

**MAY 31, 2009**

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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**MASS SCHEDULE**

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**Pentecost Sunday**

Saturday	May 30	6:00 P.M.	Adela Pohl	Moravia
Sunday	May 31	9:30 A.M.	Frankie Kubicek	St. John

**First Friday**

Friday	June 5	8:00 A.M.	Leo T. & Viola Henke	St. John
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**The Most Holy Trinity**

Saturday	June 6	6:00 P.M.	Clarence Haas	Moravia
Sunday	June 7	9:30 A.M.	Adolph B. & Adella Kutac	St. John

**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

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**THE WORD OF GOD**

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**Pentecost Sunday**

Readings: Acts 2:1-11 Psalm 104:1ab,24ac,29bc-30,31,34 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13 or Galatians 5:16-25 John 20:19-23 or John 15:26-27;16:12-15

All of us have been baptized into one and the same Spirit; let us live, then, by the Spirit! That same Spirit, the Advocate, who "renews the face of the earth", was given as gift to the disciples to strengthen them to go forth in the name of the Lord, and to obtain forgiveness of sins.

**The Most Holy Trinity**

Readings: Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40 Psalm 33:4-6,9,18-20,22 Romans 8:14-17 Matthew 28:16-20

The Lord God is one, there is no other. We have been chosen as his own, and through the Spirit, are able to call God *Abba*. Through baptism all nations are called to share in the life of the Son and acknowledge the triune 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.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

Today, Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the birthday of the Church. Let us always celebrate our faith and thank God for the Church.

This Monday, June 1st, there will be a Deanery-wide Eucharistic Theology workshop for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at 7:00 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Family Center. This is a must for **ALL** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

**THE YOUTH CONNEXION**

**Sunday, June 7:** BBQ cook-off, 10:00 a.m. – ?? for incoming 8th graders & outgoing seniors.

**Sunday, June 7:** NCYC meeting, 4:00 p.m. at the Youth House. If you plan on going to Kansas City, MO, you need to attend this meeting!

**Sunday, June 28:** Firefall, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Sacred Heart Church. Youth meet at the Youth House at 5:00 p.m. Meeting & youth gathering at the Youth House after Firefall.

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

Saturday, May 30 - Moravia - Caitlyn Deem & James Lofland

Sunday, May 31 - St. John - Caleb & Jared Krischke & Hayden Besetzny

Saturday, June 6 - Moravia - Ashley & Joshua Becan, Caitlyn Deem

Sunday, June 7 - St. John - Clayton & April Brossman, James Lofland

Saturday, June 13 - St. John - Clayton & April Brossman, James Lofland

Sunday, June 14 - Moravia - Logan & Seth Eckhardt, Blaine Besetzny

### 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.

### MORAVIA PICNIC RAFFLE DONORS NEEDED

Anyone interested in donating a prize for the raffle for Moravia Picnic please contact Mary Ann Spies at 798-5560 or Arlene Becan at 798-9320.

### BENCHES AT MORAVIA DINING HALL

We will be replacing the benches on the breezeway between the two halls. We will get 8 - 8 ft. benches at \$165 each. If you wish to donate a bench or two, please let Father John know.

### THANK YOU

Thank you to Dennis & Barbara Janak for donating one of the benches, and Sylvester & Dolores Janak for also donating one.

### ST. JOHN PICNIC NEWS

- St. John 4th of July Picnic is coming soon. THE OLD LISTS OF ST. JOHN PICNIC WORKERS are in the back of St. John Church for the Chairman & Co-Chairman for use to make corrections, additions, etc. so that the 2009 Picnic Worker List can be prepared. **DEADLINE TO RETURN IS JUNE 11, 2009.** Return to: Dorothy Berger, 95 CR 957B, Schulenburg 78956. Phone: 562-2187. E-mail: [dsberger@cvctx.com](mailto:dsberger@cvctx.com) or drop in the collection basket at Mass.
- St. John Picnic posters are available for anyone to take and display or distribute, to help advertise the Picnic.
- St. John Parish Picnic Raffle tickets are ready and available to be picked up in the back of Church at St. John.

**Reminder:** Start thinking about items for the Auction. Suggestions: home canned pickles & jelly/jam, home baked goods (cookies, bread, strudel, rolls, kolaches, poppy seed cake, etc.), homemade noodles, fresh vegetables & fruits (watermelons, cantaloupes, potatoes, tomatoes, etc.), homemade spirits, antiques, quilts, livestock, potted trees, wooden rockers, metal art, swings, gliders, hanging plant stand, unusual plants/flowers, homemade dessert a month, and other unique items. Let your creative minds go to work!

**Introduction to Natural Family Planning**, June 13, 10:30 a.m., Sacred Heart Church, LaGrange. Breakfast will be provided. \$5 per couple. RSVP to Marilyn (979) 968-3192.

### PRO LIFE CORNER

What would LIFE AT CONCEPTION ACT DO? "A Life at Conception Act would use Roe vs. Wade's own language against itself to protect the unborn from the moment of conception." The Supreme Court itself admitted in Roe: {If this suggestion of personhood is established, the appellant's case, of course, collapses, for the fetus' right to life is then guaranteed specifically by the (14<sup>th</sup>) Amendment.}. A Life at Conception Act uses the protection of life already contained in the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution to overturn Roe and requires a mere majority vote in Congress (rather than the two-thirds vote plus state ratification required to amend the Constitution.) Thus, it (Life at Conception Act) remains the best legislative weapon available to pro-lifers to finally end abortion-on-demand." (Spring 2009 LIFELINE-Newsletter of National Pro-Life Alliance)

**ST. ROSE OF LIMA CATHOLIC CHURCH PICNIC**, Sunday, June 14 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Schulenburg. A meal featuring fried chicken, sausage and all the trimmings will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Adult plates will be \$7, children under 12, \$3.50. Drive-through adult plates will be available.

**ST. MARY'S PARISH PICNIC**, Sunday, June 14 at St. Mary's Parish Hall, Hallettsville. Mass at 9:15 a.m. Meal begins at 10:30 a.m., featuring St. Mary's Stew & Sausage with all the trimmings. Adult plates \$7 & children's plates \$4. Drive-thru plates to go available for adult plates. Auction 1:00 p.m. Bingo, cake & plant walk, country store, kiddie games & delicious food all afternoon. Live music 10:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. by Texas Sound Check, Tony Janak Band & the Red Ravens.



Next Bulletin: June 14<sup>th</sup>  
Bulletin Deadline: 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 11th



"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming." — Jn. 14:13

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"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." — Mt. 28:19-20

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# Growing in FAITH™

Discovering **hope** and **joy** in the Catholic faith.

June 2009

## One Minute Meditations

### Love yourself

When Jesus said, "Love your neighbor as yourself," he wanted us to love and care for each other. He also wants us to be good to ourselves and love ourselves in a healthy way. Loving yourself is not the same as being self-centered or self-indulgent. It means seeing your immense value as a child of God.

### Proud Catholics

In a recent poll of U.S. Catholics conducted by the Center of Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA), more than three out of four respondents say they are proud to be Catholic. More than eight in ten consider their Catholic faith to be important in their daily life. (See <http://cara.georgetown.edu> for more information.)

### The bright side

"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things" (Philippians 4:8).



## Five ways you can make a difference to your parish

Amazing things happen in our Catholic parishes every day. It is in the arms of our parish that we experience God's love and share that love with friends and neighbors. Every parishioner is important to a parish. Consider these ideas to make a difference to yours:

**Take your rightful place.** As a baptized Catholic, you have the right to a seat at your parish table. You take it when you attend weekend Mass, seek peace from sacraments such as the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and participate in parish ministries.

**Boost the faith of fellow Catholics.** Even the most active Catholics sometimes falter in their

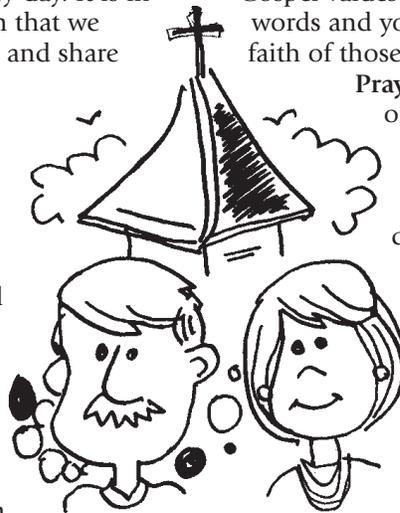
faith. Look for opportunities to share Gospel values through your actions and words and you will strengthen the faith of those around you.

**Pray for your parish.** This is one of the most important contributions you can make. Join parish intentions to your own daily prayer intentions.

**Pray for parish ministries.** Offer prayers for your priests and other religious, and parish staff.

**Build it, serve it, or pay for it.** When there is a need in the parish, don't wait for an invitation. Your parish depends upon your efforts and support.

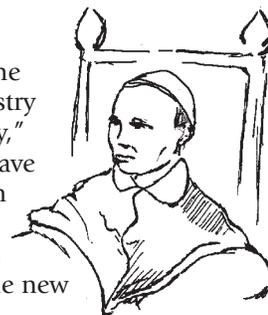
**Help it grow.** Don't be shy about inviting friends, coworkers, or neighbors to join you. Your parish might be the home they've been searching for.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

### Why do Catholics follow the Pope?

All Catholics – including the Pope – follow Jesus. The ministry of the Pope, called the "papacy," was begun by Jesus when he gave Peter "the keys of the kingdom of Heaven" (Matthew 16:19). By doing so, Jesus gave Peter a special role of leadership in the new Church.

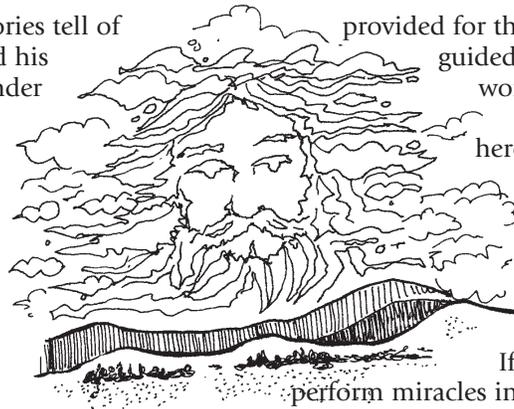


The authority given to St. Peter is passed to his successors who also become head of the Church. The Pope brings unity to the entire community of Catholics and helps us continue Jesus' saving mission.

# Is God still around?

Many Old and New Testaments stories tell of personal encounters between God and his people. As we read them, we may wonder why we don't see or hear him like they did. In fact, God walks with us today in the very same way he walked with the Israelites through the desert. It's God's people who have changed.

**Times change;** God doesn't. The Bible tells of countless times when God gave his people victory in otherwise hopeless circumstances,



provided for them when they had no resources, and guided them in their decisions. God is ready to work as powerfully for us.

**Why the difference?** All the Biblical heroes had one thing in common; they were ordinary people with no power of their own. The difference between us may be that they were more aware of and open to the presence of God in their lives. Through prayer and sacrifice, they were closely connected to God.

If we do the same, God is ready to perform miracles in our lives, too.

## from Scripture

**Mark 5:21-43, Faith in action.**

As the leader of the local synagogue, Jairus was probably pressured by the Pharisees to avoid or reject Jesus. It was a courageous act for him to publicly approach Jesus, bow before him, and beg for a cure for his daughter. Jairus' faith in Jesus was that strong.

On the way to Jairus' home, Jesus was delayed by a woman with a serious hemorrhage. According to Jewish law, her constant bleeding would have excluded her from most



social contact. She thought Jesus wouldn't want to touch her and secretly grabbed his cloak believing that any contact would cure her. In fact, she was cured, but Jesus told her that it was her faith that provided the cure. We should never allow fear of our unworthiness to keep us from God.

By the time Jesus finished with the woman, Jairus was told of his daughter's death. Jesus simply said, "Do not be afraid; just have faith" (Mark 5:36), and Jairus' great faith was rewarded. No matter how desperate your situation may appear, trust Jesus to help. Even death is under his control.

## Feasts & Celebrations

**June 19 - Sacred Heart of Jesus.** The image of Jesus with his heart exposed in unquenchable flame is a reminder of his intense and eternal love for us.

**June 20 - Immaculate Heart of Mary.** In response to a request by Our Lady of Fatima, Pope Pius XII consecrated the world to Mary's gentle and devout Immaculate Heart in 1942, and initiated this feast in 1945.

**June 21 - St. Aloysius Gonzaga (1591).** St. Aloysius prayed vigorously and fasted from age 7. Upon joining the Society of Jesus, he was ordered to cut back in order to study and spend time with the other students. He died while nursing the sick.

**June 24 - Nativity of St. John the Baptist.** The only saint whose birth and death we observe, St. John was Jesus' cousin. He baptized and prepared the people for Jesus' coming. He even baptized Jesus and was later executed for denouncing Herod's marriage to his sister-in-law.



## Q & A I vote pro-life. What else can I do to promote respect for life?

All Catholics are called to protect the dignity of life from conception to natural death. While voting for candidates who pledge to protect life is important, there are also options outside the voting booth.

**Assist pregnancy support centers.** Many centers offer counseling, material assistance, and even provide daycare. Find one in your area and volunteer your time, talents, or treasure in support.

**Speak up.** When you hear or read about a story in the news in which the value of life is demeaned, write a letter to the editor and to government leaders supporting life-affirming and

non-violent solutions.

**Consider becoming a foster parent.** Many local social service agencies are overwhelmed by the number of children whose families cannot care for them. Contact your local social services department to inquire about the necessary training and certifications you'll need to take in a child who needs shelter.



**Visit local nursing homes** and offer residents companionship. Many older people feel forgotten and would welcome the attention.

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