

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 10, 2018

Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 9th

5 P.M. – Deceased Members of the
Louis & Emma Wick Family

Sunday, June 10th

7 A.M. – Leo G. Janak
9 A.M. – Victor & Cecilia Bujnoch

Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week for the eternal repose of the soul of Marie Harrell.

This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Gen 3:9-15; 2 Cor 4:13—5:1; Mk 3:20-35

Your Gift to God: June 3rd

Sweet Home	\$1,484
Online Giving	\$320
Building Fund	\$15
DSA	\$15
Koerth	\$834
Building Fund	\$185
DSA	\$67

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.

Area Picnics

Sunday, June 10th

St. Mary's – St. Mary's Parish Hall, Hallettsville
St. Rose of Lima – KC Hall, Schulenburg
Our Lady of Guadalupe – Parish Gym, Bay City

Sunday, June 17th

St. John the Baptist – FM 1383, Ammansville

Sunday, June 24th

Sts. Peter & Paul - Plum

Picnic Planning Meeting

There will be a Picnic Planning Meeting on **Wednesday, June 20th at 7:00 P.M.** in the Sweet Home Parish Hall. *Plan on joining us!*

Soon....

The flag and pole for Koerth Cemetery is in the works to be replaced and re-installed. As mentioned previously--due to proper etiquette/protocol--to leave the flag out 24 hours it is necessary to illuminate it. So the plan is in process to get this in order and done...hopefully soon.

Sacred Heart Teen ACTS Retreat July 19-22

The Sacred Heart Teen ACTS Retreat will be held **July 19-22** at Cathedral Oaks in Weimar, Texas. Cost is \$160.00 (\$30.00 registration fee will be credited to retreat fee). Retreatants will depart from Hallettsville on July 19th at 5:00 P.M. and return July 22nd for 10:30 A.M. Mass in Hallettsville. Registration forms are available at the back of the church.

Diocesan Catechist Rally

Those involved in Faith Formation/CCD...mark your calendars! "We are Catechists, Witnessing for Jesus: Living as Missionary Disciples" is the theme for the 2018 Catechist Rally which will be held on **Saturday, July 14th**, at the Cathedral Center, next to the Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory, Victoria, Texas. The Catechist Rally is a Catechist appreciation and recognition event. All Catechist and Parish Catechetical Leaders are invited to attend.

-Calling All Youth- You are Invited!

**2018 Vacation Bible School
July 9th – 13th
St. Joseph Family Center
9:00 A.M. – 12-noon**

Students entering grades K-6 will be VBS campers
Students entering grades 7-12 will be VBS helpers

Adult helpers are also needed

Please contact Jana Guajardo at 361-648-3863 or
faithformation@stj catholicchurch.com

VBS Day Includes:

River Run Storytelling; Plunge-In Bible Challenge;
Fireside Snacks; White Water Games; River Riffs
Music & Dance, and Sandbar Crafts

VBS Daily Colors:

Monday – Yellow; Tuesday – Red;
Wednesday – Purple; Thursday – Green;
Friday – Blue

Safe Environment Student Awareness
will take place Monday, July 9th during snack
times.

***Friday, July 13th – Parents are invited to our
Closing Celebration at 11:45 A.M.***

Application forms are available at the
entrance of the church and at the St. Joseph
Pastoral Center.

Czech Heritage

Pilgrimage to Prague:

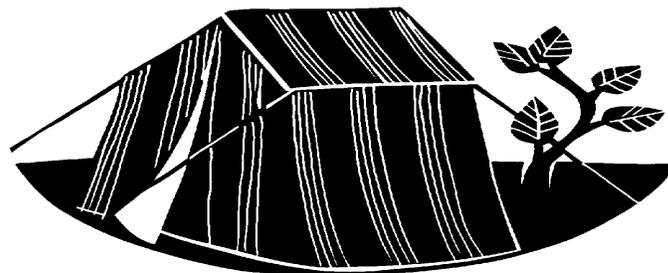
There is still time to register for a **Czech Heritage Pilgrimage to Prague**, from September 22-30, 2018, celebrating the 100th anniversary of Czech statehood and the Feast Day of St. Wenceslas. Bishop Patrick Zurek and Father Bob Knippenberg will serve as spiritual directors. This pilgrimage is endorsed by the Catholic Family Fraternal of Texas (the K.J.Z.T.) and the Catholic Union of Texas (the K.J.T.). For more information, contact Ceci Triska at 979-543-8575 or email her at ceci.triska@gmail.com. **The deadline is June 15th.** Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity!

Looking Ahead....

This year's parish picnic will be for the benefit of Queen of Peace on **Sunday, September 30th**. Perhaps appropriate in that this year marks the Centennial of the present Church building established in honor of Our Lady, Queen of Peace. The original parish church--a wooden structure, was located on the side of the present church and much smaller. It was originally named Exaltation of the Holy Cross--but as the present Church was being planned and constructed during World War I and its conclusion, it was decided to change the title to honor the Blessed Mother and the peace the world longed for then--and still does now. The more decorative window behind the high Altar presents Mary holding the Christ child with an Olive branch (just as the statue in the Altar's high niche does). One unique aspect of the beautiful stained glass is that in the upper corners--not always easily seen--is a rainbow and a farmer walking behind an ox-drawn plow. Mark your calendars and start thinking of ways to pitch in to support the annual picnic.

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me; Body of Christ, save me; Blood of Christ, inebriate me; Water from the side of Christ, wash me; Passion of Christ, strengthen me; O good Jesus, hear me; Within your wounds hide me; Separated from you, let me never be; From the evil one protect me; At the hour of my death, call me; And close to you bid me; That with your saints, I may be, praising you forever and ever. Amen.



“For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.”

A few practical tips on how to pray for someone

Philip Kosloski

Intercessory prayer is an important aspect of every person's prayer life.

Have you ever had someone ask, “Can you pray for me?” It is an extremely common occurrence, one that highlights the importance of prayer, especially praying for someone else.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* encourages this type of prayer and explains, “Intercession is a prayer of petition which leads us to pray as Jesus did. He is the one intercessor with the Father on behalf of all men, especially sinners. He is ‘able for all time to save those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.’ The Holy Spirit ‘himself intercedes for us . . . and intercedes for the saints according to the will of God’” (CCC 2634).

Even before Christ, intercessory prayer has played a vital role in salvation history and remains to this day an essential part of Christian prayer, “Since Abraham, intercession — asking on behalf of another — has been characteristic of a heart attuned to God’s mercy. In the age of the Church, Christian intercession participates in Christ’s, as an expression of the communion of saints. In intercession, he who prays looks ‘not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others,’ even to the point of praying for those who do him harm” (CCC 2635).

For this reason, we should take seriously requests for prayer and figure out a way to fulfill that request. The good news is that there is no “formula” to intercessory prayer. In other words, most of the time you can’t get this type of prayer “wrong.” God hears our prayers, no matter how inarticulate we are in presenting them.

However, we can do a few things to more closely imitate Jesus and pray for someone with great diligence and care.

Often when someone asks us to pray for them, we say we will, but then quickly forget. That is why it is suggested to pray for them right away. This can be in your own words, or by praying a Hail Mary or Our Father for them and their intentions. A simple prayer like this is better than never praying for them at all.

Pray with your heart

As with all prayer, God loves to see us pray with our heart, not just our lips. It’s easy to voice a prayer of petition without any emotion tied to it, but it is much harder to take this petition into your heart and bring it before God with all sincerity.

Pray for your enemies

As the *Catechism* highlights, we should not only pray for our friends and family, but also for those who would harm us. Pope Francis even went so far as to say that praying in this way is a mark of a saint, “Are you merciful toward the people who have harmed you or don’t like you? If God is merciful, if he is holy, if he is perfect, then we must be merciful, holy and perfect as he is. This is holiness. A man or woman who does this deserves to be canonized.”

Pray continuously

Just like Abraham, we are called to intercede for people not just once, or twice, but as many times as needed. We should make it a point to pray every day for someone, especially making use of the custom of praying novenas. Keeping a prayer list (a running tally of the names of people we pray for) is also a very common practice among Christians and is a beautiful way to remember these people on a daily basis. God appreciates our persistence and will always answer our prayers.



Lord,
Hear Our
Prayer