

**AUGUST 16 -- TWENTIETH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink." - Jn 6:53-55
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**Sunday, August 16, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary
Time, (Prv 9:1-6/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58')**

8:00 am- Mass of Thanksgiving – 40th Wedding
Anniversary of Charles and Kathy Haas

10:30 am- For Our Parish Family

Monday, August 17, Weekday (Jgs 2:11-19/Mt 19:16-22)

7:00 am- Donald Laas
10:00 am- Ethan Michael Griffiths, Martin, Mary, & Paul
DeLaRosa (Hallettsville Rehab)

Tuesday, August 18, Weekday, (Jgs 6:11-24a/Mt 19:23-30)

7:00 am- Ronald Brown

**Wednesday, August 19, Weekday, (Saint John Eudes,
Priest, (Jgs 9:6-15/Mt 20:1-16)**

7:00 am- Charlie and Annie Henke
8:05 am- Glenn & Patsy Pagel's 56th Anniversary

**Thursday, August 20, (Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor
of the Church) (Jgs 11:29-39a/Mt 22:1-14)**

7:00 am – Frank & Agnes Polansky
10:00 am- Bea & Alton Heinzl (Stevens)

**Friday, August 21, (Saint Pius X, Pope) (Ru 1:1, 3-6,
14b-16, 22/Mt 22:34-40)**

7:00 am- Deacon Sonny & Elaine Rogers
8:05 am- David Janak, Sr.

**Saturday, August 22, (The Queenship of the Blessed
Virgin Mary)—(Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Mt 23:1-12)**

5:30 pm- Ben and Emilia Bludau Family

**Sunday, August 23, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary
Time, (Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69)**

8:00 am- Dennis Smirak
10:30 am- For Our Parish Family

Bulletin Sponsor: In Memory of Joe & Helen Etzler

Radio Broadcast Sponsor: In Memory of Ben & Emilia Bludau Family

Vigil Light: FOR RAIN!!!!

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$7,387.50; Loose-\$1,035.00; Children-\$54.00; Repair Fund-\$950.00

Flower for Eucharistic Altar on August 15 in Memory of Bea Heinzl by Harry Heinzl and Glenda Cobb.

Please pray for the Veterans who have served Our Country and have sacrificed and given so much for our freedom!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

-Rosary & Evening Prayer-5:30 p.m.--Church

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

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

-KC's Officers' Meeting—7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

-Safe Environment Class—7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

-Baptism Classes – 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.-Family Center

Among our sick: Donna Avant, Lorene Christ, Josephine Muniz, Wilbert Kalinec, Barbara Kubena, Kathy Davis, Marilyn Palmquist, Doug Blumberg, Becky Pekar, Amanda Gutierrez, Harvey Drozd, Monte Staha, Marie Hermes, Karen Perez, Georgie Meyer, Doris Anders, Jack Crandall, Gary Trojcek, Brian Wisnoski, Jeanne McClain, Frances Kutach, Sweet Hrnair, Henry Konvicka, Leo Haas, Jr., Clorisa Hartensteiner, Betsy Brown, Marcella Henke, Mark Henneke, Kirk Remmers, Richard Grahmann, Margie Becker, Dollie Parr, Joyce Tesch, Steve Grasshoff, Buddy Boehm, Sr. Rosalyn Henke, Tommy Kanak, Rose Thumann, Rita Zaruba, JoAnn Zapalac, Gage Pilat, Vernell Macik, William P. Hermes, Bradley Perkins, Leona Maupin, Maryann Grahmann, Daniel Klekar, nursing home residents & the homebound.

Happy Anniversary!

Charlie & Kathy Haas	40 years	August 16
Glenn & Rose Pagel	56 years	August 16
Tim & Candy Hines	35 years	August 17

Happy Anniversary

MEN'S ACTS RETREAT

The next Holy Rosary Men's ACTS Retreat is scheduled for August 27 through August 30, and we will leave from St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Schulenburg, Texas. Located in back of Church are Prayer Poster sign-up sheets. Applications are available on line at <http://www.holyrosaryacts.com>. Any questions, please contact Eamon McCourt at 512-848-6259.

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) begins Thursday, September 24, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. Please call Msgr. John to register if you are currently not Catholic and are interested in joining the Church. These sessions are also for those adults who were baptized Catholic but never received their First Communion and Confirmation.

Sacred Heart Women's ACTS Retreat

The retreat weekend begins Thursday evening, September 10, through Sunday, September 13, after Mass. Round trip transportation to Cathedral Oaks is provided from Sacred Heart Parish Center. The cost per retreatant is \$160, which includes the registration fee of \$25, to be submitted with the registration form. The remaining \$135 balance is due Thursday at check-in. You will be contacted when registration is complete and given more detailed information at that time. Please make checks payable to Sacred Heart Women's ACTS Retreat and mail your completed registration form and fee to **Kerri Hull, 522 Church Street, Shiner, TX 77984**



From the Desk of Msgr. John

It seems that summer has gone so quickly. Sacred Heart School starts Monday morning, August 17. We welcome back our returning Faculty, Staff and Students. We welcome Faculty, Staff, and Students who are new to our school this year. Pray for ablessed and successful new school year.

This past Tuesday night, the Serra Club of the Diocese of Victoria Northwest, which is based in Hallettsville, hosted the Seminarians' and Religious' Back to School gathering. Bishop Cahill, along with several priests, celebrated Mass with the Seminarians, Religious, their parents and their Pastors, and the two Serra Clubs in the Diocese. A Hamburger Supper was served by the Serra Club in the Family Center afterwards. Please pray for our Seminarians and Religious.

AREA PICNICS

St. Monica Catholic Church, Cameron, Texas, Sunday, August 16, 2015. Spanish Mass-Sunday-7:00 a.m. & Polka Mass – 10:00 a.m. with Most Rev. Daniel E. Garcia Auxiliary Bishop & the Taylor Czech Chorus, BBQ Beef & Sausage Dinner—Plates-\$9.00 each. Drive-Thru 10:30 a.m.-throughout day. Country Auction, Live Entertainment- The Majeks & Ed Kopecky's Czech Band, Horseshoe Tournament, Bingo & Games for all

Saint Andrew Catholic Church, Summer Festival, Hillje, Texas, Sunday, August 16, 2015 at Saint Andrew Parish Hall. Prime BBQ Beef & Homemade Sausage & Trimmings, 11:00 a.m. Drive Thru Plates available. \$9.00 per plate. Indoor Auction at 12:30 p.m. Country Store, Bake Sale, Cake Walk. Games. Raffle drawing after auction. Music.

Sts. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church—Church Picnic, Cistern, Texas, Sunday, August 23, 2015. Holy Mass: Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Dinner-Fried Chicken & V & V Sausage— 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Adult & Plates to Go--\$9.00, Children Plates - \$4.00. Auction – 1:00 p.m. Trail Ride, Country Store, Cake & Plant Spin, Games, Bingo, Horseshoes; Live Music— Incredible Music Makers; Karaoke, Balloon Artist, Water Slide & Magic Show.

Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church Annual Festival, Yorktown Community Hall, Yorktown, Texas, Sunday, September 13, 2015. Holy Cross will also be celebrating their 100th Anniversary Celebration. Mass at 9:30 a.m.; Dinner starts at 11:00 a.m. BBQ Beef Should Clod & Sausage-Adult & To-Go Plates--\$10; Children under 12--\$5. Entertainment starts at 10:30 a.m.—Rusty Steins and DJ Val Mungia. Live Auction at 1:00 p.m. (in air-conditioned hall); Country Store, Cake Walk, Bounce House, KC Calf Raffle, and More!

Promise of Marriage

Megan Woytek and Justin Grahmann on August 22

Jeremy Hill and Christine Bludau on August 29

SHCS News

First Day of Classes

Monday, August 17, 2015

SH Booster Club

Wednesday, August 19, 2015—Kickoff Hot Dog Supper—7:00 p.m.—Sacred Heart Family Center

Welcome to the Parish—Heath, Melanie, Jake, Abby, and Holly Ressler.

CCD News

CCD begins on September 9, 2015. CCD registration will be mailed to those previously registered this week. New student forms can be picked up at the rectory. Please contact the office if you have had a change of address. We are in need of a Mass Coordinator, someone that helps with the liturgy for the 8:00 a.m. Mass with the CCD students. You would spend this year shadowing Brenda Mitchon and take over the following year. We also need Catechists and Aides in 1st, 3rd, 4th & 6th grades. Please call 361-741-8730 if you can help out this year. Blessings in Christ!!

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?'" Today's Gospel continues Jesus' Bread of Life discourse where he emphasizes over and over again that his followers are to "eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood." Not surprisingly, his listeners don't know what to make of this mysterious teaching. So the quarrels begin. We can imagine what was being said: "He's just using analogies," one man would suggest. "No! He says it's 'true food' and 'true drink,'" another would reply. Others would accuse Jesus of blaspheming, while still others would assert that they believe every word he says. And so it went.

This scene is all too common. People encounter a difficult teaching of the faith—one that is challenging to fulfill or difficult to believe—and so they argue about it or rationalize it away instead of just accepting it and living according to it.



On a large scale, these sorts of arguments are what lead to the breakdown of Christian unity. Time and time again in history, when a group of people disagrees about a Christian teaching, they splinter off and define their own set of beliefs. Not only does this harm the harmony of the Christian community, but it makes it too easy to avoid the tough parts of the faith.

Some of the things Jesus wants us to do are difficult--like respecting God's plan for sexuality or controlling our urges for unrestrained pleasure, power, or profit. Some of the things Jesus taught us are mysterious--like the teaching that the Eucharist is truly his body and blood. But thankfully he has given us his Holy Spirit to help us understand and do what we should. Let's not waste our time arguing about the faith. Let's just live it.

God's Embrace Renewal Centers invites you to become a participant in our Phase One Program "*Lead Me Into The Deep, Lord*" (first three months), "*Instruct Me In Your Ways, Lord*" (remainder of phase one) which will begin here at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Thursday, September 3, 2015. The program will be meeting twice a month on the first (1st) and third (3rd) Thursdays of each month September through May from 6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m. God's Embrace Renewal Centers was established to bring about renewal in the Catholic Church by facilitating the creation of ardent disciples who glorify God through the witness of their lives and service of the Church. We pray inextricably linked to the divine life of the Trinity and to one another in Christ. For more information or to register, please contact **Sandy Reese** at sandy.reese@godsembrace.org or 979-541-6881, or **Robert Polasek** at 361-798-0021, or email robertpolasek@outlook.com or visit www.godsembrace.org. Please sign up by August 20, 2015

YOUTH NEWS! The new school year is about to begin. Registration forms will be handed out in the near future in preparation for our first youth night taking place in September.

Christian Mothers

Members may pay their dues by mailing them to Alta Brown, 663 CR 135, Hallettsville, TX 77964. Dues-\$10.

Amor Meus Spirituality Center Guided One-Day

Saturday, August 29, 2015 9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m. Guided Retreats include at least two reflections, liturgy or prayer service and ample time for personal prayer, walking and reflecting. A box lunch is available. \$25.00 Suggested Donation or Love offering. Incarnate Word Convent 1101 N. E. Water Street Victoria, TX--361-575-7111

Falling Leaves Gala

Are you looking for a fun evening of memories, food, music, and dancing? Join family and friends at the 21st Annual Knights of Columbus—Council #2433 **Falling Leaves Gala**, Saturday, October 10, 2015, KC Hall, Hallettsville, Texas. Featuring "The Original Triumphs." **\$100** per Ticket includes Steak Dinner for TWO, Open Bar, Music, Dance and Ticket in the Prize Give-A-Way, as well as other prizes throughout the evening. Doors Open at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will be served from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Dance is from 8:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. **Only 300 Tickets Sold.** Tickets can be purchased at the KC Hall and the Rectory.



The Annual Teacher Appreciation

Indian Open Golf Classic will be held on Saturday, September 5, 2015, at the Hallettsville Municipal Golf Course. All proceeds will benefit the Sacred Heart Catholic School Teachers and Staff. The 3-Person Scramble will tee off at 9:30 a.m.

Registration forms are available at the School and the Golf Course, as well as the Rectory. Please call **Kevin Chance at 512-743-1580** for more details.

Hole sponsorships are also available.



Attention All Parishioners: Have you heard the latest news? The Sacred Heart Fall Picnic is just around the corner. Fall Donations, such as cattle, antiques, unique or interesting items to donate to the Auction, are needed for the Fall Picnic held on September 6, 2015. Please call the Rectory. Cash Donations may be dropped off at the Rectory or placed in an envelope and dropped off in the collection basket. Call! Call! Call!



PICNIC



Tickets for 2015 Polaris Ranger Crew 570 with 12 ft. Load Trail Landscape Trailer, (Value of \$11,345.00) along with 13 additional prizes: If you have not purchased your tickets

(\$35 each or 3 for \$100), they will be available for purchase at the Rectory through Friday, September 4. If there are any unsold tickets, they will be available for sale at the picnic. The 2015 Polaris Ranger is on display at Hoffer's Drive-In. The drawing will be held at the Picnic. Remember buy your tickets **EARLY**. There is a limit of **2000 TICKETS!** Do Not Need to be Present to Win! BUY!BUY!BUY!

DONATIONS

Cattle – 7-month old Black Baldie Heifer donated John & Sherry Henke; 17-month old Black Brangus Heifer named Terry donated by Rita Wachel & Family in Memory of Richard Reese Wachel; 20-month old Angus Cross Heifer donated by Marcus & Marjorie Grahmann; 7-month old Cross-bred Heifer donated by Jimmy & Sylvia Steffek
Cash Donations – Paul & Theresa Voelkel-\$100; Glenn & Carol Drozd--\$100; Eddie & Catherine Kosh-\$200; Laverne & John Trojcek-\$300; Mary Lee Brosch-\$100; Lillian Gohlke-\$100

Auction – Irene Szwarc—13 Collectible Barbie Dolls and 10 Collectible Hallmark Barbie Ornaments

Sacred Heart Parish Fall Picnic News

Believe or Not, but the Parish Fall Picnic is 3 Weeks away!

If you have cattle, antiques, unique or interesting items to donate to the Auction, please call the Rectory so that we may begin advertising!!!!

Cash Donations may be dropped off at the Rectory or placed in an envelope and dropped in the collection basket.

Raffle Books should be arriving soon. Please buy and sell as many books as possible The only way to win, win, win--**buy tickets.**

Bingo Prizes are needed. Some examples are grocery items such as sugar, flour, coffee, soft drinks, ketchup, mustard, mayo etc., or

household items such as dishwashing liquid, soap, detergents, paper towels. Many prizes are needed to make Bingo fun for **ALL AGES!** Please bring items to the stage inside the K.C. Hall.

Workers, Workers, Workers are always needed for the different committees. If you are not signed up to work, please call the Rectory to volunteer your time! It takes many hard-working hands for a successful and wonderful picnic!!!!

Please bring to the KC Hall on the morning of the Picnic:

Auction: Please bring items to the Auction Trailer.

Cake Walk: Please bring at least 2 cakes or pies.

Country Store: Craft items, fresh produce, home canned goods (pickles, veggies, jelly, jalapeños, etc.), home baked goods (pies, cookies, strudels, Kolaches, bread, etc.), farm-fresh eggs, homemade noodles, plants, etc.

Kitchen: Pickles, cakes & Kolaches for the Noon meal.

