



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH
Father Donald Ruppert, Pastor
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JULY 25, 2010 – SEVENTEENTH 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 26	No Service
Tuesday 27 7:00 AM	+ Mary Lou Badger
Wednesday 28 7:00 AM	+ Henrietta Klecka
Thursday 29 7:00 AM	+ Della Chmelik
Friday 30 7:00 AM	Intention of Hilary Kristynik
Saturday 31 2:30 PM	Wedding – Traweek & Ward
Saturday 31 5:00 PM	Roman & Georgie Sliva 50 th Wedding Anniversary
Sunday 1 7:00 AM	Parishioners
9:00 AM	+ Al Haedge, Jr.
11:00 AM	+ Annie A. Ruppert



WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS CHURCH!

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

Wednesday – 7 a.m. – Jared Rejsek, Austin Henry
Thursday – 7 a.m. – Blake Whitley, Elyssa Delgado
Friday – 7 a.m. – Bo & Bradley Berry

Saturday, July 31 – 5:00 P.M. Mass

Servers: Blain & Tyler Sulak, Blake Hlavinka
Lector: Gretchen Wilkerson
Ushers: Larry Wetz Family
Eucharist: Host-Dennis Viktorin
Cup-Dianne Viktorin, Helen Mica, Mary Ann Morse, Dorothy Twardowski

Sunday, August 1 – 7:00 A.M. Mass

Servers: Brady, Brent, Brandy Babin
Lector: Daniel Orsak
Ushers: Leo Kolafa, Jr. Family
Eucharist: Host-Margaret Smaistrla
Cup-Jo Ann Preisler, Cynthia Dusek

Sunday, August 1 – 9:00 A.M. Mass

Servers: Camille & Corrinne Mica, Derrick Rucka
Lector: Shelley Popp
Ushers: Lance Rejsek Family
Eucharist: Host-Jennifer Coker
Cup-Karen Moszkowicz, Clint Coker, Alphonse Smaistrla, David Pless

Sunday, August 1 – 11:00 A.M. Mass

Servers: Cathryn & Kara Morse, Garrett Losack
Lector: Melissa Morse
Ushers: Tammy Dotson Family
Eucharist: Host-Yvonne Naiser
Cup-Tim & Lora Faltysek, Eric Youngblood, Pete Lopez



Mass Attendance Last Weekend: 700

Your Gift to God Last Weekend: \$5,491.50
Parish Development: \$220.00

Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for:
Janie Luna Family for the recovery of Rufus Rivera, Jr. & Family.

Please Pray For Our Sick: Rev. Henry Rachunek, Sr. Lillian Barta, Sr. Elaine Bradon, 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, Terri Dipple, Katherine Drews, Eva Dusek, Helen Dusek, Mike Ellisor, Lucille Ferguson, Cameron & Chase Figliola, Edrie Flowers, Bob Flynn, 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 Jalowy, 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, Shirley Powers, Susan Prazak, Simon Ramirez, Stanley Rejsek, Mildred Repka, Thomas Rieger, Rufino Rivera, Sam Rubio, Sr., 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 25: Marvin Adamek, Mary Ann Morse, Monica Kubena

August 1: Tim & Lora Faltysek, Dennis & Dianne Viktorin, Ann Kramr

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

Please pick up your new schedules in the sacristy. Thank you!

Altar Society: Edie Szymanski, Margie David, Linda Kopecky, Debbie Guthman

Knights of Columbus meet the first Tuesday of the month, August 3rd at 7 p.m. in the Holy Cross Meeting Room. Please call Grand Knight Joe Darr at 979-234-5196 for more information.

Area Bazaars:

St. Joseph Picnic – Yoakum Community Center – August 1 – Stew & Sausage

Sts. Peter & Paul of Frelsburg – Country Festival – Sunday, August 1 – on church grounds off FM 109 just 10 miles north of Columbus – Fried Fish Meal at 11 a.m.

St. Anthony of Padua – Palacios – Shrimporee Festival – Sunday, August 1

St. Michael of Weimar – Harvest Feast – Sunday, August 8 – Chicken & Stew

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

St. Andrew Summer Festival of Hillje – Sunday, August 15 – Beef & Sausage



Donut Sunday Next Sunday – Hosted by Catholic Life Branch #95 Thank you!



Wedding Banns:

Third: Andrew Ryan Traweek & Jacqueline Marie Ward

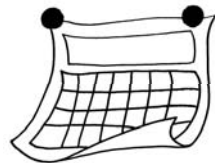
Parish Fund Donations:

Altar Server Scholarship Fund:

James & Georgie Losack in memory of Lydia Scianna.

Team Halo: As October has been officially proclaimed National Pregnancy & Infant Loss Awareness Month, **Team Halo** is planning a special memorial mass for babies lost through miscarriage, stillbirth, and infant death on Sunday, October 3, at 9 a.m. Anyone who has been affected by this loss is invited to join us as we plan a beautiful mass and possible butterfly release to honor and remember our angels. For more information, call Cheryl at 832-595-8860.

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 Rothen at 979-282-9646.

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



Flowers for the Altar:

Ken Lewis in memory of Alicia Lewis.

St. Mary's Catholic Center at Texas A&M University in College Station invites incoming freshman and transfer students to the 2010 Welcome Weekend Retreat, Friday, August 27 through Sunday, August 29. Welcome Weekend is a great way to start college life, learn about the dynamic Catholic presence at TAMU and make new friends. For more information or to register, call 979-846-5717 or visit www.aggiecatholic.org/welcomeweekend.

Attention Catholic Students of Texas A&M University or Blinn College and Their Parents: If you will attend Texas A&M University in College Station or Blinn College in Bryan in the fall, or are the parent of such a student, St. Mary's Catholic Center would like to hear from you! You may be eligible to win a scholarship for tuition and fees for the Spring 2011 semester. Please contact Debra Richmond (drichmond@aggiecatholic.org) or Angie Cooper (acooper@aggiecatholic.org); or call 979-846-5717 to find out more about the Aggie Catholic Network.

The Pastoral Institute classes for August are listed on the bulletin board.

You 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 check www.victoriadiocese.org and register online.

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@cvetx.com); **Deacon John McCourt** (johnmc16@verizon.net).

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.

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Holy Cross Bazaar – Sunday, October 10 – Riverside Hall

More Bazaar News: We want to **thank** the following for donating **Raffle** items for this year: Ray & Frances Dusek & Syl & Mary Ann Kramr donated a Homemade Queen Size Quilt; Anonymous donation of a BBQ Package; Oscar & Agnes Litvik donated a Gift Certificate to Vacek's Hardware; Frank & Gloria Buxkemper donated a Gift Certificate to Walmart & Vincek's Smokehouse; Ed & Judy Schneider donated a Gift Certificate to Target; Bennie & Martha Janik donated a Gift Certificate to Kroger; Lillian Karasek donated a Gift Certificate to Vincek's Smokehouse & HEB; Albert & Margaret Smaistrila donated a Gift Certificate to Vacek's Hardware; Dale Wicke donated a Ruger 10/22 RB Rifle.

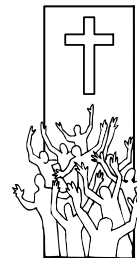
Thank you all very much!

Remember, if you wish to donate an item, just contact the Chairmen Bill or Janet Dirba at 335-6007 or David or Susan Tomchesson at 335-4883, and you may bring the item in October or before, or make arrangements to have the item picked up. Raffle Tickets are printed in August. Thank you so much for your help!

Auction Items Needed – keep in mind – Bazaar coming soon! Thank you!

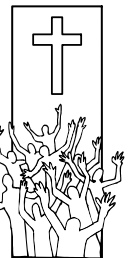
GOF & CDA Baby Shower:

Please place your new baby & mother-to-be gifts wrapped & labeled along with any other unwrapped slightly used items to the crib in front of the Blessed Mother this weekend, or contact Monica Kubena for drop off times.



GOF Registration Forms Available

Families may pick up their registration envelopes in the church vestibule. All envelopes will be mailed August 2. Please return forms by August 10. Extra forms are available.



The Sacrament of Marriage: Implications for Catechetical Ministry will be presented by Reverend Gary Janak, pastor of St. Philip Church in El Campo, Thursday, August 12, 2010 at the Chancery from 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided. RSVP by Friday, August 6 to Patsy Krenek, 335-4071 or hcreled@elc.net.

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.

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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!

