



## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### JANUARY 10, 2010 – THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Saturday from 4:00 PM to 4:30 PM  
**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** By Appointment After Pre-Baptismal Instructions  
**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:** By Appointment  
**ADORATION:** From 7:30 AM Thursday Continually Until 7:00 PM Thursday  
**Rectory Office Hours:** Monday through Friday – 8 AM to 12 Noon – 1 PM to 4 PM



Monday 11		No Service
Tuesday 12		No Service
Wednesday 13		No Service
Thursday 14		No Service
Friday 15	7:00 AM	Christian Mothers
Saturday 16	2:30 PM	Wedding – Kopecky & Siska
Saturday 16	5:00 PM	+ Mary Orsak; Bennie & Martha Janik 60 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary
Sunday 17	7:00 AM	+ Mildred Smith
	9:00 AM	Parishioners
	11:00 AM	+ Stanley & Mary Zientek

## WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS CHURCH!

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY

#### Saturday, January 16 – 5:00 P.M. Mass

Servers: Blake Whitley, Tyler Vasut, Nathan Anders  
Lector: Melinda Alvarado  
Ushers: LeeRoy Janik & Ed Schneider  
Eucharist: Evelyn Kramr

#### Sunday, January 17 – 7:00 A.M. Mass

Servers: Brady, Brandy, & Brent Babin  
Lector: Ken Stavinoha  
Ushers: Leo Kolafa, Jr. Family  
Eucharist: Janie Mendez

#### Sunday, January 17 – 9:00 A.M. Mass

Servers: Sarah Sims, Bo & Bradly Berry  
Lector: Lance Rejsek  
Ushers: Losack Family  
Eucharist: Bernice Cavness

#### Sunday, January 17 – 11:00 A.M. Mass

Servers: Kayla, Nathan, & Matthew Tovar  
Lector: Todd Swoboda  
Ushers: August Vacek Family  
Eucharist: Yvonne Naiser



Mass Attendance Last Weekend: 746  
Your Gift to God Last Weekend: \$4,452.65  
Holy Day Collection: \$1,924.00 Parish Development: \$505.00

Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for:  
Bennie & Martha Janik in memory of Annie Ruppert & Alva Brewer.

**Please Pray For Our Sick:** Rev. Henry Rachunek, Sr. Lillian Barta, Jerri Brezik, Samuel Britton, J.B., M.B., Joe Burttschell, Sr., Gloria Buxkemper, Gloria Centeno, Rena Chauvin, Della Chmelik, Anna Chumchal, Joe Chumchal, Roy Demny, Katherine Drews, Eva Dusek, Lucille Ferguson, Beatrice Fojtik, Adrian Gubert, Frances Hadash, Tillie Haedge, Caylee Ann Hammock, Mary Hennecke, Susie Hillmann, Florence Holmes, Ron Horelica, Brent Irby, Joyce Janik, Mary Jochec, Ruthie Jochec, Jeanette Kalina, Mary Jane Kelner, Leslie King Quinnell, Rudy Klecka, Bessie Kramr, Mary Kucera, Oscar Litvik, Archie & Jeremy Lopez, Barbara Lopez, Vincente Lopez, Jake Marik, Pati Marik, Hope Martinez, Charlie Michulka, Leona Milder, Gene Mrkwa, Lillian Pilcik, Agnes Polak, Marvin Polasek, Shirley Powers, Stanley Rejsek, LeRoy Repka, Mildred Repka, Sam Rubio, Sr., Agnes Smaistrla, Greg Smaistrla, Joe Sodalak, Joe Szymanski, John Szymanski, Lillie Talafuse, Lucy Talas, Victor Tichacek, Amy Thomas, Margaret Toellner, Evelyn Ullmann, Sylvia Yackel

Please call or email us if you want to add someone to the list.

***We pray for the soul of*** Sister Doloretta Leopold who passed away last week. Please keep her family in your prayers.

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**Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
begins every Thursday after the 7:00 a.m. Mass and closes at 7:00 p.m.**

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***We welcome into our faith*** Kate Lauren Hudgins who was baptized last weekend.

**Communion to the Homes:**

**January 10:** Charles Bucek, John & Mary Ann Kubes, Lydia Scianna

**January 17:** Bill & Bernice Cavness, Evelyn Kramr, Janelle Barta

Please call Janelle Barta at 335-7975 if you need to receive home communion.

**Altar Society:**

Birdie Jo Hlavinka, Ann Kramr, Dorothy Twardowski, Georgie Losack, Evelyn Kramr

**Second Collection: January 23 & 24 – Latin America**

**KJT & KJZT** meet on the second Tuesday of the month, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Riverside Hall. Please call Big Ed Marik at 335-6402 (KJT) or Sophie Korenek at 335-4873 (KJZT).

**KJT Youth Group** – For more info, please call Gloria Buxkemper at 335-7318.

**Holy Cross Blood Drive – Sunday, January 31 in the Meeting Room.**

Please contact Robert or Patricia Michulka at 335-6107 for more info.

**The 2010 Flower Calendar is in church, ready for your intentions.**

**Sanctuary Lamp Intentions – please call the parish office to select your date.**

**Wallis KC's Fried Chicken Dinner – Sunday, January 10**

Serving 10:30 to 1:30 - Dine In or Carry out - \$8.00 per plate



**Third: Kevin Kopecky & Cori Siska**

**Generations Of Faith – Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**

Topic – Making Moral Decisions – Pizza Served from 6 to 6:20 p.m.

Opening Prayer 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

**CDA Chicken Noodle Soup & Sandwich Supper & Raffle:** Wednesday, January 27 at the American Legion Hall – Great food & fun for all!

**CDA Raffle Tickets are located in the foyer – Please pick yours up!**

**Polka Mass – 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 30**

**Parish Funds: Building Fund:** Elroy & Helen Hupe in memory of Bernice Twardowski, Susie Lopez, Annie Ruppert, Henrietta Klecka.

**Cemetery Fund:** C.W. Kubes in memory of Vyolanda Kubes.

**Vocation Fund:** Tommy & Yvonne Krenek in memory of Mary Buzek.

**KJT Youth Scholarship Fund:**

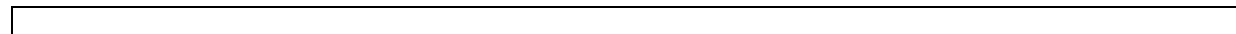
Frank & Gloria Buxkemper in memory of Mary Waligura, William Poessel, Alfred Pawlak, & Irene Watts.

**We welcome new Lector Melinda Alvarado.** Thank you so much for volunteering for this ministry. If anyone would like to volunteer, to Lector, Usher, or Altar Serve, please call the parish office or send us a note. Thank you again Melinda, and all Lectors, Ushers, Altar Servers, and Eucharistic Ministers for volunteering.

**ACT NOW will meet Sunday, January 17 for the 11:00 a.m. Mass, then meal and meeting afterward in room 1. Everyone Welcome!**

**RCIA Classes – Tuesday, January 19, 7 p.m. in room 1.**

**St. Wenceslaus, Beasley, Annual Chicken Fried Steak Dinner –**  
Sunday, January 17, starting at 10:30 a.m.



**CDA Education Contest** - Court St. Bernadette #1108 is sponsoring an Education Contest open to ALL students in Grade 4 through 12 and all Catholic Daughter members.

The following categories are available to compete for awards:

Division 1 Grades 4-5	Essay, Poetry, Art, Computer Art
Division 2 Grades 6-7-8	Essay, Poetry, Art, Computer Art, Music, Photography
Division 3 Grades 9-10-11-12	Essay, Poetry, Art, Computer Art, Music, Photography
Division 4 CDA members	Poetry, Art, Computer Art, Music

The themes for this year are: "The Joys of God Surround Us" or "The Joys Life Brings Through Others"

Deadline is February 5, 2010 to Education Chairman, Janice Polak. Forms and contest rules are available in the vestibule of the church or contact Janice Polak at 979-335-4029.

### **Choosing to Live Our Vows Everyday: A Weekend Marriage Retreat.**

Father Gary Janak, and five team couples, will be facilitating this unique weekend retreat for married couples. It is for couples seeking to focus on what brought their covenant into existence-their marriage vows. It is not a weekend for couples experiencing serious marital problems, but for those wanting to strengthen their couples spirituality and discover ways to live their vows, on a daily basis. The retreat will be held at the Palacios Baptist Encampment, on January 22-24, at \$200.00 per couple. Application forms are available at the Parish Office or request one by calling 979.543.3770.

**"Angel Workshop/Training" Tuesday, January 26**  
**Holy Family Catholic Church (Ed. Bldg. across from the Church)**  
**Mallette Dr., Victoria, Texas**  
**6:30p.m. – 9:30 p.m. RSVP by Friday, January 22:**  
**Becca ([innocentfamily@juno.com](mailto:innocentfamily@juno.com)) or (361) 564-3887**  
**Martha ([mdulcak@yahoo.com](mailto:mdulcak@yahoo.com)) or (361) 571-7130**

### **Please mark your calendars:**

January 23, 2010 - Texas Rally for Life in Austin

January 31, 2010 - Jr. High Fiesta (6-8th graders) @ KC Hall in Hallettsville

February 14, 2010 - Confirmation Retreat @ St. Michael in Cuero

February 28, 2010 - Confirmation Retreat @ Sacred Heart in Hallettsville

March 7, 2010 - High School Spectacular @ Knights of Columbus Hall in El Campo

March 13, 2010 - Confirmation Retreat @ TBA

Registration forms will soon be emailed...hard copies will be in church vestibule. Adults will be needed to chaperone and transport students. (Parish pays adult registration fees.)



## *Wise Men Visit Holy Cross*

Children attending the Parish Epiphany Celebration were delighted when the Magi (Gaspar, Melchior and Balthasar) stopped by for a visit. The children gathered around Mary, Joseph and Jesus as the Wise Men knelt in homage. When they opened their chests they were filled with gifts. Everyone up through the fifth grade was invited to choose several gifts offered by the wise men.

Everyone enjoyed a variety of delicious covered dishes. The "after Christmas" celebration was relaxed and offered an opportunity for

parishioners to socialize and enjoy the fellowship.

A Christmas tree was decorated with candy, cookies and other goodies. Young parishioners were told that the Feast of the Epiphany was the official end of the Christmas season and that they could now take down the tree. Their reward for un-decorating the tree was to take home everything they removed from the tree. Many of the guests (above the fifth grade) went home with door prizes.

Mary, Joseph and the Magi were portrayed by Lauren Kovar, Christopher Vacek, Jacob Hough, Joshua Darr and Eric Pribyl. A special "Thank You" to Henriette Jalowy and members of Catholic Daughter Court 1108 and Joe Darr and members of KC council 2500 for coordinating and hosting this wonderful celebration. Thanks also to Janice Polak and Jan Kopycinski for planning the enjoyable program and entertainment. Gatherings like this are fun and teaching moments for our children.

Have a wonderful New Year!

*Father Don Ruppert*

**Connecting Catholic Families with the Bible Workshop** will be Thursday, February 18 at St. Mary's Parish Activity Center, Victoria, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Center for Ministry Development is offering this national one-day workshop. Workshop goal is to provide strategies and resources to help families break open the Word of God. Please contact Patsy Krenek at 335-4170 or [hcreled@elc.net](mailto:hcreled@elc.net), if you are interested in attending by Feb. 1.

**Father Don will be on retreat from Sunday afternoon until Thursday evening. There will be no Mass on these days.**