



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Father Donald Ruppert, Pastor

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Education Offices**

DECEMBER 31, 2017 – THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

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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



Sunday 31	4:00 PM	+Lillian & Pete Pilcik
Monday 1	9:00 AM	+Stephen Macha
Tuesday 2	7:00 AM	+Fannie Villarreal
Wednesday 3	6:00 PM	+Frank & Cecila Valigura
Thursday 4	7:00 AM	+Joe & Stella Chernohorsky
Friday 5	7:00 AM	+Christian Mothers
Saturday 6	5:00 PM	+Irene Janik
Sunday 7	8:00 AM	Parishioners
Sunday 7	10:00AM	+Pete & Suzie Lopez Family

WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS CHURCH!

Happy New Year! World Day of Prayer for Peace.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

Tuesday – 7:00 a.m. – Rylee Vacek, Abby Hudgins

Wednesday – 6:00 p.m. – Volunteers

Thursday – 7:00 a.m. – Carson Kubicek, Luke Minks

Friday – 7:00 a.m. – Cody & Nathan Kramr

Saturday, January 6 – 5:00 P.M. Mass

Servers: Cooper, Sam, Emma Potts

Lector: Janice Polak

Ushers: Daniel & Dennis Viktorin

Eucharist: Host-Thomas P. Vacek

Cup-Melinda Alvarado, Cynthia Dusek, Monica Kubena, MA Morse

Sunday, January 7 – 8:00 A.M. Mass

Servers: Layton & Weston Swoboda, Cole Janecek

Lector: Jerry Smaistrila

Ushers: Daniel & Cindy Garza

Eucharist: Host-Todd Swoboda

Cup-Doris Brandes, Henriette Jalowy, Yvonne Naiser, JA Preisler

Sunday, January 7 – 10:00 A.M. Mass

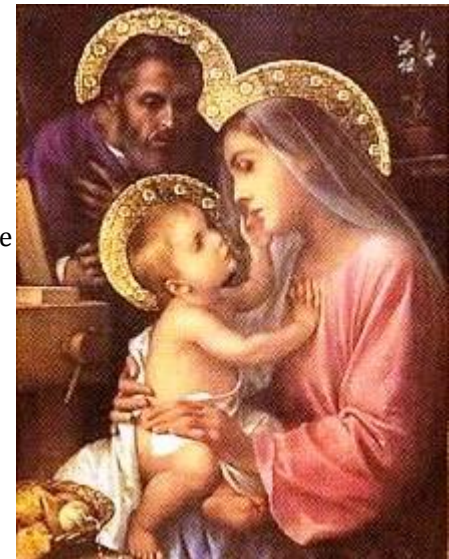
Servers: Mara Triplett, Hailey Henry, Samuel Sims

Lector: Rudy Vacek

Ushers: Donald & Kim Buxkemper

Eucharist: Host-Gerald Mica

Cup-Tyna Vacek, Natalie Mica, Chris & Melissa Morse



Mass Attendance Last Weekend: 650 Christmas: 1,148

Your Gift to God Last Weekend: \$6,124.00

Christmas Collection: \$9,536.00 Parish Development: \$4,420.00

**Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for:
Mary Lahey in memory of Bernard Lahey.**



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, Jose L. 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, Isidra Olvera, Maria Guadalupe Orozco, 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, Johnnie Zak, Louis Zbraneck
Please call us if you want to add someone. The Sick list will start anew next weekend.

**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 31: Tim & Lora Faltysek, Janice Polak

January 7: Mary Ann Morse, Ann Kramr

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: Gloria Demny, Shelia Bohacek, Donna Cavness, Tammy Ellis

Second Collection: January 28 – For the Church in Latin America

St. Bernard Council, # 2500 Knights of Columbus meet the first Tuesday of the month,

January 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in the Holy Cross Meeting Room.

Please call Grand Knight Jeff Popp at 832-372-5197 for more information.

The next Polka Mass will be on Saturday, January 13 at 5 pm. Choir members: There will only be **ONE PRACTICE** for this Mass on January 8 at 7 pm. Please make every effort to attend.

Pope Francis said:

“Today we pray for all the children who are not allowed to be born, who cry with hunger, who hold weapons in their hands instead of toys.”

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

Parish Donations:

Cemetery Fund: Raymond & Janice Polak in memory of Agnes Litvik.

Parish Development: Syl & Joyce Dusek in memory of Agnes Litvik.

Scholarship Fund: Joe & Mary Ann Morse in memory of Agnes Litvik.

2018 Flower Calendar Ready for Your Intentions

Christmas Flower Donations:

Marvin Adamek in memory of Emil & Frances Adamek; Bernadette Adamek; Frank & Melvin Adamek; Margaret A. Heinrich.

Dennis & Brenda Polak in memory of Polak & Jetter Grandparents.

KJT Society #40 Youth Scholarship Donation:

Frank & Gloria Buxkemper in memory of Celestine Kucera, George Stasney, Tillie Dusek, & Agnes Litvik.

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.

Please get your Raffle Tickets so mailing is not necessary.

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.



Christ, bless this home
CHRISTUS MANSIONEM BENEDICAT

EPIPHANY HOME BLESSING

LEADER: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. AMEN

READER: The Prologue of St. John's Gospel (John 1: 1-18):

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him, nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life,

and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came to be through him, but the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him.

But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man's decision but of God.

And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

John testified to him and cried out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, The one coming after me ranks ahead of me because he existed before me." From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace, because while the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. The only Son, God, who is at the Father's side, has revealed him.

ALL RECITE: The Lord's Prayer

LEADER: Let us pray

O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory.

Bless our home and all who dwell in it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that all our actions may reflect your love.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. AMEN.

Write the inscription for this year above your front door with blessed chalk

20 + C + M + B + 18

Caspar – Melchior – Balthasar

"Christus Mansionem Benedicat" – May Christ Bless this Home

RCIA class will meet on Tuesday, January 2, 2018
At 7:00 P.M. in Holy Cross Rectory (Fr. Don's office)

Thank you for thoughtfulness during the Christmas season. I appreciate the cards and gifts you sent. You are in my thoughts and prayers as we celebrate the birth of Christ. I wish all of you a blessed and healthy New Year.

Father Don Ruppert



NOTICE

January 1st (*Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God*) is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation in 2018. Holy days, with the exception of December 8th and December 25th are non-obligatory if they fall on a Saturday or Monday. A vigil Mass will be celebrated on December 31st at 4:00 P.M. and Mass on January 1st at 9:00 A.M.

"A Blast from Your Past"

Riverside Hall • East Bernard, TX

SATURDAY • JANUARY 13th, 2018

Doors open at 7 p.m.

Dance 8:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

Admission: Advance Tickets \$20 • At the Door \$25

Dance Tickets Only call George Triplett (281) 342-5528

Dance Tickets/Table Reservations call Marvin Holub (979) 533-9004

1000 Raffle Tickets will be sold for 25 Prizes - Drawing During Dance

Everyone Invited!

No Smoking Event



2017 FAITH FORMATION ADVENT PROJECT: As of December 20, \$738.00 was collected. All the money will be sent to St. Vincent de Paul USA. They will in turn buy the much need supplies for those affected by Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico. Through this project were able to do four of the seven Corporal Works of Mercy: feed hungry, give drink, clothe naked and shelter homeless. Thank you!