

# Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## August 19, 2018

### Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup>

5 P.M. – John & Betty Stasny

Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>

7 A.M. – Lena, Louis & Jimmie Bolom

9 A.M. – Ruby A. Hermes

### Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week for the homebound parishioners of our parishes.

### This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Pvb 9:1-6; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

### Your Gift to God: August 12<sup>th</sup>

Sweet Home	\$1,254
Online Giving	\$320
Building Fund	\$900
DSA	\$50
Koerth	\$821
Building Fund	\$70
DSA	\$35

*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, August 26<sup>th</sup>**

Sts. Cyril & Methodius - Cistern

**Sunday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Sts. Cyril & Methodius – Shiner

Sacred Heart – Hallettsville

St. Mary's – Nada

St. John Boscoe – Vanderbilt

Our Lady of Guadalupe – Cuero

St. Mary's – High Hill

**Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**

Holy Cross - Yorktown

### Healing, Purification & Commitment

The Church and nation were shaken in 2002 when the tragedy of the sex abuse scandal by clergy was reported. The Church then began to enact ways to better provide for a Safe Environment so that those seeking to practice their faith could do so with the sure knowledge they would be safe and not preyed on, or harmed, by abusive individuals in positions of ecclesial authority. At times in the intervening years some individuals and volunteers who have been required to participate in the Safe Environment Training/Education (clergy, seminarians, educators, school staff, Church employees, CCD staff, Homebound ministers) have found this a challenge but in their desire to be part of the Church's ministry have done so. The past month our country and Church has again learned of sordid abuse and harm by those in ministry and how it continues to plague the Church. The evil and horror of the abuse is only amplified as the stories detail not only the trauma of the abuse--but the legal meandering by higher levels of church authority to cover-up and obfuscate needed responsibility and protection for the most vulnerable: the innocent victims. Anger, confusion and tremendous harm have been inflicted on so many. As we continue to journey through these painful stories of sin and abuse, it does remind us of how necessary our commitment for zero tolerance of any abuse, and our duty to report, speak up and seek assistance when abuse is suspected or actually experienced. Our Safe Environment policy may be tedious at times, but it does remind and challenge us to be focused on the welfare and safety of all who work with the Church. Our "work" is about salvation and grace...anything that counters that--abusive actions, predatory behavior, neglect, or corrupt leadership--has no place within it. May the victimized and suffering experience healing and assistance...may the perpetrators be brought to justice...and may our Church in this needed purification commit ever more zealously to the protection of youth and vulnerable individuals.

## Faith Formation (CCD)

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

## Help Needed

Our Faith Formation (CCD) Program is in search for classroom teachers and assistants for various grade levels. If you are interested in either of these positions, please contact Skye Anderle at 361-772-0418 or [faithformation@qpcatholicchurch.com](mailto:faithformation@qpcatholicchurch.com).

## Safe Environment Training

A Safe Environment Training class will be held **Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.victoriadiocese.org)) prior to attending the class.**

## RETURN: How to draw Your Child Back to the Church

Do you know someone who has drifted away from the Church? Not sure what to do? Join us for RETURN as we explore the topics of evangelization, discipleship, and effective strategies for outreach. This 10 week one hour program will be held on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Joseph Family Center beginning September 4<sup>th</sup>. For more information about the book the program is based on, visit [brandonvogt.com](http://brandonvogt.com).

## Baptismal Preparation Class

The next class of Baptismal Preparation will be Saturday, **Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00 A.M. in the St. Joseph Family Center Meeting Room.

## September 1<sup>st</sup> – 5:00 P.M. Mass

The St. Mary's Chapel Choir will be attending and providing the music and singing at the 5:00 P.M. Mass on Saturday, September 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Picnic Raffle Tickets

This week the Picnic Raffle tickets will be sent out. It is a great raffle and an easy way to generate the overall income of the Picnic. In addition to the generous members of our parish families that donated the prizes, the Yoakum Knights of Columbus provided the cost of the printing expense. Extra tickets will be available in the Church entrances and at the Pastoral Center in Yoakum.

## Picnic Donations

It is not too early to be thinking about Auction items...no garage sale merchandise or used appliances, etc.; homemade jelly, pickles, bread, etc. (be sure to list all ingredients on food items).

## Picnic 2018

As always, we are in need of volunteers to help in various areas at the Parish Picnic. Please contact Allan Monk if you are willing to give an hour or so of your time to help make the picnic a huge success. Remember, *"It is more blessed to give than to receive."*



## 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 9<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).