

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 16, 2016

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 22nd

5 P.M. – Stazie Wagner

Sunday, October 23rd

7 A.M. – Otto, Lydia & Toni Havel

9 A.M. – Elizabeth Korinek

This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Ex 17:8-13; 2 Tim 3:14—4:2; Lk 18:1-8

Your Gift to God: October 9th

Sweet Home	\$1,573
DSA	\$10
Cemetery Fund	\$20
Koerth	\$696
Cemetery Fund	\$15

May God reward your generosity!

Special Collection

A special collection for World Missions will be taken up at all Masses next weekend, October 22-23.

Celebrate the Lord's Abundant Mercy

Each Saturday the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance/Confession) is available from 4:00 P.M. to 4:40 P.M. in the Sweet Home confessional.

All Souls Day Envelopes

Envelopes for All Souls Day can be found in the Church entrance. These intentions will be remembered for a novena of Masses and will remain on the Altar for the month of November. Please drop in the collection basket by the Sunday prior to the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed.

All Souls: Visitation of Cemeteries

There will be blessing of graves at Koerth Cemetery on Sunday, October 30th immediately following the 9:00 A.M. Mass and at Sweet Home Cemetery on Wednesday, November 2nd immediately following the 7:00 A.M. Mass.

Cemetery Flower Reminder

Christmas is just around the corner and it's time to remove those Easter flowers and any old, faded and tattered flowers as to keep things looking in good condition.

Scheduling Mass Intentions

Beginning November 1st the 2017 calendar will be available for scheduling Mass intentions. Remember that the great majority of people want weekend Masses and there are a limited number of weekends. So be aware that not all intentions can be scheduled for weekends--some must be for weekdays. Scheduling can be done at the St. Joseph Pastoral Center during office hours for Sweet Home, Koerth, Hochheim and Yoakum. One should not simply drop a note to the Pastoral Center and assume a particular date is open--important that you speak with the staff to guarantee dates are open before making an assumption.

Feast of All Saints

The Solemnity of All Saints, November 1st, is a holy day of obligation. Mass will be celebrated that day at 6:30 P.M.

All Souls Day

There will be Mass at 7:00 A.M. on Wednesday, November 2nd.

TMIY

Over seventy men have risked deeper involvement in their faith relationship and tried the *That Man Is You* offering we have embarked upon for the men of the parishes. It is never too late! Try it out...put your toe in the water...see if it is for you! Each Wednesday morning the men gather at 6:00 A.M.--breakfast, camaraderie, inspiration/reflection and discussion. All concludes at 7:30 A.M.

Little Orphan Annie

The night of the CCD/Faith Formation "Living Rosary" was a great experience. It did raise an issue that needs to be addressed and has been. Annie (Fr. Sonnier's dog) was in her element with all of the attention the kids were showing her. She has continued to be fed daily (not to mention the numerous good samaritans who have brought her treats each week), receive veterinary care and be looked after. She is 14+ years old and has her share of aches and pains. The prospect arose that should someone--child or adult--in petting her, innocently touch a sore spot or be too rough with her (again innocently), what would be done if she feeling pain should (innocently) snap back or worse? Who assumes the liability for her in these days of a "litigation happy" society? She is a sweet and loving animal and as much joy as she brings so many, the possibilities of something unfortunate happening cannot be overlooked or ignored. Allan Monk has taken her to his home and is looking after her and providing her with continued needed care. This is not to punish her--or deprive others of her presence--but to deal with the reality that provides her continued good care and takes away the uncertain possibilities as she continues to age and have health issues.

Work Continues

Sweet Home: As can be seen already, the Lexan plastic covering on the windows has all been removed and work has progressed repairing the rotted wood in the frames. Soon the framing will be sanded, caulked and painted in preparation for the placement of the new framing system with clear glass. As mentioned previously, the new frames are actual "frames," and allow venting/breathing to keep condensation and moisture from accumulating and causing decay. The previous Lexan was simply caulked in place against the wood and not only discolored/opaque but also assisted in the present decay that must be repaired. The new water well was dug this week and soon will be operational. The existing pumphouse will be relocated to the new well in the process.

Koerth: Work on the tower continues as we await the arrival of the new window frames. Once they arrive and are installed painting will be completed

"Proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient."

Dates to Remember

October 30

Blessing of Graves – Koerth Cemetery
after 9 A.M. Mass in Sweet Home

November 1 - Solemnity of All Saints

Mass – 6:30 P.M.

November 2 – All Souls

Mass – 7 A.M. followed by Blessing of Graves
At Queen of Peace Cemetery

November 12

Baptismal Preparation Class – 9 A.M.
St. Joseph Family Center Meeting Room

Something Different...and Educational/Informative

One of the fruits of discussion that our That Man Is You program concluded is that there are times when you want to see/read/watch/learn something new, positive, insightful, relevant and meaningful and this sort of media is not always readily available. Rather than immersing oneself in meaningless watching reruns, or rehashing all sorts of unseemly things that are so prevalent in our modern technologically driven culture...there are options! The parish is experimenting with a trial subscription to Formed.org. It offers a variety of programs, presentations, stories and reflective offerings to indulge the spiritually beneficial aspect of our lives. As the parish is taking on this trial subscription, all one has to do is go to the site, register your email and input the parish code of **WJKPMW**, and you have access. Give it a try and let us know if you think it is worthwhile! After three months we will evaluate if this is helpful/useful or not.

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Make sure and check out the parish website for Queen of Peace and St. John the Baptist. A few of the historical pictures are there (still looking for pictures of the church interiors) as well as CCD/Faith Formation calendar, registration and weekly bulletin. There is also a link to the diocesan cemetery database for both cemeteries and links to Catholic sites of interest.

*"The Lord will guard you from all evil;
he will guard your life."*

Online Giving

The company that provides our offertory envelopes has the ability to allow "online giving" for those who would want to utilize it. There is a link on the parish website that has more information. It offers the possibility of using this for a one-time gift or for setting up regular giving in place of using envelopes. There is an instructional video that provides extra information posted there as well. The donations/gifts given are deposited directly either in Queen of Peace or St. John the Baptist Church accounts--and can be done by bank transfer, electronic check, or using a credit card--and can be setup for single instance, weekly, monthly, etc.

Cemetery Inquiries

Anyone with questions regarding the Catholic Cemeteries should contact the local representatives for the Cemeteries.

Queen of Peace:

Harvey Matusek & J. O. Hermes

St. John the Baptist:

Gene Velek & Jerry/Joyce Kurtz

They can provide the needed information and help with locating available plots. They will also provide the needed details to complete a purchase/reservation and receive a deed for record purposes.



The Emmaus Center:

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Extending a Listening Heart to Those in Need

Diocesan Transportation Policy & Safe Environment

There needs to be some clarification and reminders about Diocesan Policy and its relation to those who bring Holy Communion to the homebound.

All who bring Holy Communion to the homebound who are family members are exempt from both the Safe Environment and Transportation requirements.

However, anyone bringing Holy Communion to a homebound person – not a family member – must have completed the Transportation Policy and Safe Environment requirements.

For more information, please contact Laurie Jahn at the Pastoral Center in Yoakum. She can be reached at 293-3518 or adminassist@stj catholic church.com.



