



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH
Father Donald Ruppert, Pastor
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JULY 11, 2010 – FIFTEENTH 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 12	No Service
Tuesday 13 6:00 PM	Parishioners
Wednesday 14 7:00 AM	Parishioners
Thursday 15 7:00 AM	Parishioners
Friday 16 7:00 AM	Parishioners
Saturday 17 5:00 PM	Grigar & Janis Families, Living & Deceased
Sunday 18 7:00 AM	Debbie Guthman Personal Intentions
9:00 AM	+ Lino Garza, Sr.
11:00 AM	Parishioners



WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS CHURCH!

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

Saturday, July 17 – 5:00 P.M. Mass

Servers: Alyssa & Erica Reyes, Cody Ognoskie
 Lector: Patricia Michulka
 Ushers: Raymond Polak Family
 Eucharist: Host-Clint Coker
 No Cup

Sunday, July 18 – 7:00 A.M. Mass

Servers: Miranda & Cody Lehmann, Alex Fortenberry
 Lector: Daniel Orsak
 Ushers: Jody Polak & Joe Preisler
 Eucharist: Host-Dennis Polak
 No Cup

Sunday, July 18 – 9:00 A.M. Mass

Servers: Eric Pribyl, Jack Delmar, Jonathan Hlavinka
 Lector: Marvin Adamek
 Ushers: Losack Family
 Eucharist: Host-Eric Youngblood
 No Cup

Sunday, July 18 – 11:00 A.M. Mass

Servers: Justin McGuire, Kacey Krenek, Katie Kubes
 Lector: Stephen Hlavinka
 Ushers: Ed Wasek Family
 Eucharist: Host-Tim Faltysek
 No Cup



Mass Attendance Last Weekend: 724

Your Gift to God Last Weekend: \$4,741.86
 Parish Development: \$638.00

Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for:
 Marvin Adamek in memory of Bernadette Adamek.



Please Pray For Our Sick: Rev. Henry Rachunek, Sr. Lillian Barta, Johnny Acuna, Christian Adamek, Juanita Adamek, Lupe Aguilar, Felix Aguire, Gina Alsup, Susan Badger, Fred Baird, Martha Hlavinka Balou, Margie Bartos, Ed Bartosh, Andy Bouse, Jerri Brezik, Samuel Britton, J.B., M.B., Joe Burttschell, Sr., Gloria Buxkemper, Kay C., Gloria Centeno, Rena Chauvin, Anna Chumchal, Joe Chumchal, Evelyn Cochran, Lillie Connor, Gwen Danley, Selia Delgado, Roy Demny, Bernadette Dodge, Katherine Drews, Eva Dusek, Helen Dusek, Mike Ellisor, Lucille Ferguson, Cameron & Chase Figliola, Edrie Flowers, Beatrice Fojtik, Frank Foltyn, Jerry Galvan, Philip Gaudette, John Michael Green, Adrian Gubert, Frances Hadash, Tillie Haedge, Caylee Ann Hammock, Mary Hennecke, Susie Hillmann, Syl Hlavinka, Florence Holmes, Marvin Holub, Mary Hoot, Mark Horelica, Ron Horelica, Linda Hoskins, Brent Irby, Richard Jalow, Joyce Janik, Mary Jochech, Ruthie Jochech, Debbie Jones, Jeanette Kalina, Annie Kalinowski, Chris King, Leslie King Quinnell, Rudy Klecka, Judy Kolafa, Bessie Kramr, Gary Krenek, Kenny Krenek, John Kubes, Eugenia Kulhanek, Oscar Litvik, Archie & Jeremy Lopez, Barbara Lopez, Vincente Lopez, Jake Marik, Joe Marik, Pati Marik, Hope Martinez, Madison Matula, Karen Meinardus, Charlie Michulka, Judith Michulka, Syl Michulka, Leona Milder, Sandy Crane Miller, Joe Minks, Sr., Janie Montalbo, Mary Montalvo, Margaret Kelner Moore, Bennie Morris, Gene Mrkwa, Carole Nowak, Bob Olson, Chris Pena, Calvin Pfeil, Evelyn Pilcik, Lillian Pilcik, Danny Pless, Agnes Polak, Marvin Polasek, Shirley Powers, Susan Prazak, Simon Ramirez, Stanley Rejssek, Mildred Repka, Thomas Rieger, Rufino Rivera, Sam Rubio, Sr., Lydia Scianna, Dan Sklar, Agnes Smaistrla, Greg Smaistrla, Joe Sodalak, William "Pop" Spinks, Rosemary Staudt, Joe Szymanski, John Szymanski, Lillie Talafuse, Lucy Talas, Victor Tichacek, Amy Thomas, Shirley Thomas, Rudy Tydlacka, Evelyn Ullmann, Anthony V., Frank Vecera, Vu, Mike Vader, SRW, Annette Weber
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:

July 11: Bill & Bernice Cavness, Evelyn Kramr, Janelle Barta

July 18: Margaret Smaistrla, Donna Cavness, Helen Mica

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

Altar Society: Debbie Orsak, Joyce Orsak, Stephanie Orsak, Joan Wetz

KJT & KJZT meet on the second Tuesday of the month, July 13th at 7:30 p.m. at Riverside Hall. Please call Big Ed Marik at 335-6402 (KJT) or Sophie Korenek at 335-4873 (KJZT).

KJT Youth Group – For more info, please call Gloria Buxkemper at 335-7318.

Area Bazaars:

Praha Picnic – Sunday, August 15 – Stew & Fried Chicken – Serving 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Parish Fund Donations:

Scholarship Fund: John & Gladys Dusek in memory of Julia Kainer.



Polka Mass Choir Practice:
Monday, July 19th at 7 p.m. for the KJT Convention.



Wedding Banns:

First: Andrew Ryan Traweek & Jacqueline Marie Ward

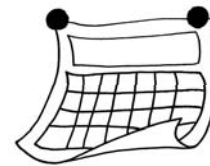
Reminder: "The Learner" part 2 will be presented here on Thurs., July 15, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Room 1 of the Religious Education Building, by Bobby and Jo Ann Cowan.

Come join us to pray THE HOLY ROSARY TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA on the 13th of each month – July thru October at the GLORIOUS CROSS at the home of Eugene & Theresa Wysocki. Starts at 7:45 p.m. Turn on San Bernard Dr. (turns into 2423 Hargis St) Please bring your lawn chairs or blanket to sit on the ground. The power of prayer is needed for Our Country, Our Nation, All the Sick, All Babies being aborted, Poor Souls in Purgatory, and all your personal intentions.

Fullness of Truth – The Mystery Unveiled – July 17 & 18 –

Corpus Christi – A Catholic Approach to the Book of Revelation

For more information, 877.21.TRUTH or www.fullnessoftruth.org



CDA Community Calendars – that time again to place your orders! With Birthdays, Anniversaries, or other special occasions, or for any updates, please contact Gail Guthman at 979-234-3273 to place your calendar order. Still a great bargain at \$5.00 each!

El Campo Deanery – Women's ACTS Retreat – August 5th - 8th

Holy Family Catholic Church in Wharton, is hosting a Women's ACTS Retreat at the Spiritual Renewal Center in Victoria August 5-8. Registrations forms may be picked up at the parish office or obtained from the ACTS website.

www.ecdeaneryacts.org There are spaces still available.

For information, contact Mary Duyka at 979-532-4381, Mary Janak at 979-532-4544, or Sharon Rochen at 979-282-9646.



Flowers for the Altar:

Norbert & Vernise Janis in honor of their 55th Wedding Anniversary.

What is the Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA)?

The Diocesan Services Appeal is an annual fund raising campaign that provides virtually all the funds needed for the operation of the diocese. Please respond to your letter and help where you are able.

"Your light must shine before others so that they can see the good things you do and praise your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5: 16)

2010 Quo Vadis? Vocation Camp – July 18-21 – For Young Men ages 15-21 – at the Spiritual Renewal Center near Victoria. More info in church.

Life Awareness Vocation Week-End for Single Adults – July 23 – 25
Ages 18 to 45. More info in church.

The Pastoral Institute classes for August are listed below. They are listed by date. People may call 361-573-0828 for more information or to register. A full list of all the classes is posted on the diocesan website as well as printed in *The Catholic Lighthouse*. **Also, please include the information that people may go to www.victoriadiocese.org and register online.**

Liturgy: August 3 & 5, 6:30-9:30 p.m., St. Philip/El Campo

I Believe/We Believe: August 3 & 10, 6 p.m.-9 p.m., Sts. Cyril & Methodius/Shiner/Activity Center

Roles of the Catechist: August 4, 6 p.m.-9 p.m., St. Agnes/Edna

Methods 1/2: August 4, 7 p.m.-9 p.m., St. Philip/El Campo

Methods 3/4: August 4, 7 p.m.-9 p.m., St. Philip/El Campo

Methods 5/6: August 4, 7 p.m.-9 p.m., St. Philip/El Campo

Methods 7/8: August 4, 7 p.m.-9 p.m., St. Philip/El Campo

Roles of the Catechist: August 4, 6 p.m.-9 p.m., Our Lady of Guadalupe/Bay City

Methods 1/2: August 11, 7 p.m.-9 p.m., Our Lady of Guadalupe/Bay City

Methods 3/4: August 11, 7 p.m.-9 p.m., Our Lady of Guadalupe/Bay City

Methods 5/6: August 11, 7 p.m.-9 p.m., Our Lady of Guadalupe/Bay City

Methods 7/8: August 11, 7 p.m.-9 p.m., Our Lady of Guadalupe/Bay City

Spiritual Retreat: Saturday, August 7, A day of spiritual renewal will be presented in Hallettsville on Saturday, August 7, at the Sacred Heart Church Parish Center from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The program will be presented by Michael Fonseca who is the Facilitator for Spiritual Formation in the Diaconate Program for the Diocese of Victoria. Anyone seeking a deeper relationship with God and desiring to know more about prayer and Catholic Spirituality will benefit from this day of renewal. You will learn how to live in God's Embrace in the daily circumstances of your life. Michael will provide a healthy mix of input and prayer sessions. There will be time for questions, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered. There is no cost to attend the program, however a good-will offering may be made to help this ministry. You may bring your lunch or purchase something in Hallettsville. Anyone interested in attending this event may contact one of the following: **Kenneth Fishbeck** (kwfishbeck@sbcglobal.net); **Bill Briscoe** (briscoe3@cvctx.com); **Deacon John McCourt** (johnmc16@verizon.net).

East Bernard Volunteer Fire Dept. Annual Fried Chicken Dinner

Sunday, July 11 – American Legion Hall.

Serving from 11 a.m. till 1:30 p.m.

Auction starts at 12 noon. Pot luck Raffle, Ring Toss, and Pastry Stand. Come out & enjoy a great meal while supporting a most worthy cause.

Raffle Prizes Needed:

Please contact Chairmen Bill or Janet Dirba at 335-6007 or David or Susan Tomchesson at 335-4883. Thank you so much!

More Bazaar News: We want to **thank** the following for donating the second Raffle item for this year, a gift certificate to Lowes, from Stanley & Judith Michulka. Thank you very much!

Remember, if you wish to donate an item, just let the Chairmen know, and then bring the item in October, or make arrangements to have the item picked up. Raffle Tickets are printed in August. Thank you so much for your help!

GOF & CDA Baby Shower: Please bring your new baby & mother-to-be gifts wrapped & labeled along with any other unwrapped slightly used items to church the month of July, or contact Monica Kubena for drop off times. Thank you for your help!



Altar Server Appreciation Day at Splashway – Saturday, August 21 – Splashway Water Park in Sheridan. More info in church.

The CARE Center at the First Baptist Church is in need of canned goods and sugar and flour, to help out local residents. They are currently helping 45 families in our East Bernard area. Please take the food items to the First Baptist Church. Thank you!



BE COURTEOUS AND RESPECT OTHERS

Dear Parishioners,

Through the years and after listening to numerous complaints, I have come to realize that Catholics do not want to be harassed after Mass. They do not want someone poking tickets in their face or be pushed to participate in something in which they have no interest. Common courtesy and our Christian beliefs encourage us to respect others.

Since first becoming a pastor in 1984, I have imposed the same guideline in every parish I have served. I think it is perfectly OK to give parishioners the “opportunity” to participate in various fundraisers and receive information about parish organizations and activities. The rule is that any group selling tickets or offering information must have the permission of the pastor and must sit or stand behind a table with a poster letting people know why they are there. Do not leave the table to go and speak with parishioners or call out in an effort to get them to come over to the table. People attending Mass then have a choice whether or not they want to participate. This rule is appreciated by the majority and I am grateful that most groups and organizations cooperate. Every group is responsible for the individuals representing it.

Each year various youth groups and several others offer raffle tickets to win a cake or other “goodie.” I think all of them are an example to follow. They stay at their table and many people buy a ticket on their way to Mass. I don’t think anyone feels pressured. Individuals look forward to the possibility of winning while supporting a worthy cause.

Parish organizations and groups are given an opportunity to share their goals and encourage membership once a year. You may spend five (5) minutes on a determined weekend addressing the congregation at all Masses. On this weekend you can set up a table in front of church have members available to answer questions and pass out literature the purpose and activities of your organization. I encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity and come prepared to use the time wisely. The Catholic Daughters of the Americas do this annually on CDA Sunday. The Knights of Columbus have also made good use of this opportunity.

With permission, information and various registration forms for parish and diocesan events may be made available for pick up in the church vestibule. Notify the office and a note will be placed in the bulletin letting parishioners know the information is available.

I do not like to announce from the pulpit what is already in the parish bulletin. However, because readership is down, sometimes it is necessary to draw attention to special events or activities. If you feel you have something that needs to be announced, notify the office no later than Friday morning so that the information may be included in the list of announcements I receive from the parish secretary on Friday afternoon. Do not leave notes on the vesting bench in the sacristy or hand them to me when I am ready to start Mass. They are usually washed in my pocket the following week. Following these guidelines will make attending Mass less stressful for everyone, including me.

Thank you, *Father Don Ruppert* Pastor



Birth Certificate Needed for Baptism

Information recorded in the Church Baptismal Register must match that on the Birth Certificate. In the future parents will need to arrange baptisms in person and bring a copy of the child's Birth Certificate. If you are not a registered member of Holy Cross Parish or live within the parish

boundaries, you must have written permission from the pastor of the parish in which you reside to have a child baptized in Holy Cross Church. Parents and sponsors should attend a baptismal preparation class before scheduling a Baptism. If you attend the class in a parish other than Holy Cross you need to provide proof of attendance. Godparents must be practicing Catholics and able to validly receive Holy Communion according to the laws of the Catholic Church (if married they must be validly married in the Catholic Church).

If you are unavailable during office hours you may FAX or e-mail a scanned copy of the birth certificate to the church office.