

# Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## October 1, 2017

### Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>

5 P.M. – Sweet Home – Hubert Janak

Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>

7 A.M. – Sweet Home – Robert & Frances Anderle

9 A.M. – Koerth – Eddie Gaudette,  
Robert & Angie McBride

### Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week for the souls in purgatory.

### This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Ez 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32

### Your Gift to God: September 24<sup>th</sup>

Sweet Home	\$1,460
Online Giving	\$320
Koerth	\$935.50

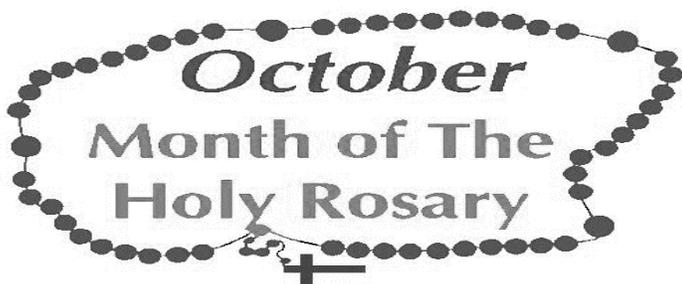
*May God reward your generosity!*

### 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.

### CCD Reminder

This Wednesday we will observe and honor the Blessed Virgin Mary with the rosary in church. Students will report directly to church--not school--and dismissal may be slightly earlier than the total hour. Parents and family members are invited to join in this event as October is the month of the rosary.



### Gratitude and Appreciation

Last weekend's Parish Picnic was a great success and our appreciation is owed to all of those who came out and put this effort together. Special acknowledgement is due Allan Monk and Bill Reardon for chairing this necessary and important event. It is due to the parish families who volunteer of their time, talent and treasure that the entire process goes off so smoothly. Many have been stepping forward for years to pitch in--some have went above and beyond in time and service weeks prior to the Picnic to organize, plan and get needed supplies. Others help through raffle prize donations and purchases to assist with overall profit. Once all is complete, there is much to be appreciated...and be reminded how fortunate we are as members of these communities as we help each other out for a great cause. Many, many thanks!!!

### Picnic Update

This weekend's bulletin includes an auction report and the raffle prize winners. Next weekend--hopefully--the financial report should be done. Any bills connected with Picnic need to be brought to the Pastoral Center in Yoakum as soon as possible so the report can accurately be put together.

### Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Rally

Everyone is invited to join the Public Square Rosary Rally during this historical year of Fatima Centennial (1917-2017). Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. Through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother, we ask God to save. America.

Please join us in praying for our nation and the world at **12-noon on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>** at the Sweet Home Volunteer Fire Department.

For more information contact: Mary Ann Pratka at 361-772-2006 or Joan Macha at 361-293-1371.

## **K.J.Z.T. #12 Annual Meeting**

St. Ludmila's K.J.Z.T. Society #12 of Sweet Home will hold its' annual meeting, meal and social on Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:30 A.M. at the Queen of Peace Parish Hall. Spouses and children are invited. A turkey and dressing meal will be catered by Werner's of Shiner. Members are asked to bring a dessert. Everyone planning to attend must **RSVP by Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>** by contacting one of the following:

Mary Ann Matussek – (361) 293-5305

Gladys Hermes – (361) 741-7431

Email Joyce Kurtz at [jkurtzkjzt@gmail.com](mailto:jkurtzkjzt@gmail.com)

**NOTE:** The October 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting is canceled.

## **Alpha Fall Mini-Course!**

Alpha is a program focused on engaging the fundamentals of the faith through dynamic conversation and quality videos in an informal environment. The format is always the same: food, a presentation, and small groups. Some of the topics include: why Jesus died, how to have faith, how to pray, and why we read the Bible. It's open to everyone, men and women, whether you've participated in Alpha before or not. Come join us at the St. Joseph Family Center on Monday evenings at **6:30-8:00 P.M. starting October 16<sup>th</sup>** for this shortened 8 week Alpha "Mini-Course".

## **That Man Is You**

That Man Is You (TMIY) has started its third "semester" this past week. It was one of the most thought-provoking sessions had thus far, dealing with real challenges Catholic men of all ages face. One doesn't have needed to attend prior "semesters," just take that first step and show up. Every Wednesday morning TMIY meets in the Family Center at St. Joe from 6:00 A.M. to 7:30 A.M.

**"It's not what you SAY that matters,  
it's what you DO."**

## **All Souls Day**

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.

## **All Souls: Visitation of Cemeteries**

There will be blessing of graves at Koerth Cemetery on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> immediately following the 9:00 A.M. Mass and at Sweet Home Cemetery on Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> immediately following the 7:00 A.M. Mass.

## **Dates to Remember**

### **Sunday, October 29**

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

### **All Saints Mass Schedule**

October 31<sup>st</sup> – 6:30 P.M. – Sweet Home (Vigil)

November 1<sup>st</sup> – 7:00 A.M. – Sweet Home

### **Thursday, November 2 – All Souls**

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

### **November 11**

Baptismal Preparation Class – 9 A.M.  
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)

## **Lector Workbook 2018**

Those lectors who would like to get their name on the list for the 2018 Lector Workbook should either call the parish office (293-3518) or send an email ([secretary@stj catholicchurch.com](mailto:secretary@stj catholicchurch.com)) by **October 10<sup>th</sup>**.

## **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 County:

- 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](mailto: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!**

## **Cemetery Inquiries**

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

### **Queen of Peace:**

Harvey Matussek & 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.

*“Look to others’ interests rather than your own.”*

## **A few things to do....**

If one is looking for a way to be more involved, or apply themselves a bit more in their Catholic faith...consider a few opinions readily available:

--CCD/Faith Formation is always in need of helpers and teachers in the valued role of assisting our young folks with learning their faith

--RCIA is meeting each week at the St. Joseph Family Center Meeting Room--and it's not simply for those interested in joining the Church. It can serve as an excellent refresher course, as well as offer the opportunity to share with those interested in possibly joining the Church.

--That Man Is You is off and running for the menfolk of the parish and community giving them a great way to start their day and focus in the mission as disciples

--ALPHA (English and Spanish) is soon to get going again weekly...many who attended last spring's sessions found it helpful and enjoyable in a communal setting

--there is the upcoming Women's ACTS retreat sponsored through the parish

--the Divine Mercy study and reflection group continues through November each week

--there is always a need for volunteers to usher or lector

There are plenty of opportunities to avail oneself if one desires to. For more information or contacts for any of the above just all the parish office at 293-3518.



## **The Emmaus Center:**

### ***Counseling in the Catholic Tradition***

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1908 N. Laurent Street, Suite 140  
Victoria, Texas 77901

For an appointment, go to

[www.emmauscounselingcenter.com](http://www.emmauscounselingcenter.com)

or call 361-212-0830

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