

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 10, 2017

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 16th

5 P.M. – Sweet Home – K.J.Z.T. Society #12
Living & Deceased Members

Sunday, September 17th

7 A.M. – Sweet Home – Otto, Angeline &
Richard Wenske

9 A.M. – Koerth – Alton, Sue & Ruby Hermes

Sanctuary Candle Intention

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

This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Ez 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

Your Gift to God: September 3rd

Sweet Home	\$1,958
Building Fund	\$17
DSA	\$13
Koerth	\$1,387
Building Fund	\$1,160
DSA	\$41

May God reward your generosity!

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.

Hurricane Relief Donations

The Hope 4-H has provided boxes at the entrances of the Church for anyone who would like to donate nonperishable items for the victims of Hurricane Harvey. **Brooms, mops, bleach, basic cleaning supplies, towels, trash bags, mosquito spray, personal hygiene items, diapers (adult & child), water and non-perishable food items.** Clothing items are no longer needed. Let's help our brothers and sisters by providing them with the tools they need to start the cleaning processing.

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 this weekend at all Masses to assist in this very worthy and needed cause.

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

Hurricane Relief Efforts

The special collection this weekend is for the diocesan Hurricane Relief fund. These monies will be used to assist the people of our diocesan communities in beginning the long process of recovery. The diocesan fund can be accessed through a link on the parish website, using a credit card or an "online check". In the coming weeks as the needs mount more ways of helping can be accomplished. Please read the insert this weekend to see how the Church is already busy with helping and will continue as planning moves ahead using the gifts made as well as the grants from Catholic Charities. Many people have expressed an interest in donating items--particularly clothing. Until a central distribution point is established the main items needed are hygiene related, diapers and all types of cleaning supplies. Until mid-October the distribution center for the diocese is in Wharton at Holy Family. After that date a central distribution site will most likely be setup in Victoria. On our local level at this time, we are gathering financial donations. Once more information is available it will be posted on the website, Facebook and weekend bulletins.

Picnic Countdown: Only two weeks to go!

We are only two weeks away from picnic and we need everyone's help. Sell those raffle tickets, get items together for the country store, auction, cakes, pies and goodies planned. Speak to Bill Reardon or Allen Monk to volunteer or see where help is needed.

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 3 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."*



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!!!

Sacrament of Confirmation

In the past the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation was celebrated every two or so years for both juniors and seniors. Rather than wait two years, this year it will be celebrated for juniors (the past year the former juniors/now seniors have received it). If there are any Senior's who did not celebrate their Confirmation last year, they may attend and receive their Sacrament with this year's junior class.

Safe Environment Continuing Education

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

Safe Environment Training

A Safe Environment Training class will be held on **Wednesday, September 20th from 6:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.** at the St. Joseph Family Center Meeting Room. This class is mandatory for individuals who are interested in assisting or participating in any school function, field trip, CCD teacher, aide or monitor, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who take communion to the homebound or nursing homes, etc. Anyone interested in becoming Safe Environment compliant **must complete the online application (www.victoriadiocese.org) prior to attending the class.** This class is for **ADULTS ONLY**.

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

*"Love does no evil to the neighbor;
hence,
love is the fulfillment of the law."*

Join the fun! Join Cub Scouting!

Cub Scouting is designed for boys in the 1st through 5th grades. It combines outdoor activities, sports, academics, and more in a fun and exciting program that helps families teach ideals such as honesty, good citizenship, and respect. Yoakum Cub Scout Pack 224 will hold a sign-up event on **Tuesday, September 12th**, 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 14th at 6:00 P.M. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church.)

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 20th** 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 20th.

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.

Everyone is invited to attend:

Inspirational Program
Presented by Caleb Jentsch &
his mother, Deborah Jentsch
Thursday, September 21st at 6:30 P.M.
St. Joseph Catholic Church
211 Schrimsher St., Yoakum
Admission is Free

Caleb and his mother share the experiences of their family's journey when Caleb sustained a traumatic brain injury while snow skiing in January, 2012. Caleb attests to Romans 8:28, *"We know that all things work for good for those who love God"*.

Deborah has written a book, *"Spillway"* which is about Caleb's skiing accident, rehab and recovery. All through faith in the love and mercy of God. She hopes her book will help encourage others. In the midst of some of the most difficult days in their lives, they experienced the love and mercy of God. God revealed his love for them in practical and miraculous ways.

Since the accident 5 years ago, Caleb has shared a message God has laid on his heart. He shares (in relation to his experiences) the importance of relationship with Jesus and the charge to share the good news of Jesus with others.

For more information contact: Mary McQuillen
361-293-3736 or Deborah Jentsch 361-920-1359.

*"Not to us, Lord, not to us but to your name
give glory because of your faithfulness
and love."*

Psalm 115:1



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Extending a Listening Heart to Those in Need

Diocese of Victoria 30th Annual Catholic Conference

Saturday, September 23rd
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.
Deadline for registration is September 14th.

To Love as God Loves

A Marriage Preparation Program
for Couples 40 and Over,
Couples Seeking Convalidation,
Couples Seeking a Second Marriage
and Beyond.

Because Christian marriage is a sacrament, the Catholic Church wants couples to be well-prepared. Marriage preparation assists the couple in developing a better understanding of the sacrament; to evaluate and deepen their readiness to live married life; and to gain insights into themselves as individuals and as a couple.

This is an interactive preparation facilitated by priests, deacons and couples who are deeply committed to the Sacrament of Marriage. The next Marriage Preparation Program will be held at Holy Family Parish Activity Center in Victoria on **September 24, 2017** from 9:00 am -5:00 pm. The cost of the program will be \$125.00 and includes all materials needed. For more information including online registration or a registration form can be found on the Diocese of Victoria website.

Gabriel Project Information

“A Pro-Life ministry/Outreach helping a mother in a crisis pregnancy & Her unborn child!” “An alternative to abortion”

Listed below are items we are **DESPERATELY** in need of in Victoria Co.:

- Diapers – Preemies & newborn up to Size 4
- Baby Wipes
- Toiletries for babies – Shampoo, Baby Wash, Baby Lotion
- Sleepers & Onesies – boys & girls from Preemie to 12 months
- Newborn summer clothes – boys & girls
- Bath Towels
- Burp Towels
- Baby Nail Clippers

Contact Barbara McCain Williams for more information or to pick up items (361) 649-1612! Text, call or email: barbaramwilliams85@gmail.com. If you would like to make a monetary donation for these items, please make check out to Victoria Gabriel Project (Baby Items Needed) and mail to P. O. Box 345, Victoria, TX 77902.

Please remember, just a few hours a week or month, could help a Mom and save a Baby!

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. To take advantage of the presale offer patrons should log on to the website and use the password SUCDC when prompted.

*“For where two or three are gathered
together in my name,
there am I in the midst of them.”*