

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

June 3, 2018

Mass Intentions

<i>Mon.</i>	6:30 A.M.	In Thanksgiving
<i>Tue.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Lawron Popp
	10 A.M.	Carlos Dean Wenske
<i>Wed.</i>	6:30 A.M.	In Thanksgiving
<i>Thurs.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Ed & Bessie Heidaker
<i>Fri.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Joe & Agnes Culak, Ernest & Edith Donnelly
	10 A.M.	Fay Rohan
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Rudolph & Hedweg Bordovsky
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Walter & Hilda Afflerbach Family and Descendants
	9 A.M.	Allen Ray Hagan
	11 A.M.	Selene Ramirez

Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of the deceased members of the Guardiola and Sanchez families.

Prayer List

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

This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Ex 24:3-8; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

Your Gift to God: May 27th

St. Joseph Parish Support	\$4,625.10
Online Giving	\$1,515
Building Fund	\$275
St. Ann Parish Support	\$541
Online Giving	\$30
Building Fund	\$55

May God reward your generosity!

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday: 6:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.

Saturday: 4:00 – 4:40 P.M.

*“I am the living bread that came down
from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats
this bread will live forever.”*

Liturgical Assignments

Lectors

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Gladys Jiral
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Rose Sumler
	9 A.M.	Georgia Kutach
	11 A.M.	Teresita Hopkins

Offertory Gifts

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Charles & Shirley Hanzelka
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	A. R. Hagan Family

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Bobby Jiral, Donna Tolbert, Dawne Wendel
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Bobby & Bea Welfl, Joe Machalec
	11 A.M.	Miguel & Susana Trujillo, Vicky Vasquez

Ushers/Hospitality

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Debbie Caka, Charlie Proschko, JoJo Machalec, Ronnie Koenning
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Dennis & Rose Mary Havlik
	9 A.M.	David & Jo Ann Muehlstein, Glenn & Darlene Renken
	11 A.M.	Salvador & Marisela Rodriguez, Guillermo & Maria Vigna

Altar Servers

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Konner Dismuke, Ryan Gearson, Macanon Eggemeyer
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Hunter Mischer, Zachary Raz
	9 A.M.	Jacob Koenig, Grace Migl, Brittany Moreno
	11 A.M.	Jorge & Gabriel Chavez, Samantha Arredondo

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.

CDA Meeting and Clergy Appreciation Supper

The Catholic Daughters will meet Monday, June 4th at 6:00 P.M. at the Family Center to honor the clergy of the parish and to hold a brief business meeting. The evening will consist of a brief social followed by a salad supper. Members will also have the opportunity to participate in a fun game. All members and prospective new members are encouraged and invited to attend.

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 14**, 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.

As Summer Vacation Days Draw Near

With the school year coming to its close and summer vacation days draw near, just a reminder to all who are involved with assisting at our liturgies: please make use of the Ministry Scheduler Program (accessible at www.stj catholicchurch.com) so as to secure replacement substitutes when away from the parish family. If for some reason you are having difficulty with accessing the program, call the parish office so that hopefully the problem can be addressed.

Holy Communion to the Sick/Homebound

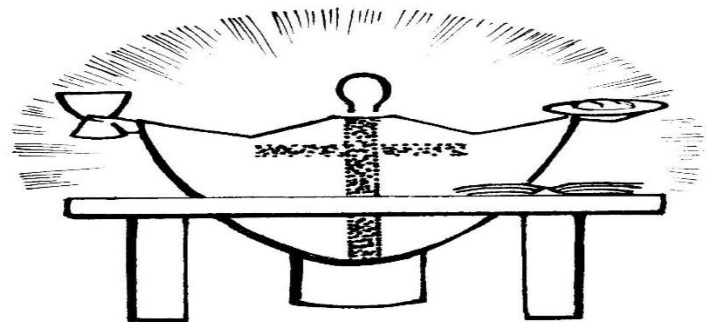
There's has been a note in the past asking...and now once again...if you assist as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to the Sick or Homebound, please notify the office. Our "master" list is dated and we are trying to update it with the most current listing. Rick Jahn has agreed to coordinate this valuable ministry and in order to begin--we need an updated and complete listing. Thanks.

Help Wanted!

Just a reminder that a simple way you can be involved and assist others is through stepping forward and volunteering. We are always in need of more individuals to lector and usher at our Masses...as well as any boy or girl fourth grade and up to serve at the Altar. A training will be scheduled during the summer months...if interested, simply call or drop an email to pastor@stj catholicchurch.com.

Attention! Attention! JCDA Leader(s) Needed

Since 2009, Desiree Muenich and Jennifer Jahn have been co-coordinators of the Junior Catholic Daughters, Court Our Lady of Guadalupe No. 206. These ladies have worked hard and put in countless hours to build the organization which currently has 35 active members ranging from kindergarten through 12th grade. Desi and Jennifer are looking for a couple of individuals to take their place and continue working with these young ladies. They are committed to helping the new co-coordinators get started and assist when needed. The JCDA organization has been long established in our parish and we want to see it continue. If interested in working with the JCDA, please contact CDA Regent, Mary McQuillen at 293-3736 or the parish office, 293-3518.



-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.**

Recordatorio

Nos estamos preparando para la Escuela Bíblica de St. Joseph. Si usted tiene un niño en la escuela entre los grados de Kínder al 6 en el entrante año escolar, considere inscribirlo en la Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones. La Escuela Bíblica se llevara a cabo en Julio 9 al 13 a partir de las 9:00 AM hasta las 12:00 mediodía. Si quiere ser voluntario para ayudar a esta actividad o le gustaría tener mas in formación, por favor contacte a Jana Guajardo en faithformation@stj catholicchurch.com Las formas de inscripción puede ser recogidas o dejadas en la oficina de la parroquia. La fecha límite para la inscripción es Viernes, de Junio 29.

*“When we eat this Bread and drink this
Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.”*

A Note from Principal Mooney

School is Out for the Summer

Positions Available 2018-2019 School Year
Kindergarten Teacher
1st Grade Teacher

***All applicants must have a Bachelor's degree
and 12 hours Education credit OR a valid state
teaching certificate.***

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 or applying for a teaching position at St. Joseph's.

Have a Safe and Enjoyable Summer!

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!

**“Keep the crucifix before your
eyes, and it will teach you
everything...”**

Elizabeth Scalia

*Seeking reassurance, finding peace in the Cross of
Christ*

Q: “Why should I consider Catholicism?”

A: “Because you're going to suffer. In life, everyone suffers. Absolutely no one escapes their turn at it. And Catholicism has the most complete theology of suffering, injustice and pain. Which is why she is the only church to

process through this spiritual battleground upon which we walk, every day, behind a crucifix.”

When people tell me they are anxious or despairing, or that they are feeling too alone, my advice is very simple. I tell them, “*Get a crucifix.*”

Not a cross, a *crucifix*. Get a small one that can be kept discreetly at your desk. Get an even smaller one for your pocket, to carry with you. Get one for your home.

Keep the crucifix before your eyes, and it will teach you everything. It will train you to take a “long view” of things.

The earthly goings-on that make us anxious and full of despair are a manifestation of the wholly spiritual war that proceeds apace—continually, though unseen—all around us. When we buy into it and lose hope, we are opening ourselves up to a spiritual oppression meant to cast us into the darkness and away from the light. Because the main battle is supernatural, we recognize it in our spirit; we feel it in our spirit, and then, when the oppression is too great, we either try to numb ourselves to it or we allow our spirits, and our faith, to collapse completely.

Better to arm the spirit. Feed it through Eucharistic adoration and Holy Communion; strengthen it with the sacramental grace of confession, so that regardless of what happens, despair never enters into the equation, never enters into you—because you understand that God’s hand is still part of things, that we are never abandoned; so much of what is spinning past, over headlines and through the ether is illusion or purposeful distraction, and if the rest is real, it is nothing to be afraid of, because we have been told that he is with us, to the end of all things.

So if you do not have a crucifix, get one; get a couple of them, and have them blessed. Then *study* them. Take a long, hard look at what is before your eyes. Ask God to show you what you need to know. Ask for what Solomon asked for: *an understanding heart*.

While looking, realize that everything you are feeling, all the things that are weighing on you—old wounds or new ones, vulnerabilities, disappointments, injustices, betrayals, mockeries, even hunger and thirst—have been experienced by Christ Jesus; he has known it all, borne it all, suffers with you and for you and permits you to join in his sacrifice—and thus his victory.

Ask Mary to teach you what she knows too, what she learned while she stood beneath the reality of it. Ask the Blessed Mother to explain about taking the “long view” of things, about keeping the faith even when one does not understand why things happen as they do; about how sometimes what is horrifying and unjust must happen, if something else—something remarkable and unimaginable and precisely what is required—is to be able to happen.

While you are meditating, it’s very possible that you will be tempted to distraction—that what the monks call “bad thoughts” may happen: sinful thoughts, anxious thoughts. When they arrive, follow Saint Benedict of Nursia’s instruction in his *Holy Rule*: “When evil thoughts come into one’s heart, dash them at once against Christ, the Rock”—imagine yourself crashing them against the crucifix, and they shatter.

Try it and you will see it’s true; you’ll be amazed at how calmly you’ll be able to observe the world and its goings-on, the illusions and the realities and the distractions in between, with a new and authentic sense of peace, if you keep the sacraments in your life and your eyes on the crucifix.

On a retreat one year, after meditating on the crucifix over the course of a day, I scrawled this in my notebook:

“Everything” is about nothing.

Everything ended with the sacrifice of the Lamb.

All is consummated.

We are forever and always at the Last Supper, at the Crucifixion, at the Resurrection.

Time ended with the tearing of the veil and the rolling back of the stone.

The rest is illusion and catching up.

There is nothing to be afraid of.

The upright crucifix teaches us balance because it helps us to become centered on Christ. We are not alone—even if we have run away, like the apostles, or denied him, like Peter (to whom he gave the keys to the kingdom); even if we have believed the great lie that we are unlovable because of our sins. Christ is with us, and he is the God Who Knows. He knows exactly what it is to be anxious and afraid, to wish circumstances were different and cups could be passed by; to feel unloved by those who should have known him best. He knows.

I sometimes think guilt and self-loathing is the “default mode” for too many of us, and I certainly carry my share, and yet when I concentrate on the crucifix, I feel only known—fully, wholly known—by the One whom I have come to understand is All Love. And so guilt and self-loathing have no hold there. There is only a deep wellspring of consolation.

Look closely, and consider the letters above him: I.N.R.I.

Intimate. Near. Reassuring. Instructive.



