

June 14, 2009

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH
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MASS SCHEDULE

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi Sunday)

Saturday	June 13	6:00 P.M.	Perry Gaskamp	St. John
Sunday	June 14	9:30 A.M.	Living & Deceased Members of Chudej Family	Moravia

Twelfth Sunday In Ordinary Time (Father's Day)

Saturday	June 20	6:00 A.M.	Julius & Annie Holub Drozd	Moravia
Sunday	June 21	9:30 A.M.	Charles & Julie Neskora	St. John

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	June 27	6:00 P.M.	Julius Schramek	St. John
Sunday	June 28	9:30 A.M.	Lillie H. & Arthur Spies, Sr.	Moravia

First Friday

Friday	July 3	8:00 A.M.	Tom Farek	St. John
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Fourth of July-St. John Picnic

Saturday	July 4	9:00 A.M.	St. John Parish Family	St. John
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THE WORD OF GOD

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Readings: Exodus 24:3-8 Psalm 116:12-13,15-18 Hebrews 9:11-15 Mark 14:12-16,22-26

Moses ratifies the covenant by offering a thanksgiving sacrifice and by sprinkling blood over the people. The new covenant, the law's oblation, is ratified in the blood of Christ, the unblemished offering poured out for us.

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Readings: Hosea 11:1,3-4,8c-9 Isaiah 12:2-6 Ephesians 3:8-12,14-19 John 19:31-37

Christ offered himself for us. May his love dwell in our hearts. From his wounded side flowed blood and water, the fountain of salvation, for all who believe. Oh the depth of the love of Christ who heals and forgives.

The Immaculate Heart of Mary

Readings: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10 Psalm 34:8-13 Luke 2: 41-51

Even in weakness, Paul lacks nothing, for he experiences the power of Christ. Mary kept all these things in her heart.

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Jacob 38:1,8-11 Psalm 107:23-26,28-31 2 Corinthians 5:14-17 Mark 4:35-41

In the midst of adversity, we need to trust in the saving presence of God who triumphs over the waters of the sea. In the midst of distress, let us turn to the Lord with faith, to him whom even the wind and the sea obey. He died and rose for our sake that we might live and not perish.

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Wisdom 1:13-15;2:23-24 Psalm 30:2,4-6,11-13 2 Corinthians 8:7,9,13-15 Mark 5:21-43 or 5:21-24,35b-43

Because of sin, sickness and death have entered the world, but are overcome through the resurrection of Jesus. He hears the cry of those in need, healing the sick and raising the dead to life. He made himself poor that we might become rich.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Year of the Priest

The Holy Father Benedict XVI has declared June 19, 2009-June 19, 2010 a special Year for Priests. This is to honor the 150th Anniversary of the birth into everlasting life of St. John Mary Vianney, the patron saint of priests. During this year, the faithful are extended the opportunity to receive a plenary indulgence for themselves or someone else. As we are connected to each other through Christ, we can offer up our prayers and sufferings for the benefit of others-those on earth or the souls in Purgatory-therefore we can offer the plenary indulgence to someone else by intention.

Q: What is a plenary indulgence? A: The Church defines this as the remission before God of the all temporal punishment due to sins that have already been forgiven. The sins we commit "stain" our soul, and even though we have gone to the Sacrament of Reconciliation the "stain" remains. A plenary indulgence removes the "stain" of our confessed sins and purifies our soul.

Q: How do I receive a plenary indulgence? A: The Holy Father set up these conditions to receive the plenary indulgence for the Year of the Priest. (1) Be truly repentant of your sins; (2) Attend Mass in a church or chapel; (3) Offer prayers, and any other good work done that day, to Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest and for the priests of the Church; (4) Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation; (5) Pray for the intentions of the Pope

Q: When can I receive this plenary indulgence? A: The faithful can receive this plenary indulgence once per day on the following days: (1) June 19, 2009-the first day of the Year; (2) June 19, 2010 the last day of the year; (3) August 4, 2009 - the 150th Anniversary of his death; (4) the 1st Thursday of every month from July 2009 to June 2010; (5) Any other day established by the bishop for the benefit of the faithful.

NOTE: The elderly, the sick, and all those who for any legitimate reason are confined to their homes can obtain the plenary indulgence on these days by satisfying the following conditions: (1) Be repentant of all your sins (2) Receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist as soon as possible; (3) Pray for the intentions of the Pope; (4) On the above mention days, Recite

prayers for the sanctification of priests and confidently offer the illnesses and hardships of your life to God through Mary Queen of Apostles.

Partial Indulgence: This partial remission of punishment due to sin is granted to all the faithful every time they devoutly recite 5 Our Fathers, 5 Hail Marys, and 5 Glory Be's in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, to obtain that priests be preserved in purity and holiness of life.

Prayer for Rain: Almighty God, 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. 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 heart of men will be made glad. Amen.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 13 - St. John - Clayton & April Brossman, James Lofland
Sunday, June 14 - Moravia - Logan & Seth Eckhardt, Blaine Besetzny
Saturday, June 20 - Moravia - Caitlyn Deem & James Lofland
Sunday June 21 - St. John - Caleb & Jared Krischke & Hayden Besetzny
Saturday June 27 - St. John - Clayton & April Brossman & James Lofland
Sunday June 28 - Moravia - Ashley & Joshua Becan & Caitlyn Deem

MORAVIA PICNIC RAFFLE BOOKS & POSTERS

Moravia Picnic Raffle Books & Posters are ready to be picked up.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH CLEANERS & USHERS

Church cleaners for the month of June are Patricia Berger & Susie Kalich
Ushers for the month of June are Wilbert Kalinec & Stuart Krischke.

MORAVIA CHURCH CLEANERS & USHERS

Church cleaners for the month of June are Diane Svetlik & Martha Orsak.
Ushers for the month of June are Emith Orsak & Don Crawford.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the following who donated the 9 new benches for the breezeway between the two halls in Moravia: Dennis & Barbara Janak, Sylvester & Dolores Janak, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Pargac, Arthur Spies & family, Ervin & Karen Neskora & Wes, Perry & Roxanne Deem & daughters, Chris & Jeanette Shimek & family, Leo & Dorothy Henke and Robert & Mary Kendall.

ST. JOHN BENCH DONORS

The donors of the benches for the auction pavilion at St. John's will be published in the next bulletin.

PRO LIFE CORNER

"Raphael's Refuge is most pleased to announce that Rev. Tommy Chen, parochial vicar at Sts. Cyril and Methodius in Shiner, has joined its board of directors. He is replacing Rev. Dean Wilhelm, vice rector at St. Mary's Seminary, who is being reassigned to the Diocese of Austin...Raphael's Refuge is located about two miles west of Flatonia, at 2715 Hwy 90 West. The Monument to the Innocents, a memorial for babies who have died from miscarriage, abortion, stillbirth, or in infancy, is open for visitors during the day, seven days a week. For more information, contact Midge Elam at 361-258-1514 or 361-865-3021 or e-mail raphaels@awesomenet.net." (The Catholic Lighthouse)

The Youth ConneXion

Sunday, June 28: Firefall 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Youth meet in Youth House at 5:00 p.m. Meeting & youth gathering to follow Firefall. This meeting is **mandatory** for NCYC participants.

Notice: Firefall was moved from the 3rd Sunday in June to the 4th Sunday due to Father's Day. In July it will be held on the 3rd Sunday of the month as regularly scheduled.

Deadline for NCYC forms: July 14. The forms may be turned in to Kris Hermes or dropped off at the Rectory.

Music Practice: Mondays, 5:00-6:30 p.m., Youth House. Come, join us and make a joyful noise to the Lord!

MORAVIA ALTAR SOCIETY

The Moravia Altar Society will hold a meeting on Monday, June 22 at 7:00 p.m. at the dining hall.

MORAVIA BINGO REPORT

Cards - \$170.96
Pull Tabs - \$ 82.75 There will not be a Moravia Parish Bingo on July 4th.
Kitchen - \$215.24
Total \$468.95

PASTORAL INSTITUTE CLASSES

Diocese of Victoria is offering Pastoral Institute Classes this summer with some being presented via distance learning. For info or to register, call 573-0828, ext. 24

The Learner: June 16, 9:30-4:30 pm.; June 23 & 25, 6:30-9:30 pm, Chancery, Victoria

Liturgy: June 15, 9:30-4:30 pm, Holy Rosary, Hostyn, Chancery, Victoria or Our Lady of the Gulf, Port Lavaca

Church: June 17 & 18, 6:30-9:30 pm; June 30, 9:30-4:30 p.m.; Chancery, Victoria or Sacred Heart, H'ville

Next Bulletin: June 28th
Bulletin Deadline: 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 25th



Happy Father's Day!!!





GENERATIONS OF FAITH is a program designed to involve and engage every generation of Ascension Of Our Lord and St. John The Baptist parishes in faith formation. This year has been designated as “The Year for Priests” by Pope Benedict XVI. We are not all called to be a priest or religious life; however, we are all called to be disciples. In order to be more knowledgeable about our responsibilities of being a disciple of God’s Kingdom of peace, love, and justice; Generations of Faith will be studying social justice this year. We have an exciting year planned for all ages with prayer, scripture study, music, crafts, guest speakers, and a new technology center. Every generation of Moravia and St. John’s is invited to come together for this exciting year. **Registration for Generations of Faith is scheduled the weekend of June 20/21, 2009 after each Mass. We are asking all generations to register that weekend even if you were active in the program last year.**

AREA PICNICS – SUNDAY, JUNE 14TH

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church -Schulenburg KC Hall. Fried chicken, sausage and all the trimmings will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the K of C Hall. Adult plates will be \$7, children under 12, \$3.50. Drive-through adult plates will be available.

St. Mary’s – Mass 9:15 a.m. Stew & Sausage Dinner 10:30 a.m. Adults \$7 & Children \$4. Drive-thru plates to go available. Auction 1:00 p.m. Bingo, cake & plant walk, country store, kiddie games & delicious food all afternoon. Live music 10:30 a.m. – 9:30 p.m. by Texas Sound Check, Tony Janak Band & the Red Ravens.

(See back side for St. John Picnic information.)