	5,604.61
Medical Insurance	16,247.70
Retirement	5,000.00
Convent Expenses	727.44
Technology	<u>804.56</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$115,277.54</u>

### **Parish Income**

<b>Parish Expenses</b>	<b><u>-135,202.54</u></b>
<b>Parish Balance</b>	<b><u>\$ 3,679.81</u></b>

**Flowers** last weekend at the Altar of Sacrifice were in honor of Lawrence & Marcella Wagner's 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Several flower arrangements this past week were in memory of Terry Mitchon Bludau.

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**40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign:** For the past 5 years, various Catholic schools from the Victoria Diocese have participated in the 40 Days for Life prayer campaign in Houston. This year, we are calling on all the schools and parishioners to join in this effort Wed., October 29. We will meet at Planned Parenthood, 4600 Gulf Fwy., Houston on that day at 10:30 a.m. and pray until noon. I hope your school and your parishioners can join us! For questions or more information, contact Fr. Tommy Chen, Pro-Life Coordinator for the Diocese of Victoria, at (361) 552-6140 x100.

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XXVII Annual Conference for Catechesis and Ministry, October 4, Holy Family Church, Wharton. Be sure to register NOW! Visit [www.victoriadiocese.org](http://www.victoriadiocese.org), download the registration form, and mail it in. For more information, call (361) 573-0828 ext. 2224. (Breakfast tacos sold in morning. Chicken spaghetti plate lunch-\$8)

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**Texas Catholic Conference** is hosting a conference on *Principles and Policies for End-of-Life Care* on Oct. 9, St. Edward's University, Austin, with several of our Texas Bishops as speakers. There is no cost, but registration is required because space is limited. Go to [www.txcatholic-advance-directives.org](http://www.txcatholic-advance-directives.org) to register.

### **SACRED HEART CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND**

**In memory of Deacon Sonny Rogers:** Mrs. E. D. Turner-\$50. **In memory of Anton Honish:** Travis & Audrey Klimitchek-\$20; Lydia Hobbs-\$10; Pat & Christie Steffek-\$20; Pat & Patricia Belcik-\$20; Bud & Donna Tucker-\$40; Johnny & Alene Steffek-\$15; Frank & Rita Zaruba-\$25; Rudy Henke-\$20; Franklin Billimek-\$15; Lawrence & Laura Henke-\$10; Michael, Janice & Steven Jares-\$20; Lawrence & Linda Wick-\$30; Dorothy Schulte, Nancy & Rusty, Cindy & Russell-\$20; John & Laverne Trojcek-\$20; Allen & Anita Steffek-\$10; Robert & Rita Chase-\$20; Magdalen Steffek-\$15; Kyle & Kristi Prasek-\$20; Lawrence & Delores Grahmann-\$20. **In memory of Gabriel Chapa, Jr.:** Lawrence & Laura Henke-\$10. **In memory of Wm. Suggie Grahmann:** Wallace & Linda Migura-\$50; Marvin & Annette Grahmann-\$20; Monte & Arleen Werner-\$10. **In memory of Terry Lynn Bludau:** Roman & Miranda Henke-\$25; Monte, Arleen & Kellan Werner-\$20; Alvin Paul & Barbara Grahmann-\$20; Cindy & Bill Caraway Family-\$25; Alice Poth-\$100; Marvin & Annette Grahmann-\$20. **In memory of Theresa Hemmi & Karen Steffek:** Marvin & Annette Grahmann-\$40.

### **SACRED HEART SCHOOL ALUMNI FUND**

**In memory of Lisa Grissom:** Robert & Leona Steffek-\$25. **In memory of Anton Honish:** Marcus & Marjorie Grahmann-\$25.

**REV. MSGR. JOHN C. PETERS SEMINARY**

**BURSE - In memory of Deacon Sonny Rogers:**

Forrest & Carol Sevcik-\$15; Pat & Barbara Pesek-\$20; Vic & Katherine Kahanek-\$25; Pat Mladenka-\$10; Ed & Peggy Scherer-\$50; Theresa Adair-\$25; Laurence & Carol Bludau-\$25. **In memory of Deacon Sonny & Elaine Rogers:** Leona Urbish & Glenn Tesch-\$100

**SACRED HEART CHURCH MUSIC FUND - In memory of Deacon Sonny Rogers:** Kubena Funeral Home-\$20.

**SACRED HEART CEMETERY FUND**

**In memory of Anton Honish:** Elroy & Barbara Holik-\$20; Emma Wick-\$10.

**SACRED HEART CHURCH CCD FUND**

**In memory of Deacon Sonny Rogers:** Mike & Carol Bozka-\$25. **In memory of Gabriel Chapa, Jr.:** Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Matula-\$20; Johnny & Anna Havel-\$10. **In memory of Anton Honish:** Henry & Ann Kostelnik-\$15; Johnny & Anna Havel-\$50.

**SACRED HEART SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND**

**In memory of Deacon Sonny Rogers:** Charles & Doloris Leopold-\$25; Dennis & Sheila Jansky-\$10; Bill & Virginia Curley-\$25; Deacon Paul & Doris Patek-\$20; Patsy Collins Family-\$50; Deacon & Mrs. John McCort-\$50; Greg & Jennifer Janik-\$20; Eugene Dworsky-\$20. **In memory of Eugene Michalke:** Dorothy Bujnoch-\$20. **In memory of Anton Honish:** Gary & Lindy Honish-\$100; Lucille Klekar-\$10. **In memory of Terry Lynn Bludau:** Pat & Christie Steffek-\$50; Hallettsville Livestock Commission-\$25; David & Kathy Bujnoch-\$20; Phillip & Evelyn Bujnoch-\$15; Jerry & Delfina Rohde-\$100.

**SACRED HEART SCHOOL OPERATING FUND**

**In memory of Deacon Sonny Rogers:** Charles & Dorothy Jansky-\$20; Judith Renger-\$35; Kevin & Gayle Kubenka-\$20; Margaret & Sharon Bludau-\$20; David & Mary Polasek-\$20; Daniel & Anna Klekar-\$20; James, Kandyace & Alyshia Grahmann-\$20; Leonard & Mary Sklar-\$10; David & Pat Myers-\$100; Robert & Barbara Grahmann-\$20; Dennis & Gerardette Haas-\$20; James & Jocelyn Urbish Woodburn-\$20; Leon & Nancy Etzler-\$15. **In memory of Theresa Hemmi:** Macklin & Dolly Johnson-\$50; The Detering Co.-\$100; Peoples State Bank-\$10. **In memory of Lisa Grissom:** Alice & Leroy Janak-\$20. **In memory of Wm. Suggie Grahmann:** Alice & Leroy Janak-\$20; Peoples State Bank-\$100. **In memory of Anton Honish:** Dennis & Lisa Dworsky-\$20; Robert & Barbara Grahmann-\$15; Gene & Trudy Janak-\$20; Brian & Christine Haas-\$20; Anthony & Anna Etzler-\$15; Leo & Dorothy Henke-\$10; Mark & Karen Janak-\$20; Dennis & Gerardette Haas-\$20; Russell & Patricia Honish-\$25; Frank & JoNell Janecek-\$25; Leroy & Alice Janak-\$20; Darryl & Cheryl Steffek-\$20; Robert & Leona Steffek-\$20; Jimmy & Sylvia Steffek-\$20; Franklin & Vivian Mozisek-\$10; Glenn

& Anita Schulte-\$10; Leon & Nancy Etzler-\$10; Daniel & Shirley Steffek-\$15. **In memory of Terry Lynn Bludau:** Aub & Beth Feril-\$75; Michael & Colette Surman-\$50. **In memory of Karen Steffek:** Robert & Rita Chase-\$20.

**SACRED HEART SCHOOL ATHLETICS-**

**In memory of Anton Honish:** Leon & Kay Steinocher-\$20. **In memory of Terry Lynn Bludau:** Freeman & Jackie Pettus Family-\$25.

**SACRED HEART SCHOOL SHOP FUND**

**In memory of Anton Honish:** June Pence-\$10; Arthur Spies-\$20. **In memory of Deacon Sonny Rogers, Ed Biehunko, Theresa Hemmi, Wm. Suggie Grahmann & Yvonne Muska:** Arthur Spies-\$100.

**REESE & RILEY MANNING SCHOLARSHIP**

**FUND - In memory of Deacon Sonny Rogers:** James & Mary Honish-\$10. **In memory of Anton Honish:** Joseph & Dorothy Etzler-\$15.

**JEROME HAAS SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

**In honor of Don & Miriam Gore's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Georgia Haas-\$50

**DOROTHY HENNEKE SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

**In memory of Deacon Sonny Rogers:** Tommy & Elsie Grahmann-\$10; Richard Grahmann-\$5; Loretta & Roy Hardcastle-\$20.

**CAROLYN DWORSKY SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

**In memory of Anton Honish:** Ben & Nancy Dworsky-\$20; Kenneth, Denise & Lance Barton-\$10; Charles & Kathy Haas-\$10; Emil & Joyce Hermes-\$10.

**PAM DORNAK SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

**In memory of Anton Honish:** Tommy & Evelyn Dornak-\$15

**GEORGE BUJNOCH SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

**In memory of Terry Lynn Bludau:** Dorothy Bujnoch-\$20

**SACRED HEART QUILTING CIRCLE**

**In memory of Lisa Grissom:** Marvin & Madeline Michalec-\$15.

**SACRED HEART SCHOOL LEARNING CENTER**

\$1,000 in memory of Karen Steffek by Robert & Leona Steffek (not Marty Steffek). **In memory of Anton Honish:** Glenn & Shara Steffek-\$20; Leon & Margaret Steffek-\$10; Raymond & Virginia Steffek-\$20; Ricky & Barbara Steffek-\$10. **In memory of Fr. Jacques Weber, SJ:** Arthur Etzler, Jr.-\$35. **In memory of Deacon Sonny Rogers:** Sherry Hale-\$20; Anton & Leona Machicek-\$20; Josephine De Ruiter-\$50; John & Charlene Pillow-\$20. **In memory of Wm. Suggie Grahmann:** Josephine De Ruiter-\$50; John & Charlene Pillow-\$20. **In memory of Karen Steffek & Lisa Grissom:** John & Charlene Pillow-\$40. **In memory of Theresa Hemmi:** Monte & Arleen Werner-\$20. **In memory of Terry Lynn Bludau:** John & Charlene Pillow-\$20.

