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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH
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MASS SCHEDULE

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	June 12	6:00 P.M.	Julius & Annie Holub Drozd	St. John
Sunday	June 13	9:30 A.M.	Living & Deceased Members of Chudej Family	Moravia

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Father's Day

Saturday	June 19	6:00 P.M.	Living & Deceased KJZT Members Moravia Society #44	Moravia
Sunday	June 20	9:30 A.M.	Anton J. Orsak	St. John

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	June 26	6:00 P.M.	Eddie Pilat	St. John
Sunday	June 27	9:30 A.M.	Lillie & Arthur W. Spies, Sr.	Moravia

THE WORD OF GOD

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: 2 Samuel 12:7-10,13 Psalm 32:1-2,5,7,11 Galatians 2:16,19-21 Luke 7:36-8:3 or 7:36-50

David acknowledges his son and experiences the Lord's forgiveness. The sinful woman is forgiven by Jesus because of her great love. He loves us and gave himself up for us.

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Zechariah 12:10-11;13:1 Psalm 63:2-6,8-9 Galatians 3:26-29 Luke 9:18-24

We believe the prophecy of Zechariah to be fulfilled in Jesus, the Messiah, who had to endure suffering and death on a cross. By being baptized into his death, we are called to take up his cross and follow in his steps, and to seek the God for whom we long.

The Nativity of John the Baptist

Readings: Isaiah 49:1-6 Psalm 139:1b-3,13-15 Acts 13:22-26 Luke 1:57-66,80

Called from birth by the Lord, John matured in the Spirit and heralded the advent of the Messiah. This feast dating from the 4th century in both East and West, came to be celebrated in accord with Luke 1:36, six months before the Lord's birth: quoting John 3:30, Augustine found this date (near the summer solstice) appropriate for, after the birth of John, daylight begins to grow shorter, whereas after Jesus' birth, it begins to increase.

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: 1 Kings 19:16b,19-21 Psalm 16:1-2,5,7-11 Galatians 5:1,13-18 Luke 9:51-62

Elisha is summoned to follow the prophet Elijah and to succeed him. Jesus insists that those who follow him must abandon all material or psychological securities, walking ever forward without looking back. It is the Lord alone who is to hold fast our lot. Paul distinguishes between true freedom and license.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

We'd like our children to be perfect angels. As parents, we spend a lot of time teaching them proper manners, coaching them on moral behavior, and helping them understand right from wrong. And while we would like everything they do to be good and right, we know that sometimes our sons and daughters have to learn from their mistakes. We just hope and pray that the mistakes in their lives are minor and give them an education, as opposed to serious problems that lead to calamitous results. Sometimes, as parents, we have to take a stand (tough love, some call it) as a way of holding firm to certain principles of behavior.

The woman in the Gospel today is described as a sinner, although Luke never specifies the actual sin. We like to imagine the worst -adultery, harlotry. Maybe we do that because if she's guilty of really awful sins (after all, Jesus said that her many sins were forgiven), then she's not quite like us. We can stand on the side of righteousness - just like the Pharisee! (Whoops! Is that really the side we want to be on?)

Well, yes, it is. We do want to be on the side of righteousness. But we don't want to be on the side of self-righteousness. That is the delicate balance that each of us must strike. When our own children behave badly, we have to be prepared with correction. But we also have to be ready with forgiveness. Mercy is also one of the certain principles of Christian life. And just as God's justice is tempered with eternal mercy, so must our own desire for the right be guided by a merciful love. It's not always an easy balance to strike, but as we'll hear throughout this year as we read from Luke's Gospel, God's mercy is without limit or end. Happy Father's Day next Sunday!

MORAVIA PICNIC MEETING

There will be a Moravia Picnic Meeting at the Moravia Dining Hall on June 14 at 7:00 p.m. Parishioners are asked to attend.

PRO LIFE

MEN REGRET LOST FATHERHOOD. Pray and support the fight to end abortion.

MEMORIALS

Ascension Building Fund

In memory of Patrick Hrcir by Richard & Wilma Schaefer \$15
In memory of George Shimek by Richard & Wilma Schaefer \$15

Ascension Cemetery Fund

In memory of Helen Henke by Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Matula \$20

St. John Building Fund

In memory of Anton Orsak by Secondary Staff at Flatonia ISD \$20

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 12 - 6:00 p.m. - St. John - Ashley & Joshua Becan, James Lofland
Sunday, June 13 - 9:30 a.m. - Moravia - Seth Eckhardt, Caleb Krischke, Blaine Besetzny
Saturday, June 19 - 6:00 p.m. - Moravia - Caitlyn Deem, Ashley & Joshua Becan
Sunday, June 20 - 9:30 a.m. - St. John - Seth & Logan Eckhardt, Blaine Besetzny
Saturday, June 26 - 6:00 p.m. - St. John - James Lofland, Miranda Shimek
Sunday, June 27 - 9:30 a.m. - Moravia - Caitlyn Deem, Ashley & Joshua Becan

PASTORAL INSTITUTE CLASSES

Pastoral Institute Classes offered by Diocese of Victoria:

June 14 & 21: The Scriptures, 6-9 pm, St. Mary, Victoria
June 16: Person of the Catechist, 6-9 pm, Sts. Peter & Paul, Plum
June 16 & 23: Understanding the Revised Roman Missal, 6:30-8:30 pm, St. Patrick, Bloomington
June 16 & 30: I Believe/We Believe, 6-9 pm, St. John, St. John
June 17: Methods 7/8, 6-8 pm, OL of Sorrows, Victoria
June 19: Methods 3/4 & 5/6, 10 am-12 pm, OL of Sorrows, Victoria
June 22: Catholic Morality, 9:30 am-3:30 pm, St. Anthony, Palacios
June 22 & 24: Sacraments, 6-9 pm OL of Victory, Victoria
June 23 & 30: Prayer & Spirituality, 5:30-8:30 pm, Sacred Heart, Hallettsville
June 26: The Scriptures, 9 am- 3 pm, OL of Lourdes, Victoria
June 29: Prayer & Spirituality, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 pm St. Anthony, Palacios
June 29: Getting Started as a Catechist, 6-9 pm, Chancery
June 30: Roles of the Catechist, 6-9 pm, Chancery

THE YOUTH CONNEXION

June 13: Youth meet in Sacred Heart Church at 5:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart. Firefall at 6:00 p.m. followed by youth gathering at the Youth House.

June 27: Youth social at the Sacred Heart Youth House (8-12th Grade).

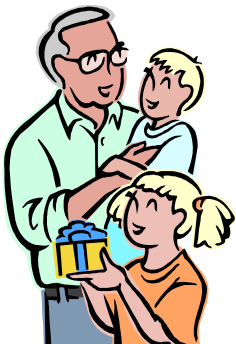
Music Practice: Mondays, 6:00 p.m. Youth House

PICNICS

- June 13 - St. Rose, Schulenburg
- June 13 - St. Mary's Church Picnic, Hallettsville. Stew & Sausage. Dinner 10:30 a.m. Auction 1 pm. Bingo, cake & plant walk, country store, kiddy games. Music by Red Ravens, Tony Janak Orchestra and Texas Sound Check.
- July 4 - St. John Parish Picnic
- July 18 - Moravia Parish Picnic

Next Bulletin: June 27, 2010

Bulletin Deadline: 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 24th, 2010



**Father's Day - June 20,
2010**

Happy Father's Day!



ST. JOHN PICNIC NEWS

Our annual picnic will be Sunday, July 4TH. As a small parish, we need help from **EVERYONE**. Some may need to work two shifts and do another job. We accept help from friends, family and neighbors!

- **ITEMS ARE NEEDED FOR THE AUCTION.** Suggestions: Baskets, buckets or boxes of home canned pickles, homemade jelly/jam, home baked goods (cookies, bread, strudel, rolls, kolaches, poppy seed cake, etc.), homemade noodles, fresh vegetables and fruits (watermelons, cantaloupes, potatoes, tomatoes, etc.), homemade spirits, antiques, quilts, livestock, potted trees, wooden rockers/ picnic tables, metal art, swings, gliders, hanging plant stand, unusual plants/flowers, homemade dessert a month, and other unique items. We will accept as many items as you can bring. *Please tag your items with the name of whom is donating.*
- **DON'T FORGET TO DONATE ITEMS FOR THE COUNTRY STORE** Suggestions: Pickles, preserves, farm fresh eggs, vegetables, fruits, homemade jellies, cookies, molasses, picante sauce, snack mixes, fudge, kolaches, strudels, noodles and breads. Plants, homemade crafts, pot holders, hot pads, aprons, bonnets, dish towels, etc.
- **PLEASE BRING** cakes (as many as you feel that you can), kolaches, other pastries, pickles, beans, sauerkraut, peaches, and fresh tomatoes for the meal.
- **PICK UP YOUR PICNIC WORKER LIST AND RAFFLE TICKETS!!!!!!!!!!!!**

ST. JOHN PICNIC WORK DAYS

- **Tuesday, June 22 @ 8:00 AM--** Clean up of the kitchen cabinets, shelves, closets, etc.
- **Saturday, June 26 @ 7:30 AM—***We will be washing pots, pans, buckets, etc. for the kitchen—EVERYONE'S HELP IS NEEDED.* Also, the final cleaning of the hall and church grounds, and trimming trees, if necessary.
- **Saturday, July 3 @ 1:00 PM—**We will clean and cut potatoes. Someone needs to get the potato cutter from the K of C Hall. Also, any other final preparations that are needed will be done.
- **Sunday, July 4---ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH PICNIC**
- **Monday, July 5 @ 7:30 AM --**We will pick up trash and clean up wherever & whatever else is needed.
- Fayette County Justice Dept. will be setting up tables in the hall and benches outside and taking booths and garbage cans out of the beer stand before the picnic. After the picnic, they will put away tables, chairs, benches, booths, garbage cans, etc. and mop the hall.
- If everyone makes an effort to help wherever help is needed and goes that extra step to help, we will have the most successful picnic ever!