

AUGUST 24, 2008

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH
ST. JOHN, TEXAS

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD CHURCH
MORAVIA, TEXAS

DIocese of Victoria in Texas



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MASS SCHEDULE

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	Aug. 23	6:00 P.M.	Joe & Irene Drozd Barcak	St. John
Sunday	Aug. 24	9:30 A.M.	Dominic Loth	Moravia

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	Aug. 30	6:00 P.M.	Clarence Haas	Moravia
Sunday	Aug. 31	9:30 A.M.	John & Betty Stasny	St. John

First Friday

Friday	Sept. 5	8:00 A.M.	Daniel Pargac	St. John
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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	Sept. 6	6:00 P.M.	Timothy & Mark Olsovsky	Moravia
Sunday	Sept. 7	9:30 A.M.	Arnold T. Poth, Jr.	St. John

THE WORD OF GOD

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Isaiah 22:19-23 Psalm 138:1-3,6-8 Romans 11:33-36 Matthew 16:13-20

As Eliakim is given authority as master of the palace, so does Jesus confer upon Peter authority to bind and loose. To Jesus, who promised to be with his Church for all time, be glory for ever and ever.

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Jeremiah 20: 7-9 Psalm 63:2-6,8-9, Romans 12:1-2 Matthew 16: 21-27

Following the Lord means nothing less than the cross: offering ourselves with Jesus as a living sacrifice and not conforming ourselves to this world. Following him will entail derision and scorn, yet the Lord is our help.

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Ezekiel 33: 7-9 Psalm 95: 1-2, 6-9 Romans 13: 8-10 Matthew 18: 15-20

May our hearts not be hardened, but may we turn from our sin. In our love for one another, we may be called to confront our brother and sister for the wrong they may be doing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) at Georgetown University tells us that the percentage of Americans who call themselves Catholic-roughly a quarter of the United States population-has remained relatively steady over the last 50 years. About 72% of people who grew up Catholic remain Catholic as adults, according to CARA. The following are some of CARA's statistics:

Number of Catholics in 1965.....45.6 million	Percentage of Latinos identifying as Catholics...64%
Number of Catholics in 2007.....64.4 million	Number of new Catholics in 2007
Percentage of Americans raised Catholic, but no longer Catholic.....8.1%	(includes Baptism of adults and infants: people received into full communion).....1.1 million

If you have a family member or friend who has left the Church, you may want to pray this prayer:

Lord, I want (Name) to know and love You as I do. I worry, Lord, what paths (Name) may take without the wisdom of Your Church to guide the way.

Ever since (Name) was little, Lord, I was there to hold (his/her) hand, to help guide (his/her) choices. I know this is a journey (Name) has to make alone, Lord, but it's hard for me to let go.

Help me, Lord, to surrender my fears to You. Help me to place (Name) totally in Your hands. Help me to remember that even when (Name) pulls away from You that You are never away from (Name).

Help me to respond with patience and wisdom to (Name)'s journey, Lord. Help me to be gentle and understanding. Help me to find the right ways to encourage (Name) through my example. Help (Name) never to forget that the doors of the Church, like a (mother/father)'s arms, are always open to (him/her). Amen.

MORAVIA PICNIC APPRECIATION DINNER

Moravia Picnic Worker's Appreciation Dinner will be held today, August 24th at 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Please bring a dessert for the catered meal.

MORAVIA CHURCH CLEANERS FOR SEPTEMBER

Moravia Church cleaners for September are Dolores Janak & Gladys Pucciarello.

MORAVIA/ST. JOHN BULLETIN AVAILABLE ON-LINE

The Moravia/St. John bulletin is now available on the Sacred Heart website at www.shcatholicchurch.org. To view the bulletin, click on bulletins and to get general information on the churches, click on Mission.

MEMORIAL TO ASCENSION OF OUR LORD CEMETERY

In Memory of Frederick Sparks by: Gladys Kubenka - \$10 Laddie Hanacek & family - \$25

ST. WENSESLAUS KJT SOCIETY MEETING

The St. Wenseslaus KJT Society #32 will have their quarterly business meeting Sept. 7 at 1 p.m. at the St. John Rectory. All members are encouraged to attend. Guests are welcome. This is an extremely important meeting.

THE YOUTH CONNECTION FROM SACRED HEART - HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

August 31 - Picnic: Youth Group don't forget to work your shift!

September 13: CHAMPS meet at 2:30 p.m. in church.

September 14: Youth Group gathering at 4:00 p.m. Meeting to follow.

September 21: Youth meet in the church at 5:00 p.m. Firefall at 6:00 p.m.

These activities are at Sacred Heart.

PRO LIFE CORNER

"If we are going to end abortion the CHURCH'S way, we have to start by proudly and unambiguously stating our specific, historically-defined, limited goal and intention, that is, restoring our unborn brothers and sisters to full recognition and protection of their right to life." (Ending Abortion the CHURCH'S way by Fr. Frank Pavone, Priests for Life July-August newsletter)

GENERATIONS OF FAITH

GENERATIONS OF FAITH (Religious Education Program): Generations of faith is a program designed to offer spiritual and religious training for ALL ages. The format is set up to accommodate religious training for the younger members of the parish and spiritual exercise for the young-at-heart members.

A Registration and Information Table will be set up after the Masses on the weekend of August 23 & 24. All parishioners and parents of school-aged children are encouraged to stop by and pick up the schedule and information regarding the 2008-2009 Religious Education Year at St. John's and Ascension Parishes. The first gathering will take place on Wednesday, September 17, 2008 at the St. John's Rectory/Religious Education Building beginning at 6 PM.

Any interested teachers/facilitators are welcome to stop by and talk with Janis Hrncir, Dana Daughtry or Kim Lofland. The program is in need of teachers to help teach the classes and for facilitators to help with food, errands and general maintenance of the program. A teacher/facilitators meeting will take place on Monday, August 25, at 7 PM at the St. John's Rectory/Religious Education Building.

If you have any questions, contact Janis Hrncir anytime at 361-772-4309 Cell, 361-596-7525 in the evenings, Dana Daughtry anytime at 979-562-2381.

BOOK FOR SALE

A reprint of "History of Moravia Community, Lavaca County, Texas 1881-1996" is now on sale. This was compiled by William Vrana. With his permission, we are now selling it for \$30 a book and the proceeds will go to the Ascension of Our Lord Church. To obtain a book you may contact Janis Hrncir at 596-7525 or check with the Sacred Heart Rectory in Hallettsville. It is a book full of information about the Moravia area.

BOYS/CUB SCOUT MEMBERSHIP RALLY

The Boys/Cub Scout Membership Rally will be on August 27 at 7:00 p.m., K.C. Hall. Boys 6-21 are encouraged to join. For information, call Kim Lofland at 979-743-6733. The local chapter is sponsored by KC Council #2433.

SACRED HEART DAYCARE

Sacred Heart Daycare is accepting applications for part-time help in the infant room (must be at least 21) & the 1 year old room. Call Amy Shimek at 798-1806 for details.

SPONSOR A STUDENT

If you wish to sponsor a student at either Sacred Heart or St. Rose Catholic Schools or provide some tuition assistance, please contact the Rectory at Sacred Heart at 361-798-5888 or St. Rose at 979-743-3117.

PICNICS

- Sacred Heart Fall Picnic, KC Hall. Fried Chicken & Stew Dinner with homemade dressing 10:30 a.m. Drive thru plates-to-go 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Auction 1:00 p.m. Bingo 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Country store, cake walk, kiddie rides, game booths, food all afternoon. Horseshoe & Washer Tournament. Kovanda's Authentic Czech Music 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Red Ravens & Dujka Bros. 1:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. Plates \$7.00 - adults \$4.00 children

- Ss Cyril & Methodius - Shiner- Plates \$7.50

- St. Mary - High Hill - Plates \$7.00 adults \$4.00 children