

**September 28: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



*"When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him." — Mt 21:32*

**LITURGY**

**MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS**

**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)

**Monday, Sept. 29, Sts. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael, Archangels (Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51)**

7:00 am- Josephine Janak

10:00 am- Gene & Trudy Janak's 54<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Hallettsville Rehab)

**Tuesday, September 30, St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church (Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Lk 9:51-56)**

7:00 am- KJT No. 5

**Wed., Oct. 1, St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church (Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Lk 9:57-62)**

7:00 am- V. C. & Alois Labay

8:05 am- James Grahmann

**Thursday, October 2, Holy Guardian Angels (Jb 19:21-27/Mt 18:1-5, 10)**

7:00 am- Alice Miller

10:00 am- Special intention for Marcella Henke's Recovery (Stevens)

**Friday, Oct. 3 (Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Lk 10:13-16)**

7:00 am- David Etzler

8:05 am- Billy Joe Sitka

**Saturday, October 4, St. Francis of Assisi (Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Lk 10:17-24)**

12:00 pm- SHCS Memorial Mass (Homecoming)

5:30 pm- John D. Henneke

**Sunday, October 5 (Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43)**

8:00 am- Henry J. Jones

10:30 am- For our Parish Family

**Bulletin Sponsor:** Bob Kubena in memory of Alice Miller.

**Radio Broadcast Sponsor:** In memory of Joseph J. & Catharine Haas Family.

**Vigil Light:** Special intention for health and recovery – Frances, Karen, Clorisa, Donna – and for health and safe delivery for mother and baby.

**Our Gift to God:** Envelopes-\$4,536.50; Manna Food Pantry-\$1,167; Loose-\$1,410; Children-\$54.

*Please pray for vocations to religious life!*

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

- Baptism Preparation Class, 9:00 a.m., Family Center.
- Covered Dish Supper after Spanish Mass, Family Ctr.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**

- Rosary & Evening Praise, 5:30 p.m., Church.
- Parish Finance Council Mtg, 6:00 p.m., Mary's House.
- Parish Advisory Council Mtg, 6:30 p.m., Mary's House.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

- 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, OCTOBER 1**

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

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2**

- First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins 6:00 p.m. *Intention for October: Family life.*
- Holy Hour for Priestly Vocations, 7:00 p.m., Church.
- RCIA Class, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Youth House.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3**

- Catholic Daughters Adoration, 5:00-6:00 p.m., Church.
- First Friday Benediction, 6:00 p.m., Church.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4**

- Serra Club Mass for Vocations, St. Joseph Church, Yoakum, 8:30 a.m. (Rosary 8:00 a.m.)

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5**

- 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Sponsor/Candidate Meeting, 4:30-7:30 p.m., Family Center.

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

**Happy Anniversary!**

Dennis & Cynthia Matula	45 years	Sept. 28
Douglas & Melissa Leopold	30 years	Sept. 29
Billy & Denise Henke	25 years	Sept. 30
Kenneth & Annie Mae Henneke	53 years	Sept. 30
Leo & Mildred Christ	59 years	Oct. 1
Gene & Trudy Janak	54 years	Oct. 1
Tommy & Evelyn Dornak	56 years	Oct. 4
Franklin & Wilma Stary	55 years	Oct. 4

Please pray for the repose of the souls of *James Konvicka*, brother of Blasé Konvicka, and for *Eleanor Knebel*, mother of George Knebel, Jr. of our parish family. *May they and all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.*



**From the Desk of Msgr. John**

We congratulate the 36 CCD and Sacred Heart School students, the homeschool students, and those in the RCIA program who have been officially commissioned to begin preparation to receive the sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion.

CCD and Sacred Heart School students:

Lance Barton, Carter Blaha, Brock Bludau, Sam Bludau, Annika Brooks, Trace Butschek, Jesse Cavazos, Sierra Chapa, Alana Cinadr, Brianna Clark, Allison Dieringer, Jacob Fields, Riley Haas, Kasey Harper, Abigail Hill, Carson Jansky, Hudson Kutac, Wyatt Leopold, Aubrey Luna, Elena Maes, Shane Migura, Alison Mojica, Jennifer Monroy, Camilia Ochoa, Adyson Perez, Brody Psencik, Kole Pustejovsky, Diana Reyes, Eve Roberts, Trey Satterwhite, Kaycee Schindler, Hunter Tolson, Clay Vrana, Henri Vincik, Harley Wilson, and Heather Wilson.

Homeschool students and those in the RCIA Program: Ashton Adams, Dominic Atkinson, Peter Bethke, Kadyan Lanni, Kevin Pechacek, and Isis Perez.

**CCD News ~~**

**Oct. 5:** 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Sponsor & Candidate Meeting, 4:30-7:30 p.m., Family Center.

**Oct. 22:** Safe Environment Lessons for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades.

**Nov. 9:** **Mandatory** Sophomore & Parent Confirmation Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Cafeteria.

**Sacred Heart School News ~~**

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

**Oct. 3:** Homecoming Pep Rally, 7:00 p.m., Gym.

**Oct. 4:** Homecoming Memorial Mass 12:00 p.m.

Kickoff 4:30 p.m. Activities held in KC Hall after game.

**Sacred Heart Youth News ~~** We thank the young members of our parish who attended our recent Youth Night, and Tom and Angela Harper for providing a great meal! We had a great turn out and a great time. Deacon Jacob also blessed us with a moving and educational presentation on Lectio Divina (*Divine Reading*). Also, we thank Kris and Greg Bubba Hermes for kindly donating a stove for the Youth House!

The "**Blessing of Expectant Mothers**" will be held during all Masses on the weekend of October 11 & 12. (Sponsored by the Christian Mothers Society.)

**Perpetual Adoration:** An adorer is needed on Friday's from 4:00-5:00 p.m. If you are able to spend this hour in prayer and adoration, call Charlene Bradbury 798-3224.

**Blessing of animals** will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 1 after CCD class and on Thursday, Oct. 2 at 3:00 p.m. in front of Sacred Heart School (*In honor of St. Francis of Assisi Feast Day on October 4*).

**"Come & See" Discernment weekend**, Nov. 1-2, for single Catholic women 18-50 years, Incarnate Word Convent, Victoria. For more information or to register, please call 575-7111, email [iwbsvoc@yahoo.com](mailto:iwbsvoc@yahoo.com), or go to the website at [www.iwbsvictoria.org](http://www.iwbsvictoria.org).

**LIFE Chain**, 1:00-2:30 pm, Sunday, October 5 along Hwy 77 South in front of the K.C. Hall. Prayerfully witness on behalf of the unborn – signs will be provided.

Raphael's Refuge, Flatonia, September 29, prayers and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00-7:00 p.m., for Feast Day of Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels. For more information, contact Midge 361-865-3812, email [raphaelsrefuge@att.net](mailto:raphaelsrefuge@att.net), or go to the website at [www.raphaelsrefuge.org](http://www.raphaelsrefuge.org).

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) begins this 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, or 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 is still time to register.

Sacred Heart School 63<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:shsstrudelbake@gmail.com). Advance orders are required to guarantee order fulfillment.

**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.

**Area Church Picnics & Festivals:**

**September 28:**

**Queen of Peace, Sweet Home Community Center.** Stew & Sausage Dinner, 11am-1pm. Auction 1pm. Raffle.

**St. Philip, K.C. Hall, El Campo.** Holy Mass 10am. BBQ Beef & Sausage Dinner 11am. Auction, bingo, booths.

**Sts. Peter & Paul, Meyersville.** Holy Mass 10am. BBQ Beef Dinner 11am. Auction, bingo, booths, games.

**October 5:**

**Holy Rosary, Hostyn.** Holy Mass 10am. Fried Chicken & Sausage Dinner 11am. Auction, booths, games, music.

**Sacred Heart Catholic Daughters, Flatonia.** Turkey & Dressing Dinner & Silent Auction, 11am-2pm.

**St. Roch, Mentz.** Holy Mass 10:30am. BBQ Beef, Pork & Sausage Dinner 11am. Auction, booths, games, music.

**St. John, Hungerford.** Holy Mass 9:30am. BBQ Beef, Chicken & Sausage Dinner 10:30am. Auction, booths.

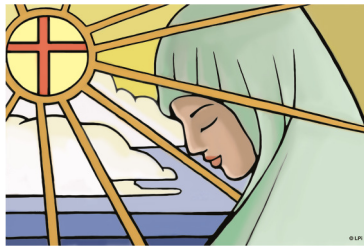
**Holy Cross, K.C. Hall, Bay City.** Turkey & Dressing Dinner 11am. Auction, country store, games, music.

Czech Heritage Festival, 10am-7:30 pm, September 28, Victoria Community Center. Admission \$7 per person (under 15 free). Almond Crusted Pork Loin Lunch 11am \$8.50/plate. Czech food, exhibits, raffle, Czech Heritage Museum, Arts/Crafts, Pastry Wheel, Auction, Czech Demonstrations. Texas State Tarock Tournament and Homemade Beer and Wine Show. Music by Shiner Hobo Band, Fritz Hodde & the Fabulous Six, and the Red Ravens. For information, contact Donald Dusek (361) 578-6730, email [ddusek@suddenlink.net](mailto:ddusek@suddenlink.net), or go to [www.victoriaczechs.org](http://www.victoriaczechs.org).

Benefit for St. Michael Catholic School, Veterans Hall, Weimar, Saturday, October 4. Social Hour 6:00 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m. Dance 8:00 p.m. (Music by Texas Dream). Silent Auction & Raffles. Ticket \$50 each. For information, call Heather Janak 979-743-5681 or Nikki Cowart 979-224-6155.

**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time –**

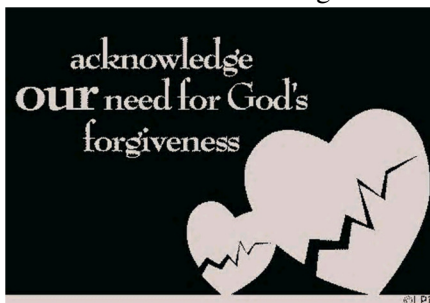
"Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you." Ouch. If Jesus weren't speaking the truth, this would seem like a nasty insult.



To the ears of the chief priests and elders to whom He was speaking, it was as good as saying, "You're bigger sinners than the biggest sinners around." Jesus had a way of cutting to the heart of matters. In this case, He was calling out these religious leaders for their stubborn resistance to the revelation of God. At least the "sinners" heard and heeded John the Baptist's message of repentance. But those who considered themselves too righteous to repent were missing the opportunity to experience the healing power of mercy.

As we know, God the Father wants to extend mercy to His children. Just as any good parents want what's best for their children, God wants us to see the truth and follow it. But He won't force our hand. God always respects our freedom. He invites, encourages, assists, and persists in drawing us in, but ultimately the choice is ours. One way God invites us to spiritual healing is through the sacrament of reconciliation. This is a perfect example of God's desire to extend forgiveness. But if we don't take advantage of this gift, we miss the grace that it offers us.

Let us beware of thinking that we aren't the kinds of sinners that really need to repent. If we don't acknowledge our need for God's forgiveness we, become like the chief priests who closed themselves



off to God's healing. It doesn't matter how far we may have fallen – this is why Jesus specifies that even "big" sinners can enter the kingdom of God – rather, what matters is that we have hearts open to recognizing and responding to God's love. ©2014 Liturgical Publications, Inc.

***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.*

