

NOVEMBER 16, 2008

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH
ST. JOHN, TEXAS

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD CHURCH
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MASS SCHEDULE

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	Nov. 15	6:00 P.M.	Joe & Irene Drozd Barcak	Moravia
Sunday	Nov. 16	9:30 A.M.	Charles & Emilie Halata	St. John

Feast of Christ the King

Saturday	Nov. 22	6:00 P.M.	John & Betty Stasny	St. John
Sunday	Nov. 23	9:30 A.M.	Clarence Haas	Moravia

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday	Nov. 27	8:00 A.M.	Marilyn Hrcir	Moravia
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First Sunday of Advent

Saturday	Nov. 29	6:00 P.M.	Henry & Julia Olsovsky & Rebecca Patterson	Moravia
Sunday	Nov. 30	9:30 A.M.	Special Intention C.H.	St. John

THE WORD OF GOD

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31 Psalm 128:1-5 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 Matthew 25:14-30 or 25:14-15,19-21

They are happy who fear the Lord, who use their gifts and talents in the service of one another, especially the poor and the needy. They shall be known as children of the light, and will be ready for the Lord's return.

Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

Readings: 1 Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17 Psalm 23:1-3,5-6 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28 Matthew 25:31-46
The Lord Jesus is our shepherd. At the end, at his coming, he will hand over the kingdom to his Father. He will "judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats", between those who have lived their lives for others, and those who have lived for themselves.

First Sunday of Advent

Readings: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19, 64: 2-7 Psalm 80: 2-3,15-16,18-19 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:33-37
If our faith lives have become "withered like leaves" let God's word instill new life in all of us. The first words spoken by the Lord Jesus in the Gospel set the tone for this season of expectant longing: "Be watchful! Be alert!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

We congratulate Fr. Michael who celebrated his 33rd birthday on November 13th. We are very blessed to have him with us.

The youth of our two parishes are always invited to participate in the Youth Program at Sacred Heart in Hallettsville. The Youth House addition & renovations are close to completion.

This will be a great asset for our youth program. This will be paid for through the generosity of the Estate of Wilhelm & Georgia Mae Grahmann. Please remember them in your prayers.

We have replaced all of the outdoor carpeting around the church in Moravia. This should keep the church cleaner and last for some time to come.

MORAVIA ALTAR SOCIETY BAKE SALE

Moravia Altar Society will hold their annual bake sale at the parish monthly bingo, December 6, 2008. All members are asked to donate homemade baked or canned goods to the sale. Please bring items by 4:30 p.m. Hall will open at 5:00 p.m.

MORAVIA CHURCH FLOWERS

Christmas flower donations in memory of loved ones can be given to Dorothy Olsovsky for Ascension Church. Call 979-562-2169.

CHRISTMAS CARDS: Christmas cards of Ascension of Our Lord Church will soon be on sale after the weekend Masses. These cards have a beautiful picture of the Moravia Church on front.

PRO-LIFE: If indeed 87% of the US claims to be "People of Faith," why are there only a handful of dedicated and committed prayer warriors at the abortion mills? Are we too busy or too tired, or don't we know where the abortion mills are? Put your light on the lamp stand; go to an abortion mill and pray to save a life.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

Our annually required Safe Environment Training for parents and children will be presented during the November 19th Generations of Faith Program at St. John. Children and their parents in grades K-2 will be viewing "It's Your Body" and participating in a discussion and activities afterwards. Children and their parents in grades 3-6 will be viewing "Yes You Can Say No" and participating in a discussion and activities afterwards. Children and their parents in grades 7-12 will be viewing "Behind the Screens: Child Sex Abuse on the Internet" and participating in a discussion and activities afterwards. This training is a vital part of keeping our children safe; we ask that all parents, our primary educators of our children, be present. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Janis Hrcir, Director of Religious Education, at 361-596-7525 or Dana Daughtry, Safe Environment Trainer, at 979-562-2381. Thank you for your support in making and maintaining a safe environment for our children.

The December Generation of Faith will be held on December 17th.

PRAYER FOR RAIN

Almighty God, our Father, we are in need of rain. We realize now looking up into the clear, blue sky, what a marvel even the least drop of rain really is. To think that so much water can fall out of the sky, which now is empty and clear! We place our trust in You. Look on our dry hills and fields, dear God, and bless them with the living blessing of soft rain. Then the land will rejoice, and rivers will sing Your praises, and the hearts of men will be made glad. Amen.

THE YOUTH CONNEXION FROM SACRED HEART YOUTH

November 16: Youth to gather in Sacred Heart Church at 5:00 p.m. Firefall at 6:00 p.m. We will have visitors from Columbus. Youth gathering to follow at the Youth House.

December 7: Chicken Noodle Soup/Bake Sale fundraiser at the Youth House after 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Masses.

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

December 14: Youth gathering at 4:00 p.m. at the Youth House; meeting to follow.

DONATION

Donation to Ascension of Our Lord Catholic Church in memory of Daniel & Mary Pargac by Agnes Krhovjak in the amount of \$200.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Stop by the Sacred Heart Rectory Gift Shop and browse through our selection of Nativity sets, Advent Wreaths, ornaments, statutes & other Christmas items. We also have bibles, rosaries, medals and much more.

CHRISTMAS EVE SINGING

It is time to begin to prepare for Christmas Eve Mass at Ascension Parish. Practice for singing in the choir is scheduled for December 9 at 6:00 p.m. We are looking for anyone who would like to add their voice to the choir. You do not have to be a great singer (the organist will help us out there). And you do not have to know how to read Czech. There will be a pronunciation class before we begin to practice. Musicians are also welcome. Please sign up by talking to or calling Janis Hrcir (361) 772-4309 or Lorene Deem (361) 596-4231. Ascension of Our Lord was established by Czech families; we need to continue that tradition by carrying on the Czech Christmas caroling.



"The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.'" - Mt. 25:20-21

"Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.'" - Mt. 25:34-36



Happy Thanksgiving