

September 6, 2015

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 6:00 P.M. Rosary

6:30 P.M. +Robert Church; +Raymond Joe Hromadka, Sr; +Lillie Smajstrla; +Edward E. Grimm; +Edward Soukup; +Raymond Kapczynski; and +Arthur Deiterman

Sun. 7:30 A.M. +Lydia Dobecka; +Jerry Grones; +Edward Soukup; and +Almeda Horton, BD

Sun. 9:00 A.M. +Sister Mary Louella Bashinski; +Andrew Hlavenka; +Eddie Klaus; and Thanksgiving for 46th Wedding Anniversary of Bill & Dorothy Warren

Sun. 10:15 A.M. Westfest Grounds +Ted Kocian; +Henry Kolar; +Louis F. Cepak; +Deacon Cecil Friend; +C.W. & Margie Cernosek; +Danny Urbanovsky; +A.J. Muska, Jr.; +Joey & Jeremy Pustejovsky; +Carla Lathern; +Larry Lednicky; +Bernard Vrbas; +Clarence Hannes; +Joseph & Mary Girard; +Ludwig & Hattie Bezdek; +Leon & Millie Girard; +Raymond & Julie Cernosek; +Johnny H. Lednicky; +Rudolph & Marie Soukup; +David Gouldman; +Harry Lichnovsky; +Christine Hruska; +Bernard Lenart, Sr; +Rudolph Matus; +John Nichols; Anniv; +Ben Vanek; +Mary Vanek; +Bernard Vanek; +Ernest Sykora; +Ben Cernosek; +Rudy Sefcik; +Bernard & Betty Chudej; +Ernest Kelinske; +Cyndi Gerik Angelo; +Robert & Jack Church; +Joe Edd Maler; +Anthony Muska; +Nick Muska; +Johnny Recek; +Joe Zahirniak; +Chuck Zahirniak; +Freddy Gerik; +Charles Kutscherousky; +Edwin Nors; +Yvonne Nors; +Dennis J. Sulak; +Ronald J. Sulak; +Ginger Kutscherousky; +Cecil Atkins; and For World Peace

Sun. 10:30 A.M. +Patsy Picha

Sun. Spanish Mass (Noon) Parish Family

Mon. 8:30 A.M. – World Peace

Tues. 6:30 A.M. +Teresa Ann Holy; and For a Successful Surgery of Bernard Cernosek

Wed. Rosary 5:00 P.M.

6:30 P.M. Special Intention DF; and For The Living & Deceased CDA Members

Thurs. 6:30 A.M. +Tracie Smajstrla

Fri. 8:15 A.M. (5th Grade) +Albert Banik
10:00 A.M. (Rest Home) +Leo Mynarcik

Next Sat. 6:00 P.M. Family Rosary

6:30 P.M. +Fred Grellhesl, BD; +Henry Kubala; +Eleanor Mynarcik; +Wilford Cervenka, Anniv.; +Edward Soukup; and For the Health of Louis Mynarcik

Next Sun. 7:30 A.M. +Agnes Zatopek; +Henry Kolar; +Edward Soukup; Living & Deceased K.J.Z.T; and Thanksgiving for the 25th Wedding Anniversary of Michael & Cathy Kraemer

Next Sun. 9:00 A.M. +Jean Cernosek; and +Sister Mary Louella Bashinski

Next Sun. 10:30 A.M. +Stacy Sykora, BD

Next Sun. Spanish (Noon) +Frasisco Rodriguez; Special; and Parish Family

TODAY - Donations for the food Pantry will be accepted at all the Masses. Please place your canned goods in the containers at all the entrances of the church.

TODAY -- Our adult Sunday study group will meet at 9:00 a.m. in the parish cafeteria. All sessions will last one hour.

TODAY – 50/50 Club meets in the Parish Center after the 7:30 a.m. Mass.

TUESDAY – Adoration after the 6:30 a.m. Mass. Personal time to spend with Jesus.

WEDNESDAY-- R.C.I.A classes will begin at 7:00 p.m. in St. Joseph's Hall.

WEDNESDAY - CCE Parent Meetings

8th grade Parent Meeting is September 9th 6:15 in Parish Center.

9th grade Parent Meeting is September 13th– 9 a.m. in Parish Center.

Confirmation Parent Meeting is September 13th– 9 a.m. St. Joseph's hall. This meeting is mandatory for all confirmation parents / students.

THURSDAY - Adoration after the 6:30 a.m. Mass. Personal time to spend with Jesus.

FRIDAY – The Men’s Group meets at 6 a.m. at St. Joseph’s for Bible Study.

SATURDAY - LECTOR’S WORKSHOP – Father Paul asked that all lectors be at a meeting on Saturday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. in church. This meeting is to make sure that we have anyone who is willing to do this ministry and your information for scheduling.

SATURDAY September 12th there will be a dodge ball tournament held at St. Mary's Gym to raise money for the World Youth Day Trip. Registration will be from 10-11 and the tournament starts at 12. Open for all ages. Registration forms are at all entrances.

NEXT SUNDAY ---The World Youth Day group will be serving pancakes and sausage before and after all masses in St. Joseph’s Hall . Serving will start at 6:45 a.m. Donations will be accepted.

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NEXT SUNDAY—KJT & KJZT will attend Corporate Communion at the 7:30 a.m. Mass next Sunday. Meeting will follow at the Parish Center. Kolaches and coffee will be served prior to the meeting.

NEXT SUNDAY - Pro-Life Waco will host its Second Sunday luncheon/meeting on September 13 at the parish hall of St. Mary’s Church in Waco. An Italian luncheon will be served throughout the noon hour—adults \$3. Free for children

and first time attendees. For the meeting from 1-2 p.m. the featured speaker for the half of the meeting will be State Representative Molly White of Belton. Her topic will be “The Planned Parenthood scandal: What can we do in Austin and in our hometowns?” For questions, contact John Pisciotta 644-0407.

NEXT SUNDAY – St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Marlin will host a Fall Festival next Sunday. Chicken Fajita plates will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$8 a plate to dine in or take out. There will be fun for everyone including a Live Auction beginning at 1:30 p.m. Raffle drawing after auction, game booths and homemade baked goods will be for sale,

FIRST DAY OF CLASSES

Classes begin September 9th for K - 7 and RCIC.

Classes begin September 16th for 8th Grade.

Classes begin September 20th for 9th grade and Confirmation.

SANCTUARY LAMP is in memory of Frances Mrasek by Chuck & Bunny Felderhoff.

MARIAN SHRINE LIGHT is in memory of George Soukup by Family.

VOCATIONS CRUCIFIX will be in the home of Danny & Mary Mynar this week.

PRAYERFUL SYMPATHIES to the following: to the Stacy Sebik Family; To the Family of Leo Mynarcik; and to Darrin Banik on the loss of his father, Albert Banik; and to Chris Buchanan on the loss of her sister, Sister Mary Louella Bashinski.

NEXT SATURDAY 6:30 P.M.

LECTOR – Dianne Mendiola

GIFTS – Michael & Stephanie Matus

ALTAR SERVERS – Dayla Woodard,
Anthony Williams, Johnathon Nors

EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS – Mildred
Dokupil, Donna Sepeda, Joe Edd Grimm

SUN 7:30 A.M.

LECTOR- Don Urbanovsky

GIFTS – Larry & Dianna Mynarcik

ALTAR SERVERS – Colton Meurer.
Andrew Watson, Emily Polansky

EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS – George
Meurer, Robert & Georgie Nors

9:00 A.M.

LECTOR – Charlene Cook

GIFTS –Bobby Kostecka Family

SERVERS – Everett, Parker, Reagan
Bernsen

EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS –Joe &
Carolyn Pustejovsky; Jim Maguire

10:30 A.M.

LECTOR – Pat Herring

GIFTS – Mike Lednický Family

SERVERS – Caroline & Patrick Janek,
Lucas Bryant

EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS - Dorothy
Sykora, Mike & Freda Allen

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Offertory Collection.....	\$ 12,612.00
St. Mary's.....	\$ 40.00
CCE.....	\$ 25.00
Building Fund.....	\$ 25.00

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING: Teresa
Compton, Tim Jaska, James Smith,
Freddie Hutyra, Sierra Shaw, Mildred
Bajer; Cressie & Henry Girard, Charles
“Chuck” Horton, Doris Bennett, Robert
Smajstrla, Alex Perez; Bill Hannes; Ken
Bernsen; Kelly Hooper, Jennifer Jares
Ashley; Lillian Hromadka, Karcyn
Kauffman, Larry Holecek, Wesley Mashek,

Nilce Carman, Nathaniel Torres, Wendell
Harrison, Billy Kelm, Paula Ledford,
Martha Sulak Gerik, Cathy Heltenberg,
Eugene Roznos, Louis Mynarcik, Larry
Payne, Jason Neill, Albin Poehls, Zander
Williams, Hattie Kolar, Chris Hutyra,
Delbert Helms, Dawn Hand, John Price,
Estelle Marek, Butch Manske, Johnny
Hutyra, Richard Hlavenka, Charlotte
Klaus, Dave Redwine, Diana Schroeder,
and Jeff Jares.

CEF PERPETUAL ENROLLMENT.....

In loving memory of **SISTER MARY
LOUELLA BASHINSKI** by William & Chris
Buchanan.

In loving memory of the **RUTH DUDIK
FAMILY** by Ernest Bezdek, Doug & Clara
Carter, Raymond & Joyce Dulock, Chuck
& Bunny Felderhoff, Dianne Friend, Bill &
Laurann Grimm, Dorothy Hajek, Gene &
Martha Hosek, Harry Lee & Mary Ann
Hykel, Agnes M. Johnson, Anna Louise
Kaska, John & Wilma Kostecka, Charles &
Rose Kubacak, Ervin & Geraldine Laubert,
John & Monica May, Milada Mazanec,
Robert & Georgie Nors, Larry & Kathy
Podsednik, Dan & Jeanette Pokluda,
James & Marcella Sinkule, Thomas &
Margaret Sinkule, William & Angie Sinkule,
Lucille Sulak, and Lillian Urbanovsky.

In loving memory of the **BETTY PAREYA
FAMILY** by Ellouise Anderson; Cliff &
Bonnie Archer; Ernest Bezdek; Lillian
Bohannan; Doug & Clara Carter; Tina
Church and Jeff Clark; Mary Ann Cocek;
Raymond & Joyce Dulock; Chuck & Bunny
Felderhoff; Dianne Friend; Nita Gerik;
Henry & Cressie Girard; Bill & Laurann
Grimm; Bob & Andrea Grimm and Family;
Dorothy Hajek; Gene & Martha Hosek;
Harry Lee & Mary Ann Hykel; Agnes M.
Johnson; Anna Louise Kaska; Helen Klish;
Elaine Kolar, Kara and Kailey; John &
Wilma Kostecka; Charles & Rose
Kubacak; Kenneth & Margaret Kubala;
Rufus & Agnes Lamere; Ervin & Geraldine

Laubert; Jim & Jeanie Maguire; Jerry & Jo Ann Maynard; Milada Mazanec; George Meurer; Louis Mynarcik, Sr.; Charles & Marsha Nemec; Robert & Georgie Nors; Billy & Doris Pavelka; Evelyn Petter; Larry & Kathy Podsednik; Dan & Jeanette Pokluda; Louise (Lou) Pokluda; Joe & Carolyn Pustejovsky; Eugene & Jeanne Roznos; James & Marcella Sinkule; Thomas & Margaret Sinkule; William & Angie Sinkule; John & Doris Slay; Toni Snapka; Lucille Sulak; Rose Sulak; Toby & Doris Tobola; Helen Trlica; Don & Pam Urbanovsky; Lillian Urbanovsky; Steve & Ann Vanek and Katy Campbell; Margaret Webre; Jerry & Dee Willenborg; Robert & Marcella Wolf; Tommy & Jo Ann Wolf; and Virginia Zatopek.

In loving memory of the **BETTY PAREYA FAMILY** by Catholic Daughters of America, Court Sacred Heart #829.

In loving memory of the **ELENORA MUEHLSTEIN FAMILY** by Catholic Daughters of America, Court Sacred Heart #829.

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Pustejovsky, Eugene & Jeanne Roznos, Larry & Sandy Schroeder, James & Marcella Sinkule, Thomas & Margaret Sinkule, William & Angie Sinkule, Toni Snapka, Rose Sulak, Dolores Sykora, Helen Trlica, Don & Pam Urbanovsky, Lillian Urbanovsky, William & Libbie Veselka, Margaret Webre, Jerry & Dee Willenborg, Tommy & Jo Ann Wolf, and Virginia Zatopek.

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ST. MARY'S BUILDING FUND...

In loving memory of **LEO MYNARCIC** by Ellouise M. Anderson; Louis Mynarcik, Jr., Louis Mynarcik, Sr., Frankie & Evelyn Cepak; Alex & Marcia Hargrave, and Robert & Carol Mynarcik.

ST. MARY'S ENDOWMENT FUND ...

In loving memory of **EMMA BROWN** by Willie Mae Cervenka.

In loving memory of **PASTY PICHA** by William & Chris Buchanan.

In loving memory of **ROYCE ZAPOTEK** by William & Chris Buchanan.

In loving memory of **FERYN SCHULTE** by William & Chris Buchanan.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

CORNER Ephphatha! As we open our eyes to see, and open our ears to hear, we will notice people around us suffering from homelessness, poverty, inadequate health care and joblessness. The Gospel story reminds us not only to remember those on the peripheries, but also to open our hearts — reaching out to them in humble service.

MINISTRY FOR STRUGGLING

COUPLES Retrouvaille is a marriage program that helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. For confidential information about Retrouvaille or how to register for the program beginning with a weekend on Sept. 11-13, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit the website at www.helpourmarriage.com.

Someone in the Hospital???

Because of new right-to-privacy regulations, the hospitals are no longer able to notify the Church office about patients in the hospital. If a member of your family is in the hospital or is ill and would like to see a priest, please call the parish office.

DEADLINE NEXT EDITION OF THE

GOOD NEWS: Please email any articles and event dates you would like to have in the October-December edition of the 'The Good News to Cheryl Hoelscher by September 15th at westgoodnews@gamil.com. If you need to contact Cheryl, please call 826-3481. If you cannot provide an electronic version, please mail paper copy to 11612 Old Dallas Rd; West, Texas 76691 in advance of the deadline. Thank you in advance for sharing your organization's news with Our Parish!.

Family Connection Today's Gospel invites us to consider how we witness the healing presence of Christ in our care for and ministry to those who are sick. We notice that the deaf man is brought to Jesus for healing by his friends. These people beg Jesus to lay His hands on this deaf man so that he might be healed. Jesus' healing power is shown in His opening of the man's ears and the restoring of His speech. When family members care for one another when they are sick, they bring Christ's healing presence. When we pray for those who are ill, we ask God to show his healing power. When health is restored, we share that good news with others. As you gather as a family, recall a time when a family member was ill. What steps were taken to help restore this family member to health? Talk about what it feels like to care for a person who is ill, and about how it feels to be the sick person being cared for. In today's Gospel, we hear about a time when Jesus healed a man who was deaf. Read today's Gospel, Mark 7:31-37. Notice how the man who was cured and his friends could not honor Jesus' request to keep quiet about Jesus' power to heal. We continue to celebrate Jesus' healing presence in our lives by giving thanks to God for the gift of healing and health. Conclude in prayer, thanking Jesus for the gifts of health and healing. Pray together for those who are sick. After each person is named, pray, "Jesus, heal us."

In God We Trust



Background on the Gospel Reading Today we continue to hear the Gospel of Mark proclaimed. In today's reading, Jesus heals a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment. This is a story about Jesus' healing power, and in it we find clues about our understanding of sacrament. We are struck by the physical means used to heal the man, the use of spittle and touch. The Church continues to celebrate the sacraments using physical means. In the Sacrament of Baptism, water and oil are used to show the power of the Holy Spirit. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, we are anointed with holy oil on the forehead and the hands. In the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. We are a sacramental people who believe that God's grace is given to us through these physical signs. Some, however, see in this Gospel an image of the proclamation of the good news of Jesus to the Gentiles. The geographic references tell us that Jesus is journeying through Gentile territory. Jesus had previously visited this region and healed a person possessed by a demon. Jesus was already famous there, which explains why people brought the deaf man to him. The story that precedes this reading in Mark's Gospel sets the stage. Jesus encounters a Gentile, a Syrophenician woman who asks him to heal her demon-possessed daughter. Jesus engages her in a dialogue about not feeding to dogs the food intended for children. Jesus is struck by the woman's great faith when she replies that even dogs eat the food that falls from the table, and he heals her daughter immediately. The faith of this Greek woman compels Jesus to respond to her plea. Mark shows that Jesus' own mission affirms the early Church's mission to the Gentiles. This was a significant issue to the early Christian community, which found that the good news of Jesus took root and spread quickly among the Gentiles. Yet there is an irony in the story of healing that Mark tells. Jesus gives the man the gift of speech, but then tells him not to use it. Jesus asks that the news of His healing power, which is evidence of His identity as the Messiah, not be spread. This is a recurring motif in Mark's Gospel and is sometimes called the "messianic secret."

LABOR DAY

Since 1882, this day has been dedicated to the social and economic achievements of workers in the United States. Catholics especially should use this holiday to recall how our tradition has long recognized the dignity of work and the rights of workers. Catholic teaching insists: "All people have the right to economic initiative, to productive work, to just wages and benefits, to decent working conditions as well as to organize and join unions or other associations" (*A Catholic Framework for Economic Life*, #5, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1996)

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