

St. Mary's celebrates centennial

On Sunday, Oct. 5, 1997, Rev. Joseph A. Koebel, pastor, and the parishioners of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church celebrated the 100 year anniversary of the first church built and dedicated in Nada.

Most Rev. David E. Fellhauer, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Victoria, celebrated the 9:30 a.m. mass of thanksgiving.

Concelebrants were Most Rev. Bernard Popp, D.D. of San Antonio, Rev. Edward Schoellmann of Houston, both native-son priests; Msgr. Victor G. Schmidtzinsky, former pastor, of San Antonio; and the Rev. Koebel.

Deacons assisting were Rev. Mr. Alvin Gerbermann of Edcouch and Rev. Mr. Alvin Mathys of Wharton, both native vocations; and Rev. Mr. Edward Wendel of Louise.

High school C.C.D. students Jenna Hoffman, Stacy Schneider and Chrissy and Debbie Leopold served as greeters and Brett Boenisch, Chriss Schiurring, Klay Korenek and Kevin Hoffman served as ushers.

Elementary C.C.D. students Melissa, Audrey, Rachel and Keith Drik were gift bearers.

Altarboys were Garrett Cranek and Jared and Trent Korenek. Truman Engstrom Jr. and Anthony Janish were lectors. Jim Brzozowski was cantor.

St. Mary's Choir, under the direction of Kelly Korenek and with Valerie Korenek as organist, provided the beautiful liturgical music of the mass.

The Knights of St. Gregory, Edward Korenek of Nada and Jerome Grahmann of El Campo, were honor guards to the Bishop.

Other honor guards were the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, Thomas and Anthony Kallina, Victor Hyek and Marvin Swoboda of Nada and David Perry, Gilbert Elizondo and Robert Chaloupka of Columbus.

The descendants of the Joseph Labay and J. William Schoellmann families were recognized. These families each gave the original 25 acres of land

for a church and school to be built in Nada.

Frances Labay Dornak, who celebrated her 100th birthday on March 5, 1997, is the daughter of Frank and Terezia (Kubecka) Labay and granddaughter of Joseph and Marie (Barosh) Labay was present and given special recognition. Frances married Theophil Dornak in the first church on Oct. 8, 1917.

After mass, a fried chicken and covered dish lunch was held at the Nada Community Center.

Fifth through eighth grade students of St. Mary's School displayed posters honoring the day.

Two quilts made by Elizabeth Schoellmann were on display. One depicted memories of her grandmother, Mary Wanjia Heine, while the other was of the J. William Schoellmann family.

A large display of old pictures portraying the history of the church, school, families and community activities over the past 100 years was organized by Truman Engstrom and LaJuan Braden.

Everyone enjoyed reminiscing about themselves and/or family members in these pictures.

After the meal, Truman Engstrom, master of ceremonies and president of the Pastoral Council, and members Brian Korenek and David Popp read excerpts from the history book compiled in 1982 when St. Mary's celebrated the 100 Anniversary of the First Mass in Nada.

Bishop Popp spoke on the life of Rev. Barnabas Held, pastor from 1913-1927, and his influence on the parish.

He said Fr. Held encouraged a number of young men and women to choose to serve God as priests and religious.

St. Mary's Parish has been blessed with 12 priest-sons of which two became Bishops, two deacons and 18 young women who became nuns. Many of the nuns were also present at this celebration.

A video was made of the mass,

church, parish grounds and the days activities. Copies will be available with the proceeds to go toward the renovation of the present St. Mary's Church. For more information, please contact Mrs. Arthur Leopold at 758-3285.

St. Mary's Parish also plans to produce a pictorial history. Anyone having old photographs to add to the collection assembled for the anniversary are asked to contact Truman Engstrom or Mrs. Walter Braden. Original photographs will be returned.

COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT



DISTRICT COURT

CASES FILED
Lydia Jochetz vs Kyle A. Walker and Debbie Walker; suit on note.

DISPOSITIONS

Maxwell Brian Woolman, sexual assault, sentenced to five years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

COUNTY COURT

CASES FILED Oct. 2, 1997
Jose Dominguez, San Antonio, mo-

tion to revoke probation filed and capias for arrest requested. Defendant was placed on probation 10-8-96 for driving while intoxicated (DWI). Motion alleges defendant violated conditions of probation by being arrested for driving while license suspended (DWLS), failing to pay court costs, fine and supervision fees, and failing to perform the required hours of community service.

CASES FILED Oct. 3, 1997

Joe Gonzales Villaloboz, Kyle, DWI,

8-30-97, in the 700 block of S. McCarty, Eagle Lake.

Mike Everett Gertson, Eagle Lake, assault, 9-6-97, at 501 Mills, Eagle Lake.

Jose Raul Sanchez, Cat Spring, DWLS, 8-11-97, at FM 949, Bernardo.

Jose Montemayor, Houston, DWI, 6-18-97, at IH-10 at 699 mile marker.

Michael Sangwin, San Antonio, DWI, 8-1-97, at IH-10 East at 696 mile marker.

DIVORCES FILED

Portia Inez Williams and Clarence Williams; filed 10-2-97.

Janet Rena Sherrod and Christopher Lee Sherrod; 10-2-97.

Annie Mae Spates and Richard Joe Spates; 10-3-97.

DIVORCES GRANTED

Kathleen Frederick and Donald Joe Frederick; granted 10-2-97.

Sandra K. Hopkins and Don K. Hopkins; 10-2-97.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Raul Olvera Perez and Aurora Flores Garcia; 10-2-97.

SHERIDAN LIBRARY News

Ruth Brisco has returned to be the children's librarian in charge of the pre-school story hour on Mondays. All four year olds are welcome to attend on Mondays from 10-11 a.m.

The library board thanks Judy Tesch for substituting in the absence of Ruth Brisco.

The calendar fundraiser will close in Oct. The library board would like to recognize the following organizations for supporting the library by purchasing a booster ad for the calendar: Sheridan Lions Club, Country Squares, Sheridan Little League, Sheridan 4-H, Sheridan Go-Getters, Friends of the Library, Lake Sheridan Estates Ladies Auxiliary, Zion Lutheran Church, First Baptist Church, Sacred Heart Catholic Church and New Life Fellowship.

Calendar orders and ads may still be placed by calling Mary Lou Criswell, Zeldia Walker, Joyce Ohm, Natalie Dupre or Lillian Gohlke.

Patrons who want to join Friends of the Library have until Nov. 1 to register.

The cutoff date is necessary in order to get all the names on the 1998

community calendar. At present, 80 members have registered, which exceeds last year's total of 73.

Members for this year are Martha Polach, Bill & Gail O'Neill, Alice & Tammie Hinze, Nancy Chabreck, E.R. & Minnie Spittler, Judy Tesch, Jason & Tami Pausewang, Janet Otto, Ora Tesch, Jenavee Peterson, Ora Criswell, Connie Laake;

Also, Dollie Botard, Monica Brosesche, Donald & Patsy Alex & Loretta McCloud, Wayne & Natalie Dupre, Bill & Lillian Gohlke, Beverly Houser, Evelyn Holt, Rosalie Brocker, Donald & Betty Varley, Eddie Ray & Lois Taylor, Chuck Wern, Willard & Irene Hagendorf, Ed & Gladys Nay, Ed & Kay Parham, Charles & Mary DeShazo, Larry, Darnell, Andrew, Tiffany & Kimberly Varley;

Also, Jean, Zeldia & Traylor Walker, Franklin, Tricia & Brandy Walker, Mark, Leah, Courtney & Jesse Ross, J.B. Ross, Eldon & Joyce Ohm, Harry & Grace Brisco, Mary Lou Criswell, Jeanette Nance, Bessie Dorhauer, Albert & Earlene Botard, Woodrow West, Jim & Lucy Ross, Dennis & Wanda Zbrank & Bobby Haines, Patsy Fuller, Claud & Earline Perrin, Omi Kincheloe, Ray Lee, Carmen,

Chris & Leigh Jackson.

The library received books from Charlene Rodgers and Jeff and Chrisy Andrejczak. Everett and Minnie Spittler made a cash donation.

The Sheridan Memorial Library made a donation of 50 books to Barbara Bush of Houston for her literacy program.

The library received the following memorials for the month of Sept.: in memory of Gilbert Hollub; David & Patsy Fuller; in memory of Charlie Haines; Dub & Liz Fuller; in memory of Pete Schilhab; Dub & Liz Fuller; in memory of Gladys Nay; Bill & Lillian Gohlke, Eldon & Joyce Ohm, the Sheridan Go-Getters; Charley & Majorie Criswell.

Happy Birthday

Oct. 11

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EMT basic course planned in Garwood

A Basic Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Course will be held in Garwood at the Fire Station beginning Tuesday, Oct. 21, sponsored by Colorado County EMS and presented by Southeast Texas EMS Instructors.

This is the Texas Department of Health approved course as revised by the U.S. Department of Transportation in 1994.

The classes will meet from 6 to 10 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The course is open to the public but will be limited to a total of 30 students on a "first come" basis.

Since it takes sometime to get the books, the earlier you enroll, the more likely a book will be available on opening night.

Certified EMS persons will be accepted to accrue Continuing Education (CE) hours as far as space permits. People seeking C.E. hours should be aware that they are required to take a (See Course, Page 8)

Thoughts

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over the past several years. If you are one of those people who buy a couple of weeks or a month's worth of groceries at once (I never learned to do that), saving money is a high priority.

You'd better believe if I did volume shopping, I'd look around the area for the best prices and most complete stock.

Nothing infuriates me more than to go into a store with three things on a list and not be able to find two of them. No matter how much money I save on what I purchased, there's still more to find and that means burning more gas (more money).

Enough of this... let's talk about the Rice Raiders and what a tremendous effort the coaching staff and players have produced the last few weeks.

Even though the team is 2-3, as Coach Russell Roark pointed out after last Friday's game, "Don't hang your heads... you have nothing to be ashamed of."

Also, the Edna coach complimented Coach Roark and the Raiders when he said he'd never seen a Rice team play so hard and not give up!

We do need a better turn-out at the

games. Last Friday, the stands were a little on the thin side and too quiet! The fans got going, but much later than they have been in the past.

With three players side-lined by grades (Josh and Jonathan Godley and Pete Rangel), the remaining players need all your support and all the noise you can muster!

Come out to the game!



This photo brought in by Betty Leopold shows the original St. Mary's building (at right) and the "new" building which is still in use today.

Pictured below are five generations of the Joseph and Maria (Barosh) Labay family who donated the original 25 acres of land to St. Mary's in 1889. Frances (Labay) Dornak, 100 years old and the oldest surviving member of the family, attended the 100th Anniversary celebration in Nada last Sunday. Pictured with her, from left, are Valerie Drik of Garwood, Mary Kacal of El Campo, Betty Leopold of Nada and Melissa Drik of Garwood.

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