

The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 8, 2018

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 14th

5 P.M. – Deceased Members of the
Victor & Annie Smolik Family

Sunday, July 15th

7 A.M. – Henry & Corrine Wagner
9 A.M. – Living & Deceased Members of
the Roman & Anna M. Rainosek Family

Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week for sick and homebound parishioners.

This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Ez 2:2-5; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6a

Your Gift to God: July 1st

Sweet Home	\$1,447
Building Fund	\$16
DSA	\$20
Special Collection	\$130
Online Giving	\$320
Koerth	\$740
Building Fund	\$1,110
DSA	\$45
Special Collection	\$27

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.

Faith Formation (CCD)

Registration for CCD classes for the 2018-2019 year will be held on Saturday, August 25th after the 5:00 P.M. Mass and on Sunday, August 26th after the 9:00 A.M. Mass.

Looking ahead...30+ Year's Ago

Not many are gifted with the foresight to see how nature grows and sometimes doesn't follow our plan. Recently the beautiful oaks in front of the church received some unexpected grooming by the electric company due to the electrical lines now passing through the trees. Also, a couple of weeks ago the water line that runs from the well to the hall and church ruptured. At the time it was put in place, the tree near its path would not have been foreseen to be a problem--yet add 30 years or so--and the water line lost the fight with the tree. It has now been re-directed and water is working again. Trees may grow slow when we watch them...but decades make a real difference.

Raffle Prize Donations

So that we can get the tickets together, we are asking for donors towards the Parish Picnic Raffle. We would like to be able to have the tickets at the printer by mid-July...so if you'd like to donate a raffle prize, contact the Pastoral Center in Yoakum at 361-293-3518.

Picnic 2018

The Parish Picnic for Queen of Peace will be **Sunday, September 30th**...Mark your calendars! The income generated from the Picnic helps the parish cover the annual "large" expenses it has, i.e., Property Insurance and the Diocesan Services Appeal (parish pays the difference at the end of the year of that which is not donated to the appeal through pledges and gifts). It also helps with the regular expenses of electricity, maintenance and cemetery. As much as the "parish" has much sentimental attached by so many over the years, the reality is that there are expenses to be met and the Picnic truly helps us do just that. Speak with Allan Monk to pitch in and volunteer!

Koerth Cemetery Flagpole

Things are coming along with the flagpole...as soon as light gets into place, "Old Glory" will be displayed properly with pride!

CCD Early Registration

For those who want to get ahead and cross an item off of the annual "to do" list...you can find the registration forms available for download in the parish website (or by stopping by the Pastoral Center during office hours). Formal registration will be held August 25th & 26th—this is just information for the "early birds" amongst us.

-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.

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.

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.

SOS Marriage Retreat

Surrender your marriage to God's plan.

Open your hearts and let the Holy Spirit lead you.

Serve the Lord in all that you do.

Are you longing to spend relaxing quality time with your spouse and better understand God's plan for your marriage and your family? If so, please join us for the annual Hallettsville Deanery marriage retreat, which will be held **August 17-19** at Disciple Oaks in Gonzales. We are all different couples, at all stages of marriage, and this weekend is designed for anyone! Registration forms are located in back of the church. You may contact Jeff and Leslie Chancellor at 361-772-2650 or Anthony and Joyce Harper at 361-798-6325 for more information. We hope to see you there!

Area Picnics

Sunday, July 15th
Ascension Parish, Moravia

You are Invited to Attend

An Eight-Part Bible Study

Follow Me:

“Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John”

Monday evenings at 6:00 P.M.

St. Joseph Family Center

Cost - \$20

Being Catholic takes more than simply believing in God or doing what he asks of us. Jesus wants you to be more than just a believer--he wants you to be his disciple and friend. To help you answer this call to a deeper friendship with Christ, join us Monday evening as we begin **Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John**. For more information contact Sharon Janca at (361) 293-8367. You will not only benefit personally from being part of this study; you will also help us to grow in fellowship as a parish as we grow closer to Christ together.

The Isaacs in Concert

The Isaacs, a multi-award-winning country and bluegrass Southern gospel music family of Hendersonville, TN will perform in concert at the Cuero ISD Performing Arts Center on Saturday, **August 4th** beginning at 7:00 PM. The concert is hosted by the Stevenson Unit Chapel Development Corporation and proceeds from ticket sales will be added to the construction fund for an education and multi-denominational chapel building at the prison in Cuero. Tickets range from \$20 to \$40 and are available online – www.chapelfund.org

Safe Environment Training

A Safe Environment Training class will be held **Wednesday, August 22nd at 6:30 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 aide. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, etc. Anyone interested in becoming Safe Environment compliant **must complete the online application (www.victoriadiocese.org) prior to attending the class.**

This should be the first rule of your day, according to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Philip Kosloski

Before anything else Seton holds up this simple, yet challenging rule.

In the fast-paced world that we live in, it is easy to be worried about “many things.” We may not always know where to focus our attention and attempt to do everything at the same time.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton would like to help.

According to this saint who was born in the United States, there is a single rule that should stand at the forefront of our daily lives. Simply put, it is living God’s will in the present moment.

It is a rule based on the words of Jesus to his disciples, “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Let the day’s own trouble be sufficient for the day” (Matthew 6:34).

Archbishop Fulton Sheen elaborates, “We are to leave the past to divine mercy and to trust the future, whatever its trials, to God’s loving providence. Each minute of life has its peculiar duty — regardless of the appearance that minute may take. The Now-moment is the moment of salvation.”

This entails being open to God’s will every moment of the day, and seeking his will in that moment, asking ourselves, “What is God’s will for me, right now?”

It can be a difficult rule to live by, but one that the saints learned how to master. Through prayer and trust in God, nothing is impossible.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton left a beautiful prayer on this theme, a prayer that can be said daily, possibly as a morning prayer to start the day. As we struggle to follow this rule, may our hearts be open to whatever God has in store for us.

O Father, the first rule of our dear Savior’s life was to do Your Will. Let His Will of the present moment be the first rule of our daily life and work with no other desire but for its most full and complete accomplishment. Help us to follow it faithfully, so that in doing what You wish we will be pleasing to you. Amen.