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MASS SCHEDULE

The Most Holy Trinity

Saturday	May 29	6:00 P.M.	Frank & Carolyn Okruhlik Frank & Frances Tupa, Sr.	Moravia
Sunday	May 30	9:30 A.M.	Frank Pargac	St. John

First Friday

Friday	June 4	8:00 A.M.	Rain	St. John
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Feast of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

Saturday	June 5	6:00 P.M.	Clarence Haas	Moravia
Sunday	June 6	9:30 A.M.	Adolph B. & Adella Kutac	St. John

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

THE WORD OF GOD

The Most Holy Trinity Readings: Proverbs 8:22-31 Psalm 8:4-9 Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15

We are at peace with God our Father through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. This Spirit, who is Wisdom itself, will lead us into all truth. How wonderful the name of our triune God in all the earth.

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Readings: Genesis 14:18-20 Psalm 110:1-4 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 Luke 9:11b-17
Melchizedek, priest of God Most High, offers bread and wine as a blessing upon Abram. Jesus fulfills this offering, giving us his own body and blood under the forms of bread and wine. Thus is our hunger satisfied in abundance, as we make our pilgrim way to the heavenly banquet.

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Readings: Ezekiel 34:11-16 Psalm 23:1-6 Romans 5:5b-11 Luke 15:3-7

Out of his abundant love for us, we have been reconciled in Christ, who, like a good shepherd, seeks out those who have strayed or who are lost.

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Readings: 1 Kings 19:19-21 Psalm 16:1b-2a,5,7-10 573: Luke 2:41-51 see 573: Isaiah 61:9-11
Elisha chooses the Lord as his inheritance by following Elijah. Mary kept all these things in her heart.

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
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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Congratulations to all of our young people who have received their sacraments recently and to all who have graduated in the various stages of learning recently. We are very proud of all of our young people.

Effective July 7, 2010, Fr. Michael Rother will be the associate pastor at Our Lady of Victory Cathedral in Victoria and Fr. Tommy Chen, presently serving in Shiner, will be our new associate pastor. Let us pray for both of these young priests as they take on new assignments.

PRO LIFE – Two days in American history that will live in infamy are December 7, 1941 and September 11, 2001. Another infamous date in which a war was launched, a war against the unborn, is January 22, 1973. As we remember the countless men and women who have given their lives to defend us, let us pledge again to defend the right to life of the unborn and remember the more than 50 million nameless children who have died since 1973.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 29 - 6:00 p.m. - Moravia - Caitlyn Deem, Miranda Shimek
Sunday, May 30 - 9:30 a.m. - St. John - Hayden Besetzny, Jared Krischke, Logan Eckhardt
Saturday, June 5 - 6:00 p.m. - Moravia - Caitlyn Deem & James Lofland
Sunday, June 6 - 9:30 a.m. - St. John - Clayton & April Brossmann, Miranda Shimek
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

THE YOUTH CONNEXION

June 13: Youth meet in 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: Social for 8-12 Graders at the Youth House.

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

Notice: No music practice on Monday, May 31.

LIFE AWARENESS VOCATION WEEKEND

Life Awareness Weekend will be held on July 23-25, 2010 at the Holy Name Retreat Center, 430 Bunker Hill, Houston, TX 77024. The retreat is for single adults between the ages of 18 to 45. Contact the rectory for registration forms.

ST. JOHN PICNIC NEWS

Can you believe it? It's here again---July 4th 2010.

The additional 10' to the west side of the beer stand is already completed. The vented ridge cap is on order and will be on soon. The window units are now being installed in the ladies restroom. Eugene Pauler has already built and painted the frames for the ten new picnic tables. We will be installing the boards on our workday. The four water cooling fans are on order. These fans are rented because we want to see how they will work. Now to do the rest of the work, we need a workday. Here it is:

ST. JOHN WORKDAY-SATURDAY, JUNE 5 AT 7:30 A.M.

We will need a good turn out for this one. Here is what we will be doing:

1. Assemble ten picnic tables.
2. Paint the flag pole & install a new rope.
3. Cut & trim trees.
4. Fix & repair kitchen drain.
5. Blow off all roofs.
6. Put together country store.
7. Pull out and clean cooler.
8. Maybe take out the 64 benches.

Most of the tools will be there but if you want to bring some, bring a drill, shovel, step ladder, chain saws, pole saws or blowers.

KITCHEN CLEAN UP WILL BE JUNE 26th.

Watch the bulletin for details.

WATCH BULLETIN FOR POTATO PEELING SCHEDULE.

RAFFLE

If you are in need of more raffle tickets to sell, call Robert Mendel 562-2246, Theresa Eckhardt 743-4435 or Ann McBride 561-8440.

AUCTION

Phil & Ronda Turkus are donating a dinner at their new home at 514 CR 77D, Schulenburg. I was at a party at there place and they are wonderful host. I understand that Ronda's hobby is gourmet cooking. Last years dinner that Robert & Pam donated brought the parish \$4500.00 and if you talk to any of the guest that were there, they will tell you they had a great time. So get a group together and buy into this dinner.

Mr. Bill Thompson has donated two old church benches.

If you have a large item that needs to be picked up call David Berger 562-2199. I know this will be a great auction!

PICNIC MEETING - MONDAY, JUNE 7TH, AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE PAVILION

Come and see the new improvements and bring new ideas in order to make this one of the best picnics ever. This will give us three weeks to get things together.

WEB SITE

If you haven't already, you need to check out the new web site. Maybe you will recognize yourself or someone else you know. You need to check out the stylish hat Father John is wearing. The web site is stjohnpicnic.com

The parishioners at St. John should be very proud of themselves for what they have accomplished. You all have the parish ground looking very nice. All this is being done from your generosity and hard work. What makes it easier is having a wonderful pastor like Father John. Thank you parishioners and Father John!

MEMORIALS

St. John CCD in memory of Geneva Dieringer by Harold & Susie Kalich - \$15

Moravia Building Fund in memory of Helen Henke by Harvey & Rita Hercik - \$20

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, May 30

- Sacred Heart Parish - KC Hall Hallettsville. Dinner from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., drive thru plates to go from 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (Adult plates only) Fried Chicken, Stew, Homemade Cornbread Dressing with all the trimmings. Adults \$7.00 Children - \$4.00. Auction 1:00 p.m. Bingo, cake walk, country store, kiddy rides & game booths. Washer Pitch Tournament 5:00 p.m.. Delicious hamburgers, snacks & refreshments all afternoon. Music on the Main Pavilion by J & S Playboys from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Free dance on the Polka Pavilion/Biergarten by Red Ravens and Jodie Mikula Orchestra from 1:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.
- Shiner Spring Picnic - Legion Park. Dinner from 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. \$7.50 per plate. Auction, music, bingo, etc.

Wednesday, June 2 at Sacred Heart

- Scripture study based on Sunday's readings, 6:30pm, Mary's House. For info, call Pat Scherer 562-2252
- Divine Mercy Study & Prayer, 7:30 pm, Church Cry Room

Thursday, June 3 at Sacred Heart

- First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 6:00 p.m.. The intention this month is *in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.*

Friday, June 4

- First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ends with Benediction at 6:00 p.m. in church.

Saturday, June 5

- Serra Club Mass, St. Mary's Church, High Hill, 8:30 a.m.

Sunday, June 6

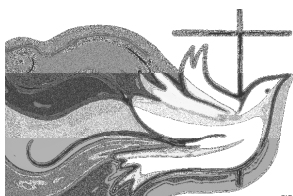
- Sacred Heart Church Picnic, Flatonia. Polka mass 10 a.m. Fried Chicken & Stew Dinner 11am. Auction, bingo, cake walk, country store, horseshoe tournament & more

Sunday, June 13

- St. Rose Church Picnic, KC Hall, Schulenburg. Fried Chicken & Sausage Dinner. Adults \$7.50, Children \$4.00.
- St. Mary Church Picnic, Hallettsville. Stew & Sausage Dinner. Adults \$7.00, Children \$4.00.

PICNICS

- July 4 - St. John Parish Picnic
- July 18 - Moravia Parish Picnic



"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 16:13

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One Minute Meditations

Love at home

"God has created us so we do small things with great love. I believe in that great love, that comes, or should come from our heart, should start at home: with my family, my neighbors across the street, those right next door. And this love should then reach everyone."

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

Pray it and live it

When we pray the "Our Father" as Jesus taught us, we say, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." If we want God to forgive us, we have to first practice unconditional forgiveness ourselves. Only then can we ask for the forgiveness we need.

Alone at last

Every moment of your life is lived in God's presence whether you are aware of him or not. Take advantage of it and be alone with him as often as possible. Soon you will be able to see him everywhere you are.



What do our priests need from us?

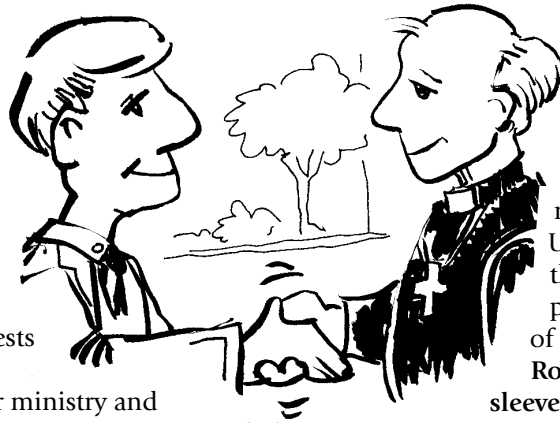
The average parish priest is celebrant, teacher, counselor, minister, and financial manager. He works more than 60 hours per week, does

everything from administering Sacraments to taking out the trash, and is paid just enough to get by. Yet, nearly nine out of ten priests report being happy in their ministry and glad to be priests. Our support can help them stay strong in their faith and true to their calling:

Pray for a priest every day. Let him know, and the knowledge of your prayers will strengthen him in difficult times.

Express appreciation. Tell your priest when something he has done or said

has made a difference to you. Drop him an encouraging note or e-mail, or leave a positive message on his voice mail.



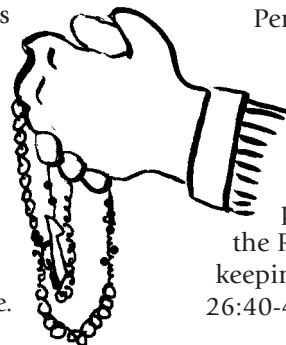
Wait for the facts. A visible position like that of a priest can attract negativity and misunderstanding. Until you have all the facts, give your priest the benefit of the doubt.

Roll up your sleeves. A priest's job is easier if each one of us uses our gifts and talents in our parishes. Ask your pastor how you can help.

Attend Mass. The best thing we can each do to support our priests is to attend Mass every weekend and Holy Day. Acting in Jesus' name is the best part of being a priest.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Perpetual Adoration is a devotion in which adorers take turns praying or meditating every hour of the day, seven days a week, in the presence of the exposed Eucharist in a ciborium or monstrance.



What is Perpetual Adoration?

Perpetual Adoration usually takes place in a special chapel dedicated to the purpose.

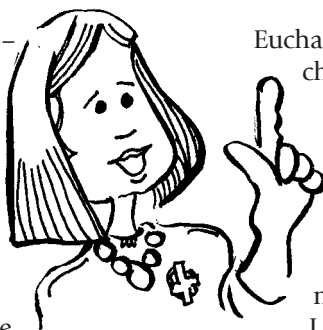
Methods of adoration are as individual as the adorers. Some pray, read the Bible, pray the rosary, or sit quietly in the Real Presence. It is a way of keeping watch with Jesus (Matthew 26:40-41).

Gifted and Called

Each of us has been given a unique set of gifts – strengths and talents to be used for our own salvation and that of others. Consider ways to use your gifts in God’s service.

Personally: Throughout your life, God has used your experiences as opportunities to develop your gifts. Tell others about what you have learned and all that God has done for you. Help them to identify their own gifts.

In your parish: When you use your gifts for the Church you strengthen it. Consider serving as a lector,



Eucharistic minister, cantor, usher or a member of the choir. Join a parish group, volunteer with youth ministry, or teach a religious education class. Don’t forget to make a contribution to the weekly collection at Mass.

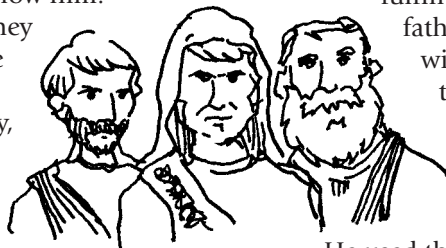
Throughout your community: Use your gifts to become a source of strength and solace for your neighbors. Be a caring presence in your neighborhood. Help the poor in your community. Let anyone who meets you see God’s love working through you in energetic kindness.

from Scripture

Luke 9:51-62, What does it take to be a disciple?

Jesus’ listeners often got swept up by his charismatic manner and blurted their intention to follow him. That doesn’t mean they were ready to be true disciples of Jesus.

In this Gospel story, a man wanted to follow Jesus but was deflated when Jesus pointed out that he had no home and his followers would have none of the things considered necessary for a happy life. Following Jesus wouldn’t always be comfortable and that thought turned many away.

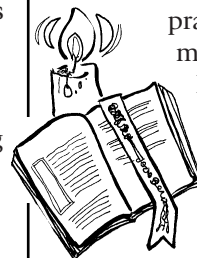


For the second man in the story, the timing wasn’t right. He wanted to fulfill his duty to his dying father before setting out with Jesus, but Jesus sets the agenda. Our duty is to obey. Jesus knew that looking back while plowing can ruin the job.

He used that example to help the third man understand that we need to have a singleness of purpose to be his disciple. We will have to make sacrifices to follow Jesus. But he promises us that the rewards will be worth much more.

Q & A Is it permitted for everyone to pray the Liturgy of the Hours?

Yes. In fact, the Liturgy of the Hours is known as the official prayer of the Catholic Church. It is a set of psalms, meditations on Scripture, and prayers of praise and petition prayed as many as six times a day.



Praying the Liturgy of the Hours helps to make each day holy by continually praising God throughout it.

Jesus told us to “pray constantly” (Luke 18:1). Priests are required by canon law of the Roman Catholic Church to pray the entire Liturgy of the Hours each day while deacons are required to pray the morning and evening hours. The practice among religious communities varies according to their rules. The Christian laity is encouraged to pray as much of the Liturgy of the Hours as possible.

The entire Liturgy of the Hours is contained in a four-volume set. A one-volume version with the morning and evening prayers is called, “*Christian Prayer*.” Both versions are available from Catholic Book Publishing Corp., 77 West End Road, Totowa, NJ 07512, (973)890-2400, www.catholicbookpublishing.com.

Feasts & Celebrations

June 5 - St. Boniface (754). Called the Apostle of Germany, St. Boniface was a monk who spread the Gospel in Germany. He converted many to Christianity and was instrumental in restoring dioceses in Bavaria, Thuringia, and Franconia.

June 11 - 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 11 - St. Barnabas (1st century). The Apostles changed his name from Joseph to Barnabas, which means “son of encouragement,” because he sold his

property and gave the much needed funds to the Jerusalem community. He accompanied St. Paul on his first evangelical journey.

June 29 - Saints Peter and Paul (1st century). Peter was the apostle chosen by Jesus to lead the Church. The Gospels include some unflattering details about Peter, showing that he was ordinary, but made extraordinary by God’s grace. An early persecutor of the Church, Paul became the Great Apostle, also transformed by grace.



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