

September 21: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



“Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous? Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.”
— Mt 20:13c-14

LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, September 21 (Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a)

8:00 am- Rebecca & Julie Steffek

10:30 am- Ray Earwood

Monday, September 22 (Prv 3:27-34/Lk 8:16-18)

7:00 am- Hubert & Ethel Bludau

10:00 am- Annie Mae Technik (Hallettsville Rehab)

Tuesday, September 23, St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest (Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Lk 8:19-21)

7:00 am- Robert & Julie Grahmann

Wednesday, September 24 (Prv 30:5-9/Lk 9:1-6)

7:00 am- Louis & Julia Kallus, Carolyn Steffek

8:05 am- Living & deceased members of Guntram & Annie Janak Family

6:15 pm (CCD Mass)- Dennis Smirak

Thursday, September 25 (Eccl 1:2-11/Lk 9:7-9)

7:00 am- Bernice Bates

10:00 am- Frankie Klekar (Stevens)

Friday, September 26, Sts. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs (Eccl 3:1-11/Lk 9:18-22)

7:00 am- Henry Sitka

8:05 am- James Kouba

Saturday, September 27, St. Vincent de Paul, Priest (Eccl 11:9--12:8/Lk 9:43b-45)

5:30 pm- Hubert & Bunny Dornak

Sunday, September 28 (Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32)

8:00 am- Living & deceased members of Joseph J. & Catharine Haas Family

10:30 am- For our Parish Family

5:00 pm- Ruben & Elvira Garza (Spanish Mass)

Bulletin Sponsor: Wilbert and Carol Etzler in memory of Jerome Haas, and Helen and Joe Etzler.

Radio Broadcast Sponsor: In memory of Russell Grahmann.

Vigil Light: Special intention for health & recovery (Donna, Clorisa, Frances, & Karen).

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$6,185.50; Retired & Needy Priests-\$944; Catholic Education Env.-\$2,291; Church Endowment Env.-\$85; School Endowment Env.-\$10; Loose-\$1,073; Children's (2 weeks)-\$73.

Please pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

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

-Youth Holy Hour, 5:00 p.m., Church.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

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

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

-CCD: K-12th Grade, 6:00-7:30 p.m. (Mass at 6:15 p.m.)

-Divine Mercy Study/Prayers, 7:00 p.m., Cry Room.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

-Practice for Cantors & Organists, 6:30 p.m., Church.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

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

Please call the Rectory in advance to register.

-Covered Dish Supper after Spanish Mass, Family Ctr.

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 Hrcncir, Betsy Brown, Ed Aulick, Ben Brosch, Marcella Henke, Frank Dornak, Isaak Chapa, Mark Henneke, nursing home residents, & the homebound.

Happy Anniversary!

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| David & Bobbie Janak | 35 years | Sept. 22 |
| Tom & Peggy Kostelnik | 63 years | Sept. 25 |
| Richmond & Gay O'Neill | 35 years | Sept. 25 |

Please pray for the repose of the soul of *Emil Veselka*, father of Joyce Rybak. *May he and all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.*

Area Church Picnics:

Sept. 21: Our Lady of the Gulf, Bauer Community Center, Port Lavaca. Seafood Platter 11am-1:30pm.

Sept. 21: St. Joseph, Moulton City Park. Outdoor Mass 10am. Fried Chicken & Stew Dinner 10:30am.

Sept. 28: Queen of Peace, Sweet Home. Stew & Sausage Dinner 11am-1pm. Auction 1pm. Cake walk, country store, kiddie rides, raffle. Live music.

Sept. 28: St. Philip, K.C. Hall, El Campo. BBQ Beef & Sausage Dinner 11am. Adults \$8. Auction 1pm, bingo, booths, games. Music by Dujka Brothers 10:30am-1pm.

Sept. 28: Sts. Peter & Paul, Meyersville. Holy Mass 10am. BBQ Beef Dinner 11am-1pm. Adults \$8. Auction 1pm. Bingo, country store, kiddie games, silent auction.

Sept. 28: Czech Heritage Festival, Victoria Com. Ctr. Czech food, music, booths. Tarock Tournament. Home-made beer & wine show. Entry \$7 each (under 15 free).

From the Desk of Msgr. John

We are people of Faith and Hope. In our area many people are diagnosed with a variety of illnesses, especially very serious illnesses. If we are one of the ones with a serious illness or a family member or very close friend to the one that is ill, we really need to rely on our faith and pray for the ill. Prayer is so very important.

We pray for healing, physical and spiritual. We pray for God's plan and acceptance of His plan. This is where our faith has to be strong.

We also need to have hope. We don't want to give up. We have to put our trust in God and accept His working in our lives.

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. 24: Booster Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m., K.C. Hall.

Sept. 29: Senior Parent Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Cafeteria.

YOUTH NIGHT, Sunday, Sept. 21, 5-7:30 pm. Hour of adoration in church with music by Teen ACTS band, homily by Deacon Jacob, and silent time with the Lord, followed by fun at the Youth house as well as a great meal! All 8th-12th Graders are welcome to come with their friends.

A new or used (in great working condition!) electric stove is needed for the Youth House. Anyone wishing to donate may call Troy Spring at [361-772-1797](tel:361-772-1797). Thank you very much!!

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.

Sacred Heart School 63rd Annual Apple Strudel Bake, Saturday, Oct. 25. Unbaked-\$14. Baked-\$16. Pickup from 10am-5pm at the Family Center. To order, call Charlene Bradbury 798-3224, Annette Henke 798-5374, or email shsstrudelbake@gmail.com. Advance orders are required to guarantee order fulfillment.

Join the St. Rose Catholic Daughters on a day trip to Rockport, Wed., Sept. 24. Bus leaves Hallettsville WalMart, 8:00 a.m. and returns 6:00 p.m. Guided tour of historical area, hummingbird sanctuary, Stella Maris Chapel. Cost \$49.50 (lunch included). For information, call Judy Klesel 979-562-2306 or email jdksesel@cvctx.com.

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 (click on the Falling Leaves tab), or at the Rectory. For more information, please call the K.C. Hall at 361-798-2311.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time –

"Are you envious because I am generous?" So often, we expect God to operate the way we do. We expect to be able to understand everything He does. When we don't, it's tempting to think that the problem is on God's end, not ours. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about God's mercy. And some of us may not understand it at first glance. Why should the "lazy" workers who showed up late in the day be given the same wage as the diligent ones? Doesn't this suggest a kind of fundamental disrespect for the efforts of the first group? Extending the principle spiritually, we might ask a similar question. Why should sinners who spend much of their lives doing wrong be allowed to "show up" suddenly and receive the mercy of God? What about those faithful Christians who have walked the road of virtue all along? Shouldn't they receive something more than these ne'er-do-wells?

As Jesus points out, there is nothing unjust about being generous (or merciful) to a certain group or individual. As long as no one is cheated out of what they were promised, there is no reason for envy or anger. Furthermore, and perhaps this is the real point of the parable, no one should be so quick to assume that he or she is a diligent worker. In fact, when we honestly assess our own weaknesses and sins, when we acknowledge the ways that we personally have fallen short of perfect virtue, the picture changes. It becomes clear that in fact we are the beneficiaries of God's generous mercy. We are the ones who showed up late in the day. Instead of calculating the degree of others' sins, let us call to mind and be sorry for our own. Then we can truly rejoice in God's forgiveness, no matter who is so fortunate as to receive it.

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***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.