



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH
Father Donald Ruppert, Pastor
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AUGUST 29, 2010—TWENTY-SECOND 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 30		No Service
Tuesday 31	6:00 PM	+ Alfred Minks
Wednesday 1	7:00 AM	+ Bernard Rychlik
Thursday 2	7:00 AM	+ Ann Montagino
Friday 3	7:00 AM	CDA State Scholarship Memorial
Saturday 4	5:00 PM	+ Jake Allen Wittig
Sunday 5	7:00 AM	+ Norberto Rosas
	9:00 AM	+ Ed Stelzel
	11:00 AM	Parishioners

WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS CHURCH!

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

Wednesday – 7 a.m. – Rachel Polak, Blake Whitley
 Thursday – 7 a.m. – Jayci Potts, Elyssa Delgado
 Friday – 7 a.m. – Lane Kolafa, Nathan Anders

Saturday, September 4 – 5:00 P.M. Mass

Servers: Jack Delmar, Nathan & Matthew Tovar
 Lector: Janice Polak
 Ushers: Ed Schneider & Volunteers
 Eucharist: Host-Dennis Viktorin
 Cup-Dianne Viktorin, Mary Ann Morse, Melinda Alvarado, Karen Moszkowicz

Sunday, September 5 – 7:00 A.M. Mass

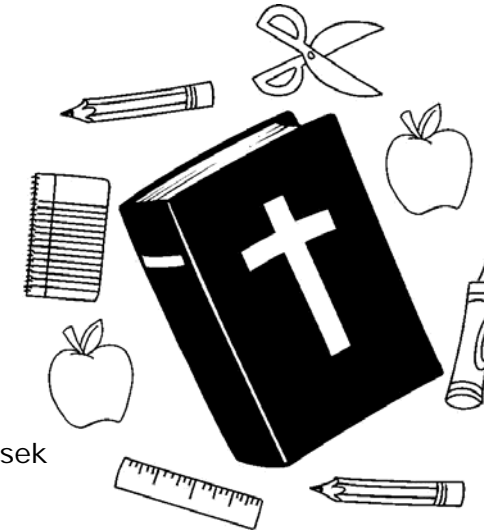
Servers: Tyler & Blain Sulak, Jonathan Hlavinka
 Lector: Daniel Orsak
 Ushers: Jody Fucik Family
 Eucharist: Host-Ken Stavinoha
 Cup-Doris Brandes, Janie Mendez

Sunday, September 5– 9:00 A.M. Mass

Servers: Garrett & Justin Polak, Taylor Perez
 Lector: Todd Swoboda
 Ushers: Bill Cavness Family
 Eucharist: Host-Daniel Garza
 Cup-Cindy Garza, Daniel & Helen Pesek, Lance Rejsek

Sunday, September 5 – 11:00 A.M. Mass

Servers: Justin McGuire, Kacee Krenek, Katie Kubes
 Lector: Monica Kubena
 Ushers: Ed Wasek Family
 Eucharist: Host-Gloria Demny
 Cup-Tim & Lora Faltysek, Donna Cavness, Ann Kramr



Mass Attendance Last Weekend: 778

Your Gift to God Last Weekend: \$4,585.87
 Parish Development: \$821.00

Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for:

Gary & Patsy Krenek in memory of August & Rosalie Jasek & Cathy Wicke.

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, Margie Bartos, Gene & Janet Bartosh, 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, Donna Delgado, Selia Delgado, Roy Demny, Terri Dipple, Bernadette Dodge, Katherine Drews, 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, Angeline Grigar, Adrian Gubert, Frances Hadash, Tillie Haedge, Don Hamil, 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, Ambrose Jasek, Mary Johech, Ruthie Johech, Debbie Jones, Jeanette Kalina, Annie Kalinowski, Chris King, Leslie King Quinnell, Karen Klecka, Rudy Klecka, Judy Kolafa, Felix Korenek, Bessie Kramr, 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, Seth Potts, 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 Sodolak, 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, Cecil Wondrash. Please call or email to add someone to the list.

We pray for the souls of Joe F. Chmelik & Mary Mieth (sister of Tillie Haedge) who passed away last week. Please keep their families 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 29: Marvin Adamek, Mary Ann Morse, Monica Kubena

September 5: Tim & Lora Faltysek, Dennis & Dianne Viktorin, Ann Kramr

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

Altar Society: Monica Bubela, Patsy Talas

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

Second Collection:

September 4th & 5th – Retired & Needy Priests of the Diocese

KJT, ST. WENCESLAUS, SOC. #40 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATIONS IN MEMORY OF JOE CHMELIK: EDWIN C. (BIG ED) MARIK, RAYMOND & MARY HENNECKE, KJT, ST. WENCESLAUS, SOC. #40.



Flowers for the Altar:

Tommie & Joyce Baranowski in honor of their 30th Wedding Anniversary.



Parish Bible Study of First Corinthians to begin August 31, at 7 p.m. in the Education Bldg. The conflicts of the early Christians in Corinth are in many ways similar to our struggles today as Christians.

In First Corinthians:

The Church and the Christian Community, you will:

Learn how to live a Christian life in the midst of a pagan culture.

See St. Paul's strategy for successful evangelization.

Discover a new vision for seeing the body as a temple of the Holy Spirit.

Discover the practical dimensions of love that create strong communities.

See how the sacrifice of Christ is truly made present in the Eucharist.

Discover the importance of Christian unity in relation to the Church as the Body of Christ.

Everyone is welcome! No experience necessary!

ACT NOW -- Membership drive before and after all masses on August 28 & 29. We will have membership forms and will be taking orders for t-shirts. Please stop by and sign up!! ACT NOW is for all high school students - freshman thru seniors. There will also be forms available in the back of church and in Coach Susie Walters room at school.

ACT NOW - Our first meeting and mass is scheduled for September 12 starting at 11am mass and then going over to the RE building for lunch & a meeting. Our new leadership team is planning a fun filled year! Watch the bulletin for updates!

KJT St. Wenceslaus Society #40 will sponsor a Pastry Raffle after weekend masses during the month of September. The proceeds will be donated to:

Seminarians Timothy Wysocki (son of Eugene & Theresa Wysocki) and Stephen Vacek (son of Tommy & Donna Vacek).

The KJT State Office will match funds up to \$250.00.

Sign up sheet to donate a pastry is in the front entrance of the church. Contact Chairperson Carolyn Pilcik at 335-4861. Thanks for your support.

Parish Fund Donations:

Cemetery Fund: Daniel & Geraldine Macha in memory of Ann Montagino.

Music Fund: Mike & Arnalynn Kellner in memory of A.J. Kutach.

Vocation Fund: Ray & Lillian Marek in memory of Mary J. Mieth.

H2O project update - As you may remember the community of East Bernard, led by the ACT NOW youth, raised over \$8000 to help fund a well for an African country. This was enough money to completely fund a well - from beginning preparation to follow up. We found out last week that the well is going to be in Kenya and is in preliminary stages of development. The actual drilling will not happen until November. At some point in the near future we will have more details to share about the village and a website you can visit to view pictures! So thank you Camille Mica for the vision! And to Trisha Polak for her assistance. Thank you to **everyone** who contributed to this amazing outreach! It really will change lives.

Polka Mass Saturday, September 25 at 5 p.m.
Practices will be 2 Mondays before at 7 p.m.

KJZT News:

The Catholic Family Fraternal of Texas, K.J.Z.T. state office are collecting recipes for a new cookbook. Each member of the organization can turn in one recipe. This is for all adult, social, and junior members. The deadline is October 31, 2010.

Do not turn in a recipe that was printed in the other cookbook because it will not be printed. Please send the recipe to: Catholic Family Fraternal of Texas - K.J.Z.T.
Attn: Cookbook
P.O.Box 18896
Austin, Tx 78760

Please include your name and your society number with the recipe.

Area Bazaars:

Sacred Heart Picnic – Sunday, September 5 – Hallettsville – Fried Chicken & Stew
Shiner Picnic – Sunday, September 5 – Stew, Fried Chicken, Sausage
Holy Cross Festival of Yorktown – Sunday, September 12 – BBQ Beef & Sausage
Holy Cross Bazaar – **Sunday, October 10 – Riverside Hall**



Wanted: 1000 Empty Milk Jugs: Please bring your 1-gal plastic milk jugs used to hold the candles that illuminate the cemetery on All Soul's Day. Collection boxes at the Convent & at Fr. Don's garage. This is a beautiful tradition we want to continue.

SAVE YOUR 1-GAL MILK BOTTLES

Calling All Those...

....Who are committed to their faith and who are willing to sacrifice their time twice a month to teach children, teens, and adults about the Catholic faith!

No classroom experience is required! All you need is a willingness to grow, learn and serve others.



Need a good Reason to become a Catechist....?

- You will grow in your own faith, learn the teachings of the Church, and deepen your relationship with Jesus!
- Your baptism calls you to share in Jesus' ministry.
- Children, teens, and adults in today's world, more than ever, need to hear the Good News of Jesus and encounter good role models of faith.
- You'll be helping people deepen their relationship with Jesus (Evangelization!)
- You'll be handing on a 2000-year-old Tradition that changes lives.
- It's our job: Jesus sent us to "go and teach all nations"!

Get involved! We are looking for a few good men and women to share their faith with our parish family this year. Give me a call at 979-335-4071 or email me at hcreled@elc.net
Christ's Blessings, Patsy Krenek

GOF Sessions are Sept 1st & 8th - 6 to 9 p.m.
Event: St. Vincent de Paul –
Topic: Rights & Responsibilities

Holy Cross Bazaar – Sunday, October 10 – Riverside Hall

More Bazaar News:

RAFFLE TICKETS READY FOR PICK UP! PLEASE TAKE YOURS AND TAKE TO YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS! THANK YOU!

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

Posters & Flyers in church – please send to friends, family.
Take to your business places. 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.

JCDA News

Congratulations to the following people who won cakes last weekend: Georgie Wicke, Albert Smaistrila, Daniel Garza, Jr., and Yvonne Naiser. Your support is greatly appreciated!

The first meeting for the new year is scheduled for Wednesday, September 1st from 5 –6 pm in the blue religious education classroom. All Catholic girls ages 6 to 18 are welcome to join us. If you would like more information about JCDA, please contact Jennifer Coker (335-6454) or Janice Polak (335-4029) OR email us at jennifer@gocoker.com.

**Donut Sunday – Today - September 5
Hosted by Junior Catholic Daughters**



Please bring your **Candle wax** to the CDA Meeting or put in the usher's room before Thursday, Sept. 23, as Fr. Webber will be in our area. Thank you!

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)

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.

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.