



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH
Father Donald Ruppert, Pastor
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AUGUST 1, 2010 – EIGHTEENTH 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 2	No Service
Tuesday 3	No Service
Wednesday 4	6:00 PM + Cecilia Valigura
Thursday 5	7:00 AM + John Garza
Friday 6	7:00 AM CDA State Scholarship Memorial
Saturday 7	5:00 PM + Timmy Kramr
Sunday 8	7:00 AM + Sylvester & Bernice Twardowski
	9:00 AM Parishioners
	11:00 AM + Stella Chernohorsky



WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS CHURCH!

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

Thursday – 7 a.m. – Lane Kolafa, Blake Whitley
 Friday – 7 a.m. – Jayci Potts, Nathan Anders

Saturday, August 7 – 5:00 P.M. Mass

Servers: Daniel & Rebecca Garza, Tricia Polak
 Lector: Janice Polak
 Ushers: K. Wicke & T. Baranowski Family
 Eucharist: Host-Thomas P. Vacek
 Cup-Robert & Patricia Michulka, Daniel & Cindy Garza

Sunday, August 8 – 7:00 A.M. Mass

Servers: Cody Ognoskie, Alex Fortenberry, Eric Pribyl
 Lector: Ken Stavinoha
 Ushers: Syl Kramr & Charlie Minks
 Eucharist: Host-Dennis Polak
 Cup-Brenda Polak, Doris Brandes

Sunday, August 8 – 9:00 A.M. Mass

Servers: Garrett & Justin Polak, Taylor Perez
 Lector: Marvin Adamek
 Ushers: Kenneth Bohacek Family
 Eucharist: Host-Daniel Pesek
 Cup-Helen Pesek, Henriette Jalowy, Mary Ann Morse, Al Smaistrila

Sunday, August 8 – 11:00 A.M. Mass

Servers: Jack Delmar, Jonathan Hlavinka, Justin McGuire
 Lector: Monica Kubena
 Ushers: Chris Morse Family
 Eucharist: Host-Gerald Mica
 Cup-Natalie Mica, Gloria Demny, Donna Cavness, Lance Rejsek



Mass Attendance Last Weekend: 687

Your Gift to God Last Weekend: \$4,236.05
 Parish Development: \$943.00

Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for:
 Debbie & Ashley Orsak in memory of Jerry F. & Mary Ann Orsak.

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, J.D., Gwen Danley, Selia Delgado, Roy Demny, Terri Dipple, Bernadette Dodge, Katherine Drews, Katlyn Dujka, Eva Dusek, Helen Dusek, Joyce 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, Eugenia Kulhanek, Oscar Litvik, Archie & Jeremy Lopez, Barbara Lopez, Vincente Lopez, Charlie Macha, Louise Macha, Jake Marik, Joe Marik, Pati Marik, Baby Ryder Gage Martinez, Hope Martinez, Madison Matula, Karen Meinardus, Charlie Michulka, Judith Michulka, Syl Michulka, Leona Milder, Sandy Crane Miller, Joe Minks, Sr., Hedwig Mitchon, Janie Montalbo, Mary Montalvo, Margaret Kelnor 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., Baby Owen Michael Shaw, Dan Sklar, Agnes Smaistrła, Greg Smaistrła, 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 to add someone to the list.

We pray for the soul of Gabriel Tovar, Sr. who passed away last week. Please keep his family in your prayers.

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:

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

August 8: Charles Bucek, Joey Pitman, Jeannie Kemp

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: Patsy Krenek, Arnalynn Kellner, Susie Hillmann, Jeannie Kemp

KJT & KJZT meet on the second Tuesday of the month, August 10th at 7:30 p.m. at Riverside Hall. Please call Big Ed Marik at 335-6402 (KJT) or Sophie Korenek at 335-4873 (KJZT).

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

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 – Hosted by Catholic Life Branch #95
Thank you!**

**Parish Fund Donations: To Holy Cross Church:
Ted & Barbara Lewis 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.**

Start saving your 1-gallon clean plastic milk jugs for the cemetery! We will put out collection boxes on September 1. Thank you!

GOF & CDA Baby Shower - Thank You to All who donated much needed baby items! Remember donations are accepted throughout the year for this most worthy cause. Call Monica Kubena for info.



Flowers for the Altar:

Paul Kulhanek in memory of Gwen Kulhanek.

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!



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 in church if you are not registered. We look forward to seeing you!

The Pastoral Institute classes for August:

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

What is the Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA)?

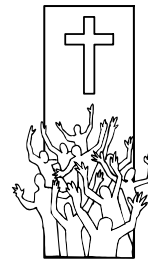
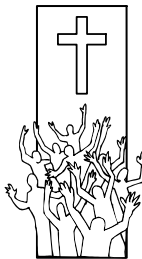
The Diocesan Services Appeal is an annual fund raising campaign that provides virtually all the funds needed for the operation of the diocese. Please respond to your letter and help where you are able.

"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)

ARE YOU REGISTERED?

It is important that we keep our membership records up-to-date. Catholics regularly attending

Holy Cross Church should register as members of the parish. If you are new to the area and have not yet registered please take time to do so. You can register by stopping by the church office or call 979/335-7551. Anyone who has an address change or moves out of the parish should also contact the office so that the change can be recorded.



Holy Cross Bazaar – Sunday, October 10 – Riverside Hall

More Bazaar News: We want to **thank** the following for donating **Raffle** items for this year: James & Debbie Dusek donated a 2 piece Globe Crystal Candle Holder, a Plate Rack with 2 plates, Crystal Candle Holders, all from the Czech Republic. Also an Elk Country Throw, Pride of the Lakes Throw, America the Beautiful Throw, 27" Metal Wall Clock, Rustic Antlers & Pinecone Base Lamp; Pat Fordyce donated a Gift Certificate to Walmart; Roman & Georgie Sliva donated a Gift Certificate to Walmart; Bosco & Mary Hillmann donated a Gift Certificate; Don & Delores Pietsch donated a Gift Certificate; Dwayne & Karen Juergens donated a Visa Gift Certificate; Angeline Grigar donated a Gift Certificate to Kovanovic's Meat Market; Frank & Evelyn Kramr donated a Gift Certificate to B&K Furniture, Vacek's Hardware, & Vincek's Smokehouse; Bubba & Doris Brandes donated a Gift Certificate to B & K Furniture; Ronnie & Marilyn Horelica donated a Gift Certificate to Walmart; Don and Gloria Demny donated 2 sets of 2 Houston Livestock Rodeo Tickets; Joel Torres & Margie Hoehn donated a Rustic Texas Bench.

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. **Last week to donate a Raffle item** since Raffle Tickets are printed in August. Thank you so much for all of your help!

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

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.