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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH
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ASCENSION OF OUR LORD CHURCH
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MASS SCHEDULE

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	Aug. 6	6:00 P.M.	Alfons & Celestie & Robert Schwartz	Moravia
Sunday	Aug. 7	9:30 A.M.	Laurie Kristinik	St. John

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	Aug. 13	6:00 P.M.	Mathilda Stang	St. John
Sunday	Aug. 14	9:30 A.M.	Thelma Spies	Moravia

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday	Aug. 15	7:00 P.M.	Kenneth Besetzny	Moravia
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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	Aug. 20	6:00 P.M.	Dominic Loth	Moravia
Sunday	Aug. 21	9:30 A.M.	Joe & Irene Drozd Barcak	St. John

THE WORD OF GOD

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: 1 Kings 19:9a,11-13a Psalm 85:9-14 Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:22-33

In the midst of our trials and tribulations, the Lord extends his hands to us and saves us. He calms our frightened hearts through his quiet presence. May our faith in the Lord draw God's chosen people to the new covenant in Christ.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Isaiah 56:1,6-7 Psalm 67:2-3,5-6,8 Romans 11:13-15,29-32 Matthew 15:21-28

All peoples are invited to worship the Lord and to know his ways. God's gifts and his call are to Jew and Gentile alike. Jesus comes to recognize the universality of God's call in granting the request of the Canaanite woman.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings: Revelations 11:19a;12:1-6a,10ab Psalm 45:10bc,11-12ab,16 1 Corinthians 15:20-27 Luke 1:39-56

Because she belonged to Christ, Mary, our queen, is raised on high, a great sign for all who believe in her Son.

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 the authority to bind and to loose. To Jesus, who promised to be with his Church for all time, be glory for ever and ever!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Today's families come in all shapes and sizes. Amid all those differences, one thing is certain: maintaining a strong family takes a lot of time, energy and work - oh, and a dose of prayer! Looking at who we are through the eye of our faith, we see that although we may not be the image of the perfect family every day, we are holier, indeed "greater," than we think

Great Catholic families make Sunday Mass the center of their week. The foundation of solid Catholic family life - the glue that keeps us together - is Sunday Mass. If you have young children, getting out the door of church is almost as much a challenge as keeping the kids quiet during the homily. If you have teens, the biggest challenge (after getting them out of bed) is to get them to pay attention. Yet, going to Mass each week is worth the work. When we approach God's altar to the Eucharist, our share in Christ's Body and Blood deepens our communion with Him, and through Him builds up His Body, the Church. Together in community, we sing hymns and learn how to follow Jesus. We pray together and learn about silence and humility. On Sunday we are reminded that the center of our family life is Christ.

Faith Builder: *Enjoy Sunday brunch as a family and talk about the part of Mass that resonated most with each person. Hold on to that lesson for the week.*

PARISH MOVIE NIGHT

Parish Movie Night - August 10. The Parish Youth Group of Sacred Heart is sponsoring a "Back to School" movie night for all the parishioners of the parish in the Sacred Heart Family Center. Admission and popcorn are FREE! Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the movie will begin at 6:30 p.m. Other movie concessions will be sold to benefit our parish youth group, as well as other items such as our various T-shirts for evangelization. The featured film will be the 1996 movie "**The Trouble with Angels**" starring Rosalind Russell and Hayley Mills. This movie is in color and is appropriate and fun for all age groups! *Everyone is invited!*

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH CLEANING LIST

St. John's church cleaning list for the month of August: Lillian Besetzny, Bernice Pauler and Kim Lofland

MORAVIA PICNIC APPRECIATION DINNER

Please set aside Sunday, August 28 for our annual picnic appreciation dinner. All workers are invited to come for a catered noon meal. Please bring a dessert for the dessert table if possible. This dinner is a thank you dinner for all the hard work that workers put in at our 2011 picnic.

REFLECTION OF FAITH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN EFFORTS – CAMAPIGN ENDS DECEMBER, 2012

Listed below is the information pertaining to your Parish’s Reflection of Faith Capital Campaign efforts:

St. John the Baptist Church Parish Goal	\$21,607.00
Total Number of Parishioners Pledging	40
Total Amount Parishioners Pledged	\$38,620.00
Total Amount Parishioners Contributed	\$27,821.84
Total Rebate Paid 07-01-2008	\$2,094.72
Total Rebate Paid 01-01-2009	\$840.32
Total Rebate Paid 07-01-2009	\$574.53
Total Rebate Paid 01-01-2010	\$755.03
Total Rebate Paid 07-01-2010	\$1,114.15
Total Rebate Paid 01-01-2011	\$1,212.79
Total Rebate Due 07-01-2011	\$837.28

Built into the Capital Campaign is a financial rebate for each Parish. Each Parish will be rebated 20% of all funds raised up to the individual Parish Goal. Of the funds raised above the Parish Goal, 50% will be rebated back to the Parish.

Ascension of Our Lord, Moravia Parish Goal	\$27,666.00
Total Number of Parishioners Pledging	40
Total Amount Parishioners Pledged	\$40,059.50
Total Amount Parishioners Contributed	\$27,467.08
Total Rebate Paid 07-01-2008	\$1,843.63
Total Rebate Paid 01-01-2009	\$933.57
Total Rebate Paid 07-01-2009	\$369.18
Total Rebate Paid 01-01-2010	\$585.53
Total Rebate Paid 07-01-2010	\$666.24
Total Rebate Paid 01-01-2011	\$663.24
Total Rebate Due 07-01-2011	\$432.03

MORAVIA ALTAR SOCIETY

Moravia Altar Society dues of \$5.00 per person need to be given or sent to Dorothy Olsovsky at 1721 CR 248, Schulenburg, Texas 78956.

BENEFIT FOR DAVID HALATA

BBQ Chicken Dinner Benefit for David Halata, Sr., Monday, August 22, plates to go, 4:30-7:00 p.m., KC Hall, Hallettsville. Tickets are \$7.00 each and available for purchase at Hoffer’s, Lavaca Farm Equipment, Morton’s, Peoples State Bank, Sacred Heart Credit Union & Sacred Heart Rectory. Donations to offset expenses would be appreciated & may be deposited to the “David Halata, Sr. Benefit” account at Peoples State Bank. *Thank you for your support!*

PRO LIFE

WHAT SHOULD OUR RESPONSE AS CHRISTIANS BE?

If a child is born without hands we should say...we will be your hands. If a man has no legs we should say...we will walk for you. If a person is weak from sickness or age we should say...we will be your strength to carry on. And if a child is unborn we should say...we promise you the right to live, to love, to achieve, and even to fail, just as we have. (Heritage House)

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. To think that so much water can fall out of the sky, which now is empty and clear! We place our trust in You. We are sure that You know our needs. But You want us to ask You anyway, to show You that we know we are dependent on 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 the rivers will sing Your praises, and the hearts of men will be made glad. Amen.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

- Saturday, August 6 - 6:00 p.m. - Moravia - Caitlyn Deem
- Sunday, August 7 - 9:30 a.m. - St. John - Caleb Krischke, Blaine & Hayden Besetzny
- Saturday, August 13 - 6:00 p.m. - St. John - Clayton & April Brossmann, James Lofland
- Sunday, August 14 - 9:30 a.m. - Moravia - Caleb Krischke, Blaine & Hayden Besetzny
- Saturday, August 20 - 6:00 p.m. - Moravia - Caitlyn Deem, Josh & Ashley Becan
- Sunday, August 21 - 9:30 a.m. - St. John - Miranda Shimek, Seth Ekhardt, Jared Krischke

MEMORIALS

<u>Ascension Building Fund</u>	<u>Ascension Cemetery Fund</u>
In memory of Charles Hrcncir	In memory of Charles Hrcncir
Alcalde & Fay \$200	Rodney & Nicole Michalke \$25
Peoples State Bank \$10	

PICNICS SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

- St. Joseph Church Picnic, Yoakum Comm. Center
- St. Anthony Shrimporee, Palacios Recreation Center
- Sts. Peter & Paul Church Festival, Frelsburg

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

- St. Michael Harvest Feast, Veteran’s Memorial Park, Weimar. Fried Chicken & Stew Dinner 11am. Auction, bingo, cake walk, country store, kiddy games & music

MONDAY, AUGUST 15

Praha Picnic. Mass 10am. Celebrant: Most Rev. David Fellhauer. Concelebrants: visiting priests. Stew & Fried Chicken Dinner 11am-2pm. Auction, bingo, cake walk, country store, kiddy games & more. Music by Jodie Mikula Orchestra, Ennis Czech Boys & Incredible Music Makers.

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August 2011

Sacred Heart, St. Mary, St. John and Ascension Churches

Fr. John C. Peters, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

Quiet service

In the service of God not everyone is called to lead. There are times when we are to take a

background role and go unnoticed. No matter. When we serve with love, our service can be as important as that of the most prominent apostle.

Forgiveness, again

Jesus certainly had reason to harbor a grudge. He was falsely accused, unjustly imprisoned, cruelly murdered. Yet he forgave everyone and wants us to do the same.

Holding a grudge gives power over our life to the offending person or situation. As we let go of the grudge, that power disappears. Instead, there is room for compassion and understanding. That's what Jesus wants for us.

LAITY: The faithful who, having been incorporated into Christ through Baptism, are made part of the people of God, the Church.

The laity participate in their own way in the priestly, prophetic, and kingly functions of Christ.

(Catechism of the Catholic Church)



What can you do with good old "Catholic Guilt"?

Our so-called "Catholic guilt" is actually a healthy warning signal that alerts us when something in our relationship with God needs fixing. When dealt with in positive ways, guilt can be good.

Get rid of it. Guilt is like a hot potato. It's not pleasant to hold for long. The idea is to get rid of it quickly.

Find the source. Examine your conscience and find the source. Then confess it during the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Remember: God always forgives even if people don't.

Make things right. Key to overcoming guilt is to make things right, but that is easier in some situations than others. Ask your priest for suggestions, if necessary.

Learn from your mistakes. Review what went wrong and resolve not to let it happen again. Remember how uncomfortable it was to carry guilt and how great it felt when the burden was lifted. Seal your commitment with the penance you receive from the priest.

The bad kind of guilt. Guilt is supposed to be a temporary feeling to nudge us back on track. Feeling constant shame that isn't associated with a corresponding sin is

unreasonable. If that's what you are feeling, try to identify the source. Are there people in your life skilled at making you feel guilty? If unsure, ask a priest or religious for help.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Often pictured as chubby cherubs with wings, angels are actually powerful beings who have been present since creation. They are spirits who act as God's servants and messengers and dwell with God in Heaven.

Angels are purely spiritual



Why do Catholics believe in angels?

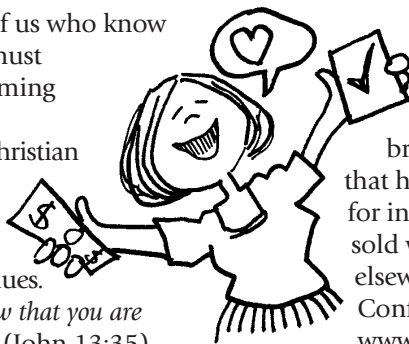
creatures with intelligence and will, and are splendid and immortal. Some angelic duties recorded in Scripture have included announcing and assisting prophets, leading God's people out of danger, and announcing important births. In fact, the angel Gabriel announced the birth of Jesus, himself.

3 Ways to share Christ in your community

Pope John Paul II once said that those of us who know Christ can't keep him for ourselves. "We must proclaim him." Try these ideas for proclaiming Christ in your community:

Vote. When we cast our votes, we bring Christian principles into our local, state, or federal governments. To build a more just and compassionate society, look for candidates who most closely represent our Catholic values.

Speak with love. "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35).



Our culture tells us it's funny to make jokes at others' expense or interesting to gossip. Instead, use Christ-speech, which is always positive.

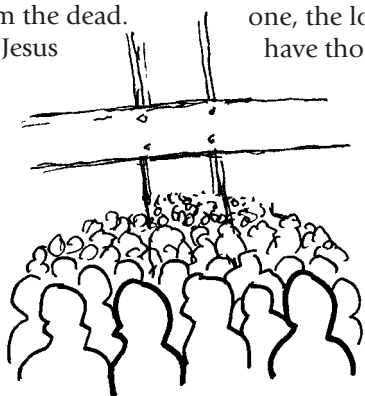
Spend responsibly. As consumers we can bring Christ to the marketplace by buying products that have been produced responsibly. Ask your retailer for information about how and by whom the products sold were made. If you don't like the answer, shop elsewhere. (For more information, go to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' website www.usccb.org social justice section.)

from Scripture

Matthew 16:21-27, Jesus predicts his Passion.

Jesus told the Apostles he must suffer, die, and be raised from the dead. When Peter objected, Jesus rebuked him. He explained that to be his disciples we must take up our cross and follow him.

Jesus never promised us, his followers, worldly success. We are not promised wealth, good health, constant bliss, or an easy life. The only thing Jesus promised us for this life is a cross. Most of us will have many crosses in our lives. Our crosses can take many



forms: an illness, the death of a loved one, the loss of a job. Actually we'd have those crosses whether or not we follow Jesus.

By denying ourselves, picking up our cross, and following Jesus, we will be joining ourselves to Jesus. That is how we can show our faith in God. Jesus will help us carry our cross by giving us his strength.

When others see how our faith carries us through our trials, it can help them come to Jesus. We evangelize by how we live our lives. In the process we gain eternal life.

Q & A How can I resist temptation?

There is only one effective way to resist temptation and that is to say "no." But that is easier said than done.



Try these ideas for help:

Make a list of what most often leads you into sin. Do you have friends who love to gossip? Do you drink too much with coworkers? Do you spend too much money at the mall? Write your list down and make it complete. Then decide to reject each item on the list.

Practice saying "no" when you are alone. Say it out loud if you have to. Don't offer explanations. Just make it a "no." "I don't do that." "That's not me."

Remove yourself from temptation. In the Old Testament story of Joseph, his boss's wife "looked at him with longing" and followed him around but Joseph "would not agree to lie with her or even be near her" (Genesis 39:10). Avoid the gossiping friends, go straight home from work, stay away from the mall.

There is nothing more important than avoiding sin.

Feasts & Celebrations

August 13 – Pope St. Pontian (235). Pontian spent most of his papacy defeating heresy and battling an antipope, Hippolytus, with whom he later reconciled. During the Roman persecution of the Church, Pontian and Hippolytus were exiled to the mines in Sardinia where they were martyred.

August 19 – St. John Eudes (1680). Born on a farm in Normandy, France, John was priest and missionary in the Diocese of Seez. Concerned with the state of the clergy, he instituted reforms and started seminaries. John

is best known for promoting the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. He founded the Congregation of Jesus and Mary (Eudists).

August 25 – St. Louis of France (1270). After two reigns of violence, King Louis IX brought peace and justice to France. He improved the tax system and reformed laws, founded hospitals and visited their sick. He protected the rights of the common people. He died of typhus in a crusade against Muslim advances in Syria.



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