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ASCENSION OF OUR LORD CHURCH
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MASS SCHEDULE

Ascension of Our Lord Feast

Saturday	May 15	6:00 P.M.	Lorene Vaculik	Moravia
Sunday	May 16	9:30 A.M.	Willie & Louisa Mendel Julius & Anita Petter	St. John

Pentecost Sunday

Saturday	May 22	6:00 P.M.	Vernon Havrda	St. John
Sunday	May 23	9:30 A.M.	Pat Hrncir	Moravia

The Most Holy Trinity

Saturday	May 29	6:00 P.M.	Frank & Carolyn Okruhlik Frank & Frances Tupa, Sr.	Moravia
Sunday	May 30	9:30 A.M.	Frank Pargac	St. John

THE WORD OF GOD

The Ascension of the Lord

Readings: Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47:2-3,6-9 Ephesians 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28;10:19-23 Luke 24:46-53

Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in his name, reminding them that he is always present through his Spirit. Jesus ascended to his Father amid cries of gladness, entering into the heavenly sanctuary. We are to be his witnesses, mindful of the great hope to which we are called.

Pentecost Sunday

Readings: Acts 2:1-11 Psalm 104:1,24,29-31,34 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13 or Romans 8:8-17 John 20:19-23 or John 14:15-16,23b-26

All of us have been baptized into one and the same Spirit, who hears witness that we are children of God. That same Spirit, the Advocate, was given as gift to the disciples to teach them everything and to strengthen them to go forth in the name of the Lord, "to renew the face of the earth".

The Most Holy Trinity

Readings: Proverbs 8:22-31 Psalm 8:4-9 Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15

We are at peace with God our Father through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. This Spirit, who is Wisdom itself, will lead us into all truth. How wonderful the name of our triune God in all the earth.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Today, Sunday May 16th, we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord. This is our Parish Feast Day in Moravia. Let us thank God for this special feast day.

Congratulations to Trevor Freytag, Tristan Meisetschleager, & Olivia Tesch who received Our Lord in Holy Communion for the first time last Sunday, Mother's Day at Moravia.

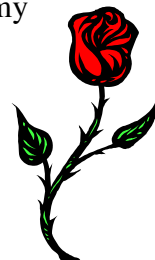
Fr. John Kollannur who has been with us for the past 3 months has gone back to India for a few weeks because of his immigration papers. He hopes to return and work in the Diocese of Victoria.

This past week, I was in Irvine, California, for a few days to celebrate the First Holy Communion of two young girls whose mother was part of my exchange program from Mexico City a number of years ago.

PRO LIFE

Prayer to End Abortion: Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life, and for the lives of all my brothers and sisters. I know there is nothing that destroys more life than abortion. Yet I rejoice that you have conquered death by the Resurrection of Your Son. I am ready to do my part in ending abortion. Today I commit myself never to be silent, never to be passive, never to be forgetful of the unborn. I commit myself to be active in the pro-life movement, and never to stop defending life until all my brothers and sisters are protected, and our nation once again becomes a nation with liberty and justice not just for some, but for all, through Christ our Lord. Amen!

(by Fr. Frank Pavone, Priests for Life)



MORAVIA PICNIC RAFFLE DONATIONS

Anyone interested in making a donation to the Ascension Church Picnic Raffle please contact Arlene Becan at 798-9320 or Mary Ann Spies at 798-5560. Please let them know by May 28th.

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS

Mother's Day Flowers given in memory of:

Vera Wenglar & Mary Wenglar by Phil Guenther Family

Emily Halata & Lillie Bohuslav by Arnold & Gene Marie Bohuslav

MEMORIALS

ST. JOHN BUILDING FUND

In memory of Anton J. Orsak

Georgene Schwartz

\$25

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD CEMETERY

In memory of George Shimek

Dyrel & Arlene Holmes

\$15

LIFE AWARENESS VOCATION WEEKEND

Life Awareness Weekend will be held on July 23-25, 2010 at the Holy Name Retreat Center, 430 Bunker Hill, Houston, TX 77024. The retreat is for single adults between the ages of 18 to 45. Contact the rectory for registration forms.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 15 - 6:00 p.m. - Moravia - Ashley & Joshua Becan, Caitlyn Deem

Sunday, May 16 - 9:30 a.m. - St. John - Clayton & April Brossmann, Miranda Shimek

Saturday, May 22 - 6:00 p.m. - St. John - Ashley & Joshua Becan, James Lofland

Sunday, May 23 - 9:30 a.m. - Moravia - Seth Eckhardt, Caleb Krischke, Blaine Besetzny

Saturday, May 29 - 6:00 p.m. - Moravia - Caitlyn Deem, Miranda Shimek

Sunday, May 30 - 9:30 a.m. - St. John - Hayden Besetzny, Jared Krischke, Logan Eckhardt

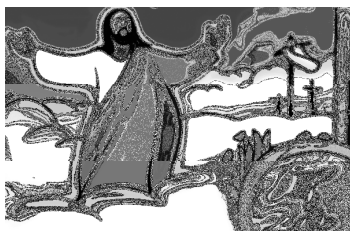
PICNICS - SUNDAY, MAY 30

- Sacred Heart Parish - KC Hall in Hallettsville. Dinner from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., drive thru plates to go from 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Country Fried Chicken, Stew, Homemade Cornbread Dressing with all the trimmings. Adults \$7.00 Children - \$4.00. Music on the Main Pavilion by J & S Playboys from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Free dance on the Polka Pavilion/Biergarten by Red Ravens and Jodie Mikula Orchestra from 1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Auction, bingo, cake walk, country store, kiddy rides & game booths, washer pitch tournament & more. Fun for all ages!
- Shiner - Legion Park. Dinner from 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. \$7.50 per plate. Auction, music, bingo, etc.

Ascension of the Lord. He is risen! He has ascended! He is with us! Alleluia!

It may seem odd at first to put those exclamations together, but the truth is that they are all united in a line of thought. There would be no Christians if Jesus had not risen from the dead. The resurrection of Christ is the foundation of our faith. His rising from the tomb gives us the promise of new life since through His resurrection He has conquered sin and broken the chains of death. His ascension to the right hand of the Father is a sign of hope for us all. As the preface to the Eucharistic prayer for this day says: Christ "has passed beyond our sight, not to abandon us but to be our hope? [W]here He has gone, we hope to follow" (P 26). But He is still with us, through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, the gift poured out on all the baptized. As the alternate preface for today states, "In His risen body [Christ] plainly showed Himself to His disciples and was taken up to heaven in their sight to claim for us a share in His divine life" (P 27). Christ is with us through the divine life that we share. So it is pretty easy to shout, "Alleluia!"

Of course, like the disciples on that Ascension day, we might wish that Jesus was still physically walking around on this earth right next to us. If we succumb to that longing, we forget the commission that Jesus gave to His disciples - including us. In His name we are to preach repentance for the forgiveness of sins to all the nations. We are to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth. While we may not take up the path of missionary endeavor in some foreign land as some Christians do, we are still called to witness to Christ with that same missionary zeal through our lives each day. (2010 Liturgical Publications Inc)



Then he led them out as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them. As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven. They did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God. — Lk 24:50-53

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Bulletin Deadline: 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 27th, 2010