

# Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

## September 3, 2017

### Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>

5 P.M. – Sweet Home – Louis & Emma Wick &  
Deceased Children

Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>

7 A.M. – Sweet Home – Charles & Victoria Motal,  
John & Betty Stasny

9 A.M. – Koerth – Living & Deceased Members of  
the John & Lucille Jalufka Family

### Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week for the victims of Hurricane Harvey.

### This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

### 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.

### Parish Office Schedule

The Pastoral Center will be closed tomorrow, Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup> for the Labor Day holiday and reopen at 8:00 A.M. on Tuesday.

### Relief Effort Second Collection

The U.S. Bishops have called for a nationwide special collection to be taken up to assist with Hurricane Relief. There will be a second collection next weekend at all Masses to assist in this very worthy and needed cause.

### Baptismal Preparation Class

The next class of Baptismal Preparation will be next Saturday, **September 9<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00 A.M. in the St. Joseph Family Center Meeting Room.

### Helping the Local Area Hurricane Relief

For those who would like to donate to the Hurricane Relief and Recovery effort, one may go directly to the diocesan website where there is already a fund setup:

[www.victoriadiocese.org/donate-hurricane-relief](http://www.victoriadiocese.org/donate-hurricane-relief).

### CCD Staff Meeting

There will be a brief CCD planning meeting for teachers and volunteers for the upcoming CCD year. It will held on **Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M.** at the Sweet Home Parish Hall.

### Faith Formation/CCD

Faith Formation/CCD classes begin this **Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>**. Classes will be from 6:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. and all classes will be at Sweet Home School. The CCD calendar can be downloaded from the website.

### Safe Environment Continuing Education

As part of the Church's commitment to the ongoing education concerning Safe Environment, the second Wednesday of CCD, **September 13<sup>th</sup>** will be the annual ongoing education for the protection of minors. All parents are welcomed to attend classes that evening with the students.

### Raffle Tickets

Extra Raffle tickets can be found in the entryways of both Churches. The raffle is a great way to get the ball rolling towards picnic success. Sell your raffle tickets!!!

## Lifting Up In Prayer

In view of the extreme hardships so many have been afflicted with due to Hurricane Harvey, let us not forget to lift up our brothers and sisters suffering the continued reality of life after the storm as they begin to seek to put their lives back together. It has been beyond imagination the extreme suffering and hardships this storm has imposed on so many who have been displaced, suffered losses and now must seek to rebuild. May their faith--and our prayers--give them reassurance and strength. There will be many ways that we can assist with donations--such as through Catholic Charities. As this is going to be a very long period of rebuilding and starting over for thousands, we will have ample opportunity to pitch in with ways we can help.

## Aftermath

Thankfully the storm did not do any major damage to the parish facilities in Sweet Home and Koerth. In Sweet Home there was a small leak on the rear of the rectory where the "addition" joins the original house. Koerth Church entrance faces the direction of the wind and rain--and some water did get into the front porch underneath the metal of the doors. The doors have been adjusted so many times since their install some 35+ years ago that replacements have been on order since the time of the recent renovation. They simply had not been installed yet. Hopefully soon this work will be done. The Koerth tower did have a small amount of water--perhaps from the wind/rain and the louvres--drip in the choir loft. The contractor has already been contacted to look into it when they come to do the front door work--another good reason to work to make the Picnic a real success. The windows held out wonderfully--there were no leaks or water seepage around them. The parish hall restroom did get a fair amount of leakage--down the walls--and anyone who has been in there in the past ten+ years is familiar with the wall paneling having been peeling and falling due to years of water damage. The Koerth Cemetery had a couple of the very old trees take a hit--one uprooting and one falling on the fence line. As soon as it is dry enough this will be take care of hopefully. In light of this "minor" damage we can add this to our many reasons to be thankful for the limited ways in which our communities were affected--especially in light of others in our diocese and state that have borne unimaginable hardships and tragedy.

## September 24<sup>th</sup> Picnic

We are in need of items for the Parish Picnic--as one might expect. Call Allan Monk at (361) 772-1801 or Bill Reardon at (361) 550-0844 who are chairing the event if you have questions. As someone brought this issue up at the Picnic Planning meeting concerning livestock and the auction--as was done at last year's picnic--if you would like to donate cattle to the auction they would be a welcome addition. So that someone doesn't have to be "minding" the trailer, just put together a poster/paper with pictures and details about the animals and that will be set out for folks to see before the auction. We need everyone's help to make the Picnic on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> a success. Step forward and volunteer!

## Picnic Country Store

Items for the Picnic Country Store are needed. Homemade (bread, noodles, candy, etc.), baked and canned goods (pickles, jellies, etc.), handwork (crocheted, embroidery, sewn items, etc.), crafts, plants and produce are top sellers. No garage sale items or used small appliances. Please price all items except baked and canned goods. These will be priced the day of the picnic. All items except baked goods may be dropped off at the hall Saturday morning during set-up. Baked goods should be delivered Sunday morning. **NOTE:** All food items must have a list of the ingredients attached to the product.

## Volunteers Needed

Our Parish Picnic is just 4 weeks away and we need everyone's help in making the Annual Parish Picnic a huge success. Allan Monk (772-1801) and Bill Reardon (361-550-0844) are our co-chairs. Pitch in and get involved in the support of your parishes! Remember, *"It is more blessed to give than to receive."*



*Join Bishop Brendan Cahill  
and God's Embrace Ministries  
on a "Lead Me Retreat"  
September 8-10!!*

God's Embrace Ministries invites you to join Bishop Brendan Cahill for a weekend retreat experience on **"Lead Me into the Deep, Lord"**. Come from wherever you are to experience a deeper walk with Jesus. Retreat will be held at the **Spiritual Renewal Center** located at 718 Gussie Schmidt Road, Victoria, TX. Weekend begins 5:00 P.M. Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, and concludes with 11:00 A.M. Mass on Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup>. Open to men and women, but space is limited. Cost: \$450 for married couples or \$250 for singles. **Pre-registration** required online at

**Now Is The Time of Mercy!**

**"Divine Mercy Is The Second Greatest Story Ever Told"** is a dramatic 10-session journey featuring best-selling author Father Michael Gaitley, MIC.

Father Gaitley weaves a tapestry of wonder and beauty from the threads of the dramatic history of Poland, the transformative message of St. Faustina Kowalska, the prophetic apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, the powerful witness of St. Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope Saint John Paul II.

Classes will be held on Sundays from 6:30 – 8:00 P.M. in the St. Joseph Family Center starting **September 10<sup>th</sup> through November 12<sup>th</sup>**. The book for the class is \$11.00. To register please contact the parish office at 293-3518. Checks should be made payable to St. Joseph Parish.

Please contact Ashley Hermes at 361-293-0700 for more information.

**Lectors and Ushers Needed**

We are still in need of more folks to step forward and assist with the roles of lector and ushers at Mass. there have been a few times when no ushers "step" forward and others scramble to pitch in. These are not difficult tasks and they are a service to the liturgy and to our parish.

**An "Informed" Decision**

Most will remember the "old days" when an adult who wanted to be baptized or received into the Church would undergo several meetings with Father then "become" Catholic. The Church wants those who consider joining it to be as informed as possible about what "they are getting themselves into." The best way to get a good and broad overview of the Church and its teachings is the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.). **It begins on September 10<sup>th</sup>**, meets weekly (except holidays) and concludes at Easter when the candidates receive all of their Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation). If you have been thinking about joining the Church or know someone who has always said that they are eventually going to become a Catholic, now is the time to encourage them to take the next step. For more information contact Deacon Dennis Kutach at (361)741-2657 or at [deacon@stj catholicchurch.com](mailto:deacon@stj catholicchurch.com). R.C.I.A. classes are held at the St. Joseph Family Center Meeting Room in Yoakum.

**Join the fun!**

**Join Cub Scouting!**

Cub Scouting is designed for boys in the 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grades. It combines outdoor activities, sports, academics, and more in a fun and exciting program that helps families teach ideals such and honesty, good citizenship, and respect. Yoakum Cub Scout Pack 224 will hold a sign-up event on **Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**, from 6:00–7:00 P.M., at the Holy Cross Lutheran Church Parish Hall. Interested boys and parents are encouraged to attend the meeting to find out more and to join the fun! (Only those new to Pack 224 need to attend sign-up night. Returning scouts, please make plans to attend our first pack meeting on Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church.)

*"May the Father of our Lord Jesus  
Christ enlighten the eyes of our  
hearts, that we may know what is  
the hope that belongs to our call."*

## Attention: Men of the Parish

The parish family will again benefit from a program geared toward equipping men with a deeper understanding of God's plan and how they can cooperate with His abundant grace in their roles as men, husbands and/or fathers. **"That Man Is You"** (TMIY) will begin again on Wednesday, **September 20<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 A.M. in the St. Joseph Parish Family Center. All is concluded by 7:30 A.M. It is open to all men--it is not necessary to have attended the previous sessions/semesters--this is simply another invitation/offer to invest yourself a bit more into your relationship and responsibilities as an authentic disciple. For more information you can contact Rick Jahn, call the parish office or simply look at the parish website and click on the TMIY link. Don't hesitate to stop by and check out what TMIY has to offer. We look forward to seeing you on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

## Diocese of Victoria 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Catholic Conference



**Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Holy Family Church**  
**2011 Briar Lane, Wharton, Texas**

The Catholic Conference is for all adult Catholics. **This year the conference will focus on the seven principles of Catholic Social Teaching.** The Church's social teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society.

Our commitment to the Catholic social mission must be rooted in and strengthened by our spiritual lives. In our relationship with God we experience the conversion of heart that is necessary to truly love one another as God has loved us.

Register and pay online at [www.victoriadiocese.org](http://www.victoriadiocese.org).  
**Deadline for registration is September 14<sup>th</sup>.**

## Concert to Benefit Prison Chapel

The Stevenson Unit Chapel Development Corporation (SUCDC) is hosting a concert on **Saturday, September 23, 2017** at the Cuero ISD Performing Arts Center. Produced by World Vision, the **YOUR LOVE IS UNBREAKABLE TOUR** will begin at 7:00 P.M. and features Gospel Music Association artists Jason Crabb and the group Selah. Money gained from ticket sales will be tagged by the group to acquire grant writing services and to employ an architect for drafting conceptual drawings for a chapel construction project. Ticket sales for the public will begin June 26, however, a weeklong presale event for the local community will begin June 18. Tickets are \$20, \$40, & \$60 and can be purchased online at [www.itickets.com](http://www.itickets.com). To take advantage of the presale offer patrons should log on to the website and use the password SUCDC when prompted.



*"Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."*



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