

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 23, 2016

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 29th

5 P.M. – Marcus & Diane Janak

Sunday, October 30th

7 A.M. – Frank & Mary Pekar

9 A.M. – Hubert Bujnoch

This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

Your Gift to God: October 16th

Sweet Home	\$1,292
DSA	\$600
Cemetery Fund	\$10
Koerth	\$335

May God reward your generosity!

Special Collection This Weekend

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

Special Collection Next Weekend

A special collection to provide humanitarian aid to those affected by Hurricane Matthew will be taken up at all Masses next weekend, October 29-30.

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.

"I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith."

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.

"God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, and entrusting to us the message of salvation."

Renovation Work Update

Koerth-bound folks will have already noticed the historic point-of-reference in the sky as the steeple is back perched in its same location and height. The supports have been replaced, the crow's nest has had a floor put in with the bronze bell sitting back in place, and work has commenced with the exterior framing in preparation for the siding. The interior has been caulked and we are awaiting the arrival of the windows. The original church setup included two smaller windows in the choir loft that were removed due to rot at the time the porch was added. We are replacing the loft windows according to what was originally there to reclaim the exterior look and add more natural light. Pew restoration continues as they are stripped of the cream and the underlying grey paint and have a natural stain applied. They are being disassembled and the nails are being replaced with small screws in the same holes to prevent adding extra holes. The seats are being strengthened through being leveled and tightened--and the kneelers are getting new cushioning and hardware to hold them in place. Examples of the deep rot found in the structural supports have been kept around the entrance porch area for those curious to see just how deteriorated the structural supports had become...built in 1888 it has held together well and with this added reinforcement, should give many, many years to come.

Sweet Home Church window work continues. While awaiting the new exterior frames the rotten sections of the existing wood has been replaced and the windows are being scraped and caulked/sealed. A good number on the rectory side of the church have already been painted to match the church trimwork. The rectory work began last week and will progress over the next couple of months. At present mold and mildew issues, rotted window frames and plumbing work is beginning. Electrical wiring (existing wiring is a combination of original insulators and cloth wiring and more recent wiring in the walls) will need to be addressed. Although just "getting going," there is still a ways to go. It's a solid old Home that needs to be updated for safety as well as helping achieve better efficiency and a healthy interior living environment.

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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.

Priesthood Sunday

Next Sunday is Priesthood Sunday. Serra USA designates the last Sunday in October as a time when we express our appreciation for all that our priests do for us. Our local Serra Club in the Hallettsville area has sponsored a program, approved by Bishop Brendan and your pastor, in which all the priests' names in the Victoria Diocese are placed in a basket. Each person draws a name and keeps that priest in his or her prayer intentions for a year. In our prayer for vocations "we pray especially for our religious, keep them close to you." Now is your chance to take something out of the basket. All their names are included in our program so all of them can benefit from our prayers.

FORMED.org

We are approaching the end of the first month of our "trial run" with FORMED.org. There have been a number of parish family members that have signed up for at least a peak. More need to sign in and utilize this offering so that the subscription is justified and worthwhile. This offering especially could be helpful with catechisms in Faith Formation. We will continue subscribing for another month and then evaluate if it is being utilized. The login code is: **WJKPMW**.

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.

"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

Respect Life



John Paul II Healing Center Event

As our Jubilee Year of Mercy draws to a close, experience God's mercy in a special way! Register now for **Healing the Whole Person Conference** to be held at Holy Family Catholic Church in Victoria on November 10th (6:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m.), November 11th (8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.), & November 12th (8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon). The event will be presented by Dr. Bob Schuchts, author of *Be Healed*, and the team from the John Paul II Healing Center in Tallahassee Florida. The cost of \$159 includes conference materials meals. Visit www.jp2healingcenter.org for more information or to register. Offline – If you are unable to register online, please contact Ray Beth Sills at 361-573-5304 ext. 208 or via email at rsills@hfccvic.org

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.

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 6

Daylight Savings Time Ends

November 12

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



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