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The Rev. Mr. Joe Machacek

January 15, 2012

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sacred Liturgies

Jan. 15 – 2nd Sunday of Ordinary time

7:30 a.m. Sts. Cyril & Methodius Parish Family

9:30 a.m. Joe Patek, Jr

Jan. 16 - Monday

8:00 a.m. Vladik Darilek

10:00 a.m. Rosalie Kowalski (Nursing Home)

Jan. 17 – Tuesday – St. Anthony

8:00 a.m. Rudie Wagner

Jan. 18 – Wednesday

6:00 p.m. August & Mary Welfl

Jan. 19 – Thursday

8:00 a.m. Harvey Pohler, Sr.

Jan. 20 – Friday – St. Fabian and St. Sebastian

8:10 a.m. Ervin Ermis (Anniv.)

Jan. 21 – Saturday

5:00 p.m. Joe Strauss

Jan. 22 – 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Sts. Cyril & Methodius Parish Family

9:30 a.m. Flavio & Olivia Buenteo

<u>Reflection on Today's Readings -</u> <u>Second Sunday of Ordinary Time</u>

In today's Gospel from John 1:35-42 we see John in his characteristic humility. He was eager to point beyond himself to the Christ. He did not hesitate to direct his disciples to the Lord Jesus. When two of John's disciples began to seek Jesus out, Jesus took the initiative to invite them into his company. He did not wait for them to get his attention. Instead he met them halfway. He asked them one of the most fundamental questions of life: "What are you looking for?"

We would do well to reflect on exactly what were the disciples looking for in Jesus and what were they aiming to get out of life? And then let us be reminded that Jesus asks each of us the same question today: "What's the goal of our life? What are we aiming for and trying to get out of life?" Jesus invites each of us to "come and see" for ourselves that his word is true and everlasting. "Come and see" is God's invitation for fellowship and communion with the One who made us in love for love.

The Holy Spirit gives us the gift of faith to know Jesus personally, power to live the gospel faithfully, and courage to witness to others the joy and truth of the gospel. The Lord Jesus is ever ready to draw us near to himself. Do you seek to grow in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ?

<u>Procession and Service for Life – Sunday, January 22, 2012</u>

A Eucharistic Procession will be held next Sunday, leaving Welhausen Park at **3:00 pm**. Following an opening prayer service at the park, the procession will make its way back to church via Highway 90-A while praying the Rosary. The service will end in church with a Litany for Life & Benediction. **Transportation**: A bus will transport people from the church to Welhausen Park beginning at 2:15 p.m. Anyone who cannot make the walk in the procession may remain in church where the Rosary will be prayed until those in procession arrive in church. Benediction and a Litany for Life will be prayed in church to close the services. Members of parish organizations, i.e. K of C, CDA, KJT, KJZT, Altar Society, JCDA, etc. are asked to participate with their banners. Youth and all parishioners are urged to participate in this special time of prayer. January 22 marks the anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade decision that legalized the sin of abortion in the U.S. Let us come together and pray for the overturn of this ill-fated decision and for a greater respect for all life. In case of inclement weather, the services will be held in church at 3:00 p.m. Thanks to the St. Gianna Molla Ministry for Life for coordinating the details of these services.

<u>Church Bulletin Sponsor:</u> In memory of Fr. Patrick Fidgeon by Dennis & Marilyn Mraz.

<u>Children's Bulletin Sponsor:</u> In memory of Edwin Novosad, Sr. by his family.

<u>Church Sanctuary and Adoration Chapel Candles:</u> In memory of Ronnie Machacek by the family.

Memorial Candle for the Unborn: Martinsen Family

The Vocation Cross is with Kirwin & Betty Kosler.

<u>Bible Study:</u> Wed., Jan 18, 9:00-10:30 a.m. in Meeting Room.

LIVING FAITH AS A FAMILY — Pray Together — Think of all the sacred family moments in which prayer can be integrated: birthdays, anniversaries, trips, holidays, achievements, engagements, proms, as well as family crises. Traditional prayers such as the rosary or Our Father and prayers that come to us from the heart could be used.

Perpetual Adoration Adorers Needed:

The following are needed at this time:

Fridays: 12:00 - 1:00 a.m. (share with another person); 1:00 -2:00 a.m. and 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Call Jo Ann Kloesel at 594-2668. **Wednesdays**: 2:00 – 3:00 a.m. (every week or every other week). Call Jimmy Lloyd at 594-2583.

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Religious Ed (CCD) Classes: Wed., 6:45-8:00 p.m.

Youth of the parish are meeting and working hard on preparations for a Confirmation Retreat to take place February 3 & 4, 2012. Please keep the young people in your prayers.

Retreat for 7th and 8th Grade Girls: Attention - all parents of 7th and 8th grade girls in our parish. The Youth Ministry Office is working to provide a one-day retreat on March 3, 2012, for all 7th and 8th grade girls. This one day event will focus on the many challenges our young girls face in today's secular world. It will focus on their dignity and worth given to them by our Creator and their unique feminine gifts. Presenters will include Amber Pilkington, M.Psy., LPC, CART, who is a highly qualified counselor. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor and received a master's degree from University of Dallas and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Catholic Studies from the University of St. Thomas.

Attention - We need YOUR help to plan this retreat and make it a success. Parents (especially mothers) of 7th and 8th graders are invited to attend a planning meeting on Tues., Jan. 17, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in PAC.

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Wied KJT #43 will meet Sunday, January 15 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's.

Pastoral Council meets Mon., Jan. 16 at 5:15 p.m. in the PAC.

Catholic School PTC will meet Mon., Jan. 16, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

JCDA will meet Sunday, January 22 in the Parish Hall after the 7:30 a.m. Mass

<u>Catholic Daughters</u> are having a membership drive with a ceremony for new members to be conducted at their meeting and noodle soup supper at 6:30 p.m. on January 23, 2012. All Catholic women 18 years of age or older are invited to join. Interested ladies are asked to call Margie Kresta at 594-2361.

Men's ACTS Community will meet at Sacred Heart, Hallettsville, Mon., Jan. 23, 7 p.m.

Amor Meus Spirituality Center, an outreach Ministry of the IWBS Sisters, will offer a retreat on "Forgiveness and Reconciliation", Sat., Jan. 21, 2012, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Fr. Rocky Grimard, OMI will be the presenter. A sack lunch may be purchased or bring your own. Please call 361-575-7111 for reservations

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Our Gifts to God This Week:

\$ 6,617.30 Offertory Envelopes **Loose Collections** 471.16 Parish Maintenance Fund 689.77 Special Collection for Church in Latin America will be taken up next Sunday, Jan. 22, 2012.

Shiner Taste of Texas Gala - Feb. 18, 2012

Tickets are now on sale for this annual event to be held on Sat., Feb. 18, 2012. This year's Gala will feature the taste of San Antonio and the night will bring "Fiesta" to Shiner! Highlights include:

- ♦ A cocktail hour with Mexican appetizers, maraaritas and sanaria.
- Drawing for winners of the Reverse Draw Raffle.
- Texas Hold 'Em Tournament
- Elegant seated dinner featuring beef tenderloin with a "fiesta" flair and trimmings
- ♦ Silent auction, offering many valuable items. Donations are being accepted for auction items.
- ♦ Balloon Pop offering a special prize.
- Dance featuring a variety of music.

Registration forms for the Gala are available in the church foyer along with more information, tickets and sponsorships. If you would like to help make this event a success with your time, talent or treasure, contact Leah Janecek at 361-293-1968 to be a part of the planning committee. The deadline for purchasing tickets is Feb. 10, 2012. The proceeds from this event will fund the Religious Education Endowment Fund, which provides financial assistance for the school, CCD, other youth ministry and adult religious education programs of the parish.

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Calling All Future Cardinals...

Shiner Catholic School is taking names for the 2012-13 enrollment list. Registration and spring activities for new families are right around the corner. If your child will be entering Shiner Catholic School as a new student next school year, or if you or someone you know is interested in learning more about our school, please call (361)594-3843 for more information.

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<u>Prayers and Sympathy</u> are extended to the families of Elizabeth Kloesel, Edith Harbers, Henrietta Simper, Olga Zissa Head, and William George Juranek (son of Georgia Juranek of our parish), who passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

Church and School Memorials:

In grateful appreciation we wish to acknowledge memorials received in December.

Church Memorial Fund:

In memory of Alfred Fric: \$175 In memory of Pat Tucker Chumchal, \$5 In memory of Edith Harbers, \$35 In memory of Henrietta Simper, \$35

Church Endowment Fund:

In memory of Henrietta Simper, \$32 In memory of Anne Torres, \$250

Parish Repair Fund:

In memory of Edith Harbers, \$55 In memory of Henrietta Simper, \$20

St. Nicholas Society:

In memory of Edith Harbers, \$25 In memory of Henrietta Simper, \$25 In memory of several recently deceased by Mollie Peters, \$52.50

Catholic School Endowment Fund:

In memory of Henrietta Simper, \$40

Shiner Catholic School Memorial Fund:

In memory of Henrietta Simper, \$25