



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Father Donald Ruppert, Pastor

335-7551 – Rectory

**335-4071 – Cemetery & Religious
Education Offices**

December 16, 2018 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Holy Cross Catholic Church, Holy Cross Faith Formation, and Holy Cross Cemetery.

Diocese of Victoria Web site: www.victoriadiocese.org

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: By Appointment

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday from 4:00 PM to 4:30 PM

ADORATION: From 7:30 AM Thursday continually until 7:00 PM Thursday

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: By Appointment After Pre-Baptismal Instructions

Rectory Office Hours: Monday through Friday – 8 AM to 12 Noon – 1 PM to 4 PM



Tuesday 18

No Service

Wednesday 19

No Service

Thursday 20 **7:00 AM**

+Maglena Cruz

Thursday 20 **10:00 AM**

+Mary Lahey Funeral Mass

Friday 21 **7:00 AM**

+Bennie Janik

Saturday 22 **5:00 PM**

+Don Pietsch, Louis & Estelle Faltysek

Sunday 23 **8:00 AM**

+Daniel Pilcik

Sunday 23 **10:00 AM**

+Estelle Pfuhl

Sunday 23 **11:30 AM**

Parishioners (Spanish Mass)

WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS CHURCH!

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

Saturday, December 22 – 5:00 P.M. Mass

Servers: Brooke Babin, Taylor & Tyler Viktorin

Lector: Monica Kubena

Ushers: Brian & Michelle Mica

Eucharist: Host-Jo Ann Preisler

Cup-Robert & Patricia Michulka, 2 Volunteers

Sunday, December 23 – 8:00 A.M. Mass

Servers: Weston Swoboda, Mason Vasut, Cole Janecek

Lector: Todd Swoboda

Ushers: Patrick & Karen Kubena

Eucharist: Host-Helen Mica

Cup-Daniel & Helen Pesek, Dennis & Brenda Polak

Sunday, December 23 – 10:00 A.M. Mass

Servers: Hannah & Ralston Chumchal, Camden Fucik

Lector: Rudy Vacek

Ushers: Eric & Pam Youngblood

Eucharist: Host-Tammy Triplett

Cup-Tyna Vacek, Chris & Melissa Morse, Martha Prochaska

Sunday, December 23 – 11:30 A.M. Spanish Mass

Assigned



Mass Attendance Last Weekend: 887

Your Gift to God Last Weekend: \$6,224.38

Retirement for Religious Fund: \$3,303.27 Parish Development: \$1,424.00

**Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for:
Vernice Janis in memory of Norbert Janis.**



MDA, WDM, MJM, Virginia Acuna, Christian M. Adamek, Elmer Gene Adamek, Casey Adams, Joseph Andrews, J.D. Bartek, Imogene Beard, Charlie Bucek, Frank & Gloria Buxkemper, Matthew Carson, Rosalie Chernohorsky, Adrienne Chance, Florence Chernohorsky, Anna Chumchal, J.C. & DeAnne Cooper, D. Demny, Brenda Dillon, Anton Dybala, Emily, Leonard John Fajkus, Betty F., P.F., Ervin Fishbeck, Jr., Adie Fojtik, Joey Graves, Boyce Gertson, Angeline Grigar, Hayden, Edward Halcom, Richard Henning, Charlene Hennecke, Jared Horelica, Johnnie & Rita Janak, Albina Jasek, Jenny, X, Lynnlea Jo Johnson, Joni Joyner, Adolph & Abi Jurecek, Kaelei, Annie Kalinowski, Evelyn Karasek, Gene & Joan Karasek, Larry Karasek, Chris King, Leo

Kolafa, Bernice & David Kopecky, Sophie Korenek, Tommy Krenek, Frank Kubes, Jr., John & Mary Ann Kubes, Justin, Carly & Carson Kubicek, Tom Kucera, Braeden Landgrebe, Jeremy Lejeune, Tom Lester, Danilo Lopez, Jose L. Lopez, Vincente Lopez, Gertrude Majewski, Louise Mareke, Patrick Macha, Lillian Marek, Louise Marek, Bennie Matcek, Lauren McPherson, Barbara Michalec, Rudy & Cara Mickulec, Dakota Miller, Agnes & Charlie Minks, Jerry Montalvo, Richard Munoz, Isidra Olvera, Vincente Olvera, Vicente A. Olvera, Maria Guadalupe Orozco, Frankie Orsak, Linda Parish, Traci Paul, Pat Pekar, Melanie Persyn, Brenda Polansky, James Polansky, Bernice Pribyl, Julius Pyka, Jr., Maria Roldan, Larry Ross, Isiah Sandoval, Phyllis Sanchez, Jerry Sebesta, Chip Shelton, Jaxon Siegel, Georgie Sliva, Steve Soto, Sylvia Preisler, Albert & Margaret Smaistrila, Donald Smaistrila, Judy Srubar, Beatrice Stelzel, Philip Stelzel, Hailey Svoboda, Tony, Connie Urban, Dennis Viktorin, Baby Wyatt Ward, Lillian Wilson, Daniel Wittig, Riley York, Johnnie Zak

Please send us a note or call us if you want to add someone.

**We pray for the soul of Mary Lahey & Rick Kaluza who passed away.
Please keep their families in your prayers.**

**Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins every
Thursday after the 7:00 A.M. Mass and closes at 7:00 P.M.**

Communion to the Homes:

December 16: Tim & Lora Faltysek, Janice Polak

December 23: Ann Kramr, Mary Ann Morse

Please call Evelyn Kramr at 335-4467 if you need to receive home communion.

Altar Society: Berna Pilcik, Carolyn Pilcik, Sandy Logan, Susanne Dujka

**CDA Christmas Party – Monday, December 17 – 7:00 p.m.
Potluck Supper & Gift Exchange**

*CDA Noodle Soup Supper Raffle Tickets available for pick up in church.
Please get your tickets from the vestibule. Thank you.*

Pope Francis said:

Even when we pray alone, we pray together with all the people of God.



Christmas Confession Schedule Horario de confesiones para la Navidad

Monday/Lunes December 17	6:30–7:30 p.m.
Tuesday/Martes December 18	7:15–8:15 p.m.
Thursday/Jueves December 20	2:00–3:00 p.m.
Saturday/Sábado December 22	9:00–10:00 a.m.

Breve reflexión sobre el evangelio

Ya debemos volver a casa para atender lo más importante, la realidad desnivelada que nos hace deshonestos y nos cubre con el manto del miedo. Si esperamos todavía el nacimiento de un niño, debemos, por lo menos, entender que éste tendrá que nacer entre nosotros, el fruto de nuestra siembra y diálogo. Si soñamos con que todo lo esperado se realizará un día, ¿no debemos aceptar el reto de cambio para con nuestras relaciones? ¿Qué nos prohíbe penetrar nuestras vidas con un aprecio y un amor, con el deseo de incluir en lugar de apartar, con una fe de que la vida se va a mejorar porque nosotros mismos nos estamos reuniendo para hacerla así?
(Pbro. Donaldo Headley)

History of Holy Cross Parish – A great gift

Do you need a Christmas gift or a special gift for someone? Consider the History of Holy Cross Parish – a 267-page hard bound volume filled with photos, historical data and special stories about early pioneer days and parish life in East Bernard beginning in the late 1890's and early 1900's. It also contains descriptive narratives of life as it was in Czechoslovakia, the immigration to America and the hardships endured in the new land. This interesting book is valuable for research and genealogy purposes and would be a special gift for someone with roots in East Bernard. A convenient surname index of approximately 2500 names makes it easy to locate possible ancestors. Available in the church foyer and at the rectory at 839 Church Street, East Bernard or by calling 979-335-7551. Price reduced to \$25.00.

Polka Mass CD's also available in church for \$10 by the Holy Cross Polka Mass Choir.

January 19, 2019—God Works with our Hands: Knitters, Crafters, Quilters; etc. Sister Roselle Haas, rc. Reflectively working with your hands helps you discover the stillness within. **Bring any handwork so you can listen to God at work in your hands while you explore the spirituality of your craft.** \$25.00 Suggested Donation or Love offering. A box lunch is available to purchase. Incarnate Word Convent 1101 N. E. Water Street Victoria, TX 361-575-7111. We invite those attending to join the Sisters for their 8:30 am Mass in the Convent Chapel.

January 26, 2019 The Gift you Give Yourself - Deacon Leo Shannon, Terry Robinson, Sister Emilie Eilers, IWBS “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened and I will give you rest.” Matt 11:28 Caregiving doesn’t start with getting busy or taking on tasks. Caregiving starts from a place of rest deep within yourself. Before you can give care that will bring comfort, rest and peace to others, you must know God’s rest and peace in your heart. We do our best work when it comes from a place of stillness and inner quiet. Join other caregivers in experiencing a personal invitation of Jesus: “Come to me and rest.” \$25.00 Suggested Donation or Love offering. A box lunch is available to purchase. Incarnate Word Convent 1101 N. E. Water Street Victoria, TX 361-575-7111. We invite those attending to join the Sisters for their 8:30 am Mass in the Convent Chapel.

Application for Scholarships from KJZT available. All info on bulletin board in church & on counter in vestibule.

The Annual Mass for the Feast of the Holy Innocents at Raphael's Refuge will be celebrated by Bishop Cahill on December 28. A Rosary will begin at 10:00 a.m., followed by Christmas carols, with Mass at 11:00 a.m. Refreshments will follow. For more information, phone 361-258-1514, or visit www.raphaelsrefuge.org.

Come and See! Single Catholic women 18 to 40 years of age are invited to come meet nuns (Sisters) and examine their call to make Jesus, the Incarnate Word, known and loved. Explore your own call to follow Jesus through marriage, single state, or religious life on January 19-20, 2019 at Incarnate Word Convent in Victoria, Texas (361) 575-7111 or email iwbsvoc@yahoo.com. See www.iwbsvictoria.org for more information.

**Banns of Marriage: Second Bann: Nathan Powell & Kelsey Barta
First Bann: Josh Mayfield & Lauren Hlavinka**



New Sound System in Choir Loft:

If you want to learn about the new sound system, we will have a very short meeting on Monday, December 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the choir loft. This meeting is only for those that need to know how to turn system on and other details about it.

Solemn Advent Vespers: December 9, 16, 23, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. Incarnate Word Convent Chapel 1101 N. E. Water Street, Victoria. Solemn Vespers is the Liturgical Evening Prayer of the Church. This prayer focuses on praying the psalms, giving thanks for the day and offering praise to God. Vespers closes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Parish Fund Donations:

Vocation Fund: Jimmie & Georgie Losack in memory of George Jalowy & Annette Novak.

Christmas Mass Schedule:

**Monday, December 24 – 4 p.m. and 12 midnight
Tuesday, December 25 – 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Spanish**

Live Nativity & Christmas Carols



Live Nativity featuring the Holy Cross Youth on Wednesday, December 19th, at 7:00 PM – 8:15 PM on the lawn across from the church. Feel free to drive by or park and visit for a while!