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MASS SCHEDULE

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	July 24	6:00 P.M.	Alphonse Berger	St. John
Sunday	July 25	9:30 A.M.	Joe & Irene Drozd Barcak	Moravia

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	July 31	6:00 P.M.	Vera Wenglar	Moravia
Sunday	Aug. 1	9:30 A.M.	Charles & Julie Neskora	St. John

First Friday

Friday	Aug. 6	8:00 A.M.	Joycelyn Bunt & Lillie Pesek	St. John
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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	Aug. 7	6:00 P.M.	Joe N. Steffek	Moravia
Sunday	Aug. 8	9:30 A.M.	Lad & Millie Breska	Moravia

THE WORD OF GOD

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Genesis 18:20-32 Psalm 138:1-3,6-8 Colossians 2:12-14 Luke 11:1-13

In bargaining with God, Abraham demonstrates a real persistence in prayer. Jesus invites us to persist in prayer as well, to “ask...seek...knock”. May our prayer open us to God’s will, and so build up his strength within us. In baptism, we have died with Christ, and have been raised to life with him.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Ecclesiastes 1:2;2:21-23 Psalm 90:3-6,12-14,17 Colossians 3:1-5,9-11 Luke 12:13-21

Listen carefully to the voice of the Lord: set your heart on what will last forever. We only fool ourselves if we believe that our possessions will bring us happiness and life. Instead, “grow rich in the sight of the Lord”.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Wisdom 18:6-9 Psalm 33:1,12,18-22 Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19 or 11:1-2,8-12 Luke 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

The author of Wisdom speaks of “that night” of exodus from bondage in Egypt when the Lord delivered his chosen people from death. Let us be prepared for the Lord who will come again, perhaps in the midst of night. As we walk in darkness, our journey to our heavenly homeland is illuminated by faith.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

Thank you to all who helped in any way to make the Moravia Picnic a wonderful success last Sunday. It was a great day.

I would like to thank everyone for your prayers and support as I went into surgery this past Wednesday morning. The response of the parishes and the community is overwhelming. God bless you for your care and concern.

You might consider attending the Spiritual Retreat on Saturday, August 7, 8:30 am - 4 pm at Sacred Heart Family Center. A day of renewal, prayer & Catholic spirituality will be offered by Michael Fonseca, the Director of Adult Spiritual Formation for the Diocese of Gaylord, Michigan. Michael has been the Facilitator for Spiritual Formation in the Diaconate Program for the Diocese of Victoria for the past 11 years. He will provide a healthy mix of input and prayer sessions. There will be time for questions and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered. There is no cost to attend this program; however, a good will offering to help this ministry will be accepted. You may bring a brown bag lunch or something will be available for you to purchase that day. If interested in attending, contact Michael Fonseca (michaelfonseca@verizon.net), Kenneth Fishbeck (kfishbeck@sbcglobal.net or 361-596-4650), Bill Briscoe (brisco3@cvctx.com or 979-263-5212), or Deacon John McCourt (johnmc16@verizon.net or 979-968-3408).

Beginning in September, we hope to provide a Dave Ramsey Financial Peace Course for 13 weeks at Sacred Heart. This is a well known program that provides biblically based, common sense education and empowerment which gives HOPE to everyone from the financially secure to the financially distressed.

Beginning in September, we also hope to begin an English class at Sacred Heart for the Spanish speaking. This would be to help those who do not know English to learn English and those who would like to improve their English to be able to do so in a Catholic setting. We will have an initial meeting on Wednesday, August 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Center for those interested in the class.

ACTS FAMILY PICNIC

Save the date - Sacred Heart ACTS Community Annual Family Picnic, Sunday, August 8, 10:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Splashway Water Park. Beginning with outdoor Mass followed by lunch, outdoor games and swimming.

MEMORIAL – Ascension of Our Lord Building Fund

In honor of Alvin Havel's 80th Birthday by Jessie & Elrose Kahanek \$15
In memory of Joe N. Steffek by Sylvester & Dolores Janak \$20

PRO LIFE

QUESTION: Is there something pro-lifers should better understand or focus on? ANSWER: Only a more radical devotion to our Faith will provide us with the tools to oppose the culture of death and be victorious in the battle for life...The line is being drawn between true and false Catholics... the One True Church is the only option left to forcefully oppose the evils of our age. It is a difficult time in history to be alive, but it is a great time to be a (true) Catholic! (from interview with President of Human Life International, Father Thomas J. Euteneuer, in July/August Crusade Magazine)

PASTORAL INSTITUTE CLASSES (offered by Diocese of Victoria):

Aug. 3 & 5: Liturgy, 6:30-9:30 pm, St. Phillip, El Campo
Aug. 3 & 10: I Believe/We Believe, 6-9 pm, Sts. Cyril & Methodius Activity Center, Shiner
Aug. 4: Roles of the Catechist, 6-9 pm, St. Agnes, Edna
Aug. 4: Methods 1/2,3/4,5/6,7/8, 7-9 pm, St. Phillip, El Campo

INCARNATE WORD CONVENT

Jr. & Sr. High girls and parents are invited to visit Incarnate Word Convent, Victoria on July 25. Registration deadline July 21; forms at the Rectory. For information, call Sr. Louise Marie 575-7111 or email iwbsvoc2@yahoo.com.

REDISCOVER YOUR MARRIAGE

Rediscover Your Marriage - September 10-12 in Victoria. Retrouvaille simply means "rediscovery." The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse and a loving relationship in your marriage. 10's of 1000's headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriage by attending. Retrouvaille is not a spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. For information or to register for the September program, call 979-543-3493 or email lbconner@sbcglobal.net or visit the website at www.retrouvaille.org.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 24 - 6:00 p.m. - St. John - James Lofland, April & Clayton Brossmann
Sunday, July 25 - 9:30 a.m. - Moravia - Hayden Besetzny, Jared Krischke, Logan Eckhardt
Saturday, July 31 - 6:00 p.m. - Moravia - Caitlyn Deem, Ashley & Joshua Becan
Sunday, Aug. 1 - 9:30 a.m. - St. John - Miranda Shimek, Seth Eckhardt & Caleb Krischke
Saturday, Aug. 7 - 6:00 p.m. - Moravia - James Lofland, April & Clayton Brossmann
Sunday, Aug. 8 - 9:30 a.m. - Moravia - Hayden Besetzny, Jared Krischke & Logan Eckhardt

ST. JOHN CLEANING LIST FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST: Lillian Besetzny, Bernice Pauler & Kim Lofland

GENERATIONS OF FAITH (GOF)

The catechists would like to thank each of the families that participated in our end-of-year survey. We appreciate all the constructive comments and as a result of your comments, we are making some changes to this year's GOF. Registration for GOF will be July 31 and August 1 after Mass. The Diocese is requiring new Registration Forms this year. You will need to bring your children's dates of Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation, if appropriate.

This year's study will be "Professing Our Faith." GOF is truly attempting to reach all ages this year by extending our activities to include activities on the third Wednesday evenings of each month from 5:30PM-8:00PM for children in grades K-5 and their parents and children in grades 6-12 including post-Confirmation teens. Throughout the month we have scheduled activities for adults who do not have children in grades K-5; older adults; homebound parishioners; all parish leadership groups; and in general, the entire parish. Activities will be listed in the bulletins and a monthly calendar will be posted in each Church. Any homebound parishioner that would like to participate with delivered educational materials may contact Dana Daughtry, 979-562-2381.

As previously required, parents of children in grades K-5 are required to attend GOF and participate with their children. GOF is based on parents truly participating with their children in grades K-5. Parents are the first Church and the catechists are here to support you as you continue your child's religious education throughout the month. You will be best prepared to do so if you have attended the monthly GOF meeting and participated with your children.

This year's Wednesday evenings' GOF time is an earlier time from previous years in order to address some concerns that our later schedule on Wednesday evenings conflicted with bed times and homework. In order to help our working parents with the earlier times, we will be offering a sandwich meal for a \$5 fee for each participant paid in advance or as before, participants may bring their own meal. Your September meal fee must be paid at registration. We must request the advance payment so that we will know how many sandwiches to order.

GOF is beginning August 8, 2010 with a retreat called "High Seas Expedition" at St. John's Rectory/Religious Education Bldg from 11:00AM-6:00PM. Parents are requested to begin Generations of Faith with their children on August 8, 2010 at the 9:30AM Mass at Ascension of Our Lord Church. Participants are requested to please bring a sack lunch and drinks for the day and be prepared to have lots of fun while learning our faith! If you haven't previously registered for GOF, parents may complete registration at the door.

For GOF questions or more information, please call Dana Daughtry, 979-562-2381, or Kim Lofland, 979-562-2267.



Next Bulletin: Aug. 8th, 2010
Bulletin Deadline: 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 5th, 2010

