



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Father Donald Ruppert, Pastor

335-7551 – Rectory

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

DECEMBER 17, 2017 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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



Monday 18		No Service
Tuesday 19	7:00 AM	+Tomaso Lopez
Wednesday 20		No Service
Thursday 21	7:00 AM	+Rudy & Henrietta Klecka, Rudy Jr., Jaime Rosa
Friday 22	7:00 AM	+Danny Pless
Saturday 23	5:00 PM	LeeRoy & Bernice Janik
Sunday 24	8:00 AM	Parishioners
Sunday 24	10:00AM	+Stephen Macha

WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS CHURCH!

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

Tuesday – 7:00 a.m. – Callie Dusek, Abby Hudgins

Thursday – 7:00 a.m. – Keegan & London Cavness

Friday – 7:00 a.m. – Eric Bradicich, Zachery Fuechec

Saturday, December 23 – 5:00 P.M. Mass

Servers: Chloe & Jillian Faltysek, Cadence Hammock

Lector: Robert Michulka

Ushers: Frank & Julia Kubes, Debbie Orsak & Devyn

Eucharist: Host-Gloria Demny

Cup-Patricia Michulka, Monica Kubena, Gerald & Natalie Mica

Sunday, December 24 – 8:00 A.M. Mass

Servers: Claire, Samuel, Julia Coker

Lector: Todd Swoboda

Ushers: Patrick & Karen Kubena

Eucharist: Host-Cynthia Dusek

Cup-Doris Brandes, Jo Ann Preisler, Karen Moszkowicz, Helen Mica

Sunday, December 24 – 10:00 A.M. Mass

Servers: Ryan, Rachel, Jacob Kulcak

Lector: Melissa Morse

Ushers: Jodie & Jerry Smaistrla

Eucharist: Host-Chris Morse

Cup-Marvin Adamek, Henriette Jalowy, David & Lisa Pless



Mass Attendance Last Weekend: 560

Your Gift to God Last Weekend: \$5,120.45

Holy Day: \$1,276.00 Parish Development: \$353.00

Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for:

**Gladys Dusek in memory of John Dusek, Debbie Dusek, &
My Parents Joe & Hattie Heger.**



MDA, Christian M. Adamek, Elmer Gene Adamek, Joseph Andrews, Nonnie M. Arriola, Frances Arzu, Baby Luciana, John Balusek, David Bartosh, Marty Bezdek, Clifton Bram, Terry Brown, Frank & Gloria Buxkemper, Jason K. Carson, Sebastian Carrillo, Bennie & Anna Chumchal, Carla & Margaret, Hunter Clough, Sarrette Cooper, Michael Demny, Ashley Dusek, Helen Dusek, Joyce Dusek, James Dusek, Anton Dybala, Joseph Fishbeck, Margaret Flagg, Betty Franzetti, Bernice Futschik, Cheryl Garbs, Billy Gouldie, Edward Halcom, Nancy Hall, Kurt Hacker, Haley, Lou Ellen Hatchett, Charlene Hennecke, Penny Herrera, Scott Herrera, Jerry Horelica, Jr., Gloria Hudgins, Jo Ishee, Brandon Janak, Johnny & Rita Janik, Albina Jasek, Richard Jochec, Douglas Johse, Lynnlea Johnson, Marion Kalinowski, Gene & Joan Karasek, Bernice Kopecky, David Kopecky, Linda Kopecky, Ann Kramr, Jerry W. Kubena, John Kubes, Braeden Landgrebe, Jeremy LeJeune, Darlene Lockard, Danilo Lopez, Vincente Lopez, MJM, SJM, WDM, MM, Patrick Macha, Lillian Marek, Marty, Sandy McCarty, Lauren McPherson, Robert Sr. & Frances Montano, Paul Nawara, Annette Novak, Emiliano Olbera, Carol Oliver, Frankie Orsak, Melanie Persyn, Lisa Phillips, Diana Polak, Willie & Hazel Prazak, Glen Pribyl, Jane Primrose, Julius Pyka, Jr., Gary Reese, Emiliano Rivera, Reba Rosipal, Larry Ross, Phyllis Sanchez, Sandra Schmidt, Jerry Sebesta, Hannah Slaughter, Georgie Sliva, Susan Sliva, Mila Sosa, Donald Smaistrila, Margaret Smaistrila, Louis & Judy Srubar, Beatrice Stelzel, Philip Stelzel, Gary Sutton, Emma Svoboda, Ronnie Tate, Victor James Tichacek, Dorothy Twardowski, Katie Vacek, Sandy Vacek, Marco Valenzuela, Lillian Wilson, Louis Zbranek

Please call us if you want to add someone.

**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 17: Joey Pitman, Evelyn Kramr

December 24: Helen Mica, Donna Cavness

Please call Evelyn Kramr at 335-7324 if you need to receive home communion.

Please pick up your new schedule in the sacristy. Thank you.

Altar Society: Mary Ann Morse, Barbara Michalec, Dianne Viktorin, Helen Pesek

KJZT Scholarship Applications are available now, due February 9, 2018.

Flyer in Church with all information needed.

CDA Raffle Tickets Ready for Pick Up – located in Church vestibule.

CDA Christmas Party – Monday, December 18 – 7:00 p.m.

Potluck Supper - Gift exchange.

Pope Francis said:

“We ask for the grace to make our faith more and more operative through acts of charity.”

Parish Fund Donations:

Cemetery Fund:

Rosalie Chernohorsky in memory of Agnes Litvik.

Scholarship Fund:

Patsy Talas in memory of Agnes Litvik, Celestine Kucera, & Syl Kramr.

Vocation Fund:

Martha Janik in memory of Celestine Kucera, Syl Kramr, & Agnes Litvik.

KC Raffle Tickets Reminder – Please sell your tickets or turn them in.

KJT #40 Riverside Hall Renovation Fund:

Mary Ann Kramr in memory of Celestine Kucera, Tillie Dusek, David Stelzel, & Tyler Menard.

Edwin C. Marik in memory of Agnes Litvik.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Bernadette #1108

CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP & SANDWICH SUPPER

With Raffle & Silent Auction

Wednesday, January 31, 2018

Serving Begins at 5:00 PM

Dine In or Bring your own container to take home

Bowl of Soup - \$3.00 each

Chicken Salad Sandwich - \$3.00 each

Pastries Available. Raffle Drawing for 76 prizes at 7:00 PM

30th Annual Catholic Conference

Saturday, January 27 2018 ~ Holy Family Church, Wharton

The seven principles of Catholic Social Teaching will be presented by 22 speakers.

Info and online registration are available at www.victoriadiocese.org or call the Chancery Office at (361) 573-0828.

Bazaar News!

Special Thank You to Bazaar Co-Chairs: Vicky Alvarado, Irene Vasquez, Valerie Munoz, Danni Montalvo, & Wanda Montalvo. Many thanks to you all for volunteering!

Finding Christ in the World -

A Twelve-Week Ignatian Retreat in Everyday Life

Amor Meus Spirituality Center at Incarnate Word Convent 1101 N.E. Water St. Victoria, TX will offer a twelve-week Ignatian Retreat entitled “*Finding Christ in the World,*” a prayer experience to help you see where God breaks into your daily life.

A small group of 6 to 10 persons will meet at Incarnate Word Convent Amor Meus Prayer Room on Wednesday evening each week beginning January 3 through March 21, 2018 from 6:30 – 7:30 PM to share and explore their experience of prayer.

The retreat fee is \$10 dollars per week for the 12 weeks, which includes a workbook for the entire retreat.

To register: Call: Sister Digna at [\(361\) 485-0866](tel:3614850866) the group is limited to **no more** than 10 persons. Call early to secure a space.

Amor Meus Spirituality Center Taizé Prayer Service: Tuesday, January 16, 2018 from 7:00 pm—8:00 p.m. Taizé Prayer is a meditative Christian experience of prayer that includes sung and chanted prayers, meditation, and periods of silence, reflection and liturgical readings. Amor Meus Prayer room. Incarnate Word Convent [1101 N. E. Water St. Victoria](http://www.1101N.E.WaterSt.Victoria.com) – [361-575-7111](tel:3615757111). Please park in the back.

Junior Catholic Daughters is a girls youth program for ages 6 through 18. JCDA helps girls to enrich their lives through service to others in their church, community, and world. Currently JCDA in our parish is in need of sponsors. Sponsors would be asked help lead a monthly meeting and service projects. For more information please contact Pam Youngblood pam.youngblood@hotmail.com [979-533-3754](tel:9795333754)

HOLY CROSS WELCOMES FATHER MATTHEW KESSLER

Father Matthew Kessler will take up residence at Holy Cross on December 21, 2017. He is a Redemptorist priest who may be interested in joining the Diocese of Victoria in the future.

Father Kessler’s last assignment was as editor (CEO) of Liguori Publications (publishers of our bulletin cover). He is fluent in Spanish and has a special interest in developing Hispanic Ministry programs.

Fr. Don

Confesiones en Español

Friday, December 22 from 2:00 – 3:30 P.M.

Thank you Father Don for your love and support for our students and our parish family. Thank you to all who came out to enjoy the evening with our youth at the Live



Nativity. God provided perfect weather for a beautiful evening. We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

2017 ADVENT PROJECT: 2 Week’s Collection \$159!

This Advent the Faith Formation Students are partner with Society of St. Vincent de Paul in their mission to help families struggling to recover from Hurricane Maria. A goal of \$1,000 has been set in order to help families with the basics: food, clean water and shelter. Please turn in donations by December 20. Parishioners wishing to help, may put a donation in an envelope marked “St. Vincent de Paul” and bring to rectory.

