



**HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**Father Donald Ruppert, Pastor**  
**335-7551 – Rectory**  
**335-4071 – Convent**

**AUGUST 8, 2010 – NINETEENTH 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 9	No Service
Tuesday 10 6:00 PM	KJT & KJZT
Wednesday 11 7:00 AM	+ Shirley Wilkerson
Thursday 12 7:00 AM	+ Msgr. James Brunner
Friday 13 7:00 AM	Christian Mothers
Saturday 14 5:00 PM	+ Bernadette Reed
Sunday 15 7:00 AM	Parishioners
9:00 AM	+ Lydia Scianna
11:00 AM	+ Evelyn & Pete Kucera



**WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS CHURCH!**

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY**

Wednesday – 7 a.m. – Bo Berry, Bradley Berry  
 Thursday – 7 a.m. – Rachel Polak, Lane Kolafa  
 Friday – 7 a.m. – Hallye Mica, Blake Whitley

**Saturday, August 14 – 5:00 P.M. Mass**

Servers: Alyssa & Erica Reyes, Cody Lehmann  
 Lector: Susan Walters  
 Ushers: Lance Potts Family  
 Eucharist: Host-Helen Mica  
 Cup-Dorothy Twardowski, Mary Ann Morse, Al Smaistrila, Ann Kramr

**Sunday, August 15 – 7:00 A.M. Mass**

Servers: Kacee Krenek, Katie Kubes, Sarah Sims  
 Lector: Helen Mica  
 Ushers: Albert Smaistrila Family  
 Eucharist: Host-Cynthia Dusek  
 Cup-Janie Mendez, Jo Ann Preisler

**Sunday, August 15– 9:00 A.M. Mass**

Servers: Mary Demny, Tyler Kurtz, Tyler Vasut  
 Lector: Jerry Smaistrila  
 Ushers: Jodie Smaistrila Family  
 Eucharist: Host-Todd Swoboda  
 Cup-Ed Vacek, Mary Ann Tichacek, Clint & Jennifer Coker

**Sunday, August 15 – 11:00 A.M. Mass**

Servers: Austin Henry, Jared Rejsek, Elyssa Delgado  
 Lector: Stephen Hlavinka  
 Ushers: Daniel Pilcik Family  
 Eucharist: Host-Eric Youngblood  
 Cup-David Pless, Yvonne Naiser, Pete Lopez, Lance Rejsek



**Mass Attendance Last Weekend: 776**

**Your Gift to God Last Weekend: \$4,626.71**  
 Parish Development: \$736.00

**Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for:**

Frank & Gloria Buxkemper in honor of Jeffrey Kalina & Sara Crow Wedding.

**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, Rudy Barta, Gene & Janet Bartos, Margie Bartos, Ed Bartosh, Andy Bouse, Jerri Brezik, Samuel Britton, Bubba Broesche, 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, Kalyn 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 Johec, Ruthie Johec, Debbie Jones, Jeanette Kalina, Annie Kalinowski, Chris King, Leslie King Quinnell, Karen Klecka, 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, Patsy Marik, Baby Ryder Gage Martinez, Hope Martinez, Karen Meinardus, Charlie Michulka, Syl Michulka, Leona Milder, Sandy Crane Miller, Joe Minks, Sr., Hedwig Mitchon, 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, Marilyn Powers, Shirley Powers, Susan Prazak, Simon Ramirez, Stanley Rejsek, Mildred Repka, Thomas Rieger, Rufino Rivera, Sam Rubio, Sr., Tom Rutkowski, 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, Clif Williamson.  
Please call or email to add someone to the list.

***We pray for the souls of August Kutach & Simon Kucera who passed away last week. Please keep their families in your prayers.***

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

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**Communion to the Homes:**

**August 8:** Charles Bucek, Joey Pitman, Jeannie Kemp

**August 15:** Bill & Bernice Cavness, Evelyn Kramr, Janelle Barta

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:** Sylvia Preisler, Gerry Orsak, Irene Haas, Veronica Pace, Mary Ann Shelton

**KJT & KJZT** meet on the second Tuesday of the month, August 10<sup>th</sup> 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. 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

**Holy Cross Festival of Yorktown** – Sunday, September 12 – BBQ Beef & Sausage

**Holy Cross Bazaar – Sunday, October 10 – Riverside Hall**

**Parish Fund Donations:**

**Cemetery Fund:** Ed & Judy Schneider in memory of Della Chmelik, Lois Sands, Julia Kainer, Mary Kucera, & Lydia Scianna.

**Scholarship Fund:** St. Anne's Society KJZT #30 in memory of Grace Polak Wooley.

**Vocation Fund:** Ray & Lillian Marek in memory of August J. Kutach.

**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.



**Come join us to pray THE HOLY ROSARY TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA on the 13<sup>th</sup> of each month – August 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 personal intentions.

**JCDA News** – JCDA will be hosting a cake raffle fundraiser at all masses starting **August 15<sup>th</sup>** through the end of the month. Thanks in advance for your continued support!!

**JCDA Summer Outing** – JCDA will be traveling to Splashway on Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. All active 2009-2010 members are invited to attend. Please contact Jennifer Coker (335-6454) or Janice Polak (335-4029) if you would like to participate.

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

**KJT Youth Scholarship Fund Raiser – Sunday, August 22**

Chicken Fried Chicken - \$8 per plate – Drive thru only at Holy Cross Religious Ed parking lot – Please contact Gloria Buxkemper at 335-7318 for tickets or more info.



**Flowers for the Altar:**

Paul Kulhanek in memory of Gwen Kulhanek.

**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!

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

### **To be with Mary in heaven**

Some days we'd like to be assumed into heaven with Mary and avoid life's pain. Until our days are spent, however, our vocation must focus on this earth, saying as she said "Be it done unto me according to Your will." May this feast day remind us not only of Mary's Assumption into Heaven, but also of her blessed obedience and willingness to serve right where she was. May her example light our road as we travel toward the day we rejoin her in heaven.

### **An image of our resurrection**

Because of Jesus Christ, death is no longer fearsome. We can look past death to a life of eternal happiness with the Father. And Mary, our model, who was assumed body and soul into heaven, enjoys now what we have been promised. As we consider our future resurrection, we look first to her Son, Jesus, but also to Mary, to en flesh for us the meaning and plan of the Divine. She is "one of us" and we look to her with love. We ask her intercession on our behalf when we face our death. We can picture her, present body and soul in heaven, as we say the Nicene Creed:

"We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come."

## **Holy Cross Bazaar – Sunday, October 10 – Riverside Hall**

**More Bazaar News:** We want to **thank** the following for donating **Raffle** items for this year: Agnes Polak donated HP Home Photo Studio Camera & Printer; Greg & Joyce Losack Family donated Prayer Stones & Easel Sets; Ronnie & Joey Pitman, John & Monica Kubena, Pat & Melanie Persyn, Greg & Sandy Valigura donated a Gift Certificate to Walmart; John & Monica Kubena donated a Jack LaLane Power Juicer; Anonymous Gift Certificate to Walmart; Helen Mica donated a Gift Certificate to Vacek's Hardware and Vincek's Smokehouse; Dennis & Dianne Viktorin donated a Gift Certificate to Kohl's; Joe & Marilyn Sodolak, owners of the Picket Fence, donated a Cub International Lawn Mower; Loretta Marshall, Leon Jasek, Ambrose & Albina Jasek donated a Gift Certificate to Walmart; Sheila Bohacek donated a Gift Basket of Chic Products; Alice Valigura Melancon donated a Crocheted Afghan in memory of Cecilia Valigura; Alvin J. & Estelle Barta donated a Gift Certificate to Walmart; Debbie Orsak, Pat & Stephanie Orsak, Jerry & Joyce Orsak, Matthew Orsak, Ronnie Orsak, Harlan & Shirley Gibson, all donated a Lawn & Garden Wagon; Kenneth & Karen McCain donated a Gift Certificate to Best Buy; Chip & Mary Ann Shelton donated a Gift Certificate to Academy; Charlie & Agnes Minks donated a Gift Certificate to Walmart; Jodie & Jerry Smaistrila donated a Gift Certificate to HEB; Rudy & Janelle Barta donated a Visa Gift Card; Rosalie & Sarah Chernohorsky donated a Gift Certificate to Best Buy; Lance & Karen Rejsek donated a Gift Certificate to Creative Impressions & Vincek's Smokehouse; Garden Package from EB Gardeners (all names to be put in at a later time).

**Thank you all very much for all your great donations! We could not have such wonderful Raffle Prizes if not for your generous donations.**

**Bazaar Meat Donation:** Pete Lopez - \$75.00. Thank you very much!

J.A. Szymanski & John & Edie Szymanski made a \$500.00 donation to the **Bazaar Fund**. Thank you so much for your donation!

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



**Our top Raffle Prize will be a \$3,500 trip through Seewee's Travel in Richmond!**

The donors for that are: Fr. Don Ruppert, Dennis & Brenda Polak, Gary & Patsy Krenek, Robert & Patricia Michulka, and 3 anonymous donors. Thank you all very much!

## 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.

**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!



## 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.