

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 3, 2017

Mass Intentions

<i>Mon.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Virginia Markert
<i>Tue.</i>	6:30 A.M.	In Thanksgiving (Adalee Lahodny)
	10 A.M.	Zeke & E. J. Kubena
<i>Wed.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Bill Culak
	8:05 A.M.	Norbert Vrazel
<i>Thurs.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Myron Patek
<i>Fri.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Nato Garcia
	10 A.M.	Zeke & E. J. Kubena
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Jimmie W. Heiman, Sr.
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Jerry Welfel
	9 A.M.	Gilbert Kacir
	11 A.M.	Santiago Arriaga

Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of Wilbert Kutac.

Prayer List

Contact Theresa Bordovsky at 293-3124 or
Ann Marie Bludau at 798-2959.

This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday: 6:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.

Saturday: 4:00 – 4:40 P.M.

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

Parish Office Schedule

The Pastoral Center will be closed tomorrow, Monday, September 4th for the Labor Day holiday and reopen at 8:00 A.M. on Tuesday, September 5th.

*You are thinking not as God does,
but as human beings do."*

Liturgical Assignments

Lectors

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Diana Darilek
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Nancy McNease
	9 A.M.	Georgia Kutach
	11 A.M.	Benita Maturino

Offertory Gifts

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Jimmie, Lisa, Abbie & Dawsen Heiman
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Gilbert Kacir Family

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Bobby & Gladys Jiral, Donna Tolbert
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Daniel & Janna Driskell, Anita Schulte
	11 A.M.	Susie Barrera, Heriberto Castillo, Nina Arriaga

Ushers/Hospitality

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Kim & Trevor Fikac, Charlie & Carolyn Hoepfl
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Al Janak, Bruce Chilek
	9 A.M.	Glenn & Darlene Renken, Katherine Jendrzey, E. J. Blaschke
	11 A.M.	Gabriel Espinosa, Raquel Gomez, Robert Barrera, Ernest Gomez

Altar Servers

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Ben Jahn, Brittany Moreno, Ryan Gearson
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	A. J. & Samantha Adamek
	9 A.M.	Benjamin & Hannah Schultz, Grace Migl
	11 A.M.	Adriana & Gabrielle Moreno, Samantha Arredondo

Baptismal Preparation Class

The next class of Baptismal Preparation will be next Saturday, **Saturday, September 9th** at 9:00 A.M. in the Family Center Meeting Room.

*"May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our hearts,
that we may know what is the hope that
belongs to our call."*

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: <https://www.victoriadiocese.org/donate-hurricane-relief>.

JCDA Registration

The Junior Catholic Daughters will have a “come and go” registration on Tuesday, **September 5th from 5:30–6:30 P.M.** at the Family Center. The organization is open to girls in grades 1st – 12th.

*Come join us for a year of fellowship,
fun and community service!*

Important CDA Meeting

The Catholic Daughters will meet Monday, September 4th at 6:00 P.M. at the Family Center to discuss the budget and to review the rules. Light refreshments will be served. All CDA members or any lady of the parish interested in learning more about the Catholic Daughters is encouraged to attend. Hope to see you Monday night!

ATTENTION LADIES

Ladies of the parish, the Altar Society members are inviting you to join us as our guest at our first meeting on Wednesday, September 6th at 2:30 P.M. at the Family Center. The meeting consists of fellowship, prayer, an interesting and informative program, and delicious refreshments provided by our monthly hostesses. This month Father Matthew will be our guest speaker. Hostesses are Judy Balzer, Jeanette Boecker, J’Net Brewer, Lorene Roznovsky, Joyce Brewer, Marilyn Beyer, Stacy Chomout.

“Deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”

Lifting Up In Prayer

In view of the extreme hardships so many have been afflicted with due to Hurricane Harvey, let us not forget to lift up our brothers and sisters suffering with the continued reality of life after the storm as they begin to seek to put their lives back together. It has been beyond imagination the extreme suffering and hardships this storm has imposed on so many who have been displaced, suffered losses and now must seek to rebuild. May their faith--and our prayers--give them reassurance and strength. There will most likely be ways that we can assist with donations--such as through Catholic Charities--and as soon as that information is received it will be made available to the parish family. As this is going to be a very long period of rebuilding and starting over for thousands, we will have ample opportunity to pitch in with ways we can help.

Aftermath

The parish facilities fared very well in light of the storm and its aftermath. There were a few leaks in the gym (expected after any major rainfall, let alone a hurricane), and a couple of smaller trees gave up the ghost due to the extremely saturated soil and wind strength. The other buildings came through in great condition. St. Ann had some water get in the tower--the louvres can only keep out so much even with their interior shields, especially in view of the strong wind and rain mixed together. With this very “minor” damage--we can add this to our many reasons to be thankful for the limited ways in which our communities were affected--especially in light of others in our diocese and state that have borne unimaginable hardships and tragedy.

For Your Information

This past weekend the "special" Mass schedule in view of the storm and its associated safety issues caused the regularly scheduled Mass Intentions to have to be re-scheduled. Hopefully those family members will be understanding in light of the circumstances. The Mass Intentions calendar is booked solid through November (when we begin scheduling for the next year). So those intentions will be rescheduled at that time at the earliest available Saturday/Sunday openings.

Faith Formation

Classes will begin this **Wednesday, September 6th at 6:30 P.M.** Anyone interested in assisting us with CCD--Aides, Substitutes, Playground Monitors, etc. are asked to contact our Coordinator, Jana Guajardo.

Doctrina

Las clases de doctrina va a comenzar este Miercoles septiembre 6 a las 6:30 P.M.

Attention Parents of Confirmation Students:

There will be a parent meeting on Sunday, September 10th at 10:15 A.M. in the St. Joseph School Library. This informational meeting will explain the formation process and highlight the important role of parent/guardian and sponsor in preparing students for confirmation. Please contact Ashley Hermes with any questions: 361-293-0700.

Atención Padres de Estudiantes de Confirmación:

Habrà una reuni3n de padres el domingo 10 de septiembre a las 10:15 A.M. en la Biblioteca de la Escuela de San Jos3. Esta reuni3n informativa explicarà el proceso de formaci3n y poner de relieve el importante parte de lost padres/guardián y patrocinador en la preparaci3n de los estudiantes para su confirmaci3n. Por favor, p3ngase en contacto con Ashley Hermes con cualquier pregunta: 361-293-0700.

Calling all...



PLEASE get all keys for the various buildings back to the Pastoral Center. With Picnic and school events it's is really helpful if those who have keys return them as soon as possible. **If there is a need to hold on to a key, at least call and let the office know.** There are too many keys unaccounted for. Please return keys this week to the Pastoral Center.

Faith Formation Safe Environment

As part of the Safe Environment policy of the diocese we will have our annual continuing education program for all CCD students and their parents on **Wednesday, September 13th.** The program will be presented in the individual classrooms.

Formaci3n de la Fe Entorno Seguro

Como parte de la pol3tica de Entorno Seguro de nuestra di3cesis tendremos nuestro programa de educaci3n continua anual para todos los estudiantes de CCD y sus padres el pr3ximo **Mi3rcoles 13 de septiembre.** El programa serà presentado en cada sal3n clase.

Sound of Success

The St. Ann Parish Family can now hear how the hard work and dedication they accomplished with their spring fundraiser has been completed. The 1906 Stuckstede 32 inch bronze bell--dedicated to St. James at its original blessing--is now mechanized and regularly ringing the Angelus as well as the peal before Sunday morning Mass (it is also equipped with a funeral toller). Many thanks to the numerous, generous supporters who helped make this a reality!

Join Bishop Brendan Cahill and God's Embrace Ministries on a "Lead Me Retreat" September 8-10!!

God's Embrace Ministries invites you to join Bishop Brendan Cahill for a weekend retreat experience on **"Lead Me into the Deep, Lord"**. Come from wherever you are to experience a deeper walk with Jesus. Retreat will be held at the **Spiritual Renewal Center** located at 718 Gussie Schmidt Road, Victoria, TX. Weekend begins 5:00 P.M. Friday, September 8th, and concludes with 11:00 A.M. Mass on Sunday September 10th. Open to men and women, but space is limited. Cost: \$450 for married couples or \$250 for singles. **Pre-registration** required online at www.godsembrace.org or call 979-561-8883 for more information.

Now Is The Time of Mercy!

“Divine Mercy Is The Second Greatest Story Ever Told” is a dramatic 10-session journey featuring best-selling author Father Michael Gaitley, MIC.

Father Gaitley weaves a tapestry of wonder and beauty from the threads of the dramatic history of Poland, the transformative message of St. Faustina Kowalska, the prophetic apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, the powerful witness of St. Maximillian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope Saint John Paul II.

Classes will be held on Sundays from 6:30 – 8:00 P.M. in the Family Center starting **September 10th through November 12th**. The book for the class is \$11.00. To register please contact the parish office at 293-3518. Checks should be made payable to St. Joseph Parish.

Please contact Ashley Hermes at 361-293-0700 for more information.

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 10th**, 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.

Reminder

Every Wednesday we have available the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 6-6:30 pm. Take advantage of this added opportunity to celebrate the Lord's abundant mercy!

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 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.



HAPPY LABOR DAY

**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.**

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.

Box Tops for Education

Look for "Box Top\$ for Education" coupons on grocery items, clip them out and drop them off at the parish office.



A Note from Principal Mooney

Monday, September 4th
No School – Labor Day Holiday

Wednesday, September 6th
Football game vs Nazareth
Bulldog Stadium – 6:00 P.M.

Thursday, September 7th
Volleyball at St. Michael's in Weimar – 5:00 P.M.

"Cub Care"

Available every day after school until 6:00 P.M. for SJS students. Contact the office for more details.

Please call or stop by the school office and speak to Mr. Mooney if you are interested in enrolling your child(ren) in St. Joseph's.

Dates to Remember

Wednesday, September 6
Altar Society Meeting – 2:30 P.M. – Family Center
C.C.D. Classes Begin – 6:30-7:30 P.M.

Saturday, September 9th
Baptismal Preparation Class – 9 A.M.
Family Center Meeting Room

Sunday, September 10th
R.C.I.A. Classes
(After 9:00 A.M. Mass)
Family Center Meeting Room

Wednesday, September 20th
TMIY – 6:00 A.M. – Family Center
Safe Environment Training – 6:30-8:30 P.M.
Family Center Meeting Room

St. Joseph School Endowment Fund

The School Endowment Fund has setup a post office box so that correspondence, memorials, donations can be sent to a central location and not be mixed in with parish or school mail. The address is:

**St. Joseph School Endowment Fund
P. O. Box 805
Yoakum, Texas 77995**

St. Joseph Catholic School – From the Desk of the Principal:

Peace and blessings to you and your family as we begin another promising school year. I am pleased to once again be able to sit down and write this letter telling all of you in our parish's and school's family the wonderful things that are happening here.

Our new school year has certainly started on the right foot. We are thrilled to welcome a number of new families who have chosen to take advantage of Catholic education. In fact, our Pre-K classes have grown by nearly twenty percent this year. This strong foundation is a positive indication that Catholic education is in high demand.

We have made a few major changes this year that have made a large and positive impact on our school. Our new lunch program is totally up and running in the Family Center. We have installed new appliances thanks to a grant from the Kenedy Foundation, and we have also welcomed Francis Barrera and Susan Hermes as our new cafeteria staff. Each day, these two incredible cooks prepare fresh, hot, and delicious meals for our students, who report to me daily that they are happier with their new lunches and much more comfortable eating them in the Family Center. We at SJS cannot thank the parish for allowing us to use the facility in this way.

We have also made positive changes in our athletics program, with Anthony Harper joining us as our new Athletics Director. He has already made great strides, and his fundamental message of having passion and enthusiasm in everything we do is creating a positive and productive environment that is sure to see great success for our student athletes. Coach Harper will be teaming up with Coach JC Hermes on the football field this fall, and I am very optimistic about our upcoming season. In addition, Delaney Barnes, our PE teacher, has taken the reins as our head volleyball coach. She has implemented a new program that is sure to succeed.

In addition to our new cafeteria staff and Coach Harper, we are excited to welcome Amy Malik as our new first grade teacher. She has helped us a great deal in the past as a substitute teacher, and she has proven to have a natural ability to interact with and educate children. I look forward to seeing all the wonderful things that are sure to happen in her classroom this year.

After assessing the damage wrought by Hurricane Harvey, we at SJS are blessed that we did not suffer seriously, either at the school or personally. In fact, we only had minor leaks in the science lab and gym. I have been told that, without the generous donations to replace our windows a few years ago, the situation would have been much worse for us. I want to thank our benefactors for these—and all other—gifts to our school, without which we could not continue to serve our school. We also

recognize that, while we were not affected, there are so many who have suffered as a result of this storm. If you would like to help, we have included a link on our website as well as the parish's website for monetary donations through the Diocese of Victoria. We will continue to pray for safety and a return to normalcy for all.

As we start the month of September, we have a few important dates for you to add to your calendar: our football team will play Nazareth Academy in Yoakum on the 6th at 6pm, St. Philip's in El Campo on the 13th at 5:30pm, and our Homecoming game against Sacred Heart in Yoakum at 6pm. Our volleyball team will play St. Michael's in Weimar on the 7th at 5pm, St. Rose of Lima in Yoakum on the 11th at 5:30pm, and St. Philip's in El Campo on the 25th at 5:30pm. Our Grandparents' Mass will be celebrated on the 13th at 8:05am with refreshments to follow in the Family Center. And we will be conducting the Iowa Test of Basic Skills the week of the 18th.

We have a wealth of information online. You can stay connected by visiting our school website at www.stj catholic school.com or 'Liking' our Facebook Page. Please stop by if you would like to visit with me—my door is always open. I look forward with getting to share more of the good news at St. Joseph School with all of you next month. Until then, keep us in your prayers, as we certainly continue to keep you in ours.

God Bless,

Sean Mooney, Principal