



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Father Donald Ruppert, Pastor

335-7551 – Rectory

335-4071 – Convent

FEBRUARY 14, 2010 – SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday from 4:00 PM to 4:30 PM

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: By Appointment After Pre-Baptismal Instructions

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: By Appointment

ADORATION: From 7:30 AM Thursday Continually Until 7:00 PM Thursday

Rectory Office Hours: Monday through Friday – 8 AM to 12 Noon – 1 PM to 4 PM

Monday 15

No Service

Tuesday 16

6:00 PM

+ John Korenek & Brandi Ward

Wednesday 17

7:00 AM

Catholic Life #95, Living & Deceased

Wednesday 17

9:00 AM

+ Bartos Family

Wednesday 17

7:00 PM

+ Anel Rodriguez

Thursday 18

7:00 AM

+ Mary Lou Badger

Friday 19

9:00 AM

+ Frances Wilson

Friday 19

7:00 PM

+ Louis Faltysek

Saturday 20

5:00 PM

Bennie & Martha Janik Special Intention

Sunday 21

7:00 AM

+ Allen & Elaine Talas

9:00 AM

+ Alva Brewer

11:00 AM

Parishioners



WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS CHURCH!

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

Wednesday – 7 a.m. – Volunteers

Thursday – 7 a.m. – Rachel Polak, Jared Rejsek

Friday – 7 a.m. – Alyssa Reyes, Jayci Potts

Saturday, February 20 – 5:00 P.M. Mass

Servers: JCDA

Lector: JCDA

Ushers: JCDA

Eucharist: Robert Michulka

Sunday, February 21 – 7:00 A.M. Mass

Servers: Volunteers

Lector: Daniel Orsak

Ushers: Eugene Mrkwa & Dennis Kovar

Eucharist: Ken Stavinoha

Sunday, February 21 – 9:00 A.M. Mass

Servers: Volunteers

Lector: Clint Coker

Ushers: Jesse Tovar Family

Eucharist: Marvin Adamek

Sunday, February 21 – 11:00 A.M. Mass

Servers: ACT Now

Lector: ACT Now

Ushers: ACT Now

Eucharist: Yvonne Naiser

Mass Attendance Last Weekend: 772

Your Gift to God Last Weekend: \$6,634.76

Parish Development: \$1,278.00

Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for:

David & Donna Cavness & Family in loving memory of Frances Tallas.



Please Pray For Our Sick: Rev. Henry Rachunek, Sr. Lillian Barta, Johnny Acuna, Christian Adamek, Felix Aguire, Gina Alsup, Susan Badger, Jerri Brezik, Samuel Britton, J.B., M.B., Joe Burttschell, Sr., Gloria Buxkemper, Gloria Centeno, Rena Chauvin, Anna Chumchal, Joe Chumchal, Evelyn Cochran, Lillie Connor, Gwen Danley, Roy Demny, Katherine Drews, Eva Dusek, Mike Ellisor, Lucille Ferguson, Edrie Flowers, Beatrice Fojtik, Philip Gaudette, John Michael Green, Adrian Gubert, Frances Hadash, Tillie Haedge, Caylee Ann Hammock, Mary Hennecke, Susie Hillmann, Florence Holmes, Ron Horelica, Linda Hoskins, Brent Irby, Richard Jalowy, Joyce Janik, Mary Jochech, Ruthie Jochech, Jeanette Kalina, Annie Kalinowski, Mary Jane Kelner, Leslie King Quinnell, Rudy Klecka, Bessie Kramr, Mary Kucera, Mary Ann Leveridge, Oscar Litvik, Archie & Jeremy Lopez, Barbara Lopez, Vincente Lopez, Jake Marik, Pati Marik, Hope Martinez, Karen Meinardus, Steven Meinecke, Charlie Michulka, Leona Milder, Bennie Morris, Gene Mrkwa, Chris Pena, Evelyn Pilcik, Lillian Pilcik, Agnes Polak, Marvin Polasek, Shirley Powers, Simon Ramirez, Stanley Rejsek, LeRoy Repka, Mildred Repka, Sam Rubio, Sr., Agnes Smaistrla, Greg Smaistrla, Joe Sodolak, Rosemary Staudt, Joe Szymanski, John Szymanski, Lillie Talafuse, Lucy Talas, Victor Tichacek, Amy Thomas, Margaret Toellner, Rudy Tydlacka, Evelyn Ullmann, Anthony V., M/M F.V., Vu, Mike Vader, Sylvia Yackel
Please call or email us if you want to add someone to the list.

**Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
begins every Thursday after the 7:00 a.m. Mass and closes at 7:00 p.m.**

Communion to the Homes:

February 14: Charles Bucek, Joey Pitman, Jeanie Kemp

February 21: Bill & Bernice Cavness, Evelyn Kramr, Janelle Barta

Please call Janelle Barta at 335-7975 if you need to receive home communion.

Altar Society: Helen Mica, Sophie Korenek, Rita Jochech, Cathryn Winkler

CDA Meeting: The monthly meeting of Court St. Bernadette #1108, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, will be held Monday, February 15, in the Holy Cross Meeting Room, beginning at 7 p.m. Refreshments are served at 6:45 p.m. For further information, contact Regent Henriette Jalowy, 979-335-4879.

RCIA Classes – Tuesday, February 16, 7 p.m. in room 1.

Second Collection: Ash Wed., Feb. 17 - Aid to Church in Europe.

Operation Rice Bowl starts February 20 & 21.

Easter Flower Offering – February 27 & 28

Parish Funds: *Altar Server:* Greg & Joyce Losack in memory of Della Chmelik.

Cemetery Fund: M/M Bernard Morris, M/M John Robert Wicke, Debbie Orsak, all in memory of Della Chmelik.

Parish Development: Anne Prazak in memory of Mary Waligura.

Scholarship Fund: Jim & Adette Kovar, St. Anne's KJZT 30, Albert & Margaret Smaistrla, Marvin & Agnes Holub, Charlie & Charlotte Bucek, Bill & Dotsy Hillmann, Dale Wicke, M/M Oscar Litvik, Sr., Helen Pesek, CDA #1108, all in memory of Della Chmelik.

Vocation Fund: Doris Osei, Doris Grant, Randy & Patrice Ognoskie, Mrs. Jean Knolle, Kathy Scherer, all in memory of Della Chmelik.

Flowers for this weekend:

Rodney & Cassi Jedlicka in honor of their 10th Wedding Anniversary.

Ken Lewis in memory of Alicia Lewis.

Safe Environment Certification Training: Monday, February 15, 7 p.m., Convent. Participates must complete diocese online application before attending training session. For more information contact Evelyn Vacek or Patsy Krenek at 335-4071.

The 2010 Flower Calendar is in church, ready for your intentions.

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions – please call the parish office to select your date.

World Marriage Day – Sunday, February 14 – honors husband and wife as head of the family, the basic unit of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily married life.

Christian Mothers - Please pay your dues! You can call Patsy Talas at 335-6139 if you have any questions.

<p>American Legion Post #226 East Bernard, Texas Annual Scholarship Fund Raiser At the American Legion Hall Sunday, February 14 – B-B-Q Chicken with all the trimmings - Meal served at 11 a.m. - \$8 per plate – Dine in or Drive thru – Auction at 12:30 p.m. – Proceeds Benefit Scholarship Fund.</p>
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Women's ACTS Retreat – March 25 - 28 – at the Spiritual Renewal Center in Victoria. Applications in the parish office or foyer in church.

Cemetery News:

Please remove out of season flowers from gravesites and mausoleum crypts. Do not place glass vases, vases with marbles or breakable trinkets around mausoleums for the safety of visitors and cemetery crew.

ACT Now Meeting:

Mark your calendar! The February mass and meeting will be Feb. 21st. We will serve at the 11am mass. The meal and meeting will follow!

KJT, ST. WENCESLAUS, SOC. #40 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

DONATIONS: EDWIN C. (BIG ED) MARIK IN MEMORY OF JEANETTE BELL.

RAYMOND & MARY HENNECKE IN MEMORY OF FRANCES WILSON AND JEANETTE BELL.

Holy Cross February Events:

Disciples on the Journey Groups will start meeting the week of February 14. Have you joined a group? It's not too late! Please call Patricia Michulka at 335-6107 for info.

Operation Rice Bowl materials will be included in your February home kit.

February Events:

Sunday, February 14: 11th Grade Confirmation Students set up Lent Crosses at 2 p.m.

Wednesday, February 17: Ash Wednesday (a day of Fast and Abstinence)
Masses at 7 a.m., 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

All (2nd, 10th & 11th grade) sacrament classes meet at regular time.

Friday, February 19: Mass followed by Stations of the Cross at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Wednesday, February 24: All (2nd, 10th & 11th grade) sacrament classes meet at regular time.

10th Graders & Sponsors Meeting 7 p.m.

Friday, February 26: Mass followed by Stations of the Cross at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

ACT Now is sponsoring the "H2O Project".

High School Students

Sunday, March 7, 2010 - High School Spectacular @ Knights of Columbus Hall in El Campo

Sunday, March 14, 2010 - 11th Grade Confirmation - Candlelight Service at 9 a.m. Mass
(Note: date change)

Sunday, March 21, 2010 - Confirmation at the 11 a.m. Mass

Aid to Church in Europe: Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. The Church in this region continues to have great needs for its essential pastoral work. Your donations invest in future generations of Catholics: a gift of faith to the future. Please be generous in our parish Collection to support our sisters and brothers throughout Central and Eastern Europe and parts of Asia that were once under Soviet control.

20th Annual Czech Kolache Klobase Festival - Saturday, June 12
Looking for raffle prizes – please contact raffle chairpersons Margaret or Albert Smaistrla at 335-4473 or Big Ed Marik at 335-6402 by March 1st.
Donations are needed for silent auction – please call Linda Hlavinka at 335-4392. Help is needed – if you are interested in working, please call Festival co-chairmen Jason Hlavinka at 335-4392 or Big Ed Marik at 335-6402.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THESE PARISHIONERS WHO PITCHED IN AND GAVE GENEROUSLY OF THEIR TIME & TALENT TO MAKE THE FEBRUARY GENERATIONS OF FAITH SESSIONS A SUCCESS.

Child Care

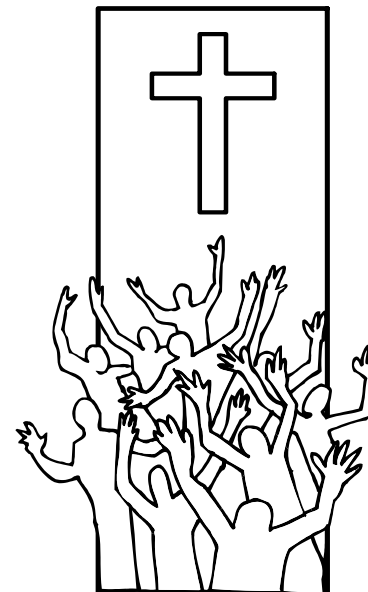
Judith Michulka
Brenda Polak

Facilitators/Assistants

Karen McCain
Scarlett McCain
Angelia Talas
Lori Polak
Jeannie Kemp
Carolyn McGuire
Susie Walters
Janet Dawson
Renee Hlavinka
Patricia & Robert Michulka

Office Asst./Photographer

Melanie Persyn



Pizza Pick-up

Denny Krenek
Liz Tovar

Food Preparation

Stacy Lehmann Family
Ronald Barta Family
Karen Riley Family

Trash

Gary Krenek
Ronald Barta

Home-Kit Assembly

Joyce Dusek
Evelyn Kramr
Yvonne Krenek
Charlscie Krivacka
Georgie Losack
Shirley Minks
Dorothy Twardowski

For those unable to attend this month's session, your home-kit is in the church vestibule.

Our next GOF sessions will be March 3 & 10, 2010.

Topic: Being Truthful (8th Commandment)

Event: Lent Confession Circuit, Wed., March 17, 7 p.m.

Are You Up For a Challenge during Lent 2010? Check out the H2O Project! Save Lives and Make a Difference. www.theh2oproject.org This project is sponsored by ACT NOW! We challenge you to watch the video and read the information – you will be enlightened. There are envelopes marked with the H2O project logo placed in the back of church. You may place your money in the envelope and put it in any collection at any mass or you may drop it by the church office. Make checks payable to Holy Cross Church. The official start date is Feb. 3rd and the end date is March 10th.

Small Sacrifice. Big Impact. Take the Challenge. “I was thirsty and you gave me to drink.....” Matt. 25:35. If you have any questions please call Camille Mica at 335-6283 or Susan Hlavinka at 533-0495.

Lent Begins on Wednesday

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of our 40-day journey toward Easter. Lent is a time for prayer, fasting, self denial and almsgiving. During this time we make a special effort to renew our spiritual vitality. The Church offers us additional opportunities to strengthen our spiritual lives during Lent. No one can force us to attend Mass more frequently, participate in the Stations of the Cross, spend time in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, visit those who are sick or lonely, etc. It is up to each individual to decide how to best live this penitential season. During Lent a schedule of the upcoming week's services and devotionals will be published in the church bulletin.

Disciples on the Journey groups meet throughout the week at designated times.

This Week's Lenten Services

ASH WEDNESDAY (February 17) Today is a day of fast and abstinence. All Catholics should abstain from eating meat. The two minor meals of the day combined should not be more than the size of the principal meal.

Ashes will be given during each of the three Masses offered today.

Masses will be at

7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Special Collection on Ash Wednesday for Aid to Church in Eastern Europe – Operation Rice Bowl Second Collection will be taken up on all Sundays of Lent

THURSDAY (February 18) - **Mass at 7:00 a.m.** - Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins after Mass and closes at 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY (February 19) - Catholics may NOT EAT MEAT on all Fridays of Lent.

Mass at 9:00 a.m. followed by the Stations of the Cross

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