

MAY 29 2011

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH
ST. JOHN, TEXAS

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD CHURCH
MORAVIA, TEXAS

DIocese of Victoria in Texas



Rev. John C. Peters, Pastor

Rev. Tommy Chen, Parochial Vicar

P.O. Box H ✠ Hallettsville, Texas 77964 ✠ (361) 798-5888 ✠ (361) 798-4970 Fax

Website: www.shcatholicchurch.org

E-mail: rectory@shcatholicchurch.org

MASS SCHEDULE

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Saturday	May 28	6:00 P.M.	Edward E. Kusy	St. John
Sunday	May 29	9:30 A.M.	Leo & Viola Henke	St. John

First Friday

Friday	June 3	8:00 A.M.	Rain	St. John
--------	--------	-----------	------	----------

Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord

Saturday	June 4	6:00 P.M.	Doraine Buck	Moravia
Sunday	June 5	9:30 A.M.	Adolph B. & Adella Kutac	St. John

Pentecost Sunday

Saturday	June 11	6:00 P.M.	Anton Orsak	St. John
Sunday	June 12	9:30 A.M.	Living & Deceased Members of Chudej Family	Moravia

THE WORD OF GOD

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 8:5-8,14-17 Psalm 66:1-7,16,20 1 Peter 4:13-16 John 17:1-11a

The people of Samaria come to worship the Lord and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus, having completed the work of his Father, speaks of returning to him and of being glorified. As we share in Christ's glory, so too do we share in his suffering.

The Ascension of the Lord

Readings: Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47:2-3,6-9 Ephesians 1:17-23 Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in his name, reminding them that he is always present through his Spirit. Having ascended to his Father amid cries of gladness, we are to be his witnesses for we have been gifted with his Spirit of wisdom and revelation.

Pentecost Sunday

Readings: Acts 2:1-11 Psalm 104:1,24,29-31,34 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13 John 20:19-23

All of us have been baptized into one and the same Spirit. That same Spirit, the Advocate, our comfort and refreshment, was given as gift to the disciples to strengthen them to go forth in the name of the Lord, "to renew the face of the earth."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord was traditionally on Thursday; however, it has been transferred to the following Sunday, which is next Sunday.

Congratulations to all of our graduates! School is now out for summer and we pray that everyone will have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Prayer for Rain - Heavenly Father, we believe that it is You who created our world with all of its beauty and life. We believe that it is You who put into place the systems of nature that sustain, nurture and renew this work of Your hands. We believe that it is You who hears Your children when they call upon You. Hear, then this prayer which comes from a heart filled with confidence and trust. Grant to us and to all Who seek it, the gift of a bountiful rain. Water our lands so that they may once again spring to life and reflect the beauty of your creation. Fill our lakes and rivers with sufficient rain so that they may continue to provide life giving and refreshing water to all who depend upon it for their livelihood and well being. Please do not let many more days pass without sending us this most needed blessing of rain. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Your Son, who lives, and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.

PRO LIFE

"I feel that the greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a war against the child - a direct killing of the innocent child - murder by the mother herself. And if we accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another?" (Mother Teresa of Calcutta)

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS

Mother's Day flowers at Ascension Church donated by Richard & Wilma Schaefer in memory of Jamie Tupa and Margaret Schaefer.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH CLEANING LIST FOR JUNE: Patricia Berger, Susie Kalich and Terah Lux.

ST. JOHN'S PICNIC RAFFLE

Anyone wishing to make donations for the St. John's Picnic raffle call Theresa Eckhardt at 743-4435 or Ann McBride at 561-8440..

MORAVIA PICNIC RAFFLE

It's time to get started on a successful picnic raffle. If you would like to make a donation to this year's raffle, please contact Arlene Becan at 798-9320 or Mary Ann Spies at 798-5560.

MEMORIALS

	Ascension Cemetery Fund In memory of Raymond Spaeth	
Mr. & Mrs. Alton Chudej	\$25.00	Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Drozd \$20.00

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 28 - 6:00 p.m. - St. John - Caitlyn Deem & James Lofland
Sunday, May 29 - 9:30 a.m. - St. John - Seth Eckhardt, Blaine & Hayden Besetzny
Saturday, June 4 - 6:00 p.m. - Moravia - Caitlyn Deem & James Lofland
Sunday, June 5 - 9:30 a.m. - St. John - Clayton & April Brossmann & Caleb Krischke
Saturday, June 11 - 6:00 p.m. - St. John - Jared Krischke, Blaine & Hayden Besetzny
Sunday, June 12 - 9:30 a.m. - Moravia - Miranda Shimek, Seth & Logan Eckhardt

ST. JOHN PICNIC MEETING

There will be a St. John Picnic meeting on Monday, June 6, at 7:00 p.m. at the St. John Hall.

ST. JOHN PICNIC WORKERS LISTS

St. John's Picnic on July 4 is coming soon. THE OLD LISTS OF ST. JOHN PICNIC WORKERS - 2010 are in the back of the church for Chairman and Co-Chairman to take and make corrections, additions, etc. so that the 2011 Picnic Worker List can be prepared.

DEADLINE TO RETURN IS JUNE 9, 2011. Return to: Dorothy Berger, 95 CR 957B, Schulenburg, Texas, 78956. Phone: 562-2187; Email: dsberger@cvctx.com or drop in the collection basket at Mass.

REMINDER: Start thinking about items for the auction. Suggestions: Home canned pickles, homemade jelly/jam, salsa, relish, home baked goods (cookies, bread, strudel, rolls, etc.) homemade noodles, fresh vegetables (tomatoes, potatoes, onions, etc.) and fruits (watermelon, cantaloupes, etc.), antiques, quilts, livestock and other unique items.

ASCENSION CHURCH EASTER FLOWERS

In memory of Ann and Thelma Spies by Arthur Spies Jr. and in memory of parents, Holmes and Konvicka by Dyrel and Arlene Holmes.

SUNDAY, MAY 29 - SACRED HEART HALLETTSVILLE

Sacred Heart Parish Spring Picnic at the KC Hall, Fried Chicken & Stew Dinner with homemade cornbread dressing & all the trimmings, serving 10:30am-1:30pm. Adults \$7.50, Children \$4. Drive thru plates-to-go (Adult plates only) 10:30am-1pm. Inside the air-conditioned KC Hall, bingo (noon-6pm), cake walk, country store & religious articles booths. Auction 1pm. Kiddie rides & games all afternoon. Tractor churned homemade ice cream. Guinea Pig Plop sponsored by Sacred Heart Youth. Washer Pitching Tournament begins 5pm. Music on Main Pavilion 11am-1pm by J & S Playboys, Free dance on Polka Pavilion-Biergarten 1-9pm by The Red Ravens & Jodie Mikula Orchestra. Delicious hamburgers, French fries, nachos, popcorn, funnel cakes, sno-cones, soft drinks & cold refreshments all afternoon! **Great food!! Great music!! Great time for all ages!!**

SHINER PICNIC - SHINER - SUNDAY, MAY 29

SUNDAY JUNE 12

ST. ROSE CHURCH - SCHULENBURG - St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Schulenburg will hold its annual parish picnic on Sunday, June 12 at KC Hall. 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 \$7.50, children under 12, \$4. Drive-through adult plates will be available. The Shiner Hobo Band will be featured from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Mark Halata & Texavia will play from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

ST. MARY'S PARISH NEAR HALLETTSVILLE - St. Mary's Stew & Sausage & all the trimmings - Adults \$7, Children \$4. Dine in or Drive through. Bands - Texas Sound Check, Tony Janak Band & Red Ravens.

June 20-24: Vacation Bible School - Sacred Heart

Ready for the little PandaMania? Then come along to Vacation Bible School! The fun begins June 20-24, 8:30am-12pm. Forms may be picked up in church or at the Rectory. We are in need of an adult volunteer for the Sports Station and a Craft Leader on Thursday and Friday (all materials will be provided and ready). **We are also in need of PreK Teacher.** A big **BLESS YOU!** to all the returning adults and the 50+ student volunteers. We are going to have an awesome week! All youth that signed up should plan to attend a crew leader meeting Wednesday June 8th or Tuesday June 14th @ 6PM in the cafeteria. Call Angela McConnell at 798-3124 or cell 741-8730 to volunteer or for more information.

Memorial Day (Monday, May 30) is a U.S. federal holiday, which honors soldiers and is observed on the last Monday of May. Formerly known as "Decoration Day," it commemorates U.S. soldiers who died while in the military service.

First enacted to honor Union and Confederate soldiers following the American Civil War, it was extended after World War I to honor Americans who have died in all wars.

The preferred name for the holiday gradually changed from "Decoration Day" to "Memorial Day", which was first used in 1882. It did not become more common until after World War II and was not declared the official name by Federal law until 1967. On June 28, 1968, the Congress passed the Uniform Holidays Bill which moved three holidays from their traditional dates to a specified Monday in order to create a convenient three-day weekend. The holiday included Washington's Birthday, Veterans Day, and Memorial Day. The change moved Memorial Day from its traditional May 30 date to the last Monday in May. The law took effect at the federal level in 1971.

